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(Editorial Note: Pearl Buck, true humanitarian, hater of race prejudice and defender of the human rights of all oppressed darker races, has written one of the great books of time. The editors are reprinting, with permission, several digested chapters of "WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME", that speaks for the Negro in every chapter. Millions of white people will read this book.

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"THE DARK SHADOW"
CHAPTER ONE

"Come in, please," a young girl's soft voice said. "Mother is expecting you."

The young girl was very pretty. I saw that at my first glance. She was dark, eyes black, and her black hair smoothly curled and shining. If she had been born in Samoa or in the Philippines, she would have been called an island beauty. But she was born in the United States of America, in the city of Philadelphia.

She wore a white dress, plain and smart, and as she led the way into the quiet house that stood on a quiet street, I saw she had that peculiar grace which one sees so often in the South seas. But there was nothing foreign about her when she talked. Her speech was pure American.

"Will you please come upstairs?" she said.

So I followed her upstairs into a dignified and even handsome room, where we sat down while we

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FDR. HAS 'FINAL SAY' ON RACIAL DISPOSITIONS

Washington, —President Roosevelt will be the final arbiter on government policy for combating racial and religious discrimination in training and employment. An operating agreement announced by the war manpower commission and the fair employment practice committee Tuesday called for cooperative action between the agencies but provided that where Chairman Paul V. McNutt and FEPC chairman Francis J. Haas are unable to agree on policy, they will submit the disputes to the president for "final disposition."

MARVA DOES THE HONOR — SPEAKS

Great Lakes, Ill. Mrs. Joe Louis, wife of the world's heavyweight boxing champion, presents honor man certificate to Bluejacket Ellis Newton, of 2433 Flora Avenue, Newton, Kansas City, Missouri, at recent recruit graduation exercises at the U. S. Naval Training Station.

Great Lakes, Ill. Mrs. Louis was introduced to nearly 1,000 men who were on the field by Lt. D. O. Van Ness (center), commanding officer of Camp Robert Smalls, one of the training camps at Great Lakes. (Press Photo Service.)

UNION, COMPANY BACK WORKERS AT BETHLEHEM SHIPYARDS

STRIKERS ORDERED BACK OR FACE DISCIPLINE

Baltimore, Aug. 10 (ANP) Striking workers were ordered back to their work jobs at the Bethlehem Steel company's shipyards near Sparrows Point last week or face disciplinary action, after a racial incident arose over appearance of Negro trainees at the riveter's school there. The company closed the yards a fortnight ago to avoid a threatened race riot, but have since reopened.

Local 23, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (IO), issued the following statement:

"The union will not tolerate organized work stoppage nor will it tolerate racial discrimination. The shipyard will continue to operate for the benefit of the nation and the union will take disciplinary measures against anyone who attempts to impede this operation for any reason."

The order was strengthened by a statement from company officials who said an agreement between them and union agents would admit Negroes as well as whites to the school for riveters and that advancement would continue on a strict seniority basis regardless of color.

Belligerent white workers reported at the yards according to F. A. Hodge manager at 7 a. m. the day following the two declarations, but refused to work cutting the operating force down to an estimated 20 percent. They were asked to leave the property, he added, and there were no disturbances.

More than 300 policemen stood guard at the yards augmented by the 159 policemen of the company and 113 state police and 49 county officers ordered out by Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor after a conference with Bethlehem officials.

J.S. Williams to Preach Sunday Mornin' South's Negro, White Leaders Confer in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Aug. 10 (ANP) Southern Negro and white leaders forming the Continuation Committee of the Durham and Atlanta conferences made another step in the direction of solving the undemocratic problems peculiar to this section in a one day conference Wednesday at Atlanta university.

Answering the challenge of a group of representative Negro leaders meeting in Durham that the South awaken and grant its Negro citizens equal rights in many restricted fields and the acceptance of that challenge by a cooperative group of white leaders meeting in Atlanta, the continuation committee called for the organization of a southern regional council to insure progress "in all approaches to these goals of equal opportunity."

