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EXECUTIVE SEC'Y OF U. P. DINING CAR WAITERS, ELDER G. SCOTT DIES SUDDENLY

Stimson, Knox Wire Randolph FOR CONFERENCE ON NEGROES' MARCH

ON WASHINGTON, JULY 1

Washington, D. C.—The whole of the Negro population of the country is aroused and the March on Washington takes on tremendous significance and momentum as the date set for the massing in the nation's capital of thousands of Negroes draws nearer.

July 1 will see the calvade parading through the streets of Washington carrying banners and signs protesting discrimination against Negroes in the national defense program.

The NAACP is wholeheartedly back of the movement, has contributed financially to it, and branches throughout the country have been urged to give it unqualified support and participation.

Last week, A Philip Randolph, director of the March, received telegrams from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, requesting that he come to Washington for a conference. Mr. Randolph consented only on condition that other members of the committee also be present.

At the conference Stimson, Knox, Sidney Hillman, William S. Knudsen of the OPM, and others are expected to be present to hear the committee's demands that there be immediate cessation of discriminatory practices by the Army, Navy, defense industries and the air corps.

The March committee headquarters at 2289 Seventh Avenue, New York City, is receiving scores of letters from persons who wish to register to go to Washington on July 1.

There will be a huge mass meeting before the Lincoln Memorial at which time Marchers will be addressed by Mr. Randolph and Walter White, NAACP secretary who will express the impatience of the Negro people with continued segregation and discrimination.

GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR CONVENE IN OMAHA JUNE 17, 18, 19

The Amaranthus Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapt. held their 20th annual communication in Omaha, Nebraska, beginning June 17th, thru the 19th at the Masonic Temple, 26th and Blondo Streets. A reception and dance preceded the session and was held the evening of the 17th—the public was invited to take part, admission free. The business of the Grand Chapter began on the morning of the 18th. The session was in charge of the present Grand officers, Mrs. Mable M. Galbreath, Worthy Grand Matron of Lincoln, Nebraska; Mr. Russell E. Reese, Worthy Grand Patron, Omaha; Mrs. Cloma Hastings Scott, Grand Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Moore, Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Flora Greer, General Chairman, all of Omaha.

NEGRO MEDICAL SOCIETY ELECTION

The Nebraska Negro Medical Society, member of the National Negro Medical Association, selected Dr. Craig Morris, 2405 Lake Street, as president for another term. Dr. S. B. Northcross, who was elected vice-president, Dr. Price Terrell, Secretary, Dr. Herbert Wiggins, Treasurer.

The group has been cooperating with the state in its drives against tuberculosis, and social diseases and plans to sponsor a Fresh Air Camp for Negro children this summer.

ELKS ELECT MIDWEST OFFICERS

Waterloo, Ia., June 17.—Scott Mardis, Waterloo, was elected president of the Midwest Association of IBPO. of W. Elks at the close of the group's three day convention here late today.

Mardis succeeds Paul Holliday of Omaha. Leonard Norris, Omaha, was re-elected inner guard. Holliday was elected a trustee.

Louis-Conn Bout

54,487 FIGHT FANS PAY \$450,000 TO SEE LOUIS-CONN BOUT—

Last night, Wednesday, Joe Louis defeated the eighteenth challenger for his heavyweight crown. This time it was Billy Conn. The end came in the 13th round, when Conn thought Louis was weakening.

To those who heard the fight returns over the radio, it was apparent that the announcer was a Conn booster, but the deadly punches of Joe Louis could not be stopped by a radio announcer—And so Louis finally caught up with the dancing, gallant Conn. A clamor has gone up for a rematch. Perhaps it will be held, doubtless with the same results.

July 1, 1941 Registration

Every man in the State of Nebraska, who has attained the 21st anniversary of the day of his birth subsequent to October 16, 1940 and before midnight July 1, 1941—with a few specific exceptions made by Congress—must register with his local Selective Service Board on July 1, Brigadier General Guy N. Henninger, State Director, said today.

Aliens, as well as American citizens, who are 21 years old on July 1 must be registered, General Henninger emphasized; also pointing out that the aliens between the ages of 21 and 36 years, who have come to the United States since the first registration on October 16, 1940, and have not been registered, must appear before local boards on July 1, to register.

