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## Hearings Begin April 1 On Defense Jim Crow

### WARNING TO FREE NATIONS

(Reprint from the Magazine, "ASIA", March 1941—A Comment by PEARL S. BUCK)

The democracies are in danger of narrowing their front. That front must not be allowed to shrink to the limits of England, for however acute the moment there, it is still only one point of the front. That front extends to millions of people within the democracies themselves who share little or none of the benefits of the form of government for which they are now, or maybe, compelled to fight.

I speak of the millions in India, who, without being given their right to choose for themselves, have been forced to give men and resources to support a democratic government which has not given them democracy, and has, indeed, within recent weeks put into prison yet again and for a period of four years that leader of Indian democracy, Jawaharlal Nehru.

I speak of twelve million Negroes in the United States of America, who are oppressed by race prejudice which prevents their taking any active share in the life of the nation. They are excluded socially and economically and culturally by the white Americans, and yet they are being told today to fight for the liberty and equality of democracy. Who can blame them if they ask: "Whose liberty? What equality?"

I speak of the peasants of China, long oppressed by governments, by the rich, by the intelligentsia. Seventy-five percent of these peasants are illiterate. Taxes, collected sometimes as much as fifty years in advance, have kept them in dire poverty. Opium has been forced upon them that officials might collect revenue. Flood and famine and civil war have been allowed to kill them off—generation after generation, nor have they been relieved in anyway, their more fortunate fellow countrymen taking the callous view that the deaths of thousands of peasants are China's strongest resistance today to her enemy.

For whose liberty and equality are we fighting, when we fight for democracy, unless we fight for all? When we defend democracy, whom are those we defend, if we do not defend all? Unless we are willing to face this full front of battle, we shall lose, even though Hitler himself is defeated. And we cannot evade by refusal to speak to each other of our weaknesses. The American must not fear to speak of India, nor refuse to acknowledge the Negro. And neither he nor the Briton must fear to speak with candor to China. To fight with England for Europe's freedom while India is governed by tyranny, is a monstrous contradiction, and yet no more monstrous than that while the United States prepares for a mighty defense of her democracy, twelve million Americans should be denied equality in a nation founded upon equal opportunity for all, and not more monstrous than that in China, a country fighting the aggressor, millions of peasants have little redress from oppressions of their own people who are profiteers, landlords, militarists and corrupt officials.

Democracy cannot win so long as these contradictions remain unchanged. We will lose from within. For this war now going on in which the last great democracy may soon be plunged, is more than a material war. It is a war in which, if the democracies are to win, they must win by clear conviction of the right. We will not get an all-out energy even for defense unless the moral issue is made clear for all honest people. And people are more honest, they are harder and less sentimental today than they were in the first World War. That war came suddenly after years of soft living. But this war comes after years of struggle and depression and hardship. Sentimentality has already been stripped away. Stronger men and women face the war today. They will make ready their defenses, they will fight, for that in which they believe. But they must first make sure that the thing in which they believe is true, and not a mouthful of words.

Millions upon millions of people, at this hour now approaching crisis, wait for leadership toward freedom. That leadership will not come in clear and infallible and necessary strength until it comes first out of moral truth. Millions ready to follow, wait for a sign. What better sign could there be than that the enslaved within the democracies themselves shall be freed? Nothing and no one could prevent victory then. (But lacking that sign, who can foretell the future.

Sub-Committee Appointed by Sen. Elbert Thomas To Inquire Into Negro Participation In National Defense

Washington, D. C.—Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, chairman of the Senate committee on Education announced the membership of the sub-committee to hold preliminary hearings on S. R. 5 which provides for an exhaustive investigation of discrimination against the Negro in the national defense program.

Chairman of the sub-committee is Senator H. H. Schwartz of Wyoming. The other members of the sub-committee of five are Senators Claude Pepper of Florida, James M. Mead of New York, Robert A. Taft of Ohio and Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin. It will be remembered that Senator Schwartz introduced the amendment to the National Defense Act to prohibit discrimination on account of race, creed or color.

According to present plans, the sub-committee will hold its first hearing on April 1 when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will testify.

The Senate sponsors of the resolution—Senators Robert F. Wagner of New York, W. Warren Barbour of New Jersey, Arthur Capper of Kansas, and Prentiss Brown of Michigan—will urge speedy adoption of the resolution and will emphasize the nature and extent of the discrimination the Negro is encountering which makes such Senate action necessary.