The committee declared that it gathered to "covenant together in harmony and unanimity to make this day, or what this day should bring to pass, epochal in a new purpose, a new understanding, and a new fellowship." It said further:

"In the name and spirit of America's science and education we seek to find and to tell the truth. In the name and spirit of America's democracy we seek the way of equal opportunity. In the name of

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Chicago, Ill., Oscar Stanton DePriest, the son of former congressman Oscar DePriest who was elected Alderman of the third ward this year here, was appointed this week by Gov. Dwight H. Green to serve as a member of the Illinois State Commission, Young DePriest is at present acting secretary to his father and formerly held a State Banking Auditor's position. Mr. DePriest is a graduate of Howard University and Lewis Institute of Technology. (Press Photo Service.)

REV. WILLIAMS TO FILL CLEAVES TEMPLE PULPIT

LET'S ROYALLY WELCOME HIS HOMECOMING

The Rev. John S. Williams will be in Omaha Sunday morning to fill the pulpit at Cleaves Temple CME Church. Selections will also be rendered at this morning gathering by some of the singers of his choral ensemble which he brings to Omaha Sunday afternoon in concert. Omahans are urged by Rev. L. A. Story whose pulpit Rev. Williams will speak from, to help give Rev. Williams and the Ensemble a splendid reception on his first visit to Omaha, after having served the community for twelve years or more. Call WE, 6251 for reservations to the concert. No tickets will be sold Sunday.

Rev. John S. Williams former pastor of Hillside Presbyterian Church, 30th and Ohio Streets, three years ago was called by the Board of Education of Kansas City, Missouri, to head the department of Vocal Music at Lincoln High School of that city. As a community project, Mr. Williams has organized a group of men-women, representing 16 churches of KC, and constituting one of the finest musical organizations of greater Kansas City. This Choral Ensemble of 40 voices comes to Omaha and will appear in concert at the Pilgrim Baptist Church 25th and Hamilton Streets, Sunday, August 15th, at 3:30 pm, under the auspices and sponsorship of Rev. L. A. Story, pastor of Cleaves Temple CME Church.

While in Omaha Rev. and Mrs. Williams were widely known among Musicians and had given over



Pittsburgh, Pa. The grand exalted ruler, J. Finley Wilson, sends greetings to the I.R.P.O. Elks of the World, their relatives and friends. He invites them all to attend the 44th Annual Grand Lodge Convention which will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa. from August 22-27. The grand exalted ruler is checking and completing last minute details for the convention in the "smokey city" this week and predicts that scores of delegates from every state in the Union will attend the annual meet. (Press Photo Service)

Executive Committee, National Baptist Convention

Chicago, Illinois. —The officers of the Executive Committee are doing everything possible to make the coming of the National Baptist Convention one of the finest of its sessions. Shown in the photo are left to right: front row: Doc, J. L. Horace, general chairman; W. M. A. Johnson, recording secretary; W. E. Wadlington, corresponding secretary; E. L. Twine, Treasurer; W. L. Petty, chairman of the Housing Committee; J. C. Austin, chair-



man of the Food Committee; I. A. Thomas, Chairman of Distribution; J. G. Horace; S. A. Grayson; W. J. Hamilton; C. A. Hamilton; A. A. Watts; L. Rawls; D. Z. Jackson; W. L. Lambert; N. C. Lunford; A. Hubbard; E. J. Coles; R. W. Phillips; R. D. Hawkins; C. J. Halston; H. B. Brady; W. C. Trotter; G. E. O. W. Jones and F. F. Paxton. Those absent when the picture was taken are J. L. Brahan, assistant secretary; J. H. Gibson; W. M. Mc-

BUSINESS LEAGUE TO PRESENT ANNUAL AWARDS

Memphis, Aug. 10 (ANP) —Dr. J. E. Walker, president, National Negro Business league, stated Wednesday that the league's annual awards would be made on Thursday evening, August 26, following tributes to Booker T. Washington, the league's founder. The convention will meet in Baltimore, Aug. 25-27.

