

'Gird Now for Coming Struggle'.....

Barclay visit to Bolster Negro Democrats?

Washington, June 15 (ANP) — Was the visit of President Barclay of Liberia a political gesture, planned to bring back into the Democratic fold the fast vanishing Negro vote? Sentiment in the capital runs strongly to that direction with many being outspoken in their pointing out that the serious defections of the Negro vote from the Democratic party grew out of the failure of the party to sustain

Roosevelt's plans for certain improvements in the condition of the Negro generally.

However, with all of these plans blocked by reactionary Dixie autocrats, Roosevelt and the New Deal are forced to suffer the loss of the Negro vote in the pivotal states where often the black vote is the balance of power.

It is noteworthy, as one of the objectors point out, that Mr. Barclay was taken to states where there is a strong Republican machine operating to the detriment of the New Deal; Ohio, which has a Republican governor; senators and representatives who are not "back seat drivers;" from Ohio into Pennsylvania; then into New York and so on, in each of the states where there is a large Negro vote hitherto Republican, but in recent years, Democratic... now wavering between loyalty and disillusionment.

Care was taken to not offend any deeper than possible the feelings of the strong southern bloc of senators who now control the senate.

The Republicans are saying nothing. They are letting the Democrats go ahead with their plans and wait further developments.

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As I write this column, the tail end of J. "Fats" Robinson's long

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BLUE Two minutes steady blast of sirens, horns, whistles.	RAIDERS MAY RETURN	Civilian Defense remains mobilized. Public leaves shelter and resumes activities. Traffic resumes.
WHITE No public warning. Radio Stations will carry message.	RAIDERS HAVE GONE DANGER IS PAST	Civilian Defense demobilizes. Community returns to normal status.

It is important that everyone should familiarize himself with the new air raid warning signals.

"Such activity might endanger their lives, the lives of others and make the information they have worthless. They should, however, report this information at once to OCD headquarters and also to the Military Intelligence, Seventh Service Command, Jackson 7900 or the FBI, Jackson 8220, depending on whether it concerns an enemy attack or sabotage unrelated to organized military attack.

"Organized sabotage is directed by trained Nazi saboteurs loosed on the world. To combat and capture them is no job for an amateur," Mr. Davidson said. "These official agencies are trained in investigation and able to do the necessary sleuthing more efficiently than a civilian."

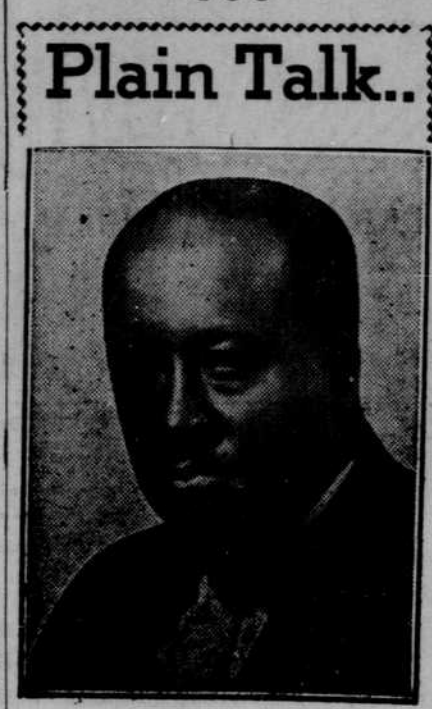
funeral procession has just passed my window. Yep, Fats Robinson is gone—dropped dead, just like that. He was truly the king of night life in this man's town. His Apex club in R-6th St., was a pleasant escape from the August heat. Chicago is going to miss Fats. Clonquenteen Wilkies, Miss Bronze Co. 1942, is out of town for the summer. He has been attending Allen University in Columbia, S. C. I read Billy Rowe's column on night life in Harlem. "Broadway" Bradley is forever beating his gums about "Shoem Town's" Rialto. Rollo Vest vows that Detroit's Paradise Valley is a haven for sun dodgers but, make it from me, brother, Chicago's Bronzeville has everything that's needed in night life. You'll find Anna Jones, former dancing beauty, running her own Turf Club here and Joe Hughes, former Mayor of Bronzeville, boasts of his DeLuxe Club and manager, smiling Charlie Christian. Charley Glenn's Rhumbogie is the town talk and it jumps with Tiny Bradshaw's band. "Big Jim" Martin has opened his out of door gardens on the West Side and the place is sporting a new coat of paint. Herelle Collins, a former beauty prize winner, is among the headliners there. Dorothy Donegan was guest artist at a cocktail party at Rhumbogie. They say she stomped out a new pair of stompers. Rudy Williams, "The Boston Baby" has got Picadilly Patrons eating out of his hand, he says. If you want to hear the blues in new fashion, get an earful at Dan's (Iowa football star) Den. There is an unusual treat in store for you if you'll lend an ear at Dan Dixon and his boys at Square's Boulevard Lounge. Kelly's "411" Club is still tops in uniqueness and prices, too. Lloyd West declares there is nothing to the induction rumors and the Club Congo is still going strong. The Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association had the grandest time of

