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Make Strong Protest Against the Japanese Invasion of China

New York, Sept. 22—A statement issued today by the American League Against War and Fascism strongly opposed the Neutrality Act in relation to the Far Eastern conflict. The League maintained that this false neutrality law was an ineffective instrument for the promotion of peace and that it treated the victim the same as the aggressor. The statement continued: "The world has seen how this law works in relation to Spain, cutting off the democratic government of the people from coming here and buying the means of their defense against Fascist attack and invasion. If applied to the present (undeclared) war in the Far East, this misnamed Neutrality Act would bar China from securing here the means of defense and would work to the advantage of the Japanese invaders, who are well supplied with war materials and more self-sustaining. The United States should take a positive and active role in halting this war on China by joining with other signatories of the Nine Power Treaty and the Kellogg Pact in bringing political and economic pressure to bear against the Japanese invaders." "The people of Japan," stated Paul M. Reid, executive secretary of the League, "like the people of China, the United States and other countries, do not want war. They have been duped and precipitated into this unwarranted and murderous invasion by Japanese militarialists and bankers. American industrialists who have been profiting greatly from the sale of war supplies to Japan for some months.

The time has come for this nation to cease all economic aid to Fascist, war making nations. The Neutrality Act is a demonstrated fake. What we need is embargo legislation against the destroyers of democracy."

The American League also announced the beginning of a people's campaign to refuse to buy Japanese products on sale in this country. A list containing 27 items—from China and glassware to tea and silk cloth—was cited as Japanese made articles not to be purchased in ten cent stores, department stores, grocery and meat markets, toy shops, novelty shops, dress shops, dry goods and clothing stores.

So the Ghost Can't Walk

Some South Sea Dyaks of Borneo sow the ground near cemeteries with sticks to imitate spikes, in order that the feet of any ghosts that walk over them may be lamed.

Occupation of Ants

Among the occupations attributed to ants are spinning, carpentry, farming, baking, mining, plastering, gardening, nursing, soldiering, scouting and guarding.

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An Interview With Eddie Cantor

By Fay M. Jackson

Comedians and chorus girls have always seemed to me to have a corner on the unusual things of life. To be sure one may never anticipate them. The dumbest looking hoofer I ever saw turned up one day in her dressing room with a translation of Sappho from original Greek.

Very well, then, can you fancy Eddie Cantor waxing philosophical over the Negro question—and my utter suprise at the turn of events when I thought we would go into his trailer dressing room on the set of Twentieth Century-Fox studios for a Scotch and soda at the miniature bar only to be spellbound by a serious solution of minority group worries.

Flashing his great round eyes in acknowledgement of an introduction from Earl Dancer, the regular comedian took a temporary run out on cameraman Louis Gold to speak his piece to his acknowledged millions of colored fans, through the associated Negro Press.

Dressed in a fantastic Arabian costume for his starring role in "Ali Baba Goes to Town," Cantor led the way from the set to a trailer parked nearby as a convenient hide-out for the interview.

Trailer dressing rooms are the fad at the moment among actors. Luxurious to the last degree, Cantor's trailr seems to be equipped with everything but the kitchen stove. Its color scheme is a soft restful green, mauve and ivory combination. There is a minature bar with frigidaire; a table for luncheon or cards between "takes," large enough to accomodate five or six guests. A book case, radio, dressing and makeup nook, a long divan for resting and comfortable leather and chromium-trimmed rocking chairs which fold up into the walls when not in use to accomodate visitors.

As small as it is, as much as it contains, the trailer is so cleverly designed that one does not have to fall over anything in moving about

It was in this little "house on wheels" that the great comedian recounted his long friendship with Bert Williams, "greatest pantomimist of our time," and with Eubie Blake, Noble Sissle, and Jim Europe. But for Williams, Cantor holds the fondest memories, the greatest esteem and credits what "little" he has learned to Bert Williams.

"They talk about Chaplain. But, to my mind, Bert Williams was the greatest pantomimist that ever lived. He was a miser with gestures. Who else but Bert Williams could portray a poker game without talking as he did in the Ziegfeld Follies?" Cantor went through the whole act so memorable to theatre-goers of a decade ago.

"There are only three emotions one can ordinarily express in black face," he explained." They are joy, sorrow, fright. Williams mastered these and more behind the cork. I don't think anyone can ever take his place. No one ever has. It is truly a divine spark that gives us a Bert Williams, a Will Rogers.

Learned

"Aside from his art, Williams was a gentleman and a learned man. With all his comedy there was great pathos in his soul. All the tragedy of the Negro race was in his heart. He felt discrimination against his people so keenly. He anticipated much of what has happened to my own race in Germany.

California members of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War have launched a drive to bring their national convention to San Francisco in 1939, year of the Golden Gate International Exposition.

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Hughes Broadcasts Plea For Loyalist

New York, Sept. 22 (CNA)—Langston Hughes, famous poet and author who is now in Madrid, Spain, broadcast a plea last Tuesday night from that shell torn city for aid for Loyalist Spain and the American Negro and white members of the Abraham Lincoln and the George Washington brigades who are helping the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism.

