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Secretary Wallace Lauds Prof. George W. Carver Hits Fascist Race Theories

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (CNA)—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace paid a glowing tribute to the scientific achievements of Professor George Carver of Tuskegee Institute in a Lincoln Day speech in which the New Dealer ridiculed Nazi theories of "Aryan" superiority as "pure scientific faking." The Cabinet member's speech was delivered at a meeting of scientists and educators at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, under the auspices of the "Lincoln's Birthday Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom."

Composed of 28 eminent scientists, the committee under the chairmanship of Professor Franz Boas, sponsored a series of meetings all over the nation in defense of democracy and in opposition to facism.

"Wallace, figuratively taking his gloves off, smashed with bare knuckles at the racial doctrines of the Nazi and of Fascist-minded circles in this country.

"Superior ability is not the exclusive possession of any one race or any one class," he declared.

From studies in live stock breeding it is known that complex characteristics are apart from superficial characteristics as kin, hair or eye color, the Secretary pointed out.

Hits "Superiority" Idea

"The color of a cow's hair for example, has nothing to do with her ability to produce milk, and therefore there is no reason to think that the color of a man's hair has anything to do with his ability to produce ideas."

The hard-hitting New Deal official took the occasion to blast at "racial" theorists in this country as well as those abroad, when he said:

"It is the fashion in certain quarters to sneer at those so-called 'poor whites,' who suffer from poor education and bad diet, and who live in tumbledown cabins without mattresses. And yet I wonder if any scientist would care to claim that 100,000 children taken at birth from these families would rank any lower in inborn ability than 100,000 children taken at birth from the wealthiest one per cent of the parents of the United States.

"If both groups were given the same food, housing, education and cultural traditions, would they not turn out to have about equal mental and moral traits on the average?"

"If 100,000 German babies were raised under the same conditions as 100,000 Hindu babies or 100,000 Jewish babies, would there be any particular difference? No such experiments have been made or are likely to be made and so no absolutely scientific answer can be given. But when I raise such a question, I mean to imply that every race, every nation and people from every economic group of society are a great genetic mixture. There is far greater variability between the heredity of individuals within the groups than between the groups."

Praises Negro Scientist

"When I was a small boy," he said, "George Carver, a Negro who is now a chemist at Tuskegee Institute, was a good friend of my father's at the Iowa State College. Carver at that time was specializing in botany, and he would take me along on some of his botanizing trips. It was he who first introduced me to the mysteries of botany and plant fertilization. Later on I was to have an intimate acquaintance with plants myself, because I spent a good many years breeding corn. Perhaps that was partly because this scientist, who belonged to another race, had deepened my appreciation of plants in a way I could never forget.

"Carver was born in slavery, and to this day he does not definitely know his own age. In his work

as a chemist in the South, he correctly sensed the coming interest in the industrial use of the products of the farm—a field of research which our government is now pushing.

"I mention Carver simply because he is one example of a truth of which we who meet here today are deeply convinced. Superior ability is not the exclusive possession of any race or any class. It may arise anywhere, provided men are given the right opportunities."

"The government official warned that democracy's chief danger lies in selfish economic practices which produce vast wealth for the few on one hand and abysmal poverty for large sections of the population. Deeds alone, he asserted, are what democracy will be judged by:

"Democracy—and that term includes free science," he said, "must apply itself to meeting the material need of men for work, for income, for goods, for health, for security, and to meeting their spiritual need for dignity, for knowledge, for self-expression, for adventure, and for reverence. And it must succeed.

"The danger that is will be overthrown in favor of some other system is in direct proportion to its failure to meet these needs. We may talk all we like about the beauties of democracy, the ideals of democracy, the rightness of democracy. In the long run, democracy or any other political system will be measured by its needs, not its words."

COMPOSER



HARRY T. BURLEIGH

Composer of hundreds of original songs, member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, whose best known works are spirituals and folk songs. He taught some of his songs to Dvorak, the great composer, and their influence is seen in the "New World Symphony." Born in Erie Pa., Mr. Burleigh sang in Erie Churches, won a New York scholarship and studied voice, and this year is scheduled to sing the "Palms" at St. George's P. E. Church in New York, where he is baritone soloist, for the 45th time. Mr. Burleigh also sang for 25 years in the choir of Temple Emanu-El in New York, during a concert tour he sang before King Edward VII on two occasions. Mr. Burleigh's own compositions, more than two hundred in number, include "Deep River," "Jean," and "Little Mother of Mine." His spiritual arrangements include "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Go Down Moses," and "Heaven, Heaven." He won the Spingarn Medal in 1917 and the Harmon Award in 1928. He received honorary M. A. and Mus. D. degrees from Atlanta and Howard universities.

