

FIRST LADY HITS RACIAL HATREDS

Washington July 19 (CNA) The popularity of the First Lady among groups fighting against religious and racial discrimination took a further leap forward this week following two straight-from-the-shoulder speeches by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt said that "all Americans must have their full rights under the Constitution" in a speech in Richmond presenting the Spingarn Medal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the noted artist Marian Anderson.

The ceremonies took place in the Mosque Auditorium in Richmond at the closing session of the 30th annual conference of the NAACP. More than 5,000 persons packed the hall, with fully 5,000 on the outside listening to a loudspeaker extension. They gave Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Anderson an unprecedented ovation.

"All races and creed must be able to understand the problems before us," Mrs. Roosevelt said after referring to the "troubled conditions" in the world. "We cannot grow unless we are concerned about the environment of all our people."

Mrs. Roosevelt again came to the defense of minority groups in a statement to the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Washington, declaring that the promotion of a better understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews in America is "one of the most necessary tasks confronting us."

To the conference founded in 1928 to further justice, amity and understanding among members of the three faiths, The First Lady declared that joint action by all citizens in dealing with common problems is urgently necessary "in view of much that is happening elsewhere in the world."

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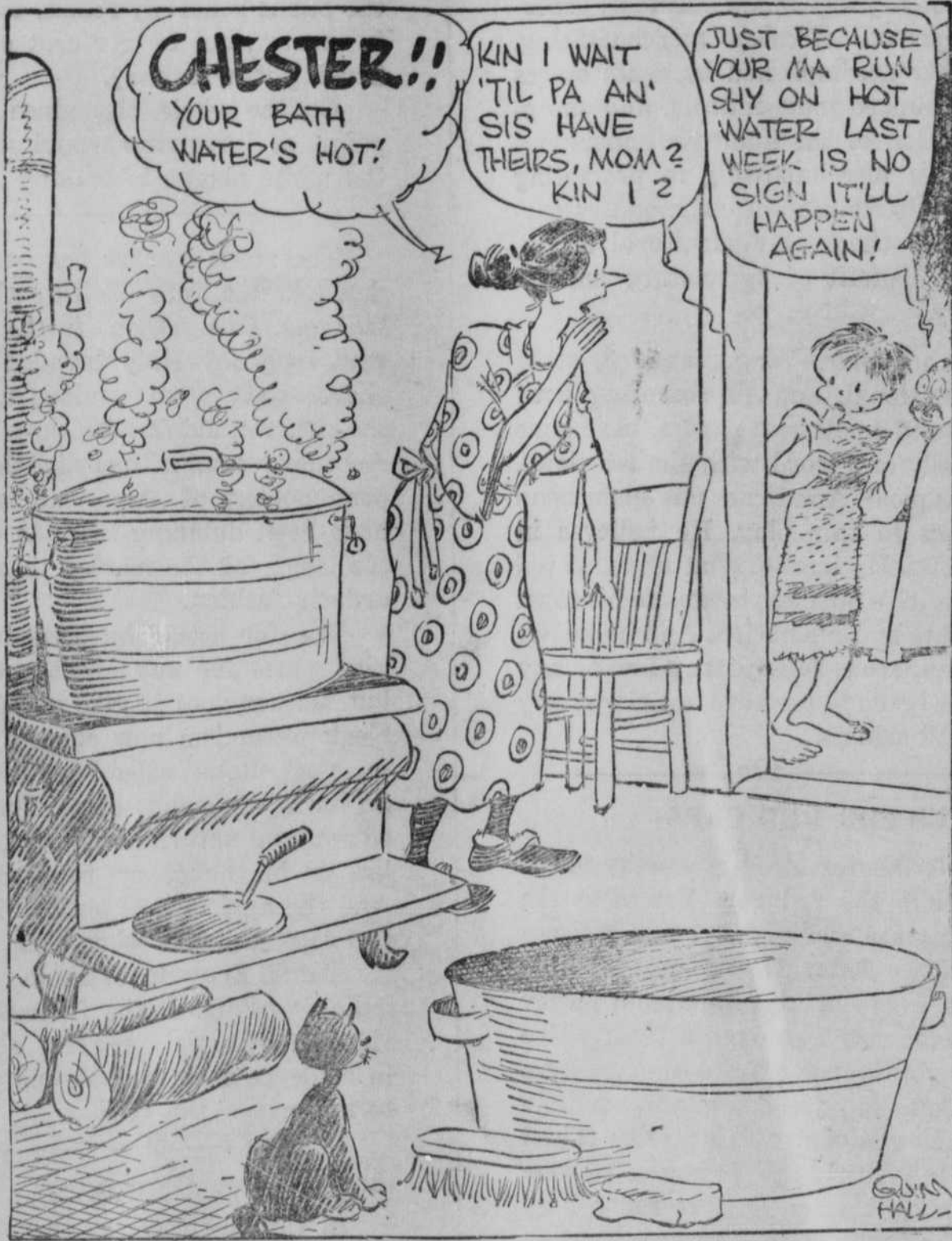
WORTH A DIME

