

"Caldonia" filmer



NICKIE O'DANIEL AND LOUIS JORDAN IN AN INTIMATE SCENE

LOUIS JORDAN PROVES GREAT AS FILM ACTOR; "CALDONIA" DEBUTS IN NEW YORK CITY
(BY DOLORES CALVIN)

New York City (CNS) "Caldonia" has arrived. The film featurette, stuffed with four new tunes and adorned with the Bobby Soxer's King, Louis Jordan, as its star, makes its initial bow in New York this week at the New Amsterdam Theatre in Times Square. It will be the first time the celebrated band leader has appeared on the screen in a film acted in and at the same time produced by Negroes.

The 2 minute featurette, costing approximately \$3,000 to produce, gives its Negro cast a chance to prove its talents, besides introducing four hit tunes, including, of course, the song Jordan made famous, "Caldonia."

The film story is simple but carries a direct appeal. There is no Uncle Tomism. The actors act their parts, not saunter through them lazily as "Caldonia" starts off stepping lively.

O'Daniel, Jordan's film sweetheart is really Nicki O'Daniel whose whole purpose in the picture is to keep Louis in New York to be near her, Nixing a Hollywood contract, Louis stays. Richard Huey, 250 lb. Broadway star of "Bloomer Girl"

convicted Jordan he is a Harlem producer of note. He hires the Jordan band to make a movie in his studio where, with his brilliant ideas, he can elaborate on his film equipment. Unfortunately, as Huey's ideas blossom creditors begin removing the equipment, piece by piece. Last to go is the piano and somebody's still playing it.

All this time, a frustrated Jordan repeats to beautiful but hard-headed Caldonia "All this trouble and I could be in Hollywood." There's the setting for the song hit. However, before the 2 minutes are over, they manage to include the love scene of Jordan and Caldonia, the dance team of Taylor and Harris, comedians George Wilshire and Sporty Ode and 3 Sun Tan Girls.

Actually filmed last winter, Astor Pictures Corp. in New York just released "Caldonia" August 15th for country-wide public consumption. They believe this featurette will be one of many by Jordan and that in its giving unique entertainment to the nation, it will also instill a courage in Negro youth to do things for themselves.

There's progress in the theatre as "Caldonia" moves on to become, like Louis Jordan himself, one of the greatest little attractions in years.

The Red Cross on the Job



MANILA, PI—European war veterans, first to arrive in Manila by direct transfer discover the familiar Red Cross doughnut girl and her tray of refreshments. Mrs. Lettie Warrington Werner of Corvallis, Oregon, is one of 15 Red Cross

workers who set up mobile canteens near the railroad tracks when the direct transfer from landing craft. These combat units from Italy delivered 10,000 doughnuts and 350 gallons of feed punch.

Final Appeal for Nat'l War Fndd will be Made This Coming Fall

The final appeal for the National War Fund will be made this fall with the budget set at \$115,000,000 in order to finance member agencies to liquidation of the end of 1946, according to advice to V. J. Skutt, general chairman of Omaha's Victory Fund and Community Chest Campaign, which raises the funds for National War Fund in Omaha.

Skutt stated that the National War Fund had advised him that 7-1 Day does not signify immediate end to the work of member agencies of the Fund, with the exception of American Field Service.

USO and USO-Camp Shows must carry on their programs for our service men until demobilization is actually, Skutt said.

While it is expected there will be shifts and reductions in the USO budget, the work in the Pacific will have to be maintained at a high level and USO-Camp Shows will face expanded programs for men who are in forces of occupation.

United Seamen's Service will also have to continue its work while the merchant fleets are engaged in bringing men and materials home.

No immediate change is in sight for the budgets of the foreign relief agencies which are members of the National War Fund, Skutt continued. He pointed out that President Truman, in his report to the people after his return from Potsdam made it clear that the

people of this nation have a responsibility to aid the war victims of those nations which fought with us. President Truman said:

"If we let Europe go cold and hungry, we may lose some of the foundations of order on which the hopes for world peace must rest."

Skutt also pointed out that peace in the Pacific also now makes it possible to render increased aid to the Philippines and to give all possible aid to China, both in great need.

In its appeal this fall, the Victory Fund and Community Chest will urge Omahans to "Be Generous in Victory—We still have a Job to Do!"

