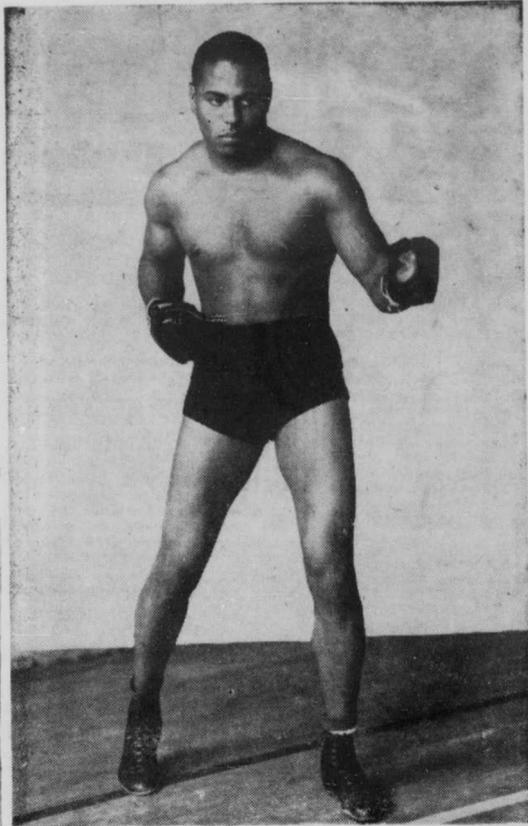


Three Champions That Will Defend Their Titles Within Two Months



JOHN HENRY LEWIS, the World's light heavyweight champion, who will defend his title sometime in May at Minneapolis, Minn.

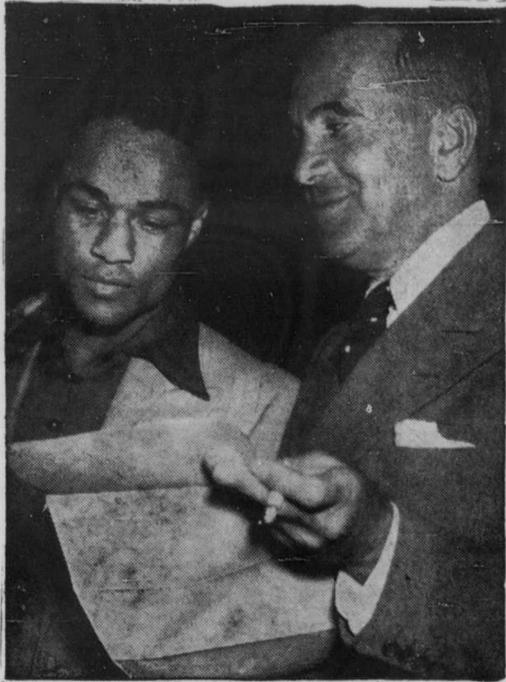
MARION ANDERSON PACKS TOWN HALL

New York April 16 (C)—Town Hall was packed to the rafters and some patrons were seated on the stage, but even then many were turned away as Marion Anderson, contralto, sang Wednesday evening, Miss Anderson will appear in Carnegie hall on April 13th.

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HENRY ARMSTRONG and his manager, Al Jolson. Armstrong is rated, the best fighter pound for pound. He is the featherweight champion of the world. He will fight Barney Ross for the welter-weight championship of the world in May, at New York City.

T. B. Still Takes High Toll Of Race

New York, April 16 (CNA)—Tuberculosis, seventh ranking cause of death in the nation, is still the highest single cause of death among Negroes in this city, Jean Downes of the Milbank Memorial Fund said this week in an appeal for an intensified program of tuberculosis control.

The death rate from tuberculosis among the 333,000 members of the race in this city, Miss Downes said, citing 1936 figures, is 261 per 1,000—more than four times the rate among the economically more favored whites.

Miss Downes, member of the Milbank committee on tuberculosis, spoke at the Fund's sixteenth annual conference, held at the Academy of Medicine, 2 East 103rd Street. More than 1,000 physicians, health officers and educators attended the session.

Toll Heavy in South
Recent studies, Miss Downes said, in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans, La., tuberculosis kills three Negroes to every white. From 1930 to 1933, she said, the tuberculosis death rate among the group in New York and Chicago failed to decline at all.

Another speaker, Dr. Rupert Vance of the University of North Carolina, discussing population trends, said that heavy migration from farm to city industrial centers, checked during the early years of the depression, is under way again.

Southern youths, both colored and white, he said, the flocking to large cities, such as New York, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles, "The great cities," Dr. Vance added, "have suddenly looked up to find these children of the South's poverty and ignorance knocking at their backdoors."

Walter White to Address Southern NAACP Branches

Mobile, Ala., April 16—The third annual meeting of the Southern Regional Conference of the NAACP will be held in Mobile, May 6-7-8, instead of April 22-23-24, as originally planned. The change in dates was made to permit Walter White, the Association's militant national secretary, to be present. Mr. White, who was generalissimo of the anti-lynching bill forces, will address the opening meeting on Friday, May 6.

Forrester B. Washington, and A. T. Walden, of Atlanta, S. D. McGill of Jacksonville and Frank McAllister, white of St. Petersburg, are among the prominent southerners who will address the Conference. Mr. McAllister, a school teacher, is regarded as a bold champion of the rights of minorities. He investigated and exposed the might of the Ku Klux Klan in the kidnapping and subsequent murder of Joe Shoemaker in the notorious Tampa floozie case. He has also investigated numerous cases of Negroes being held in peonage.

Business sessions of the Conference will be devoted to discussing and devising ways and means to combat problems of the Negro group in the South. Among the more serious problems which will receive special attention are political disfranchisement, wage differentials and employment discrimination, inequalities in educational systems and facilities, including the teachers' salary question, lynchings, discrimination in federal and state funds for relief, housing, farming, and old age pensions.