Simultaneously, it was announced at the offices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, in this city, that one of the homes it is financing in Spain for refugee children will be named the James Ashford Home, in honor of the late leader of the Harlem Young Communist league.

Ashford, a Negro youth who was born in the deep South, died here two years ago. At the time of his death he was a recognized leader of the American youth movement. He was elected in 1935 to the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International, at its Sixth World Congress.

1862 EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION 1937

A Proclamation providing for the emancipation of the slaves in certain parts of the Confederate States, issued as a war measure by President Lincoln.

The number of slaves emancipated by this proclamation was taking the census of 1860 as a basis, as follows:

Alabama, 435,080; Arkansas, 111,115; Florida, 61,745; Georgia, 462,198; Louisiana, 247,715; Mississippi, 436,631; North Carolina, 331,059; South Carolina, 402,046; Texas, 182,566; and Virginia, 450,000 making a total of 3,120,155.

The number of slaves not affected by its provisions was about 832,000. The full text of the proclamation is as follows:

Whereas, on the twenty second day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following to wit:

That, on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all person held as slaves within any State, or designated part of State, the people whereof shall be in rebellion against the United States, including the military and naval officers thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them in any effort they may make for their actual freedom.

That the executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof shall be in rebellion against the United States, and the fact that State, or the people thereof, shall on that day, be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such state shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong counteravailing testimony be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof are not then in rebellion against the United States.

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander in chief of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual rebellion against the authority and Government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for surpressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaim for the full period of one hundred days from the day of the first above mentioned order, and designate, as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following to wit: Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Assension, Assimption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (except forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth) and which except parts are, for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self defense, and I recommend to them that in all cases, when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons, of suitable conditions, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity. I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my name, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

(L. S.) Done at the city of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

By the President,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

Arkansas Farmer Makes Guitar Out of Matches

Amity, Ark.—Van Denny, farmhand for Delmos Howell at Rosebud, near here, didn't have a guitar.

So he made one.

The instrument, known as the "Little Jumbo" guitar, was made from 7,773½ matches. One hundred and two ounces of glue were necessary to stick the matches together.

The job, done mostly at night after Denny was through his day's work, required five months to complete. The neck of the instrument is made of native Bois de Arc and is also hand made. The guitar has a perfect tone and sounds louder than the ordinary instrument of this kind.

Denny, an accomplished musician, is proud of his job.

Most Unusual Bank

The most unusual bank in the United States is located in the Capitol building in Washington, says Collier's Weekly, and operated exclusively for the members of the house of representatives. It has no charter and no name, not even on its checks, and it is not subject to examination by any board of bank examiners, despite the fact that its deposits exceed $12,000,000.

Youth Seeks Title as Needle Expert

Watertown, Mass.—Nine-year-old Richard Boyajian intends to be the "world's champion embroiderer." A real boy, despite his facility in plying the needle, Richard has already shown himself the equal of any girl he has encountered in any of the local playgrounds' sewing projects.

I am not bound to win but I am bound to be true. I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand by anybody that stands right, stand with him while he stands right and part with him when he goes wrong.

—Abraham Lincoln

Records of Week

Although at present many people are inclined to regard the "Big Apple" as just another dance fad, record producers are taking this new swing square dance very seriously. Judging from the efforts of disc makers, most of us will soon be "Big Appling" in the streets.

No sooner was the music dry on the original musical version of the dance, when Clyde Lucas and his orchestra were commissioned by Variety to transcribe the tune in wax. Almost every other recording company decided to follow suit and because they could not acquire the rights to the original tune, they hastily composed "Big Apples" of their own. As a result there are several different "Big Apples" on the record market, some good and some bad.

Clyde Lucas, however, has been given credit for the best waxing by enthusiastic "Big Apple" who have tried them all.

But the Big Apple parade has only begun, and when the country's favorite colored swingsters get to work on the thing, there's no telling what may happen.

Midge Williams and her Jazz Jesters (in this case big Billy Hicks and his Sizzling Six of "Joe, the Boxer" fame) cut two swingsome effusions for Variety with "Oh, Miss Hannah" and "I Was Born to Swing." Potito ("Walkin' the Dog") Midge mixes her unusual concoction of hot and blue for this disc.

Midgettes: Born and brought up in California.....Got her first job when she was fourteen years old, singing Dixieland songs in a night club.....Turned down a fat contract for the call of the open road .....Barnstormed through Japen, then wanted to sing her way on to China, but manager insisted that she return to the U. S.....She is a free lancer, preferring to sing on her own rather than with any particular band.....Attracted by her work on Variety Records radio moguls have offered her a program of her own.

Fletcher Henderson's bandsmen are unusually subdued in their waxing of "If You Should Ever Leave" and the 'Peckin'"—Inspired "Posin'". The reason is probably because Chu Berry, their are tenor sax player, has left Henderson for a more lucrative position with Cab Calloway.

