

NEWS and ACTIVITIES of CHURCHES

Dr. Hancock's "Minority Group" Address Stirs Queen City Audience

Charlotte — A large gathering of Queen City citizens listened to a stirring address by Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., last Sunday evening at Grace AME church.

Dr. Hancock handled his subject, "Minority Groups," with the dexterity of a modern Alliden, delving deep into the historical background of the minority problem to ferret out facts related to its modern concept and skillfully transforming them into verities, applicable to the immediate dilemma of world minorities.

Warning the audience of the totalitarian threat to the minority groups of the world, Dr. Hancock compared the plight of the American Negro with that of the international Jew, asserting that the economic power of the Jew is solely based upon his adaptation of a defense, on an under dog psychology, which enables him to exploit advantageously, the weakness of the dominant groups, meanwhile using his talents, in a greater degree, to achieve that

basic group solidarity wherein lies the power to survive of minorities.

In his summation the speaker warned his hearers of the unsoundness of the Birth Control idea for Negroes pointing out that the people of the world who have advocated such practices now find themselves on the defensive in the struggle for world ascendancy or power, and urged that we, the Negro race, should strive to increase our number, thereby decreasing the possibility of our annihilation.

Australian war budget puts total taxes at 20% of income.

National Grange asks ban on competitive farm imports.

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Rev. C. C. Hairston Reduces Church Debt By Raising \$2,500



The above is a picture of the ST. STEPHENS AME CHURCH, Gastonia, of which Rev. C. H. Hairston is pastor. This pastor came to the church August 20, 1939, and found it struggling for twelve years under a \$35,000 debt. During the sixteen months that this pastor has served, he has reduced the debt from 8,800 to \$5,500. The amount of \$2,500 was paid on he debt, December 2, at the close of a rally.

Under the efficient leadership of Rev. Hairston who is also president of the Ministerial Alliance, the church has been able to meet all general expenses as well as all the requirements of the general church.

St. Stephens is also spiritually alive due to a tremendous increase in the number of organization and membership attendance.

Rev. and Mrs. Hairston work side by side with the good members of the church to have a bigger and better St. Stephens. Mrs. Hairston is a teacher in the Cherryville, N. C. school system.

If everybody in the world would agree upon everything, the progress of the world would come to an end.

Hampton Sends Representative To Develop Cultural Unity Between Negro Negroes And British West Indies

Hampton Institute, Va. — A dramatic forward step in the co-operation and cultural unity between Negroes of British West Indies and those in the United States was taken, when Hampton Institute officially announced that it would send a representative to exhibit students' work in the Islands.

Choosing Ellis A. Williams, a native of Trinidad, as its special representative, Hampton has lined up a showing of work in the fields of art, design, photography, architecture, and printing. The British War Relief Fund will be the direct beneficiary of the exhibit, which will be shown in Trinidad, Barbados, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, Montserrat, Antigua, St. Kitts, and Bermuda.

Greetings from Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, President of Hampton Institute, to the Governors of the various islands will be carried

by Mr. Williams. In his message Dr. MacLean says:

"Hampton Institute is greatly concerned in supporting the war effort and your peace effort and therefore through Mr. Williams offers whatever service it may render you in the training of your able young Negroes. We are therefore commissioning Mr. Williams to offer you our services and to negotiate the first step with you and your associates toward sending such Negro youth as you think may profit by our training in this Institute."

ALTERATION

Large financial requirements for the national defense program may necessitate a reduction of cash subsidies to farmers and an increase in government loan rate on crop surpluses, say Federal farm officials.

EXTENSION

An extension of the cotton stamp plan into a large number of cities before the end of the year is being considered strongly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Johnson Delivers Address At N. C. C.

Attacks Corruption Of Democracy

BY A. M. RIVERA, Jr.

"Democracy is inflicted with disease in its own body and this inner corruption will eventually destroy it if we do nothing to check the ill," Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, said in an address to students and visitors of the North Carolina College For Negroes Monday morning.

Describing the era as the most critical in the history of civilization, Dr. Johnson cautioned that "whether we are going to continue in a democracy and whether we are going to succeed is the present question." He said that before we were born democracy was taken for granted but today it stands with its back against the wall. To prove this statement, Dr. Johnson said that over five million people had abandoned democracy and our country is preparing with the greatest haste to appropriate ever.

