

Deltas Take Liberal Stand at National Conclave

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 22—(By Fay M. Jackson for ANP)—That educated groups of colored men and women cannot afford to remain smug in "social exclusiveness" while injustice and discriminations prevail against minority groups, and that the demands of a new era in our social system call for a change in viewpoint among college folk are some of the findings of the Delta Sigma Theta national convention meeting in its 13th annual session here last week.

With a view to bringing the community closer to the sorority and the sorority into active leadership in communities where members live, open luncheon meetings attended by citizens were an interesting part of convention activities.

"We want people to know that Delta is seriously considering her responsibility as citizens and leaders in our race", vice-president Mary Lou Davis said at the first of the luncheon series.

Miss Davis, who is a graduate of Atlanta university and an assistant secretary treasurer of the State Insurance company of Shreveport, presided in a most efficient manner at the Monday luncheon which brought out a large number of distinguished guests.

Speaker of the day was Bert Wanzel, press correspondent of the Globe syndicate, who recently returned from Abyssinia and, prior to his trip to the Dark continent, spent three months in Italy.

"The invasion of Abyssinia by Italian forces is an attempt by Mussolini to save his face and nothing more", he said. "Italy is jealous of Abyssinia, its age, and its civilization."

The speaker also expressed the belief that Japan would not stand for the Italians to take possession of Abyssinia.

Among the distinguished guests was Langston Hughes, noted poet who was recently banned from speaking in the local branch of the YMCA because his social views differed from those of the board of management.

Introducing Mr. Hughes, Juanita Ellsworth-Miller, wife of the distinguished journalist, said that the time has passed when reactionary forces put a general stamp of disapproval upon intelligent and progressive young people simply because they express dissatisfaction with the present system of graft and greed and emotional instability as opposed to intelligent direction and unified notions of racial independence.

Mr. Hughes delighted the audience with readings of his poems that have been translated into many foreign languages.

Applause lasting several minutes greeted the poet.

Claude Barnett, director of ANP, in Los Angeles for a visit with his noted wife, Etta Moten, and a director of Tuskegee, gave illuminating remarks on challenges which Negro Colleges have to meet.

By popular request, partially out of respect to Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, many of whose members were present, Miss Moten "broke up" the luncheon with several songs. Proving her popularity with Deltas as well as in her own sorority, persistent demands for her to sing the Delta hymn were facetiously made. "After all", Etta said, "I AM an AKA and if you don't mind, I'll sing 'Little Black Boy'."

Hilda Davis, dean of women of Sha university, led the discussion in a most commendable manner.

"Sororities have got to change if they are to survive. A new society is on the way. Educational challenges, religious challenges, racial challenges all indicating a decided turn, showed considerable study, serious analyses and preparation by Miss Davis and, from response offered by participating sorors, met with wholehearted approval of the audience.

Delta Artists' Recital Wins High Praise

OSCEOLA ADAMS ARCHER STARS IN DRAMA

Sorority Representatives Featured at National Conclave

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 22—(ANP)—The Delta Sigma Theta Artists Recital held at historic Trinity auditorium here Monday night proved to be one of the highlights of the 13th national convention of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority which has been in session here this week. Before a grand audience of a thousand persons which crowded the auditorium, a quintet of the most talented women in Delta, an organization which has always emphasized intellectual and cultural attainment, gave proof of the accomplishment of Negro womanhood, in the field of fine arts.

Oseola Adams Archer, Florence Cole Talbert, Lorenza Jordan Cole, Netta Paullyn Garner and Alice Buggs were the artists presented who gave the dramatic, vocal and instrumental presentations on the program.

Oseola Adams Archer of Washington, D. C., thrilled the formally attired audience by her presentations from the field of serious drama, a field which few of our women have attained proficiency. She gave Oscar Wilde's "Salome"; then the poignant scene 3, act four, of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". Miss Archer, who has studied under some of the foremost masters in the dramatic world, gave a most unusual and artistic performance of her programmed numbers and then at the insistence of the audience also depicted a scene from "Anthony and Cleopatra".

Florence Cole Talbert, one of the noted coloratura sopranos of the country, singing to an audience of friends, many of whom had known her since girlhood, and with her mother occupying a seat of honor in a box, displayed great artistry as she sang a group of songs among them being the Aria "Je Suis Titania" from Mignon; by Thomas; "What is a Song" by Curran, and "Negro Love Song" by Dunbar and arranged by Wm. L. Dawson.

Mrs. Talbert who bears the distinction of being the first singer of the group to sing Aida in Italy where she studied for several years, was in her usual good form. Of the group which she sang the audience was most responsive to the Dunbar poem, "Jump Back, My Honey, Jump Back". Vocally she was at her best in the aria from Mignon. She was forced to respond to an encore and rendered "The Hills of Home".

