

Democrats And New Dealers Against Draft Measure

BY EMMETT SCOTT

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Congress of the United States was again engaged last week in a discussion of the never-ending, eternal Negro Question. The discussion involved the age-old problem of doing justice, and dealing out fair play to 12,000,000 or more citizens of the Republic.

Let any question arise in Congress regarding this element of our citizenship, and the alleged patrioters who prate of liberty and freedom, and equal rights for all men, come out of their little holes to register opposition to recognizing even the elements of citizenship where the interests of this group are concerned. And this, despite the fact that it is a group which has been loyal to the highest and best interests of our country during all the testing years of its growth and development.

These observations are pertinent with the discussion in the House of Representatives of the Compulsory Military Training and Service Bill which was finally passed.

Hamilton Fish To The Rescue

There was a fair degree of orderly debate until Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, introduced an amendment which, it would be supposed, during this period of arming for National defense, would be passed without a moment's hesitation.

The Resolution simply provided: "That in the selection and training of men, as well as in the interpretation and execution of the provisions of this act, there shall be no discrimination against any person on account of race, creed, or color."

Immediately the Hon. Andrew J. May, Remontar, of Kentucky, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, arose to make a point of order "on the ground that the same provision is already written in the House Bill and appears in the Committee Bill. The Congressman from New York, Mr. Fish, replied that the gentlemen from Kentucky, Mr. May, is entirely in error. Mr. Fish, replied that the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. May, "is entirely in error." Mr. Fish then proceeded to point out that the provision referred to by the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, Mr. May Democrat of Kentucky, applies only to the volunteers, while his provision applies to the draftees an entirely different proposal affecting a different group of men.

Mr. May was not to be outdone. He offered the remarks that the representatives of the Colored people who appeared before the House Military Affairs Committee, were heard at length, and had approved the text which appeared in the Amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

Amendment Sponsored at Request Of Colored Leaders

Mr. Fish insisted the text referred to does not use the same comprehensive language as his Amendment. He said: "I am not the originator of my Amendment. I am merely sponsoring it in the House by request of a group of prominent Colored leaders who are interested and represent the interests of 12,000,000 Negroes in America. It originated from a group of men known as the Committee on Participation of Negroes in the National Defense Program. Dr. Emmett Scott, Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, 1917-19, is in favor of the Amendment, as is other of its sponsors, and is Editor Robert L. Vann, of Pittsburgh. I think there is every reason to adopt it. I hope there will be no opposition to it, as it is a matter of simple justice and has for its sole purpose doing away with American discrimination and giving the drafted Negro a square deal in the armed forces of the United States."

It is proper here to note that Dr. Raymond W. Logan, Chairman of the Committee on Participation of Negroes in the National Defense Program, presented to the House Military Affairs Committee the identical Amendment which was presented by Representative Hamilton Fish of New York. The Military Affairs Committee had the opportunity to do so.

The majority of the House Military Affairs Committee, it will be borne in mind, is composed of members of the Democratic New Deal Party, and as always, has stood out against according even simple justice to Negroes in Army Service.

Earlier in the day the Bill was amended to provide that, "Any person, regardless of race or color, between the ages of 18 and 35, shall be afforded the opportunity to volunteer for induction into the Land and Naval Forces," and, also that "No man shall be inducted for training and service under this Act unless and until he is acceptable to the Land and Naval Forces for such training and service."

These provisions were regarded as meaningless and ambiguous, if not downright misleading, by persons who were interested in writing into the Bill legislative safeguards to compel fair treatment of Colored men. The provisions here quoted would have afforded every laxity and opportunity for unsympathetic Army officers to avoid and evade the very thing they ostensibly were being asked to protect.

Democrats and New Dealers Vote No

After further and prolonged discussion, a vote on the Amendment offered by Mr. Fish was taken on a division showed Ayes 66, Noes 107. In other words the Amendment was defeated on division.

Immediately, however, Mr. Fish demanded Tellers. The Chairman appointed Mr. May, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, and Mr. Fish, and the Committee again divided. The Tellers reported that on this vote there were 121 Ayes, and 99 Noes, the Amendment being adopted.

While no record vote was taken it has been ascertained that practically all of those who voted against the Amendment were members of the Democratic New Deal Party, while practically all of the Republicans of the House of Representatives present voted for the Amendment which was written into the Bill. The Amendment even survived the discussions of the Senate and House Conferees on the Compulsory Military Training and Service Bill and, of course, is now part of the law.