The 1943 awards include the C. C. Spaulding award for the year's outstanding business achievement in the opinion of the judges; the R. R. Moten Memorial cup, presented by Dr. F. D. Patterson, to the city with the largest enrolled delegation at the convention and the J. E. Walker cup for the city which has enrolled during the year the largest local membership in the national league.

The 1942 Spaulding award was presented to McKissack and McKissack, contractors, of Nashville.

Masonic Improvement Club Celebrates 1st Anniversary

The Masonic Improvement Club members from the six subordinate local lodges of the First District and under the auspices of the Most W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Prince Hall affiliation, celebrated their first Annual Anniversary last Saturday evening Aug. 7th at the Masonic Temple 26th & Blondo Streets.

The affair was one of the best of the session. The appointments, decorations, refreshments, the affable introductions, the music, the general pleasantness of the officers and attendants was a pleasant reminder of social culture. There were visitors from outstate and adjoining cities.

The younger set danced to entrancing music. Others went in for social games, bridge, whist, dominoes, checkers and what not.

Popular songs, toasts, reading to complete a perfect night of pleasure. Several Grand Lodge officers were present among them J. C. Dacus, Grand Treas., A. R. Goodlett, R.W.G.P., Deputy, G.M. and P.G.M., J. T. Scott, Past R.W.D., M. Robert Harris, RWG. Secy, F. L. Adkins, RWG. Warden, and "Live Wire" Collins Lee G.M. of the Lodge No. 12 who is a regular "get it done" in the life and spirit of the club, Kincaid, the ever efficient Secy and other members of the club who functioned with great with great efficiency.

Among helpers in attendance were Dr. Hawkins, Dr. D. W. Gooden, Bert Johnson, W. R. Estelle, Harry Leland and many others.

The OES. was represented by The MWG. Matron, Mrs. Cloma Scott, Mrs. A. Jenkins, wife of the Grand Master, Mrs. Cole, Miss Kincaid, daughter of the club secy, Bro. Kincaid and others rendered valiant and efficient service at the refreshment tables.

As the Improvement Club's first anniversary was given near the date of the Independence of the West Indies Islands, Cuba, Haiti, San Domingo and in recognition of it, the reporter of the club, M. L. Wilson gave a farewell toast in a verse of the song by the freed islanders.

The morning breezes chill,
We will close this glorious scene,
and yet, we linger still
Where we've so happy been.

How blest to live,
Hearts so free as ours,
We will only pause to give a long and last good night.

After several more songs and a good night dance number, the first Anniversary of the Improvement Club was closed. Until we meet again.