It is hoped that the sub-committee will make a speedy report, after the factual material has established the need of an exhaustive Senate probe of discrimination. Senator Thomas has pledged speedy action by the full Senate committee on Education and Labor as soon as the sub-committee has acted. This will bring S. R. 75 to the floor of the Senate very shortly for a vote, provided it is not held up by the Senate Audit and Control committee of which Senator James F. Brynes of South Carolina is chairman. Under the Senate rules, all measures which provide for expenditure from the Senate contingent fund must be passed on by the Audit and Control committee.

Walter White, NAACP secretary, who has been here most of the week working on the above steps, again urged that authentic information regarding discrimination, particularly in industrial plants filling contracts from the federal government for the defense program, be sent to the national office of the N. AACP., 69 Fifth Avenue, New

### Editor To Be Honored



Robert L. Vann, late editor and publisher of the Pittsburgh Courier, whose achievements are to be memorialized in a tower to be erected on the campus of his alma mater, Virginia Union university

at Richmond. The tower is the gift of the Begian government and was a part of the Belgian Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. (ANP) (Memorial Picture on page 3)

York. "We are convinced that if the American people only knew what is going on in the national defense program and fully understood how vicious is the discrimination the Negro is encountering, there would be country-wide indignation against those who are holding up defense because of their anti-Negro prejudices.

## VERNON BROWN BENEFIT AFFAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

Vernon Brown, a lad with a fighting spirit, has a greater opportunity for recovery; his friends helped to increase the fund for him by making the Benefit Dance held for him at the Dreamland Hall on Monday, February 25 a huge success. The committee announced that the net proceeds from the dance totalled \$303.00 and they had hopes that the total sum raised will amount to \$350.00 when all reports are completed.

Mr. Goldie Davis was the outstanding ticket seller. He turned in \$95.00 from his sales to the Omaha Athletic club employees and members. Mr. Bill Gordon sold \$40.00 worth of tickets in the Nebraska Power Company and the

Electric Building. Mr. Charley Crump's sales at the Wilson Packing Company amounted to \$30.80. Other outstanding ticket sales were made by Milton Johnson of the Johnson Drug Company, Ralph Underwood and the American Legion Post No. 30, McGill's Bar, Arthur Goodlett at the Cudaby Packing Co., H. and M. Buffet by Cleo Mortimer and Jess Hardin, Lee Washington at the Apex Bar, Roy White for the IBPOE, of W., Ed. "Bearcat" Wright, Harvey Carter, at the Armour's Packing Co., J. Dillard Crawford, Charles F. Davis, Johnny Owens, Orlo South, John Elliott, Henry Robinson.

Mr. James "Jimmie" Jewell donated the hall for the affair. The

## NAZIS' PLAN FOR NEGRO

(Reprint from The Nation, March 1 Issue)

—BY HANS HABE—  
The "Illustrierte Beobachter", German illustrated weekly, has recently published a special issue devoted to the question of France's war guilt. This journal, known as the I. B., is an official German weekly and an offshoot of the "Voelkische Beobachter", in which Adolph Hitler has the controlling interest. Published by order of Propaganda Minister Goebbels, this special issue was the opening (Continued on page 3)

### FREE CANDY! FREE CANDY TODAY!!!

Hello, boys and girls. A break for you if you can find an Omaha Guide of March 15, 1941 and bring it to 2420 Grant St., the Omaha Guide office, or to Johnson's Drug Store and we will give you a penny's worth of candy in exchange for the Omaha Guide. Remember it must bear the date of March 15, 1941. You will have to hurry for we only need 100 copies for our files.

American Legion Post 1 "Blue Band" played a few hill-billy numbers. General Chairman, Joe Stolski gave thanks to the press and the radio stations for the publicity they gave the affair. Mrs. June Robinson, Vernon's mother, was there to personally express her thanks. She addressed the crowd as "friends, Vernon's friends".

Vernon, himself sent a telegram of thanks for the wonderful effort his friends put forth in his behalf.

### NYE THRILLS HARLEM MASS MEETING

New York, N. Y.—March 22 — Castigating the President for reneging on his recent campaign pledges to keep America out of war, Senator Gerald P. Nye of N. Dakota thrilled a large and enthusiastic audience at the Golden Gate Ballroom in Harlem last night with his criticism of warmongers.

Noted as an outstanding Senate isolationist and exposé of the international munitions trust, Senator Nye immediately won his audience by his verbal shafts and trenchant wit. He traced the growth of the war spirit in the United States from Roosevelt's "quarantine the aggressors" speech down thru the all aid to Britain short of war period to the present request for American warships to convoy freighters to England. This step he warned would inevitably lead to a declaration of war.