Lorenza Cole of Los Angeles, a pianist whose technique has been acclaimed by the foremost critics of Europe and America, played the "Concerto" (A Minor-First Movement) by Greig, with Alice Buggs playing the orchestral accompaniment on the organ.

Mrs. Cole was received most enthusiastically by the audience. She is also a product of Los Angeles, having received her preparatory training here, later furthering her musical education in Europe.

Netta Paullyn Garner, the accompanist of the famous tenor, George Garner, chose a "Prelude and Fugue" by Mendelssohn. Mendelssohn's works lend themselves quite well to the delicacy of Mrs. Garner's touch. Although hailing from Chicago, Mrs. Garner is making her permanent home in southern California and is taking an active part in the musical program of the San Diego exposition. She too, studied in Europe and has had extensive training in piano technique.

A reception for the artists, in which the audience participated, closed an evening which musical Los Angeles will long treasure in memory.

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Harlem Sees Hope in Rhode Island Vote

New York, Aug. 21, (By A. E. White for ANP)—Republican leaders are smiling broadly over the Rhode Island election and have seized upon it as a glimmer of hope in their darkest days. They see the defeat of the New Deal in 1936. But, as many of the keen political observers point out, this is not an important factor and the Democrats are depending upon the south and the west to bring them through to victory in the big election.

Yet right here in Harlem the fights among the Democrats are showing the dissatisfaction of the laymen with the powers that be in the selection and designation for various positions.

Down in the 19th Assembly District, the Harry C. Perry Democratic Club has named Robert Justice and Chas. Lynch, respectively, to run in the Democratic primaries on September 17th against James E. Stephens and Charles Bradford, assemblyman and alderman respectively.

Blaming the leader of the district, Martin Healy, for the lack of colored leadership, the members of the club are seeking to place their own candidates in the field and seize the two important offices from the party.

In the 21st district, the Republicans feel that in appointing Eunice Hunton Carter to the law staff of Special Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, they have discharged their obligation to that lady for her defeat at the hands of William Andrews for the Assembly two years ago. Mrs. Carter has had other appointments since that time, but none have paid her the salary she is to receive in this two-year appointment. It will probably equal or surpass what salary she would have received had she been elected to the Assembly.

However, other phases of the situation remain the same here in Harlem with few changes if any in the line ups and the set ups for the primaries and the elections.

200,000 Ethiopian Soldiers Ready

(Continued from Page 1) shed as must be visited upon Ethiopia in the protection of her independence?

Neither country is a sure shot to win this war. Pictures have been published showing the flower of Italian youth on their way to East Africa. Photographs have also shown the young Ethiopians going through their paces. War is not an ambition in the lives of either Italian or Ethiopian youth. But this war is upon them and they are forced to make the sacrifice in the name of something called patriotism which, in Italy's case, is closely synonymous with selfish political ambition.

Thousands upon thousands of Ethiopians await the call to defend their country. They have a proud heritage of years of independence. That independence has

been maintained by a glorious record of fighting. Never have the Ethiopians, united, been defeated. While the powerful white nations of the globe have gobbled up all the rest of Africa, the Ethiopians have fought off all comers. Back in 1866, King Theodore of Ethiopia was defeated by a large British army, but only after his own chieftains had turned against him. Twice, the Italians have been defeated by the Ethiopians. Gibbon records that when the armies of ancient Rome reached Ethiopia, they concluded they had gone far enough.

Now against all the agencies of destruction which civilized ingenuity can devise, a united Ethiopia prepares to defend itself once more. The special correspondent of the London Times has recently presented a preview of the war as it is expected to break in September.

Ethiopia now has 200,000 of troops under arms, with 500,000 more straining at the leash. They are ready and willing to die. They have no realization of the deadliness of the machines which Italy is sending to East Africa. They want and expect to meet the Italians man-to-man and destroy them. They have no fear of airplanes or tanks, even of cannon. At Adowa, in 1896, the Ethiopians under Menelik II, repeatedly charged into the cannon fire of the fortified position of the Italians, climbing over the bodies of their stricken countrymen.

If you will consult your map of Ethiopia, you will be able to follow the plan of the Ethiopian military strategists who will oppose Italy. Italy has two African colonies bordering on Ethiopia, Eritrea on the north and Somaliland on the south. Eighteen miles from Eritrea in northwest Ethiopia is Adowa, scene of the disastrous defeat of the Italians in 1896.

The Ethiopians believe that Italy will strike first in the north in an effort to wipe out the stain of Adowa. They already envisage the capture of Adowa and a speech by Mussolini to commemorate it. The Ethiopians will offer little resistance. To proceed southerly from Adowa would be almost suicidal for the Italians because of the mountains, so it is expected that the Italian army will adopt a flanking movement through the Barraka-Gash valley on the way to Gondar. Such a movement will, of course, lengthen the line of communications and supplies for the Italians, and require heavy rearguards for protection against Ethiopian snipers.