NO NEGROES ON JURY;

CONDEMNED RAPIST FREED

Austin, Tex., Feb., 23 (ANP)—J. D. Johnson, sentenced to die for raping a white woman on April 9, 1938 was ordered freed last week by the state court of criminal appeals because, among other reasons, no Negroes had served on a grand jury in the county where the trial was held for more than 30 years although a number were qualified.

In their appeal, Johnson's attorneys pointed to the supreme court decision in the Scottsboro case and said no Negro served on the jury which convicted him. The appeals court, highest tribunal in the state in criminal case, also found other trial procedure errors in the case.

ILLINOIS U. AROUSED BY SHOOTING CASE

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 23 (ANP)—Another attempt to "clean up the town" was under way this week following the shooting of William Spurrier, 20 and white, sophomore at the University of Illinois, by Mrs. Margaret Storthers, 50, hotel owner, when Spurrier and a group of white companies broke a window after being refused admittance to the hostelry.

Police said Spurrier, together with five freshmen student, rode to the hotel in a taxi around 1:30 Thursday morning after an evening of beer drinking. They demanded admittance to the hotel, described as a disorderly house, and Mrs. Storthers, told them they came too late. Angered at not getting in, one of Spurrier's companion threw a beer bottle through the window. The owner, who said she was showered by the glass, seized a .32 pistol and fired several shots out the window, one striking Spurrier, and passing through the lower part of his body, piercing his liver.

Three girls who were in the house with Mrs. Storthers were later questioned and released. The owner is being held.

ASPIRES



Rev. C. C. Gibbs, presiding chairman of the AME church, Jacksonville, Fla., is an aspirant for the bishopric at the next general conference. Dr. Gibbs, treasurer of Edward Waters' College was a faithful lieutenant of the late Bishop R. A. Grant and is widely known throughout the connection. (ANP)

CHICAGO PRIMARY BATTLE CALLED HOTTEST IN YEARS

Chicago, Feb. 23 (ANP)—With Chicago's hectic Primary Election set for next Tuesday (Feb. 28) interest among colored voters in the closing days of the campaign centered about the eleven 2nd and 3rd ward aldermanic candidates, all of whom are colored and from whose number two will be chosen to represent the bulk of Chicago's 250,000 Negro citizens in City Council.

Among the mayoralty candidates Mayor Edward J. Kelly is conceded by many observers to have the edge on his Democratic opponent, States Attorney Thomas J. Courtney, and in a daily poll of voters being made by a local daily newspaper, the mayor has maintained a consistent lead over Courtney.

On the Republican side of the arena, Dwight H. Green, Chicago's counter-part of Thomas E. Dewey, New York's gang busters, and who as a special prosecutor for the government obtained conviction of Al Capone for income tax evasion, has exploded the old William Hale Thompson bubble and throughout the city is an overwhelming favorite over former Mayor Thompson.

Candidate Green leads Thompson almost three to one in the daily poll being conducted, and even in the colored sections where Thompson was formerly an overwhelming favorite, the Negro voters are apparently weaned away from the idea that their fortunes rise or fall with "Big Bill" Thompson.

In the Second Ward Aldermanic contest, the hottest Chicago has seen in years, republican interest is divided between present Alderman William L. Dawson and William E. King, and rivalry between these candidates increases daily as the election day "zero hour" approaches. Dawson has been alderman since 1933, and although a Republican, is supposed, under the non-partisan arrangement at City hall, to have been friendly with the Democratic administration.

King, 2nd Ward committeeman and former state senator opposing Dawson, says the latter is half-Republican, half-Democrat, and as such should be replaced. The Republican primary winner—concededly either King or Dawson—must run against Democratic candidate—concededly Earl B. Dickerson, assistant attorney general of the state, who skillful maneuvering is running under the Roosevelt-Kelly banner. At the April election, unless all GOP factions in the 2nd Ward get together, that district for the first time in history may be presented by a Democratic alderman.

In the 3rd ward, main GOP contenders are present-Alderman Robert R. Jackson and former Congressman Oscar DePriest and for the Democrats, Deputy Coroner

Benjamin Gran, endorsed by Mayor Kelly and Committeeman Mike Sneed. DePriest is 3rd Ward Committeeman and many voters believe that his reaching for the aldermanic post may split the Republican vote at the April election with the result that the 3rd ward will have a Democratic alderman, also for the first time in Chicago's history.

Conservative observers of the political scene give Republicans in the 2nd ward an even chance at the April election, but declare it free-for-all in the 3rd, with anything likely to happen.

