

# The Negro in Latin America

By Harold Preece

## WHAT ABOUT TRUMAN'S PLEDGE TO PUERTO RICO?

Our Negro brothers of Puerto Rico didn't cheer too much when President Truman appointed Judge William Hastie as governor of the neighboring Virgin Islands, even though they were glad to see a colored man appointed to the position as such.

They were wondering what President Truman meant to keep a certain promise that he made to them, citizens of a captive nation held in subjection by American imperialism. They were wondering also if Judge Hastie was not maybe being used by the Truman administration as a front for that imperialism.



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How they felt is pretty well summed up by an article which appeared recently in a fine little bulletin, the Americas, published by the Council for Pan American Democracy in New York. I want my readers to share this article and here it goes:

What has happened to the administration's bill offering to Puerto Rican people an opportunity to determine their future relations with the United States? After President Truman's recent message to Congress, it was generally assumed (a) that such a bill would be drafted and introduced in Congress with administration sponsorship; (b) that the bill, recognizing that statehood and "dominion" status are without substantial support either in Congress or in the Island, would put the choice clearly between independence and continued colonialism; and (c) that hearings on the bill would be held in the Senate soon after the first of the year.

It seems now that no administration bill has been drafted and

that President Truman has changed his mind about the need for prompt action on the Puerto Rican problem.

Senator Tydings has announced that the hearings on the phony plebiscite bill, S. 1067, have been called off. His ostensible reason is that dominion status and statehood are dead ducks and that the original Tydings bill, S. 227, offers independence though without adequate economic guarantees should be acted on at once. No further hearings on this bill, say Senator Tydings, are necessary.

We could only welcome Senate action on S. 227—particularly if the economic amendments submitted

by the Puerto Rican Pro-Independence Congress, were incorporated in the measure on the senate floor. We should be even more pleased if the house passed the Marconito bill—which incorporates those amendments.

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But there has been no White House statement to the effect that President Truman will support the Tydings-Marconito independence measure and accept it as a substitute for some form of plebiscite. There has only been a silent acceptance of Senator's announcement that no hearings on the Puerto Rican question are to be held.

At the same time, and from various quarters, comes a revival of the old campaigns for the repeal of all the social and labor legislation passed in the Island during the Roosevelt decade. The New York Herald Tribune ran a whole series of fantastic front-page stories by one Emmet Crozier who has just returned from Puerto Rico where he made a study of economic and political conditions. Mr. Crozier's findings have a suspicious resemblance to those of the Ball Committee of the House. US Help Makes Collectivism in Puerto Rico Look Profitable.

Puerto Rico is in Full Swing of Experiment in Collectivism. Islands Treasury is Rich in Rum Tax Millions. But the Trend is Toward Collectivism.

Mr. Crozier is quite shocked by some of his own revelations: "Public money has taken over the power and light systems. A communications authority is trying to buy the telephone company from Southern Bell for the people. Public money is building factories operating sugar mills, buying soy pure to raise soy sprouts, the big sugar growers and redistributing them among the people."

But Mr. Crozier's most interesting revelation is the fact that the Democratic National Committee recently sent Judge Welburn Maycock, one of its legal advisors to make a survey of the Puerto Rico situation. There were signs when Judge Maycock left Puerto Rico that he had been not only impressed but astonished by what he had found here. Judge May-

cock's findings checked closely with the recent report of the house (Bell) subcommittee's investigation of Puerto Rico affairs.

Now the opponents of Puerto Rican independence argue that without US aid the Puerto Rican people will starve. There are many Puerto Ricans, patriots who hate the shame of colonial status, who have been taught to fear independence by that argument.

But the Bell Committee developed a program for starvation under colonialism through diversion of the rum taxes from the Insular Treasury and the repeal of all the recent legislation which has somewhat mitigated the Island's economic misery.

According to Mr. Crozier, Judge Maycock's findings agree with those of the Bell Committee. And Judge Maycock was no free lance scribe, but a representative of the Democratic National Committee.

Have Judge Maycock and the Democratic National Committee changed President Truman's mind about Puerto Rico's right to freedom?