BRUD HOLLAND PICKED FOR ALL-STAR GIANT GRID GAME

Pittsburgh, July 13 (CNA)—Jerome Harlow (Brud) Holland, Cornell's All-American end in 1937 and 1938, has accepted an invitation to play with the Eastern College All-Stars against the champion New York Giants, Dr. John Bain Sutherland, coach of the All-Stars announced this week. The game will be played on the night of Sept. 7th at the Polo Grounds in New York.

The All-American ace, 210 lbs., 6 feet 2 inches and extremely fast, played left end both on offense and defense through his three varsity years under Carl Snively at Cornell.

SATURDAY NIGHT BACK HOME



Pittman, Former "Brotherhood Eyes" Editor, Paroled from Prison

Dallas, July 19 (ANP) Confirmation of the release from Leavenworth prison of W. Sidney Pittman, former editor of the notorious scandal sheet "Brotherhood Eyes" was noted last week when Pittman arrived in Dallas and started working for the Excelsior Life Insurance Company. Henry Strickland, president of the risk firm, reportedly signed the parole papers, rumored to have taken effect last February.

Pittman was convicted in Dallas Federal Court in 1936 of sending obscene reading matter through the mails, and given a five year sentence. Until stopped by action

of the Federal Court, "Brotherhood Eyes" allegedly exposed, berated and denounced Negroes of high and low estate, laid bare their private lives omitting no details, held up many a man and woman to public ridicule.

Pittman's foot slipped when he selected as a victim, Edward L. Snyder, at that time a representative of the Universal Life Insurance Company which Pittman was lambasting in a merciless editorial attack. Snyder fought back exposed the editor and helped direct the legal attack which soon placed the paper on the defunct list, its editor behind prison bars.

ministrator, who warned that its provisions would "practically wreck the program now in operation." He assailed the "glaring misstatements of facts" of anti-WPA witnesses, who testified before the Woodrum committee.

New Deal forces in Congress, fighting desperately to save WPA, were being backed by progressives and organizations of WPA workers throughout the country.

The Workers Alliance issued a call for the broadest mass support for defense of the New Deal program and the preservation of WPA. Denouncing the dismissal of 1,500 persons from the Federal Theatre in New York, and the plans for the complete abolition of the Project by June 30, Alliance leaders urged the people to flood the House and Senate with letters and telegrams of protest, and to demand the passage of the Casey-Murray Bill which calls for an appropriation of \$2,250,000,000 to provide jobs for at least 3,000,000 workers.

Mitchell Asks Aid for Puerto Rico

Washington, July 19, (CNA)—Belief that Congress should pursue a very liberal policy toward Puerto Rico was expressed here this week by Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell of Chicago in a special interview on Puerto Rican affairs.

Mitchell said that, in furtherance of the democratic ideal, the Puerto Ricans should be encouraged to look forward to self-government and eventually to statehood.

The Illinois Congressman, who is advocating appointment of a native judge for the Virgin Islands, said he looked forward to the day when Puerto Rico will have all native officials, including a native governor.

"It is only natural that native officials should know more about the needs and requirements of the island," he pointed out.

And as a part of the democratic principle, it is necessary, of course, that we give their economic situation close attention and help them in every way," he added.

Three Arrested in Job Racket

New York, July 19 (CNA) Three men were arrested in Brooklyn this week on charges of operating an unlicensed employment agency which specialized in luring Negro girls from the South with promises of lucrative jobs as domestics in this city. The men, all Negroes, are Curtis Ratcliffe, 27 years old, of 171 East Ninety-fifth St., Brooklyn, and John Pickens 47 and Brian

Forty of Nation's Leaders Urge Passage of Anti-Lynching Bill

NEW YORK CITY, July 20.—(ANP)—A strongly worded letter sent last Wednesday to members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, by the Volunteer Christian Committee to Boycott Nazi Germany, urged passage of the Gavan anti-lynching bill through the House and Senate before the present Congress adjourns. The letter was signed by Committee Chairman William Jay Schieffelin who is also a member of the board of trustees at Tuskegee Institute—and by more than 40 others, prominent in art, science, religion, civil rights and national affairs in America. The letter concluded: "Above all, we urge that this grave issue must come to a vote, for if the Anti-lynching bill were defeated it would be bad enough, but the cowardly and undemocratic tactics of avoiding a vote, which were resorted to last year, were a double defeat for Democracy."