Quoting from Selective Service regulations, General Henninger pointed out that the exemptions from registration as provided by the Selective Training and Service Act and the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941 are:

“Commissioned officers, warrant officers, pay clerks, and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Public Health Service the federally recognized active National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Regular Army Reserve, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve, cadets, United States Military Academy; midshipmen, United States Naval Academy; cadets, United States Coast Guard Academy; men who have been accepted for admittance (commencing with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance) to the United States Military Academy as cadets, to the United States Naval Academy as midshipmen, or to the United States Coast Guard Academy as cadets, but only during the continuance of such acceptance; cadets of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps; members of the Coast Guard Reserve, other than temporary members; and diplomatic representatives, technical attaches of foreign embassies and legations, consuls general, consular vice, consuls, and consular agents of foreign countries, residing in the United States, who are not citizens of the United States and who have not declared their intention to become citizens of the United States.

Special registrars will be provided to register men who cannot appear before the local board because of illness or other incapacity.

Every man subject to registration who is an inmate of an asylum, Jail, penitentiary, reformatory, or similar institution on July 1 is required to register on the day he leaves the institution.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

TO HOLD GIGANTIC DEMONSTRATION SUNDAY

The first real demonstration of the Fight For Freedom, Inc., in Harlem, (whose program is real democracy for the Negro in America now is severance of diplomatic relations with the Axis, and support of the President's foreign policy) will be staged on Sunday afternoon, June 22, when a gigantic patriotic street parade and mammoth mass meeting will be held at the Golden Gate ballroom, Lenox Avenue and 142nd Street.

The Mass meeting will present opportunity for Negroes to hear at first-hand the true status of national affairs as they affect everyone, particularly members of the Negro race.

The event will take on national significance with the major news reel companies and broadcasting companies cooperating.

Principal speaker, and one who is very much in the national limelight now, will be Colonel William “Wild Bill” Donovan, President Roosevelt's Ambassador-at-large to warn torn Europe. Other speakers who will appear will be Robert Sherwood of the U. S. Army Morale Commission; Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson of the I. BOP. of W.; Miss Dorothy Parker, celebrated columnist and writer Mrs. Ruth Whitehead Whaley, well known Harlem attorney, Herbert Agar Editor, Louisville Courier-Journal and the Rev. Adam C. Powell, Jr., pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church.

Also invited as speakers are Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Lieutenant-Governor Charles P. Cetti and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia.

Attorney Thomas B. Dyett, member of the state Correction Commission and chairman of the Harlem Division of the Fight For Freedom, will preside at the meeting.

Dr. Hudson J. Oliver will act as Marshal of the parade which will precede the mass meeting. He is a well known physician and prominent Elk. The parade, participated in by the various Elk, civic and military groups, will be a colorful spectacle with thousands of marchers, all of whom are interested in the Fight for Freedom.

The Fight for Freedom, Inc., maintains an office in Harlem at 2305 Seventh Avenue with Edward White as executive secretary; Hon. Thomas B. Dyett, chairman; Mrs. Marie Brown-Brewer and Miss Lucille Womack, Co-Chairman of the Women's Division; C. D. King, treasurer; Ludlow W. Werner, press; and Hon. Fred R. Moore, honorary chairman.

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ANTI-NEGRO JOB STAND HIT BY PRESIDENT DIRECTS OPM TO END DISCRIMINATION IN ALL DEFENSE HIRING

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 15—Asserting he had received complaints of nationwide discrimination against Negroes in defense industries, President Roosevelt called upon the office of production management today to take immediate steps to deal “effectively” with this “grave” situation.

In a memorandum to William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman, co-directors, Mr. Roosevelt said “no nation combating the increasing threat of totalitarianism can afford arbitrarily to exclude large segments of its population from its defense industries.”

It is “even more important,” he added, “for us to strengthen our unity and morale by refuting at home the very theories which we are fighting abroad.”

Needed Men Barred

“Complaints have repeatedly been brought to my attention,” he declared, “that available and much needed workers are being barred from defense production solely because of race, religion or national origin. It is said that at a time when labor stringencies are appearing in many areas, fully qualified workers are being turned from the gates of industry on specifications entirely unrelated to efficiency and productivity. Also that discrimination against Negro workers has been nationwide, and other minority groups have felt its effects in many localities.