Branches of Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, are in the Conference. It is expected that the meeting this year will have the largest attendance of delegates and visitors in the history of the Conference.

Negro Appointed As Draftsman For Fair

Walter L. Roberts a young Negro native of Cambridge, Mass., honor graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh in 1937, has been employed as a draftsman for the Board of Design of the New York World's Fair 1939.

He is the second Negro artist to be engaged for important professional work by the Fair Corporation. The first was Miss Augusta Savage, New York sculptress, who has created a dramatic group symbolic of the American Negro's contribution to the music of the world, to be erected on Rainbow avenue in front of the Fair's Art Building in the Home Building Center.

Employment of Miss Savage and Mr. Roberts is in accord with the policy instituted by Grover A. Whalen, president of the Fair Corporation, to employ in the construction of the Fair the best minds available in every field, regardless of creed or color.

In a contest at Carnegie Tech, Mr. Roberts won the Institute's approval of his design for a pylon to represent the Institute at the New York Fair. It is a tower 75-feet in height, constructed of distinctive products of Pittsburgh—steel, aluminum and glass.

The shaft is a circular arrangement of steel "T" beams, circled near the top with a wide, extending band of aluminum bearing the name of the Institute. Between the columns, rising for a part of their height, are glass panels etched with figures and symbols representing the various departments of the Institute.

His graduation thesis at Carnegie was design for a welded metal gate and flashing stop-light of modernistic character. It was accepted and the gate has been set up to span a campus roadway between the College of Fine Arts and Margaret Morrison College.

Mr. Roberts, who is 24 years of age, first attended the Massachusetts School of Art in Boston for four years, taking a course in applied industrial and advertising design, and being graduated in 1935.

Since leaving Carnegie he has engaged in industrial designing in Pittsburgh, Cambridge and New York. He lives at the YMCA on West 135th street, New York.

Combat Sleeping Sickness In Liberia

Monrovia, Liberia, April 16 (ANP)—In an effort to combat an epidemic of sleeping sickness now prevalent in the interior, the Director of Sanitation has appointed Dr. Schniederberger to make a tour of the countries affected and recommend remedial measures to be taken. Also, in furtherance of his extensive plan for improvement of sanitation, the Director has appointed Doctors Moeri, Schniederberger, and Schramm as sub-directors in the countries of Maryland, Sinoe and Bassa, respectively.

President and Mrs. Edwin Barclay recently entertained the Teachers' Institute of Montserrat county at the farm residence, 138 teachers attending.

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JOE LOUIS, the World's Heavyweight Champion who will defend his title on June 22. He will fight Max Schmeling, of Germany, at an unknown location.

Court Upholds Fight For Jobs

Washington, April 16 (CNA)—The United States Supreme Court ruled last Monday that a labor dispute was created when the New Negro Alliance requested a District of Columbia grocer chain to employ Negro clerks in stores in Negro neighborhoods.

The court held that local Federal courts erred in enjoining members of the Alliance from picketing stores of the Sanitary Grocery company in protest against its job basis policy.

The court held such an injunction was prohibited under the Norris-LaGuardia act outlawing Federal anti-picketing injunctions in labor dispute cases.

The ruling, it is believed here, will serve to spur the fight to force private employers and public utilities, in particular, to abandon their traditional policy of barring employment of Negroes except as porters, etc.

New Layoffs in Auto Hit Negro Workers

Detroit, April 16 (CNA)—New mass lay-offs are sweeping over the auto industry, adding to the tens of thousands of auto workers already unemployed.

The Ford Motor Co., alone has laid off at least 60,000 workers since December 20.

Thousands of Negroes are employed in the industry, most of them in the Ford plants.

A recent check of the various shops making up the River Rouge plant revealed that no more than 15,000 workers are employed there at present. Close to 90,000 workers are employed during normal production.

Syphilis, T. B. Called Bargain Real Estate Offer

New York, April 16 (ANP)—In a remarkable article appearing in the April issue, "Survey Graphic," Dr. Thomas Parran, nationally known authority on public health and the Surgeon-General of the United States, gives an interesting insight into the magnitude of the twin scourges of mankind—syphilis and tuberculosis—and tells why Negroes suffer such a high death rate from these diseases. Dr. Parran's article says in part:

"Syphilis is the white man's disease. Tuberculosis is the white man's disease. It is said by medical historians that the Negro slave brought malaria and the hook worm to America. If he did, the white man paid him back with usury by giving him tuberculosis and syphilis, from both of which he suffers more greatly than the races originally the reservoir of infection.

"Among the circumstances contributing to his abnormally high death rate from these and other causes, not the least is the fact that the Negro is at the bottom of the economic ladder. For, as among the third of the population known to be ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed, as a race North and South—and especially in the rural South—his house is the most miserable, his clothing the scantiest, his food ration most out of balance.

"Add to poverty is ignorance. For except in a few cities, public school budgets, thin at the best—and especially in the rural South—are divided disproportionately between the white and colored. Rarely has a Negro child the opportunity to go past the elementary grades in the rural schools. Rarely does a rural school offer him more than a few months a year.

"The Negro can not climb over the barriers to his competency unless he is physically sound to begin with. Unless he is given the opportunity for health, he can take no profitable advantage to no other opportunity. Not a matter of charity, but as the expression of justice and wisdom for all races concerned, public health must be the base line of effort—the point of departure for all successful programs of educational and economic improvement."

JACK JOHNSON IS 60

New York April 16 (C)—Jack Johnson, who was the first Negro to hold the title of world's heavyweight champion, was 60 last Thursday, and boasted that he can whip Joe Louis today.

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