Omaha Urban League, Young Citizens Forum Announce Appointment of Teachers in Public School System

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11 On Payrolls Now; Seek More Openings

The Young Citizens Forum composed of aggressive, young men and women, public spirited, unbiased and politically non-partisan community leaders several months ago developed the project of placing Negro school teachers in the Omaha Public Schools system.

Richard E. Melford, assistant director, Division of Venereal Disease Control, State Health Dept. of Nebraska, was named Chairman.

Mr. Melford immediately laid plans that have been successful in placing today, Negro teachers in the Omaha Public School system.

Working with Mr. Melford were Mr. Duward R. Crooms, Executive Secretary Omaha Urban League, Mr. Arthur E. McCaw, assistant to the Executive Secretary, Omaha Urban League, Mr. Robert Myers, young business man and Mr. Ralph Adams, OPA Rest attorney.

The Young Citizens Forum working closely with the Omaha Urban League, were successful in providing the administrative staff of the school system, headed by the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Corning, with many applications, both from local applicants and applicants from every section of the United States, many holding advanced degrees from the leading educational institutions of the country, with many years of teaching experience.

Speaking before the school board at one of its meetings for more than an hour, the group, at times delivering masterpieces of rhetoric seldom heard in the oak paneled former music conservatory of the Joslyn castle, now the office of the Board of Education, Messrs. McCaw, Melford, Adams, Crooms, and Myers urged a reversal of policy toward hiring of Negro teachers. Speaking pointedly, almost militantly Mr. Melford urged on behalf of the Young Citizens Forum, that Negro teachers be placed in any and every school, teaching any and every subject on the same basis as all teachers are appointed, irrespective of race, creed or color.

Said Mr. Melford, "I am privileged to report after having talked with an assistant to Dr. Hohart Corning, that there are now eleven Negro teachers in the public school system and that negotiations are still underway to place more teachers, thus giving the Negro citizens of Omaha, the representative number of teachers that is rightfully due them in every respect."

The Young Citizens Forum believe this marks a milestone on the highway of inter-cultural and interracial progress.

Let us pray, God above, that those who so gallantly met the challenge, those now lying beside rows of white crosses in military cemeteries stretching across the wide expanse of Africa, Europe and Asia die not in vain, but that we at home, free men, might have a democracy which is a reality and not a farce. The Young Citizens Forum will help Omaha to meet that challenge.

Senator Bilbo Denounced By Fellow Mississippians

Southern White Editors Oppose Anti-Negro Statements of Eastland, Bilbo

NEW YORK, NY—New and conclusive proof that the late inspired Southern Congressional bloc overwhelmingly opposed the anti-outbursts of racial prejudice is contained in a poll of 251 Southern white newspaper editors by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

The editors, representing publications from 13 southern states, overwhelmingly opposed the anti-Negro statements of Mississippi's Senator James Eastland "The Negro soldier was an utter and abysmal failure in combat in Europe. He has disgraced the flag of his country," which created such a wave of protest from progressive groups throughout the South.

Seventy-five and one-half percent stated that this view did not reflect the prevailing opinion of the southern people. Only 10 percent voted yes on this question, with 15 percent undecided. Eighty-three percent scored Sen. Eastland's canard as a "hazard to the nation's war effort." Only five percent upheld his views.

This denunciation of Sen. Eastland and the philosophy of his colleague, Sen. Bilbo, is expected to provide one of the most forceful arguments when proponents of a permanent FEPC and anti-poll tax legislation press for Congressional action after Congress reconvenes. Dr. Clark Forman, president stated at the Conference's New York headquarters in releasing the results of the poll. Both these bills will receive full support from the CIO-PAC which has marked them as "musts" in its legislative program.

In discussing the survey Dr. Forman stated that the polls "are these prove conclusively that the southern representation in Congress, in reality, represents only an infinitesimal fraction of the south's population. The opinions of these editors indicates further a growing realization of the vast economic and social problems that face the south in the reconversion period. These problems can only be solved when the representatives direct their attention to specific issues instead of creating racial friction in order to maintain their political power."

Dr. Forman supported his contention by reminding that less than 18 percent of the adult population of Mississippi voted in the last presidential election and that Congressman Rankin was elected by only six percent of the voters in his district.

The Southern Conference is working in close cooperation with CIO unions in the south to elevate that section of the country to its proper place in the national economy as an area of great industrialization and production. The Conference was officially endorsed by the National CIO last November and received an added vote of approval at a recent meeting of the southern CIO officials.