“Our government cannot countenance continued discrimination against American citizens in defense production. Industry must take the initiative in opening the doors of employment to all loyal and qualified workers regardless of race, national origin, religion or color. American workers both organized and unorganized, must be prepared to welcome the general and much-needed employment of fellow workers of all racial and nationality origins in defense industries.

Must Face Problem—

“In the present emergency, it is imperative that we deal effectively and speedily with this problem. I shall expect the office of production management to take immediate steps to facilitate the full utilization of our productive man-power.”

CONVENTION IN OMAHA

The annual session of the New Era Association of Nebraska and Auxiliaries held with Paradise Baptist Church at 23rd and Clark Sts. The convention began on June 9, and convened on June 15. Rev. C. Adams, Pastor and Rev. F. P. Jones, Moderator. Clarence Ross, and Roscoe Brown from South Omaha attending the convention representing

Mount Olive Church of the South side.

QUEEN OF NEBRASKA

Miss Bertha Davis, who is the daughter of Mrs. Lucinda Davis, 2530 Grant, was crowned Queen of the State of Nebraska. Miss Davis was supported by the Zion Red Circle girls and many friends. Miss Davis is the treasurer of the Red Circle girls. Secretary of the

Elder G. Scott, Secretary and Executive Officer of the Union Pacific Dining Car Waiters' Union died suddenly Wednesday night from a heart attack, suffered while listening to the Joe Louis-Conn fight.

Mr. Scott has lived in Omaha for more than thirty years and was widely known and highly respected. He formerly served as headwaiter at the Rome Hotel and other hosteries in the community and on dining cars. He was a member of Bethel A.M.E. church, and the Masonic fraternity.

JOHN L. LEWIS RESCUES HIS MAID FROM THE CLUTCHES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

Because Miss Daisy Willett, 1400 Half Street, S. W., maid of John L. Lewis, refused to accept Virginia Jim Crow, and move to the rear of a bus in Alexander Tuesday night, she was arrested. Her hearing was continued Wednesday in Alexander police court until next Friday. An additional charge of disorderly conduct was eliminated after examination of all evidence. Police state Mrs. Willett seated herself in the front section of the A. B. and W. Bus Lines and refused to move to the rear when requested to do so by the driver. An argument started climaxed by her arrest at Powhattan and Washington St., Alexander, Va. Later she was released in the custody of the CIO chief, John L. Lewis.

Well, this is another page in Hitler's American Democracy Calendar.

NEGRO AWARDED \$1,480,285 CONTRACT TO BUILD AIR CORPS BASES

Nashville, Tenn.—McKissick and McKissick, local Negro construction contractors, and Hlyard R. Robinson, Washington, D. C. architect, have been awarded a contract approved by the O. P. M. for construction of air bases for the 92nd Pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee, the war department announced this week. It was estimated that the cost of constructing buildings to house the all-Negro unit is \$1,480,285. The McKissick brothers Mose and Calvin have for 30 years been outstanding builders in the south and have constructed many of its largest buildings and most beautiful homes. Robinson is a noted architect and has designed many homes and housing project buildings constructed by government funds. He is a teacher of architect at Howard university.

DR. FOSTER UNDER \$2,500 BOND

Washington, D. C. —June 10, Two youths, accused of breaking and entering 19 homes, claimed that they sold diamond watches and rings to Dr. William H. Foster. Dr. Foster was held on six counts. The youths who gave testimony were Burl T. Randall, 21 of the 400 Block, Elm St. Northwest and Raymond E. Sutton, 22, the associate. Police officers found a number of stolen watches rings and other jewelry in Dr. Foster's office.

ROZELLA THOMAS, NEBR. STATE SECRETARY

Miss Rozella Thomas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 2874 Maple, was elected Corresponding Secretary of Nebraska at the Pre-Sunday School and B. YPU. Congress. Miss Rozella Thomas is the Vice President of the Red Circle Girls and the President of the Sub-Debs. She is an active member of Zion Baptist Church. She is also a Junior at Central High school and when she graduates, she anticipates attending Howard University at Washington, D. C. Her ambition is to be a nurse. We know this young lady will be most likely to succeed because she has a pleasing personality. She is friendly and she is intelligent. Much success to you Miss Thomas.