Once again, the Negro people are indebted to Hamilton Fish and the Republican Party for stalwart advocacy of justice and fair play.

Philadelphia Citizens Can Strike Back at McGranery

Representative R. McGranery, Democrat of Pennsylvania, who comes from the 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania, City of Philadelphia, composed of Words 7 to 10, 24, 27, 30, 36 and 44, was one of those who opposed the Amendment. In these Words are many Colored citizens who are constantly being solicited by Mr. McGranery to continue him in Congress. It is of note that on the first Division and on the Teller vote, that McGranery voted against the Amendment of Congressman Fish. He was but one of several recreant Congressmen with Colored constituents guilty of the same action.

CALVIN'S DIGEST

AN APPRECIATION

Post-war prosperity attracted to New York City many ambitious young men and women of our race. Numbered among them were potential artist, writers, singers and business men. Some blossomed into full flowers in their chosen fields while others faded into oblivion. This period in Harlem's development was known as the Renaissance.

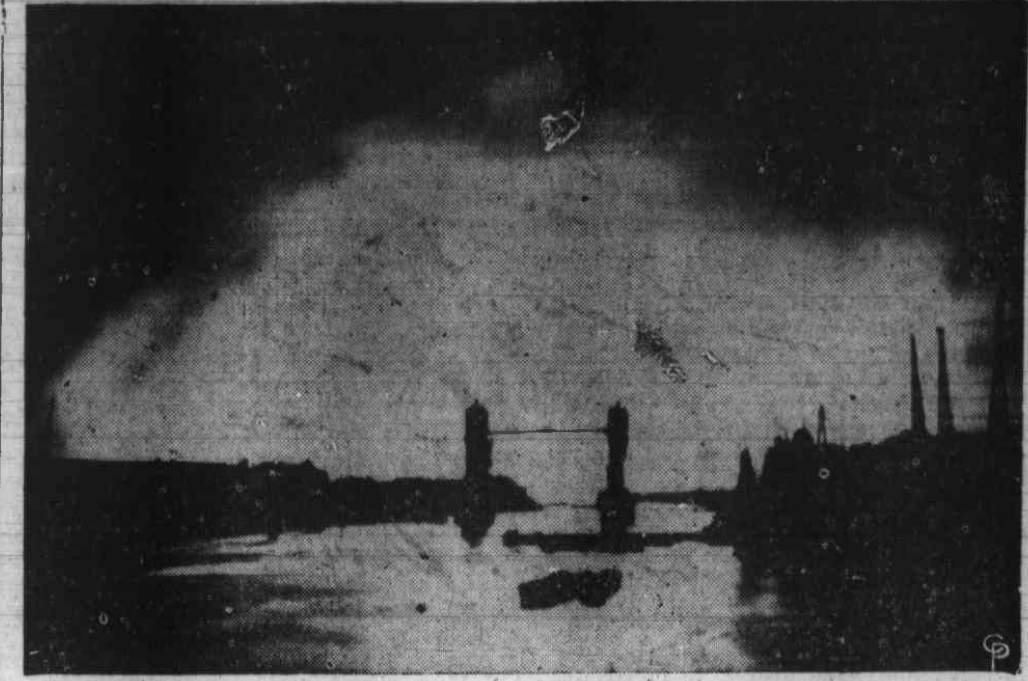
Among the few young men of that period who impressed their personalities indelibly on Harlem and the nation, was the late Floyd J. Calvin who died one year ago this month. His achievement in his chosen field placed him high in the constellation of young men who helped to make Harlem and the nation.

Born in Hope, Arkansas 57 years ago, he finished his grammar and high school training

MUGGS AND SKETER



Bomb Fires Light Up the Sky Over London



Great fires throughout London light up the sky in this dramatic picture, taken as German warplanes rained thousands of tons of incendiary and high explosive bombs on the British capital. Pillars of flame guided Nazi airmen to the target in unceasing waves. Photo was flashed to New York by cable.

Mrs. Roosevelt Addresses BSCP

BY JOHN H. THOMPSON

NEW YORK — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the Land, headed the largest group of celebrities ever to attend an all colored labor convention in New York or elsewhere, when she addressed the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters at their dinner at Mecca temple Monday night, as part of the week long 16th anniversary and biennial convention, Sept. 15-20.

Other celebrities at the speakers table included Mrs. Mary Bethune, "First Colored Lady of the Land," Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York City; Lieut. Gov. Charles Poletti; Aubrey Williams, National director of the NYA; Dr. Channing Tobias of the YMCA; Walter White of the NAACP; James Quinn of the Central Trades and Labor council of New York City; A. Philip Randolph, president of the brotherhood, and other officials of the BSCP.

