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## Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial Endorsed Nationally

Rocymount, Virginia, March 31—1946—S. J. Phillips, President of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, announces that the State of Virginia in the General Assembly which closed on March 9 appropriated \$15,000 towards the \$2,000,000 Memorial, which is planned for the birthplace of Booker T. Washington. This appropriation was made towards the establishment of permanent buildings and to promote the general idea of the Memorial.

The idea of establishing a Memorial to Booker T. Washington at his birthplace in appreciation for his contributions to National welfare has been endorsed by 33 Governors over the Nation, the Press, the Church, Departments of Education, organization leaders, women's groups, and is being heartily received by the general public.

Much publicity is being given the movement by the radio. A Booker T. Washington Memorial Quartet, composed of men who recently served with the Army Corp Group at Ft. Benning, Georgia, has been organized and is broadcasting daily in the interest of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial. These singers will also make personal appearances before groups over the country.

On April 5, the day which is celebrated at the birthday of Booker T. Washington, "ground breaking" ceremonies will mark the beginning of the establishment of the \$200,000,000 Memorial was held at Booker T. Washington's birthplace. Arrangements were made with the All American News Company to make pictures of these ceremonies to be shown in Negro theatres over the country. Other news producers were also invited to film these events. Radio broadcasts were made on that occasion, trustees of the Memorial were present on the grounds, together with groups of outstanding individuals from various organizations of white and colored over the country. The public was invited to attend this epoch marking event.

## The Strength of Freedom



by RUTH TAYLOR

The first time I heard that phrase it came from the lips of one of the truly great elder statesmen. There was a life time of experience in his tone when he said, "We underestimate the strength of freedom."

What he had learned in his years of struggle to improve the conditions of his fellow Americans, is the secret of the power of democracy. It is the vital spark of reserve power of our republic.

There is a hidden strength to freedom, an innate power which is invincible. Fearful souls have spoken and written much of the might of totalitarian nations—of the speed with which they can act, of their cohesive power. But all of these are as nothing beside the strength of freedom. Freedom has powers beside which the powers of dictators—either of the left or right—crumble into their native nothingness.

There is a balance of power in freedom because it is applicable to all without regard to class, color or creed. Without equal rights for all there is no freedom for any—no liberty, just license to oppress for the favored few.

Freedom means the possession of self initiative and the exercise of the powers of deliberation. It takes courage to be free, because it demands the acceptance of duties as well as of rights.

A man who is free is a strong man. He is free from the chains of hate or prejudice, from fear, selfishness and despair. The man who is free has learned to walk alone, to think and decide for himself. He does not lean on others. He stands firm by himself.

We have underestimated the strength of our freedom. It is like the education of a child. If a child has been properly trained, he can be trusted as an adult to make correct decisions. Those who have been trained to freedom have the strength to use it wisely. This is our salvation as a nation. This is the cohesive quality of democracy.

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## PLAIN TALK—by Dan Gardner Washington, A Racial Panacea

Another gentleman with the "interest of the Race" at heart has come forward with a panacea for solving once and for all the American Negro's dilemma. He is a Dr. William A. Brown, "La Casa Willadora", Cave Junction, Illinois Valley, Oregon.

I don't know Dr. Brown and I don't know whether he is white or colored, but his program labelled "Washingtonia: Land of the Free Born" came to me in a mimeographed tract and that is the reason for this piece. Washingtonia, according to Dr. Brown, "is envisioned as a living memorial to the great American Educator, Dr. Booker T. Washington. It takes the form of a vast cooperative Negro Community Enterprise in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, opposite Port Arthur, Texas. As projected, it contains 400 square miles within a proposed city named Washingtonia and 600 square miles contiguous thereto, this area to be served absolutely for every sort and size of Negro-Initiated INDUSTRIES to be Negro-Owned and Negro-Managed. In developing Washingtonia the Gulf of Mexico is to be made the Mexico-America Inland Sea.

Dr. Brown's Washingtonia harbor would be made large enough to provide for all the shipping in the Mexico-American inland sea and establish ample anchorage for the American Navy.