## MOVE TO GRANT LINCOLN U. (MO.) \$462,500 FOR DORMITORIES BEGUN

Jefferson City, Mo., February 10, 1946.—The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives branch of the Missouri Legislature has approved a grant to State Supported Institutions with \$426,500 for Lincoln University (Missouri) to provide dormitories primarily for veterans. The bill, if passed by the upper branch of the legislature, carries with it a provision by which the school must match this sum to be used exclusively for residence halls. It is estimated the funds, when matched, would be sufficient to provide housing for 300 students.

The urgency for the need of the proposed facilities is obviated by the completely filled campus residence halls and the overflow in the city and the rejection of approximately 200 applicants for admission to the university.

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es and R. Watkins? (Smile).

The greatest prize fighters of today are the Scotchman boys! hint, hint! (Baby June).

Listen Everybody!!!!

If U want to be happy for one day, get tight.

If U want to be happy for one week, get married.

If U want to be happy for the rest of your life, stay single! Good advice! Yes, No, we'll see!

Happy birthday of the week: Helen Washington, Alberta Avant, Barbara Booker, Skipper, Lorraine Jackson, Beverly Johnson and Arnet Bonner. Iris.

ATTENTION! all high school girls! If you would like to play basketball after school, please register with Bert Dodd or myself, before next Wednesday night at the Urban League. Hours 7 to 8:30! Good deal!

To the Readers! Chatter-Box is not to get back at your friends, but to have fun with everyone! It seems our friend Miss "X" doesn't know that.

Well Kids, K. Graham and L. Jackson signed for a jitterbug number on the road show! Hope they pass. Others are Lois Brown; Evelyn Beshers; Archie Mae Franklin; and Florentine Crawford.

Congratulations to Bob Montgomery who was married to Caldonia last week!! (So I hear) Good luck to you both and much happiness!

QUOTE!!!

Dear Chatterbox:

Has anyone informed the two young ladies who are so earnestly competing for the amorous attention of L. B. alias, Jack, that he and his socialite wife are looking forward to a blessed event in the near future? If it's a girl, they'll call it Betty Lorraine.

UNQUOTE!

Dear Chatter-Box:

To whom it may concern: There is no need for the competition for the attention of L. B. because I'm sure the one who has had him for the last four years is still woman enough and able to hold him against anything that should get in her way. As for the so-called blessed event, there is no wife, so naturally there isn't any event. One who isn't woman enough to hold her man doesn't deserve him. One who calls herself a friend should act like one rather than a public man chaser! UNQUOTE!

Go to Church this coming Sunday!

Why doesn't a certain Chick get hep to herself and stop singing "I'll Be So Glad!" now singing "I'll Be Seing You". Dig me!!!

Central Hi School Swoon Goon is the great man, none other than Mr. Pitman (Dash) Foxall, hey Tinnny.

CRASH! Jeraldine Jones and Sunny Price still go together! (hey Jelly)? (Maybe you'll tell me about it next time!)

Who is B. R. really in love with? We will interview him and let you know in next week's column!

Why was Chatter-Box sitting wistfully in a corner at the party Sat. nite? It surely wasn't due to man shortage? Has she reformed? We will soon find out!

What's the drift between Jeff Arnette and Clarice Holloway? (hey Pals?)

BACK! Ruben Pierce is back again in the fair city! Has

13 more days left! Good deal Pierce!

Old timers are Eva Whidby, Shirley Walker, Lois Campbell, Otis, Harold Mathews, Dot Morgan, Gerry Slaughter, Clara Robinson, Buckie, Madeline and myself.

## I HEARD:

L. P. went to see the French Angel wrestle! (hmm-m-m) also saw RHS Samara to. (my what lovely Biceps)!

We all want to know what is the new four lettered jive between R. C. and J. B. ... will be waiting Friends ... You can trust us. (hopefully).

ZIP! who is the certain girl who told D W she is strictly jive proof? You'll be caught! Naughty! Naughty!

Quietness is a sign of good manners Public likewise!

Who is the certain girl who is trying to give our friend, T. F. stiff competition? or is it competition? Who's worried? I WONDER!

the Party given for Velton Brown was sharp! every one had fun although it was on the run! (dig me!) Will be leaving soon.

