

Political Paragraphs

By CAPITAN (A Capital New Service Feature)

MR. HOOVER AND THE FORGOTTEN MAN

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation was conceived by President Hoover and his advisors. The Republican party sponsored it, and Democrats faced with the necessity of falling in line, submitted to it.

For once it will be possible in a very few words to show that those who praise the president for initiating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation know what they are talking about.

The bank, itself a fine little institution, run by men with nerve and honesty. But fortunately a false rumor that the bank had failed, coupled with the failure of white banks started a run on the bank.

Many steps were taken, but one of the most significant, both for the moral effect it had as well as the actual effect, was a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

BOLD JOHN GARNER DODGES VETERANS AND LEAVES CITY FOR TEXAS

Washington.—(CNS)—When congress closed its doors last week and tramped down the broad steps of the Capitol its members had to pass through rows of hungry and destitute veterans who have been here 8 weeks seeking relief for themselves and their families.

Members of Roy Robertson's insurgent California regiment, famous for their "death march" around the Capitol plaza, were joined shortly before adjournment by the crippled veteran leader W. W. Waters and placed a petition in the hands of speaker of the house, John Nance Garner, on behalf of their fellow veterans, both white and colored, requesting that congress not adjourn but recess. Garner promised to take up the matter but shortly after arrangements had been made, he left the Capitol building by an unobserved door and boarded a train for Uvalde, Texas, from a station in the remote section of the city.

Dr. Moton Sounds High Note of Hope in Business League Address

Address by Dr. R. R. Moton, President National Negro Business League delivered at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, Sunday Evening, June 19.



DR. R. R. MOTON

We are met in the thirty-third meeting of the National Negro Business League. This organization has gone through many difficulties but is moving steadily forward, increasing in solidarity and effectiveness.

In the past few years Negro business has faced the most trying experience's of its existence. Many of what we supposed to be our most substantial business enterprise have failed, but I have not found as much discouragement among Negroes as might be expected.

The Negro, like the rest of the nation is "down" but I am unwilling to believe that either the Negro or the nation is "out." This may be a naive statement but I am frank in saying that I do not feel as bad about the depression as perhaps I should.

This is the largest and most forward-looking avenue of business effort among Negroes; it has had the finest cooperation and backing from white business men and organizations. It is not a competitive movement, it is rather meant to bring organized Negro business into the channels of trade.

The Negro spends for groceries roughly more than a billion and a half dollars a year. When that spending power is properly organized it is bound to make an impression upon the American business world to the disadvantage of no one but to the very great and substantial advantage of white and black people.

I am sure the Founder of this organization, Dr. Booker T. Washington would take satisfaction in the fact that after thirty-two years the organization would seem to have evolved through the whole-hearted and thoroughly unselfish, yet very wise and persistent efforts of Alton L. Holsey.

The Negro, like other races, has his troubles but many of his most serious troubles, I fear, are not outside of the race—particularly business troubles. As a race we are still very largely in the chrysalis stage in business. There is yet too great a lack of confidence on the part of our people in Negro business men.

The Colored Merchants' Association movement accepts nothing but the highest standards, including absolutely sanitary surroundings. These are things with which our group, as yet, is not very familiar; other groups also have their shortcomings.

We are not dealing in or recommending black stores but we are recommending up-to-date stores run by black men and women. It is service that the housewife wants and it is service that the Negro business man must give.

The National Negro Business League through the Colored Merchants' Association movement offers a sane safe, constructive way out. The trail has been blazed. We can follow, we should follow, and if we hope to succeed in business, we must follow.

SEEKING TO CURB COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN GEORGIA

Atlanta, Ga.—(CNS)—In an effort to curb the activities of the Communists in the state of Georgia, John Hudson, the assistant solicitor general, at a habeas corpus hearing for Angele Herndon, 19-year-old boy from Kentucky, fought against the release of the Negro youth.

Charging that the Communist party of America is trying to foment strikes and riots in Atlanta industrial plants, Hudson said he would ask the grand jury to indict Herndon on a charge of attempting to incite insurrection, which carries a maximum penalty of death in Georgia.

NOT SO DARK

(Editorial from New York Times for June 26, 1932)

A university professor hearing a colored laborer singing expressed his pleasure that any one was happy enough to sing in these days, but got the answer that there was such a thing in singing to make one's self happy.

Hearing Major Moton speaking in his melodious prose about conditions among his own people, one wonders whether it is his own naturally radiant happiness that is expressing itself or his exuberant hope. Doubtless both are factors in his statement which presents a brighter view of things than a downright disciple of the "dismal science" would be likely to take.

He wonders whether he ought not to feel more disturbed about the depression than he is and about the financial difficulties of the institutions in which he is interested. But this unworring psychology is most wholesome for just such a period. An ill time is a good time from which to reckon, but it continues an ill time if one does not in one's striving look away from it.

Major Moton's address was made at the meeting of the National Negro Business League of which he is president. It has sponsored the Colored Merchants' Association, whose object is to bring organized Negro business into the channels of trade.