P. H. Jenkins, MWG. Master
Maynard L. Wilson, G. Lodg.; Reporter.

STIMSON PRAISES 99th; OTHERS

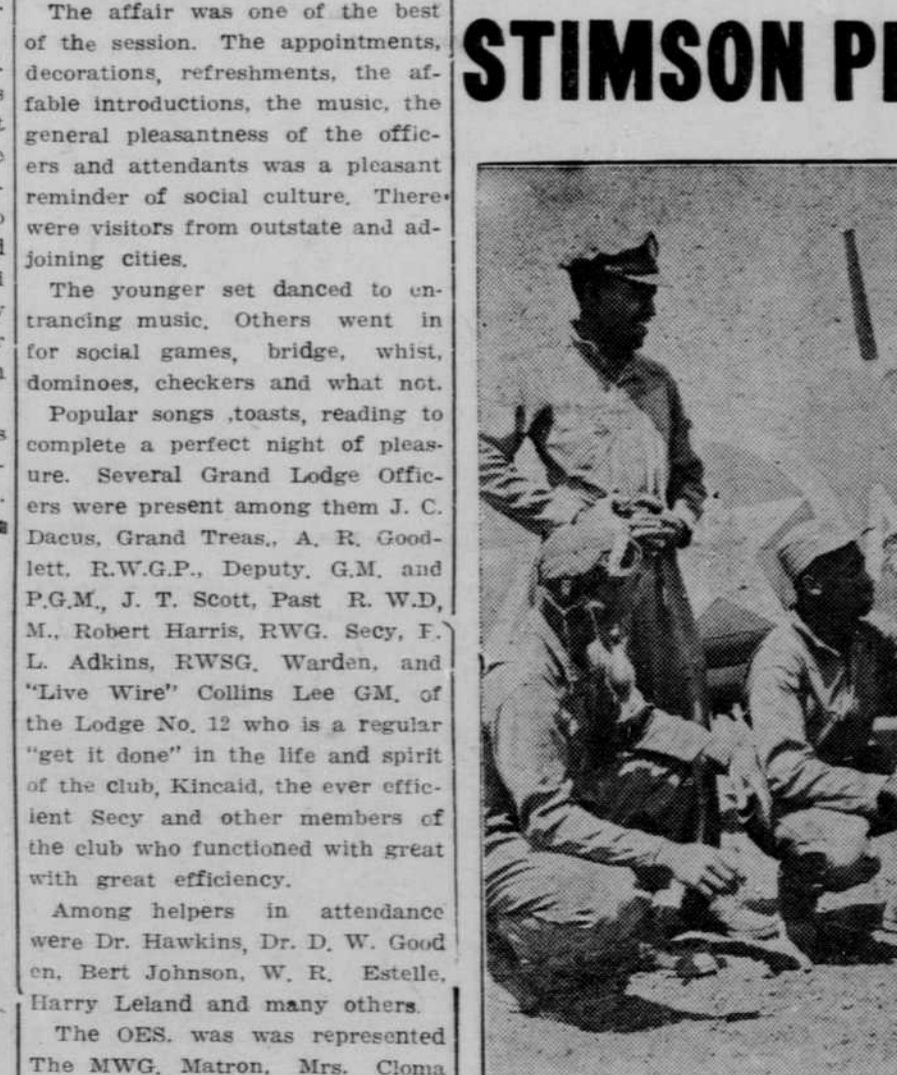
Washington, Aug. 10 (ANP) ... Negro engineer, quartermaster and anti-aircraft units were warmly praised for their work in connection with the preparations for the Sicilian invasion, some of whom were actual participants, when Sec. of War Henry L. Stimson discussed his 13,500 mile inspection trip to the European and North African theatre of operations at his press conference last Thursday.

The secretary was in good spirit, and a bit jocular as he answered the questions of reporters dealing with progress of the war, his trip, and sundry other items.

During his journey he saw Negro troops in England and others in North Africa, and had occasion to personally meet Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis, commanding the 99th central Postal Directory, now stationed in Sicily.

Accompanied by Major General John Lee Stimson inspected several colored units in England and found what he called an "interesting situation" in which the men

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SCENES IN AFRICA—Members of the 99th Fighter Squadron: Kneeling, First Lieutenant Herbert V. A. Clark, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Second Lieutenant Willie Fuller, Tarboro, North Carolina; First Lieutenant William Campbell, Tuskegee Institute Alabama; standing, Second Lieutenant Leon C. Roberts, Pritchard, Alabama; First Lieutenant Herbert E. Carter, Amory, Mississippi, and Second Lieutenant Erwin B. Lawrence, Cleveland, Ohio. All these lieutenants attended Tuskegee Institute.

'Sun Tanning' Lake Mich.



Chicago, Ill. Pretty Lola Moore, of 553 E. 60th Street, is shown above after having taken several dips in breezy Lake Michigan waters, in Chicago. Despite the terrific heat that hung at a "bald-headed" 95 over the week end, the water was fine but cool to Miss Moore, she just had to have a "suntan." (Press Photo Service.)

"Hold Your Job" Greatest of Weeks

BY DEAN GORDON B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

During the year there are many "weeks" observed, but the forthcoming Hold-Your-Job week is the greatest. It shows that the Negro is at last getting down to brass tacks and facing the ugly facts of his circumscribed life.

Fifteen years ago this column launched a "Hold-Your-Job" campaign that has never been popular among Negroes. It was largely a one-man affair and one-man affairs are, in the future of things, limited in their usefulness. In an article to Opportunity entitled "When the Mamma Falseth" there was outlined for the first time the danger that was surrounding the Negro workers in their several fields. It was pointed out that

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