Sub-Debs club. She is an active member of Zion Baptist Church. She is a Junior at Central High school, a member of the A. Capella Choir and ROTC. Band at Central. Her ambition is to become a become a radio concert pianist.

ANOTHER BLACK PAGE FOR ADOLPHE HITLER'S CALENDAR OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

BLACK SPOT ON A PAGE OF AMERICAN HISTORY MADE IN CONROE, TEXAS, June 14

ASSAILANT DID NOT EVEN GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO SAY “LORD HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL”

Bob White was in court to be tried for an accused attack. While awaiting to be called to the witness stand W. S. Cochran walked up behind Bob White, without any notice to White that his life was to be snapped out, and Cochran blew White's brains out by shooting him in the back of the head—a cowardly act indeed. This was done in a crowded courtroom during the process of a trial, with a number of deputy sheriffs surrounding Bob White.

White had been convicted in Polk County twice before. Each time the sentence had been reversed by the State Supreme Court.

Cochran was released immediately after the shooting on a \$500.00 signed bond.

Conroe, Texas, June 16.—It took a Polk County jury on convictions, ONLY 2 MINUTES to find W. S. Cochran, 39, who murdered Bob White in the courtroom, while on trial Thursday, June 12, NOT GUILTY.

This is Texas justice. This is American democracy. This could not be any worse than Hitlerism in Germany. This is why so many American Negroes today are welcoming a change in the American democracy, one way or the other. What is the Attorney General of the United States, with his FBI, going to do about it? Every local and national officer of the court and of the Federal Government takes an oath, with his hand on the Bible,—to uphold the Constitution of the United States. Yes, even the President, if you please!

This we claim is a violation of the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of our Federal Government. The President has the power to enforce the Constitution of our Government through his constitutional agencies. We wonder what President Roosevelt is going to do about this case.

BYRNES APPOINTMENT Shocks Race

NAACP TELLS ROOSEVELT

Southerner Has Unfavorable Record on All Questions Involving Race

New York—The appointment of Senator James F. Byrnes of South Carolina to be associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, Thursday, June 12, is a shock to Negro Americans, the NAACP informed President Roosevelt.

Immediately upon receipt of word of the appointment the Association which has long fought Byrnes' reactionary racial and labor policies and has repeatedly exposed his unfavorable stand in questions involving the Negro and other minorities, wired the President.

Irony of the situation was that Byrnes' nomination was confirmed eleven minutes after the Senate received word of it, in spite of the Senate's previous ruling never to confirm an appointment to the Supreme Court bench without a hearing. This ruling was made after the furor which arose when Justice Black was appointed. The nominations of Justice Harlan F. Stone and Attorney General Robert L. Jackson were referred to the Senate judiciary committee.

Byrnes, as senator, fought the Wage Hour Bill, lobbied and filibustered against the anti-lynching bill, ranted against the Negro press and in 1917 opposed the conscription bill because “Under the War Department's conscription bill they would have the right to assign a (white) boy from South Carolina to serve... by the side of a Negro from Indiana. If they did this they would not have to go to Europe for war.”

Byrnes whose reputation as a shrewd politician is exceeded by few, has on every occasion opposed grants of Federal funds to Howard university. His home state, South Carolina is a poll tax state where only 5.2 percent of the voting-age population cast ballots in the presidential election of 1940.

When she graduates she anticipates attending Fisk University, or Washington Heights in Washington, D. C. We hope she will succeed.

RETURNS AFTER TWO YEAR SOJOURN IN SOUTH AND THE WEST



WANASEBE S. FLETCHER, son of Atty. and Mrs. W. B. Bryant, returns home after a two year sojourn in the South and the West.

He did practice teaching at Wiley College in 1939 and assisted in the directing of the college orchestra and band. From Wiley he was recommended to the Webster Parish Training school at Minden, La., where he served as social study and mathematics instructor, band and assembly director. There he was chairman of the high school faculty and a member of the curriculum revision committee.

Mr. Fletcher is a former student of the Three Arts Conservatory at Wichita, Kansas, with a major in trumpet, violin and theory; Howard University, A. B. in social science and education; Nebraska University, A. M. in economics, business and personnel administration.

He did one year's resident study on the Ph. D. degree in the field of social economics at the university of California the past scholastic year.