BILBO CALLED "UNFIT TO SIT WITH HONEST MEN IN LEGISLATURE"

HEADLINE MAG, SAYS BILBO ACCEPTED BRIBE TO CHANGE HIS VOTE...

Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi was called "unfit to sit with honest, upright men in a respectable legislative body" by his fellow Mississippi State legislators, according to a story of his life in the September issue of *Headlines and Pictures*.

The occasion for the denunciation was the revelation by Bilbo that he had accepted a \$645.00 bribe to change his vote when the legislators were choosing a man to fill Mississippi's vacant seat in the United States Senate.

Bilbo's rise from a small-town politician from Juniper Grove, Miss., to become the scourge of minority and liberal groups in the highest legislative body in this country is explained by the *Headlines and Pictures* traces his career from its beginning to the present, and gives a startling insight into the circumstances which have produced "The Man."

Although many persons would disagree with his description of himself as a "marvel of intellectual brilliance," he has established himself as a worthy successor in the long line of Dixie demagogues.

Individuals and organizations from South to North have joined in denouncing Bilbo's most recent floods of invectives against various minority groups in this country.

Now that he has announced that he is a candidate for reelection, it remains to be seen if his own small voting public has been affected by the wholesale condemnation of their elected representative.

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To Child Welfare Work in China



VINITA VIRGINIA LEWIS, prominent authority on child welfare, formerly with the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, has joined the staff of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for child welfare work in China. She will go on loan to the Chinese Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, where she will work under Dr. T. F. Chang, who is well known in American social work circles. Miss Lewis is scheduled to fly to Chungking in September.

Miss Lewis' appointment was approved by the Chinese Government on 15 June, while she was still at the Children's Bureau. Generally regarded as the highest person for the post, she was qualified by social worker groups and the National Council of Negro Women to accept on the basis of the service she could render. This consideration shaped her decision.

In China, Miss Lewis will be bringing into play all of her distinguished experience in the child welfare field, which has included work on a state and national basis, throughout this country. She will be working directly with the Chinese government and through the Chinese Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She will also work with national figures in the Chinese child welfare movement and with voluntary religious organizations which have a long history of achievement in child care in China.

On the basis of the work they have already done, she will introduce them to the progress made in this country in both public and private welfare programs, and establish a link between American and Chinese thinking on the subject. This is in line with UNRRA policy, which is to adapt its relief program to government policy and national life rather than impose it from without.

Programs affecting the care of children, such as emergency shelter, feeding, investigations of conditions affecting family and community life will also be of direct concern to Miss Lewis, who will be concerned with the problems of children in both rural and urban areas.

The homeless, abandoned and dependent children for whom Miss Lewis will be working out a program will be reaping the benefits of

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Negro Worker Needs Full Job Bill

WHITE TELLS SENATE GROUP

Washington, DC.—Negro workers who got employment largely in emergency war time plants and in temporary civil service jobs, need the Full Employment Bill passed by Congress, Walter White, NAACP secretary, told the Senate Banking and Currency committee August 29th.

Not only does the Negro need the bill, but his fortunes as a wage earner will form an important aspect of the whole problem of post-war employment," Mr. White said.

her years of work with the Negro minority group and her understanding of its problems in this country.

As Miss Lewis puts it, work with minorities requires not only understanding of the minority and its problems, but also complete understanding of the entire social and government setting in which they live.

"While there has been a decided increase," he said, "in the number of Negro workers employed in what we consider continuing industries, the majority of Negro workers have been employed in strictly war production. According to the War Manpower Commission's most recent reports, the Negro labor force in essential employment is distributed in the following categories: Shipbuilding 192,000; Aircraft production, 116,000; Ordnance and communication equipment 122,000; Basic metals and rubber 102,000; other munitions, 160,000. From these estimates it will be observed that 600,000 Negro workers are concentrated in the industries that now suffer most severe cutbacks with the coming of peace.

"With reference to the post war prospects of the Negro worker it may be noted, on the basis of a comparison of the 1940 and 1944 figures on the occupational and industrial distribution of the Negro labor force that (1) the Negro has made his greatest employment gains in those occupations (especially semi-skilled factory jobs) which will suffer the severest cutbacks during the post war period; (2) further, he has made his biggest advances in those industries (especially the metals, chemicals and rubber group) which may experience the greatest proportionate post war declines.