In 1950, Dr. Brown wants to stage a Golden Jubilee of Booker T. Washington's launching of the National Negro Business League with a most fittingly inaugurated international, interracial exposition of the 60 colored nations; thus making Washingtonia the cultural, commercial, fiducial, industrial, recreational, educational, musical, spiritual center of the 1,600,000,000 colored people of all the wide, wide world. Brother Brown waxes further eloquent in discussing this brand new dream of racial advancement by concentrating on two names—George Washington, the first President of the United States, and of course, a white man, and Booker T. Washington, a Negro Washington who adopted the name of the white man and later became world famous for his endeavors in racial advancement through the race working with their hands. Dr. Brown's program is solidly nationalistic and was set up within the American system, the monster black belt sent to the reservations of the West upon which the Indian braves are allowed to roam in the most prejudiced section of the United States outside of Florida and Mississippi. The Jim Crow Washingtonia would be hemmed in on three sides by various mixtures of the raker redneck element, with Uncle Sam's Navy manned as per custom by whites anchored at a business-like distance off shore so that all that could happen in Washingtonia would be loud hosannas, hand-clapping, singing of spirituals, picking cotton and other activities the white man ascribes to us as our purely racial inheritance.

His scheme calls for "the acquisition, development, disposition and control of all Washingtonia property, with the approval of all enterprises and personnel to be vested in a Board of Trustees composed of nine business and professional men well known as thoroughly capable and trustworthy, incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana and a Washington National Bank of Commerce with \$1,000,000 paid up capital, organized and managed by experienced men selected from Negro banks in various centers of population." The Washingtonia Certificates of deposit maturing in 1950 at the time of Brother Brown's international, interracial exposition would show \$3.75 purchasing a \$5 bond; \$7.50 purchasing a \$10 bond; \$15, a \$20 bond; \$37.50; a \$50 bond and \$75, a \$100 bond which at compound interest would yield about 5%.

Washingtonia would teem with institutions. Doctor Brown's elaborate vision encompasses with one full sweep the University of Washingtonia (the Brown Man's Oxford) with professional studies equal to those common to the greatest universities anywhere in the world. He would have Marian Anderson School of Music; a cappella choir, symphony orchestras, military bands, artist courses, ping and fall festivals, tours of Metropolitan cities in permanently equipped streamlined trains which Mr. Brown neglects to say, but may be presumed to be a strictly coal-car proposition since Mr. Brown has yet to indicate in his prospectus that Louisiana will allow trains to run through their state without customary Jim Crow regulations. He would have in Washingtonia

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exclusive publications of Negro music and spirituals, Negro magazines, Negro stories, publications, dailies, books by Negro authors, a 25c popular library of pocket books for circulation in all public schools and appropriate for family reading and culture. The Washingtonia radio would reach the entire world and every program would feature a Marian Anderson selection (by that time poor Marian would have sung herself to death) and there would be hourly news comments from Negro reporters from the capitol of the Nation, where they have yet to get in the Congressional press roll despite vehement agitation.

The laborate panacea calls for Washingtonia in Texas, some place near Brownsville, and Corpus Christi. Then Dr. Brown would invade Mississippi, stamping ground of the Bilbo-Rankin-Eastland coalition where a health resort similar to Mayo's in Minnesota would be built. This is about all he could figure up for Mississippi. In Alabama, he would set up a George Washington Carver Laboratory in which much cotton picking and sweet potato planting would be very much in evidence since his plan does not call for any further incursions into elaborately laid out racial lines of this birth state of the late Booker T. Washington.

Brown's Washingtonia in Florida "conspires to beckon the American Negro to his native hearth". Here the Negro would be placed in close contact with chickens, mules, sheep, goats, cows, hogs, turnip greens and other vegetation of the garden variety which "will lure the naturally ambitious."

Thus, we have the picture of our immediate future. We can rear back in our swivel chairs and enjoy belly laughs, as usual, for the self-sufficiency of the race. That is the natural tendency among us since few are as brave as Dr. Brown in the origination of any kind of idea that might have a sound basis.

