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Primary Bill Killed by Georgia's Governor

BARNETTS TO VISIT LIBERIA

Chicago (ANP) Claude A. Barnett, director of the Associated Negro Press, accompanied by Mrs. Barnett, leave New York City this week by plane for Liberia. Mr. Barnett, who is a trustee of the Booker T. Washington institute, a vocational school at Kakata, Liberia, is making a business visit to that institution.

They were to fly to England on a British Overseas Air Company plane, then fly to Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, and thence to Liberia by boat.

While in Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett will visit also the principal cities in Sierra Leone, The Gold Coast, the French Ivory Coast and Nigeria. They expect to remain about three months, travelling 12,000 miles and returning by way of London and Paris, where they will join their daughter, Etta Vee Barnett, who is engaged in Red Cross work in Germany.

Because of the rapidly rising interest on the part of American Negroes in Africa and vice-versa, Mr. Barnett will visit newspapers in the area and arrange for more effective coverage of news of interest to Negro readers in the United States. He points out that Accra in the Gold Coast maintains two daily newspapers operated by Africans, while in Nigeria there are six dailies, several of which are members of a chain.

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EASTER SINGFEST

Climaxing the Easter season will be an all-community singfest at St. Paul Methodist Church Sunday evening, 8 to 9 o'clock, under auspices of the Lincoln Ministerial association and the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Ellen Eurtz Jacobson will direct the Union College a cappella choir of 60 voices in Easter anthems. The brief meditation will be given by Rev. F. F. Gross of Calvary Evangelical Church, and Rev. Ronald Dickson of the Vine Congregational Church will preside. Boy Scouts will serve as ushers, and Rev. Harold Bryant will lead community singing of familiar hymns. Everyone is invited to attend this interdenominational singfest and service.

The Splendor of Lilies ...

OH, rare as the splendor of lilies,
And sweet as the violet's breath,
Comes the jubilant morning of Easter,
The triumph of Life over Death;
And fresh from the earth's quickened bosom
Full baskets of flowers we bring,
And scatter their satin soft petals
To carpet a path for our King.

In the countless green blades of the meadow,
The sheen of the daffodil's gold,
In the tremulous blue on the mountains,
The opaline mist on the wold,
In the tinkle of brooks through the pasture,
The river's strong sweep to the sea,
Are signs of the day that is hasting
In gladness to you and to me!

Oh, dawn in thy splendor of lilies,
Thy fluttering violet breath,
Oh, jubilant morning of Easter,
Thou triumph of Life over Death!
Then fresh from the earth's quickened bosom
Full baskets of flowers we bring,
And scatter their satin soft petals
To carpet a path for our King!

—Margaret E. Sangster

Talmadge Says "I Knew It": Two Anti-Labor Measures to Get Nod

Atlanta (ANP) The Talmadge-sponsored white primary bill got the "thumbs down" treatment from Georgia's legal governor, M. E. Thompson here Thursday. The veto, given without comment returned the legislation to Thompson's political enemy, Herman Talmadge, who had pushed the measure through as a law during his illegal reign.

The bill provided that Negroes would be barred from participation in Georgia's Democratic primaries, and was supported by the Democratic State Convention last October, before the death of the late Eugene Talmadge.

The ousted would-be governor commented on this action by saying, "I knew Thompson would veto the bill. He wrote a book several years ago opposing the white primary then. I knew it was my duty to be a candidate for governor because I knew what his views were."

However, things are not as rosy as they would seem in Georgia with the vetoing of the white primary measure. Gov. Thompson announced that he would attack labor interests within the state by signing two anti-labor bills backed by the Georgia Farm Bureau federation. These measures outlaw the closed shop, mass picketing and involuntary check-off of union dues. Both had been signed by Talmadge during his reign.

Most of the Negro newspapers are weeklies, the one exception being the Atlanta Daily World.

Hear The Southernaires

TO ADDRESS ATHLETIC CLUB

Mr. Lynnwood Parker, student at Nebraska University, will address the Omaha Athletic Club Sunday, April 6 and receive an honorary membership along with Mr. John Butler, Executive Secretary of the New North Side Y.M.C.A. and Mr. Marten Thomas athletic director of the Omaha, Urban League.

Mr. Parker will speak on "A Program for Minorities."

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