Preceding Senator Nye on the platform was John T. Flynn, national chairman of the Keep America Out of War Conference, who warned of the danger to the minority groups in this country with the repressive measures which would follow a declaration of war. He contended that war would lead to Facism in this country and the Negroes would be the first ones to suffer from it.

The final speaker was J. A. Rogers, noted historian and war correspondent, and author of Sex and Race. Mr. Rogers discussed the discrimination against Negroes in England and her colonies.

Anne Brown Sings—  
The soloist for the evening was Anne Wiggins Brown, noted star of the Gershwin opera "Porgy and Bess", who sang the national anthem.

Prior to the speaking, the audience was entertained by a Latin American orchestra.

George S. Schuyler, well known newspaper man and author, and chairman of the Negroes Against War Committee, presided.

During the week of March 30 to April 6, 1941, —these days and nights shall be set aside as National Negro Health Week, and should be observed by every race member.

Let us observe our own individual health. Let us then take an inventory of ourselves to see if we are able to run all way and win the great fight of life because we are fit. Jesus said "which of you intending to build a town sitteth not down first and counteth the cost whether he have sufficient to finish it? Or what king going into battle sitteth not down first and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh with twenty-thousand?" Many of the war-like virtues such as physical courage, cooperation, endurance, and faith in leaders are desirable traits at all times. Plans for physical and social fitness must be beyond the immediate needs. Fitness must be both physical and mental. Treason may occur among persons physically fit, but never among those mentally and spiritually prepared as well.

Do not think that because you are at home and not among special National Defense Groups your health preparedness does not count. No man liveth to himself alone or apart from others. What a man does about his health may concern his family, his business associates and even his entire community. There is no more profitable form of conservation than the saving and prolonging of human life, and no more abominable waste than that caused by preventable sickness and premature death.

The race is not to the swift so much as to the careful driver and to him who holds out to the end. Let us run the race this week with momentum that will carry us forward through the entire year, making sure that America's Health is America's Strength, and that we shall not be satisfied with victory short of the goal of national health. Run as Paul instructs and inspires you; lay aside the hindrances and keep your eyes on the Guide, Christ Jesus, Who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. LET US PRAY:—

Father in Heaven, help us we pray Thee  
To appreciate our bodies and to keep them

That Thou canst always find a dwelling place there.

Keep us from sin and temptation that we may not

Bring reproach upon ourselves

Help us through righteousness to build our Nation.

Help us, Oh God, to be prepared in body, in mind and in soul,

Not for war, not to kill, not hate,

But that we may have peace and life, and love and happiness for all.

And help us to run this race with patience

Looking to Thee for Victory.

Through Jesus, we ask these blessings.—Amen.

### MEN'S DAY PROGRAM AT CLAIR CHAPEL

There will be a Men's Day program given at the Clair Chapel Church, 22nd and Miami Street on Sunday, March 30, both in the morning and in the afternoon. Two groups are sponsoring the program, one headed by Rev. J. E. Wade and the other by Mr. Sam Grevious. Everyone is invited.

### FINED \$5.00 AND COSTS

Doris Washington, 2430 Lake St., was fined \$5.00 and costs in Judge Palmer's court on Friday, March 21.

### CHARGED WITH BOOTLEGGING

Case of Rueben McGee, 2411 Patrick avenue, who was charged with bootlegging was continued from March 24, until Saturday, March 29th.

### 30 DAYS—

Novella Parks was sentenced by Judge Palmer to serve 30 days in jail after inflicting knife wounds upon Ellis Lawson. He appeared in court with bandages on his lips and chest to appear against her.

### \$7.50 AND COST—

Foch Allen, 23, 2216 North 24th Street, was fined \$7.50 and costs on a speeding charge Saturday.

### FIRES—

A fire call was turned in at at 1:05 p. m. Tuesday from 2613 Grant St., in the apartment of Olive Love. Grease burning on the cooking stove was blamed for the fire.

At 2:40 p. m. Tuesday a fire was recorded from 2616 Seward St. at the residence of V. Pitts, an overheated furnace pipe ignited the wall.

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—C. C. Galloway, Business Manager.



EVELYN SMITH and ORVILLE COX as they sang "Indian Summer", Vernie's favorite piece. The dancers paid tribute to Vernon when they slowed their dancing steps on this number. About six hundred dancers were present for the Benefit.