The Great John Barber is back home on leave!! Will be here until the 28th ... also Ruben Pierce or so; i say Corporal?

Wonder what's up these girls' sleeves! There are a little bit of selfishness among several girls out north: GIRLS, we must stick together!

Why didn't R. R. take M—home from the party? or was she too busy with other things! hee hee!

SO SAID SHE! who took C. Lott home from the party? is H. W. really robbing the grave? or was he just being friendly last evening? Don't let the weather get you down!

What's happened!!! What is D. S. trying to do, pull another dagwood stunt! For a while he's with Sis and seconds with the other! Unquote! Now with Charlotte M. Good Deal.

SMASH! CRASH! the Pre-Valentine party given by Barbara Scott, Betty White and Moss Pruitt turned out to be a jam-up! Everyone seemed to have been having a fine time when up jumped the clock 11:30 and that's it! Shap-peeroons! Mrs. Pruitt and Mrs. Scott also several visitors.

Who was B. R. with Sat. nite? Who was he with Sunday nite? Watch that B. R.— you'll mess up sure next time!

Who was it that got mad at his girl friend, jammed his hat on his head, stuffed his arms in his coat, but didn't leave for two more hours. Hey Mosquito?

HEY! who are the certain three girls who are very close friends (too close) and never leave each other under no circumstances? We will let you know next time! Maybe also tries to take other peoples' territory! do you follow me?

I don't want to set the world on fire. Le Mon  
I'm gonna move James Currer  
Get along little doggie Daniel Ware  
Candy Dorothy Hill  
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Waiting for the train to come home Do  
I'll get by Rull

Who was the certain young lady at the drugstore in the back booth singing, "Love, love, love"? Going out singing. "I had a man!"

the Party wensday nite for C-Box was sharp! given by Purity Class Club, also John Holcomb!

Don't forget the dance the 22-23 of this month! Good Deal!

Gals and Fellows bring your friends to Rose La Tella for the line of clothes! One door east of the Guide!

Is there anything worrying Marshall's mind? If so tell us your troubles and we'll see how it comes out.

NICE GIRLS: Weadie Bell, Naomi Duheart and Marie Williams.

CLUB MEETINGS! every thurs night you're invited to the regular weekly meeting of the TGIT Club at the Urban League, as if you didn't know that TGIT stands for "Thank Goodness It's Thursday" Joint and Jive we always say!!!

Gone at Last! Leonard Newt is in the army! Now! getting plenty of sleep so I hear!

Is C. M. trying to go back with his old flame? We wonder!

Couples: Imogene Perry, Perkins Marion; Louise Seay, Jack Marion; Inola Moore, Leeman;

GUESS WHO??? Nick-name—Peach; age—15; weight: 138; height—5 ft. 1-2 in; Phone—AT-3960; eyes, brown; hair, black; complexion, dark brown; hangout—E & E; hobby, dancing; pep peeve, a little girl at Central High.

LAST WEEK'S GUESS WHO was Claretta Helen Lott. In closing always remember that: you can always think of a way to hurt your friend, but never think of what awaits for U! 'til then, bye, bye DOT.

Omaha Better Business Bureau Announces Addition of An Advisory Committee

Walter F. Cozad, president of the Omaha Better Business Bureau, today announced the appointment of an advisory committee to assist the newly activated War-

time Savings Division of the Bureau. The committee, Mr. Cozad said, is composed of representatives of all phases of society, including leaders in the fields of industry, wholesale and retail selling, advertising media, education, finance, civic organizations, women's groups, labor, the church, and service and miscellaneous fields.

"The information of this new division of the Bureau and the appointment of this committee followed the lines suggested by the National Conference for Safeguarding War-time Savings held in NYC last month, and which handed the leadership of the program down to the Better Business Bureau for this country". Mr. Cozad said. The National Wartime Savings Conference was called by Mr. R. Deupree to seek methods of protecting the vast reservoir of wartime savings amounting to approximately 18 billion dollars and prevent that money from falling into the hands of swindlers, racketeers, and business sharpshooters who drained off hundreds of millions of dollars in war time savings following the last war.