For groceries alone the Negroes spend roughly more than \$1,500,000,000 a year, and it is believed that when such spending power as this sum for food alone suggests is properly organized it is bound to be the disadvantage of no one, but on the other hand of very great and substantial value to both white and black.

As a race the Negro is still "in the chrysalis stage in business." There is still too great a lack of confidence on the part of the Negroes themselves in Negro business men. This movement begun thirty-two years ago under Booker T. Washington, encourages and accepts only the highest standards, including sanitary surroundings.

The cheerful, ever-hopeful, trusting spirit with which the Negroes, most of whom are as children in the field of economics, go forward under their pioneer leaders such as Major Moton and Mr. Holsey is a reproach to many who become despaired under their lighter burdens and lesser difficulties.

Will Speak.....at Zion,August 14th



A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH

The Omaha Guide Stands for....

Race prejudice must go. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good citizenship in time of peace, war and death.

(1) We must have our pro-rata of employment in businesses to which we give our patronage, such as grocery stores, laundries, furniture stores, department stores and coal companies, in fact every concern which we support. We must give our citizens the chance to live respectably. We are tired of educating our children and permitting them to remain economic slaves and enter into lives of shame.

(2) Our pro-rata of employment for the patronage to our public corporations such as railroad companies, the street car company, the Nebraska Power Company, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and other establishments which we are forced to support by right of franchise. Also our pro-rata of employment in return for the taxes we pay in our city, county state and federal government.

(3) To encourage the establishment of a first class hospital that we may get the best that there is in medical science from our doctors whom we know to be nearest us, also to encourage a high respect of them and encourage more of our girls to take nurse training.

(4) A one hundred per cent department of our citizens in our public or private places of business, especially on street cars. If we are to be respected we must act respectably, especially in public places where we are constantly before the public's eye.

(5) A one hundred per cent membership in the Omaha branch of the NAACP. should be had to encourage the efforts put forth by the founders of the organization and to assist the general office to establish a five million dollar endowment fund to maintain operating expenses and to further the principles of the NAACP. All people of all races must be educated up to a higher principle and a more thorough understanding of interracial relationship that our country may in reality be a government of the people, for the people and by the people in whole and not in part.

(6) The re-establishment of the Christian Religion as Christ taught it, for the uplifting of mankind, eliminating financial and personal gain. A practical Christian Religion, week day as well as Sunday. An attitude toward our fellowman as a brother in order to establish a principle which will guide the destiny of each other's children; our neighbor's children today are our children tomorrow.

(7) Courteous treatment in all places of business and the enforcement of the State Civil Right Law.

(8) To encourage and assist in the establishment of the following financial institutions near 24th and Lake Streets: A building and loan association, a state bank, and, also, a first-class trust company for the purpose of administering aid and assistance to our widows and children.

(9) To encourage the erection of a one hundred thousand dollar Young Men's Christian Association Building near 24th and Lake Streets.



(10) To enlarge the Young Women's Christian Association that it may supply sufficient dormitory accommodations.

(11) To teach our citizens to live economically within their earning capacity by printing in each issue a budget system for various salaries.

(12) To make Omaha a better city in which to live by inaugurating a more cosmopolitan spirit among our American citizens.

(13) To put a stop to the Divorce Evil by passing a State law making the mistreatment of a wife or a husband by either of them, a criminal offense to be decided by a jury, first offense, jail sentence of a short duration; second offense, one of longer duration; third offense, from one to five years in the penitentiary. This, we believe will make men and women think before marrying.

(14) We must become owners of the city government by paying a seemingly higher salary to those whom we employ to administer its affairs, a salary that will attract men of high calibre.

(1) Fight for a passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill and frus stop the shameful lynching of American citizens.

(2) One of our citizens in the president's cabinet.

(3) Federal control of the educational system that every child must have a high school education.

(4) Assist in the furtherance of research by our scientists and historians to prove that civilization was first founded in Africa.

(5) Establish a political influence which will bring about our pro-rata of higher appointments made by our chief executives.

(6) Stop graft in politics by passing a Federal Law making election day a legal holiday and compelling every American citizen of voting age to vote.

(7) Prevent further wars by teaching the so-called white race that it is high time for them to quit fooling themselves about white supremacy with only three-tenths of the world's population. They must be taught that color is due to climatic conditions. They must be taught that seven-tenths of the world's population is made up of darker races. They must be taught that the rays of sun that blaze upon the equator and turn the skin brown do not affect the power of the brain any more than the coldness of icy glaciers affect the brain of the white race; and that the darker races will not continue to be crushed by a money mad few. If the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are not welded into the hearts of this world's family now, by teaching the principles laid down by our Saviour, it will be welded into the hearts of our children some day soon, on the bloodiest battlefields this world has ever known.

(8) Cut down congressional representation from the Southern States in proportion to the number of votes cast.

The OMAHA GUIDE will put forth its best efforts to bring about the above 22 points with the assistance of those who believe it is for the best interest of good American citizenship.

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