Less youthful individuals who dislike modern hot swing will probably hate Lucky Millinder and his wild-swinging crew when this outfit begins sizzling out Millinder's latest recording room original "Jasm' for the Jack Pot." Charlie Shaver on hot trumpet and alto sax man Tab Smith amass most of the musical shekels with their stellar blowing. Tab Smith also covering himself with glory in the back up, "Let's Get Together."

The Mills Brothers always make a disc a must have, and when these smooth vocalizers couple with Louis Armstrong's hot trumpet, it's peaches and swing for the discophile. The double headers take 'Old Folks at Home" in best swanee-ribberish fashion and back it with "Long About Midnight."

The Clarence Williams jazz spiritual, "Peace, Brother Peace" and the rug-cutting rhythm of "Knock In Wood" are served up in a hot though poorly seasoned swing dish by Willie (the Lion) Smith and his capricious cubs.

.....Bandsmen are only human after all. When asked why most dance bands prefer college engagements to any other, even though it often means lower receipts, 'Tricky" Sam Nanton, hot Ellington trombonist, pursed up his lips and said, "I guess it's simply because they make more of a fuss over us."

So That's It?

"Who is that fellow with the long hair?"

"He's a fellow from Yale."

"Oh, I've often heard of those Yale locks."

Final Request

Judge — Before being hanged, have you a last request to make?

Barber—Yes, I'd like to shave the prosecuting counsel just once.

'Ush!

"Beats me why they call these ere cinema attendants ushers, Lil!"

"Don't be silly, Bert. Don't they ave to tell the people to keep quiet?"

Example From Life

"Pa, what did the preacher mean by wearing shining raiment?"

"Well, a good example is my blue serge suit, son."—Capper's Weekly.

What?

Teacher—Now, Robert, what are you doing—learning something?

Robert—No, sir. I'm just listening to you.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Odor to Be Developed for the Rhododendron

Bainbridge Island, Wash. — Dr. Fred Murphy, "rhododendron king" of the state, wants to develop a fragrance for the rhododendron, Washington's state flower.

He received from the high Himalaya mountains a collection of 200,000 rhododendron seeds, some of scented varieties.

"It may take a dozen generations of cross-breeding," Dr. Murphy said, "but I believe the native rhododendron can develop a scent that will match its beauty."

Dog Hates Liquor; Attacks Drinkers
Oakdale, Calif.—Spike, a 7-year-old bulldog reared in prohibition days, objected to anything that was "spiked." Several times he was nearly shot for attacking people on whom he scented liquor. He did not grasp the idea that repeal legalized "spiking."

Provides Schooling For Farm Youths

Washington, Sept. 22 (CNA)—Five hundred Negro youths are included among the more than 5,000 sons and daughters of tenant and other needy farm families now taking advantage of the practical farm and home training offered by the National Youth Administration, according to Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune, Director of the NYA's Division of Negro Affairs. The thirty-seven resident vocational centers now in operation in ten Southern states include twelve for colored students, the most disadvantaged group.

The centers, designed to provide training and work opportunities for the needy youth of tenant and other farm families, are sponsored by and located at agricultural training institutions such as agricultural colleges, junior colleges, rural high schools and agricultural experment stations.

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African Leader Hits Jim Crow Rule In South Africa

New York, Sept. 22 (CNA)—A call for active aid to the African peoples was sounded by Max Yergan, director of the International Committee on African Affiars, at a meeting here at which two African Native leaders, on a visit to the United States, asserted that South Africa, under British rule, was "a country of color bars and unhappiness," where the official "policy of the government is to keep the black man down at all costs."

D. D. T. Jabavu, South African Native leader and chairman of the All-African convention, described in detail numerous repressive South African laws which not only bar the natives from the skilled trades, but forbid them organizing into trade unions and require them to secure police "passes" before they can move about the country. Natives are forced to contribute to the Old Age Pension Fund, but are barred from its benefits, he said.

Many of the conditions in South Africa parallel these of Southern States, and many are infinitely worse, the African leader asserted. "In many places the natives are not allowed to walk on the sidewalks, they must walk in the middle of the street with cattle and vehicles. In other places, natives are not allowed to ride on trolleys, and all trains are Jim Crowed."

Mr. Jabavu was preceded by Dr. A. B. Xuma, also a native African and vice chairman of the All African Committee, a united front body with a combined total membership of more than 70,000 persons, including Socialists and Communists. Channing H. Tobias, YMCA leader, presided over the meeting, which was held at International House, 500 Riverside Drive.

A three point program advanced by Max Yergan, called for publicity to expose conditions in Africa and to rally the peoples of democratic countries to the support of the natives in their struggle for a better life, training of African youth and the spreading throughout the continent of the democratic idea, and encouragement of cooperatives.

"The natives of South Africa are fully justified in striving for political power that can express their economic needs," Mr. Yergan told a responsive mixed audience. "The democratic idea is taking hold of large masses of people in this and other countries, and it is our duty to see that this idea becomes the possession of the Africans."

Mr. Yergan referred to the fundamental changes taking place in France and declared that the progressives ideas of the French Popular Front Government were bound to be reflected in France's treatment of its colonial people.

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