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There is overwhelming evidence of a deliberately planned effort on the part of certain elements of our population to head off the integration of colored men and women into American industry except as unskilled laborers. The walkout at Mobile, Alabama a few weeks ago and the more recent strike of 20,000 workers in the Packard plant in Detroit because three Negroes had been upgraded to jobs requiring skills, has all the earmarks of being engineered either by axis agents or by unregenerated transplanted southerners, who see in the breakdown of the pattern of racial segregation in industry the doom of that system by which the measure of man is the color of his skin, and who therefore are panicky lest the unfair advantage they have possessed for 300 years be on its way out. Of course it could be a combination of both but whatever it is, it could not have happened if the management of the shipyard in Mobile and the Packard plant in Detroit had at the outset taken a firm and forthright stand.

In all instances of mass walkouts such as these, the agitation is initiated and sustained by a very small and insignificant group of men, in most cases not more than fifteen or twenty. The number of the rank and file who would risk their jobs because a Negro is upgraded will be found to be infinitesimal. They are persuaded, cajoled, threatened by a few vicious leaders strategically situated in various departments. More often than not, the propaganda is spread by petty bosses, foremen, or supervisors who hope to gain the confidence of the workers under their control by making a show of looking out for their interests. Long before the walk-out occurs, the management itself is aware of the undercurrent of agitation and is able to identify the ringleaders. And where this agitation is continued without censure, it is accompanied by the great mass of workers that antipathy toward Negro workers has the sanction and the blessing of the management.

The Packard Company has been for many years one of the most reactionary of all the automotive companies in the Detroit area in its attitude toward Negro workers. It has stubbornly resisted the introduction of Negro workers for a quarter of a century, except on the lower levels. In contrast to the Ford Company, Packard has maintained a racial policy that was and is a reproach to American industry.

Because of its past history, it is difficult to believe that officials of the Packard Company are blameless in this latest and least inexcusable sabotage of the war effort. If the management did not stimulate the walk out, it certainly is guilty of criminal negligence in not taking steps to prevent it before it occurred, by summary action against the leaders whose activities must have been known.

These walk-outs are valuable in that they disclose the present and what is more important, the post-war program of certain organized groups in America. That they are organized there can be no doubt and one of their avowed missions is to destroy the economic gains which the Negro has been making as a result of the war. These dramatic demonstrations of planned racial repression and persecution should be the guide of the Negroes' strategy for the post-war years. They reveal the nature of the struggle that impends when millions of jobless soldiers return from the battlefields of Europe and Asia and Africa. There should be no doubt now in the mind of the Negro as to any plan of action. The time for silly maneuvering for priority in leadership is over. The time to gird for the greatest struggle in his history is at hand. It will be in truth a struggle for his survival as a free citizen in this republic as it will be a struggle for

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NEW YORK. ...Harlem's Men Behind the Bar Club threw its third annual ball at Bob Douglas' Renaissance Casino last week... to a packed house. You've never been anywhere and you've never seen anything until you go to a ball given by bartenders.

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Valada Snow opens at Max Gordon's swank Blue Angel in downtown Gotham's Swing Sector on the site of the old Kit Kat Club in 55th St. The former toast of Europe is playing her trumpet and chirping her songs as she did in the old days at the Grand Terrace in Chicago, the Cotton Club here and in Blackbirds. Leonard Ware's smash-hit trio is also on tap at the Angel.

Don Redman, master arranger, is picking up his baton again after years of inactivity as a maestro. The short, stumpy, thoroughly likeable ex-leader of McKinney's Cotton Pickers has been selected as the bandleader who'll put the music in the new half million dollar Gold Coast Room on the site of the old Winter Garden on Broadway.

Fritz Pollard, Sr., the all-American from Brown University, is putting in the talent and says the show will feature Ella Fitzgerald, Ava Andrews, four or five outstanding acts plus eight of American's survival of Democracy itself.

Just because the strikers belong to the CIO union it would be the height of folly for Negro workers to shun the ranks of organized labor. If the events at Mobile and Detroit have one lesson, it is that Negroes everywhere, in every occupation, on every level should join the ranks of organized labor, and if there is no union in the occupation in which they are engaged they should start one. It is obvious that any other course will be fatal.

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