"Finally," testified the NAACP secretary, "it also should be noted that in those occupations and industries in which the Negro has made his greatest employment advances he was generally among the last hired. Therefore, under seniority rules he is more likely to be laid off than the average worker in

Davenport, Ia. Man Wins First Civil Rights Case

Davenport, Iowa—Charles W. Toney, president of the Davenport branch of the NAACP, has announced that on August 8, 1945, the branch won the first civil rights case ever to be tried in that city.

Mr. Toney and his wife were the complainants in the prosecution of a local ice cream parlor proprietor who had arbitrarily refused to serve them. The Assistant County attorney prosecuted the case, but as a precautionary measure a Negro attorney, S. O. Brown of Des Moines was brought in to assist in the prosecution of the defendant.

The case was won before an all-white jury which deliberated only ten minutes.

Parade to Feature League Opening

Miss Mae B. Taylor, Chairman of the Omaha Urban League Community Center's Neighborhood Committee, announced plans for the Fall Opening of the League, 2213 Lake Street on September 24.

The theme of the opening will be a Community Fair in which the whole neighborhood will participate. Mr. John Watkins and Mr. Herbert Patten, co-chairmen of the Parade Committee, are arranging to have a parade that will start at 10:00 A.M. after their moving picture show for the children on the above mentioned day and it will include all of the children present, the Elks band, Mr. Watkins' orchestra, and floats on which will be the crowned King and Queen of the festival. The king and queen will be named by the Committee on Awards led by Mrs. Madeline Harold, and will be selected from among the young people who secure the most pledges of cards of entrants and participants in the Fair.

The Fair itself will include an Old Fiddler's Contest so any fiddlers are urged to get in touch with Mrs. Gertrude Brooks, chairman of the Program committee.

Other committee chairmen are: Mr. Saybert Hanger, Exhibit Committee; Mrs. Lucille Gray, Arrangements Committee; and Mr. Henry Biddix, Refreshment Committee.

The Omaha Urban League is supported by the Community Chest, these occupations.

Mr. White pointed out that widespread unemployment and suffering would spread the organization and influence of organizations like the Ku Klux Klan, the NAACP and also urged the enactment of the bill for a permanent FEPC, the national housing bill, S. 1342, the Kilgore unemployment compensation bill, the Pepper amendment to the Wagner-Hour act, the Wagner-Murray-Dingell social security bill, and a federal anti-lynching law.

Democrats To Be Judged by FEPC Action, Naacp. Tells Senator Barkley

New York—Colored people will judge the Democratic party not by the statements of one or two leaders but by what the party's actual ability to deliver in the way of FEPC legislation and other bills affecting their interests. This was the message last week to Majority Leader Barkley in the Senate from the NAACP.

Senator Barkley wrote the NAACP protesting against a statement that the filibuster against FEPC was "being generally interpreted among colored people as the official attitude of the Democratic party."

The NAACP reply acknowledged Senator Barkley's personal attitude favoring FEPC and praised President Truman for his attitude, but stated that the colored people over the nation are saying that the election of a Democratic president means "handing the government over to the Bilbos, the Fastlands, and the most prejudiced section of the Democratic party."

"We can say," said the NAACP's letter, "that no single incident within the past 15 years has so aroused and angered and disgusted the Negro citizens as the performance which the Democratic party permitted to be staged in the senate on FEPC. We use the language 'permitted' to be staged incidently because it is inconceivable that a party which really valued the esteem and support of Negro voters located in strategic areas would have allowed either Senator Bilbo or Senator Eastland to have made the shocking and insulting speeches that were made slandering entire groups of citizens of the nation. We repeat that if the Democratic party had been really concerned about these people it would have insisted, in ways that are known to

Sleeping Car Porters Win Mediation Board Election on Union Pacific System

Mr. Lawrence Farmer, mediator from the National Mediation Board, conducted a system election on the Union Pacific Railroad among chair car attendants on that system. The votes were counted in Saint Paul on the 29th day of August in the presence of M. P. Webster, International First Vice President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and B. L. Morris, Twin Cities representative of the same organization.

The count for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, A. F. of L., was 178; for CIO, 1. There were 237 men on the system eligible to vote so that the vote gives the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters a clear majority and the question of certification as the duly authorized representative of this group is just a matter of form.

This adds the last class-one railroad to the long list of railroads where the porters are represented by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

JOE MUM ON DISCHARGE—New (CNS) Looking fit and taut, as he did when he fought Al Simon in March, 1942, Sgt. Joe Mum appeared in town this week weighing an edge over 200 pounds. He was mum as to whether he might soon be out of the army. Too he was silent as to whether he has been secretly training hard for months.