"The local committee will act as an advisory group for the Bureau's Wartime Savings Division, which will carry on an active campaign against racketeers, swindlers, and shady promoters", said Mr. Cozad. Mr. Rush Barnes, acting general manager of the Bureau, stated that additional personnel was being added to the Bureau staff to handle the job and that a manager of the new division would be announced soon.

Members of the committee and the various groups they will represent follow:

Industrial: R. J. Hopley; J. E. Davidson; C. F. Ashby; Paul Gallagher; E. T. Rainey; E. G. Hinton; C. A. Swanson; and W. D. Lane.

Media: Vernon Smith; Coe Buchanan; Leo Bozell; and Gordon Gray.

Education: Rev. W. H. McCabe; H. M. Corning; Rowland Haynes; and William Kunold.

Women's Groups: Mrs. Sydney Riley; Grace McLain; Mrs. Clayton W. Woods; and Mrs. Elmer D. Cooper.

Civic Organizations: W. O. Swanson; David Blacker; John J. Merriman; Les Branch; Ed Pettis; Charles Bongardt; Victor Spittler; Barney Gyger; Fred Bufet; Howard Moberty; Joseph Votava; Mayor Charles Leeman; and C. D. Saunders.

Ministers: Dr. E. A. Rowsey; Rt. Rev. Howard Brinker; Rabbi David Goldstein; and Archbishop James H. Ryan.

Retail: Murray Champagne; Albert E. Parmelee; Charles Beaton; Harry Malashock; and Geo. Pray.

Finance: W. Dale Clark; Ford Hey; and W. A. Sawtell.

Labor: Frank Cronin; J. J. Guenther; R. A. Hays; and Albert M. Witzling.

Service and Miscellaneous: Joe Barker; Plummer Purdham; Gen. Lewis A. Pick.

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Book 66; Page 101.

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The State of Nebraska, To All Parties Interested: Notice is hereby given that application has been made to this Court for the granting of administration of said estate to Jessie Lee Moore.

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A YOUTHFUL COLUMN

Chatter-Box...

by DORIS ANN MCGILL.

Chick Chats—Dust off the discs and call me groovy!— and may next Valino-timemies be happier! (very sad for me)!

If you have been attending these parties lately, you certainly are missing a treat! Me it's too much, hey K. G?

this week we find Willie 'Hi Neighbor' one of our neighbors, but we seldom see him!

Willie loves his sax above all else—he goes to South-Plays in the band and is well known among the jitterbugs. He's about 5 feet 1 1/2 inches tall, brown skin, weighs about 140, and my what a man! Willie loves jazz.



Willie Davis

Slang: I will say, with your self!

What certain chick had better get her men together before she ends up henness? Hubba, hubba!

Guess what? James Dill is back! Looking fine in his sailor suit. Says hello to old friends.

Why doesn't R. J. have more respect for the girls? We wonder!

HURRAH! The USO girls got their pens, Thursday night for their services during the wartime. Good Deal! Several that I know are: Amelia Orduna, Barbara Peters, Evelyn Butler and sister, Anna Mae, Erma Smith and others.

I'm sure L. Bannell would be interested to know that his future wife to be, is madly interested!

Silly But TRUE!

Life Boy—why say cleanliness is next to godliness? Ivory—Because Saturday is next to Sunday. So true, so true!

NUFF SED!

There's enough said about who! what! where! when! and ends up nothing. (hey Barnyard?) Next week answer.

MOP! MOP!

So Jack is back for good! And boy is he glad, also Virgil Mitchell!

We share our deepest sympathy with the Cottrell family.

Who Dood It? What certain boy shook a certain girl on last Friday and afterwards was bragging on what he do? We wonder will he do it? Time waits for no one! Hey P. F?

To be mentioned! To the 2G's, several persons have asked me to inform you to be a little more exact on the initials and start writing out the names. Very confusing, if I must say so.

FLASH! Flash! Since Cab was here! Need I tell you he was great! Also the performance by the Peters' Sisters. oo-La La!

Well Kids! You know we can only say so little, and see so much. We wonder if there is anything between D. Jon-