Emperor Haile Selassie believes the major attack from the Italians is to come from Somaliland on the south. He believes the invasion in the north will be to wipe out the stain of Adowa and to protect against an Ethiopian invasion of Eritrea.

From the south, the Italians, after transferring the bulk of their troops in Eritrea via the Red Sea to Somaliland, might launch an offense from Walwal, already occupied, across the plains of Ogaden province. Military

roads are being built there now and the right flank of the Italian army would be protected by the English Sudan. The first objective of the Italian attack would be Harar, Emperor Haile Selassie's own province, and the second, Addis Ababa, capital city. In two days, without unforeseen difficulties, the Italians might reach Harar. The Italians would then move eastward toward Addis Ababa.

In order to combat this dual threat of the Italians, Haile Selassie must divide his army into two forces one northern and one southern and each protecting an imaginary line about thirty miles on either side of the capital. If communications in Ethiopia were up-to-date the two armies might operate as one.

Although most of the large detachments of troops which have passed through Addis Ababa have seemed to go into the north, it is currently believed that they are being concentrated in the south.

The present disposition of armed troops in Ethiopia is as follows:

The army of the North is divided into four parts. Ras Seyyum of Tigre province holds between 30,000 and 50,000 men concentrated in the region of Adowa, Aksum and Makalle, all close to Eritrea. It is not expected that he would attempt to meet the Italians in pitched battle. His force will be divided into guerrilla bands to harass the invaders.

In Gondar and the northwest of the empire, Ras Kassa, the emperor's cousin, has between 50,000 and 70,000 men. They would menace Italian communications and supplies if they tried the southwest flanking passage thru the Barraka-Gash valley. To the east and south in Wollo province, there are between 30,000 and 40,000 men under the command of the Crown Prince. These troops are congregated at Dessie to guard the desert tract from Assab and the eastern flank of the central Amhara plateau.

Directly east from Dessie at Gojjam are 30,000 reserves under the command of Ras Imru.

Much less is known of Ethiopian concentrations in the south than in the North. However, Dadj Nasseru is known to have 15,000 troops at Daga Bur in Harar, from which province the Italians are expected to try their advance on Addis Ababa. Supporting him are 10,000 Galla soldiers. However, the chief strength of the southern troops is expected to come from the Imperial Guard, said to number from 7,000 to 50,000 troops, specially trained by Belgian officers.

Thus, in excess of 200,000 men are already under arms. They are not well armed, according to modern standards. In worse condition than these, are the 500,000 provincial retainers who will answer the first call to arms.

It is estimated that the Emperor can quickly muster 500,000 rifles out of those already in possession, 14,000 modern pattern

Military Mission and 16,000 modern rifles and 600 light automatics imported through Ojibuti this year. They also have several hundred machine guns.

Ethiopia's principal difficulty is a lack of ammunition. From the most reliable sources, reports do not indicate that she possesses more than 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Seven million rounds of ammunition, ordered from Antwerp, were stopped this year.

It is the European embargo on ammunition that is going to cost thousands of Ethiopian lives. There is no calling them back from the defense of their country. The choice for defense or non-defense does not rest with Haile Selassie. If he sought to compromise with Mussolini, the Ethiopians themselves would depose him. They want no compromise. They are frantic patriots.

The position of the European nations is somewhat like that of the lynchers in the United States. There, the law enforcement officers take a poor Negro into custody, deprive him of all means of defending himself, and turn him loose to a howling mob which has emptied all the hardware shops of firearms.

The lynching of Ethiopia, if it occurs, will symptomize the spirit of modern white civilization and the essential weakness of practiced Christianity among the nations of the west.

New York Technical Men Protest to Ickes

New York, Aug. 21, (ANP)—Aware of the appointment of Negro architects and engineers to slum clearance projects in other cities, members of the New York Technical Society, composed of Negro architects, engineers and technicians, have sent a protest to Mayor Fiorella La Guardia and Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes against the exclusion of Negroes on the Harlem project.

The protest is signed by Vernon W. Tandy, Gordon H. Jones, Richard C. White and Frank C. Holbrook.

Search For Husband of Slain Woman

Hartsville, S. C. Aug. 21, (ANP)—Officers here are searching for Laney Hammond, the husband of Mrs. Fifi Hammond, 23, who was found dead in her home here Wednesday afternoon.

Neighbors discovered the body of the dead woman early Wednesday afternoon when they went to her home after she did not appear on the streets or in the neighborhood for two days. Marks on the body showed that she had been clubbed to death and officers were summoned. After questioning those who had made the call, the police set out to find the husband of the slain woman, but a search of all his haunts failed to give any light as to his whereabouts. Information was received, however, that he had been missing for a day and a half.

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