Queens Official, Former Kluxer Blocks Negro Housing Project

New York, July 19 (Harry Raymond for CNA).—Queens Borough President George U. Harvey's outspoken opposition to the projected \$2,500,000 South Jamaica Low-rent Federal housing development for Negro slum dwellers aroused vigorous protests this week from both Negro and white organizations in Queens County. Harvey was once a member of a local Ku Klux Klan outfit.

Protests came from Joseph Rothman, white chairman of the South Jamaica Housing Commission, and Dr. John A. Singleton, chairman of the Jamaica branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

ETHIOPIA DRAINS ITALIAN TREASURY

ROME, July 20.—(CNA)—Fascist leaders admit that Italy's new "Africa empire" has assumed the shape of a "white elephant," which already has cost the fascist government more than two billion and a half dollars.

The exploitation of Ethiopia is proving, Fascist admit, even a bigger job than its conquest, which, incidentally is far from complete.

Before the Chamber of Fascists & Corporations, Duke Thao di Revan Minister of France recently admitted that in 5 years Ethiopia had cost Italy \$2,500,000,000 including the heavy expenses of the military campaign. This represents the equivalent of four annual budgets for the entire Italian Government.

General Attilio Toruzzi, Under-Secretary for Colonies admitted before the same body that native resistance to the fascist invaders was still it a high point.

Manila, Philippines, July 19 CNA Rejecting the protests of large landowners, President Manuel Quezon this week signed the Rice Tenancy act, prohibiting hacienda owners from rejecting tenants without legal cause.

Harvey denounced the slum clearance project and public housing in general at a Board of Estimate meeting last week when by his objection he blocked immediate consideration of a letter from Alfred Rheinstein, chairman of the City Housing Authority asking the Board to authorize condemnation proceedings to acquire the South Jamaica site in the vicinity of 159th St.

The matter was laid over for a week on the pretext that Harvey was not familiar with the methods of financing the project.

Rothman characterized the Queens Borough President as a political hypocrite and a "social snail" in answer to Harvey's declared opposition to government housing "because they have Federal housing in Russia."

Harvey's opposition to an honest Federal slum clearance plan was laid by his opponents to his close tie with rich white real estate interests and rent gougers.

It was noted that his closest advisor and political friend is John J. Halleran, millionaire Queens real estate owner, whom Harvey appointed as his commissioner of Borough Works.

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Plenty of Excitement As Cash Coals Beat O. K. Hard ware Team

— by Richard Stanley —

On Wednesday night July 12th at 16th and Boyd St., United Cash Coal beat O. K. Hardware 6 to 4 in the six inning game which was called on account of darkness.

The game was thrilled with excitement. The manager of the O. K. Hardware team took a poke at the old umpire for calling a beautiful curved ball a strike in the 5th inning. He called one just exactly the same on the Cash Coal boys but nothing was said—but when the old ump called one on the O. K. boys, a yell went up that could have been heard on 24th and Lake St.

A woman caused all the trouble by poking the ump in the eye, but old John law was there to quiet

the situation down and nobody was hurt and the best part of it all was that no Colored people were involved in the melee.

Willis, the pitcher, started the game off, but was pulled in favor of Grandpappy Morton who retired his side.

Scott's homer with Tapley on was the outstanding event of the afternoon.

New Deal Battles Drive to Destroy WPA

Washington, July 12, (CNA)—A snap fight of which will decide the fate of the nation's unemployed, was under way this week as New Deal forces prepared to defend the progressive and humanitarian program of the WPA.

Led by Representative Woodrum of Virginia, the tory Democratic-Republican coalition in the House reported out the 1940 Relief Bill, drawn by the Woodrum witch-hunting appropriations subcommittee which has been investigating relief.

The bill calls for the liquidation of the Federal Theatre Project, a New Deal agency that has provided jobs for hundreds of Negro professional people for whom opportunities in private enterprise are practically nil, drastic reductions in the personnel of other white collar projects that employ considerable percentages of Negroes, limitation of construction projects to a \$25,000 maximum, as well as other prohibitions which, social workers agree, would have disastrous results on the welfare of the needy and on the whole recovery program.

The bill was vigorously opposed by Colonel Harrington, WPA ad-

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