The scheme of Washingtonia may be one in a long line of crackpot shakedown that frequently rise to plague our well-being, but it is safe to say that where Brown may interest thousands in the South and elsewhere who are interested in being wholly Negroes, there will be twice that many who will not willingly concede the hard-earned privilege of marrying white women, eating in white restaurants, going to mixed summer camps, etc., for any idea of this nature. They take and stand on the issue of integration or nothing.

## "THE NEGRO IN LATIN AMERICA" by Harold Preece So You Want to Go to Brazil

Several Negro servicemen have written me that they would like to take a try at living in Brazil, once they get their discharge papers. They have asked me for information about job conditions in the country and about passport requirements of the



Harold Preece

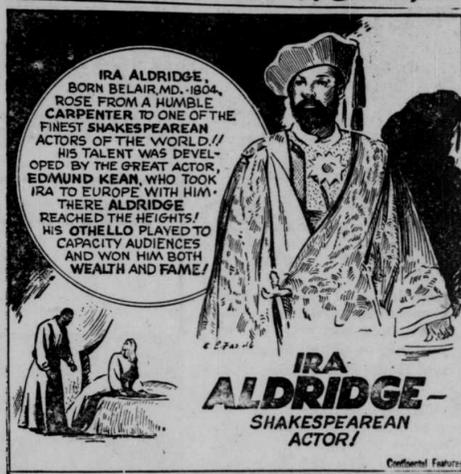
Well, Brazil is on a big industrial boom and needs skilled workers. But that's only half the story—the new Brazilian industries are largely controlled by the same American monopoly capitalists who have always fought full and equal employment for Negroes in this country. Although fully half of Brazil's 40,000,000 people have varying percentages of Negro blood, Jim Crow is making headway in that country because the Americans who control the money largely control the country.

Here are the rules for getting a permanent or a temporary visa to Brazil. The rub comes in the requirement that anybody wishing to settle permanently there must have a job already lined up and letters from his employers to prove it—and that may work against American Negroes wishing to get started in this big and almost wholly undeveloped country.

The rules for a permanent visa are as follows:

1. Passport;

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2. Police certificate of no criminal record;
3. Two letters from officials of reliable firms stating bearer is not harmful to public order, to the national security or to the public institution;
4. Certificate of health (form furnished by the Consulate);
5. Certificate of vaccination against smallpox, issued in last five years;
6. Proof of lawful occupation (not needed for married women accompanying their husbands); this may be letter, in duplicate, from applicant's employers and should state that he is in their employ and that they will be responsible for his maintenance in Brazil;
7. Birth certificate;
8. Marriage certificate;
9. Two application forms, furnished by the Consulate;
10. Four photographs, on white background for each adult or child;

Fee for visa—\$10.00.  
According to the Brazilian Bulletin of Feb. 1, official Brazilian government publication issued at 551 Fifth Avenue, New York and from which this information is taken, all persons desiring to enter Brazil in a permanent character must appear in person at that country's consulate nearest to them or having jurisdiction over the locality in which they have resided for the last six months. If you don't know the name of the nearest Brazilian consulate, write and ask Ambassador Carlos Martins, Brazilian Embassy, Washington, D. C.

If you want to go to Brazil on a tour or a business matter, you will need only a temporary visa. And here's what is required:

1. Passport;
2. Certificate of vaccination (smallpox);
3. Certificate of Health, stating that bearer is not suffering from any communicable disease;
4. Police certificate of no criminal record;
5. Letter in duplicate, stating the purpose of the trip;
6. Four photographs, for each adult and child (passport size);
7. Two application forms, furnished by the Consulate.

These rules for both temporary and permanent visas will be changed when Brazilian Decree—in Law 7967 of September 18, 1945, goes into effect. I do not have a copy of the decree before me, but I am told that it makes no mention of race or color in its provisions regarding qualifications for new settlers in the country.

Even so, I'd like to hear the results, good or bad, of any application made by a Negro for entrance into the country. If Negroes are being admitted on an equal basis once they are assured of jobs in Brazil, we ought to know about it. If they are being refused admission, we ought to know about it too.

Drop me a letter in care of Continental Features, 507 Fifth Avenue, New York, letting me know what happens in case you ask for a visa to enter Brazil.

## DO'S AND DON'TS:



Little women, if you would be called ladies, avoid profanity.