More than 800 persons paid the \$2.50 per plate to listen to this brilliant array of speakers, who paid tribute to Randolph and the brotherhood.

Mrs. Bethune introduced Mrs. Roosevelt, who after paying tribute to the head of the colored division of the NYA, launched

into her speech. Said the First Lady in part: "We have a right to improve Democracy in the U. S. The conscription bill is the only way to make the nation really safe for it is better to have young people trained for warfare than to send them into battle untrained if they are not trained early, last minute measures may not save us from war."

"Each of us has an obligation to try in all ways to perfect the democracy of the country you know what it is to struggle against handicaps we can overcome them only as we work side by side. The color line is gradually being broken down and becoming a thing of the past. We must work together and not let any one group suffer. It is only lately we have realized how much culture of the country has come from the minority groups of the United States. As James Weldon Johnson once said to me, 'You are making a mistake when you do not recognize how much my race has contributed in many ways.' The Negro has a great gift for culture in many things. I am tremendously interested in young people and I know those of your group and their difficulties. I appreciate what young people meet with today in colored groups we all need courage and wisdom and patience as great

changes do not come over night. "In the past few years we have come far along the road to a better understanding, a greater appreciation of the dignity of human individuals regardless of race, color or creed. We can make all democracy better by all giving the best we have to give. I pledge to you my faith, my cooperation to make this a better country, not for you alone but for all. This will make all feel our country is safe and a better place in which to live."

Mrs. Roosevelt received a tremendous ovation from the audience as she took her seat. Ashley Totten then rose, declared it "was not a political meeting nor do I wish to speak of politics but Franklin D. Roosevelt is the greatest man ever to step into the White House." Waves of applause greeted this statement.

Totten next introduced Mayor Guardia, "a friend of the common people," who told listeners that it had been made perfectly clear "that this was a non-partisan meeting and therefore I can speak in ease. In any gathering of men and women who toil for a living and who have witnessed the progress made by the brotherhood in the past few years, would also be non partisan and for Franklin D. Roosevelt." Loud Cheers. "I want to tell you all that your greatest success was not only in the right to organize, increase wages and gain better working conditions but it was in giving self respect to every employed Pullman porter."

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LEAVES FOR NEW YORK CITY

Miss Daisy Mayo of 607 Fayetteville St. left the city Friday evening, August 23rd enroute to New York City and other points north. Her stay is indefinite.

Paul Robeson Warns Of Attack On Liberties In Name Of Nat'l Defense

New York—CNA—In a powerfully written article which will appear in the August 30 issue of "Friday," progressive weekly magazine with editorial office at 114 East 32nd Street, this city, Paul Robeson sounds a focus warning against those who are now calling upon the American people to sacrifice their democratic liberties "in the name of national defense."

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Durham Socials

YWCA NOTES

The Polyanna young girls club of the YWCA will meet next Monday afternoon beginning at 4 and will continue through 5 P. M. Also the Jolly Girls Club will meet next Tuesday afternoon from 4 until 5.

We are again asking all ladies who are interested in flowers, gardening, etc. to please call at the "Y".

COME ONE COME ALL

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W. M. Steward, President Rev. S. P. Perry, pastor

Miss Sarah Costner of Gaston's spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Toole of 405 Pekoe Street.

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RENDERS PROGRAM DURHAM—The Ladies Gospel Chorus of Ebenezer Baptist Church rendered a program at Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday under the leadership of Miss Louise Ford and Mrs. Louise Dalmple.

The program consisted of music numbers led by Mrs. Bettie Barrett and recitations. One outstanding recital was given by John A. Barbee and other recitations were given by Mesdames Willie Stewart and Dicie Webb.

The Program was enjoyed by all. Deacon Harris also gave some splendid remarks. The benediction was announced by Walter Mayo.

VISITING SISTER

Miss Ida Mae Sears, sister of Mrs. Beatrice Williams is visiting here from Richmond, Va.

ABOUT THE SAME

Mrs. Lottie Burnett's condition is reported to be about the same

DUKE PRESBYTERIAN GROUP TO CONDUCT SERVICES AT PINE STREET CHURCH

DURHAM — The Duke University Presbyterian Student Association will conduct the morning worship services at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Sunday, September 29.

The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Joseph E. Porter, who is chairman of the student executive committee.

The evening services will be conducted under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the church, at which time T. D. Parham, Jr. will deliver the address.

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