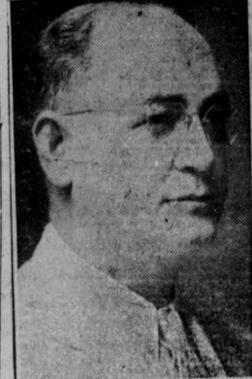
10,000 HARLEM ADULTS COMPLETE WYA COURSES

New York, Feb. 23 (CNA)—Approximately 10,000 adult students, an increase of 10 per cent over last year's registration, completed the last semester of the WPA Adult Education Program in Harlem with a series of exhibits in the various centers in area this week.

One of the largest and most interesting exhibits, from the point of variety and scope of subjects covered, was held at the New York Vocational High School, 21 West 138th Street. Dr. Lorenzo King, pastor of St. Marks ME church, and a guest speaker lauded the work the Adult Educational Program is doing in Harlem and of the students, for their foresight.

Other exhibits were shown at Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132th West 138th Street which, with a registration of 1,690 students, is one of the largest local WPA centers, and at the Public Library at 234 West 124th Street.

DR. L. A. HOWELL



Of Tampa, Fla. one of the country's best known dental practitioners, member of the National Dental Association's executive board, who was presented with the Tampa Negro Chamber of Commerce annual award for outstanding citizenship. The Florida Medical and Dental Society granted him a life membership in the Score Club, its honor society, this year. (ANP)

MAN, WIFE, ARRESTED AFTER "FINDING LARGE SUM OF MONEY

Colorado Springs, Feb., 23 (ANP)—Under arrest this week and held in county jail were Robert Debow, 42, and his wife Valerie, after Debow admitted according to I. B. Bruce, inspector of detectives, that he took a roll of bills dropped Tuesday by Rev. William Young, restaurant owner.

The police official said \$260 was recovered, wrapped in a hankerchief and placed on top of a coal bin at the DeBow home. Young said there was \$350 in the roll lost, but DeBow asserted he had picked up only \$300.

According to Inspector Bruce, Young drew the money from a bank, placed it in a small book. Later in the cafe, he took some small bills from the book and the big bills dropped out. DeBow spied the roll, took a seat next to Young then picked up the money. DeBow surrendered to police Friday on hearing a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

Elks Plan Universal Anniversary & Birthday Ball for Easter Monday Night

Washington, D. C. Feb. 23 — ANP—Headed by J. Finley, Wilson, grand exalted ruler, and his staff, the IPOE of W this week announced plans for a universal Elks' grand Easter and anniversary ball to be held on Easter Monday night, April 10, throughout the United States, the isles of the sea and foreign countries where there are Elks lodges and temples.

Officials said the spirit of President Roosevelt's Warm Springs Foundation annual ball has been caught by the colored Elks, and they intend using it, not for an infantile paralysis foundation but the building of an Old Folks' home and Elks' shrine and to contribute to the order's education and civil liberties department.

On Easter Monday night Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson will give the signal for the music in thousands of ballrooms to start simultaneously throughout the jurisdiction of Elksdom. Various cities and town are being placarded and sale of tickets is scheduled to open on Feb. 25.

A feature of the celebration will be the Cabinet's prize award to the person selling the largest number of tickets to the ball. This prize will give the winner the choice of a Ford, Chevrolet, or Plymouth car. The contest is not (Continued on page five)

TO AUCTION BOB CHURCH PROPERTY IN MEMPHIS

Memphis, Feb. 23 (ANP)—With delinquent city, county and state taxes amounting to \$89,000 charges against them for the period 1919-1937, 12 valuable pieces of property owned by Robert E. Church, nationally known GOP leader, and his sister, Miss Annette Church, will be auctioned publicly about March 15, it was announced this week by K. C. Larkey, delinquent tax attorney.

Order to recover the taxes, which include interest, penalties and attorney's fees was issued by Chancellor Bejaeh on presentation of a report by W. M. Stanton, Chancery Clerk and master. Of the total, the city owed about \$57,000 the county \$25,600, the state, \$6,300.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION RE- PORTS ON NATIONAL SURVEY, OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE OF NEGROES

The office of Education, United States Department of the Interior, has just reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, the first national survey ever made of vocational education and guidance opportunities for Negroes in the United States. Five hundred "white collar" workers on the relief rolls participated in the survey in addition to approximately 40 professional workers.

John W. Stuebaker, Commissioner of Education, today reported some of the significant facts revealed by this survey, which was conducted in 200 communities of 33 States and the District of Columbia.

In an endeavor to learn the occupational interests of Negro high school pupils and factors which influenced their occupational choices, the social and economic backgrounds of 28,000 pupils were studied. Specific investigations were made to discover how many negroes are participating in Federally aided vocational education programs, what they want to study and what they are studying to prepare themselves for employment. The survey report indicates that "approximately 55 per cent of the total number of Negroes, 10 years old and over gainfully employed are engaged in occupations requiring little or no skill." It (Continued on page 3)