"If we are going to succeed in keeping totalitarian powers from conquering the United States is not enough to assure us of democracy," the speaker said. "It is foolish for us to think that national preparedness is going to be enough."

Pointing to the causes of the great revolutions, the educator said that all had their origin with an attempt to heal the ills of democracy. The Russian Communist revolution was caused when the masses, poor, ignorant and stricken, became bitter. For years and years Great Britain, the most successful of the democracies, had two million unemployed while she was the most dominant western democratic power. At the same time Russia had millions unemployed and we still have ten million unemployed here.

The Russian revolution came about because in spite of pleas, the economic and political leaders would not make a substantial effort to meet these needs. "We don't want communism in this country," the speaker reminded, "but we would be blind not to see the causes of the Russian Revolution. Because of the fact that we still have ten million people unemployed here, democracy stands in peril. We have the finest intelligence in the world here but are apparently we are un-

able to do anything about these conditions.

There have been other revolutions, the Fascist in Italy and the Nazi in Germany. The revolution in Germany was against chaos. When the Allies defeated Germany in the last World War they had the chance to organize these into peaceful nations, but instead the most unjust treaty was forced on them and they were kept in a state of inferiority though they knew the Germans had the qualities and intelligence equal to any other nation. We don't like the Nazi revolution, we don't like its beliefs, but we have to see that because the democratic powers insisted on choking our throats down the throats of the Germans that the disease exists in the United States.

In 1865 we had a revolution in which several of the states seceded from the union. Had Lincoln lived he would have healed the wounds made by the war, but as it was the Northern states left us (the south) and went about making money for themselves. They left us a political system broken to pieces by the war and even today they are in relationship to the United States as Germany is. Big businesses moved to the north and today a child in New York receives over a hundred dollars a year for elementary education and in Mississippi white children receive forty-five dollars and Negro children fifteen. Even religion was divided in this war. Denominations still have the northern and southern branch of the church.

In the last seventy years the south has been an agricultural colony for the north. Democracy has failed for seventy years to create a national unity. Unless democracy over comes this disease we will be a candidate for its destruction. The Indian revolution in some sense is the most striking in all history. It is the only revolution not making violence. Democratic nations have been exploiting India, Africa and China. We have taken from their banks, their businesses and even their governments. Japan is not fighting because they want to control the world but because they are afraid of us. They do not want their people to be under these countries.

Significant is the fact that all of the revolutions are also against Christianity. Christianity must find a way in democracy to find leaders who will become statesmen of the people. The Christian church in this nation must over step the bounds of government and bring together Jews and Teuton, Greeks and Indians, whites and blacks.

Christianity was intended to be the last religion, it was intended to create a brotherhood of man to bring together all nations. The peace treaties in Europe have failed because the nations did not trust each other. The British have seen the Belgians

cut off the heads of Africans because they couldn't produce more rubber. France has seen Great Britain exploit India. They have violated the personalities and homes of Africa, China, India the Dutch Indies and have satisfied their consciences that what they have done was justified because they were dealing with inferior people. Each country is preparing not to have such the exploits that have been witnessed.

The fate of democracy lies not in a vast army, nor a two-ocean navy, nor a mammoth air armada, but in a militant Christian movement with its heart wide open. How can we have democracy in the states of Mississippi and Louisiana and Alabama where there are some living on less than ninety dollar a year? We may win the war but democracy will still fail unless we remove these conditions.

The greatest single thing that the church has to do in this country is to convert big business men to religion. We have been so confused busy fighting between the Methodist, Baptist and Holy Rollers that we have lost the purpose of religion.

I should like to see the Christians right here in the south reunite the Christian church, reunite the black man and the white man, reunite the north and the south.

I wish the Negro people would become to see ourselves in a new light. Ghandi didn't make out of the Indians a bunch of beggars, but a bunch of soldiers. I wish we would let it be known that above every want that we have we desire to become a part of an emancipation. We want to be in a situation where the general of the whole christian army would come and say "soldiers we are relying upon you for your share in the fighting, the sugaring and the glory that is to be."

Soldiers, cross bearers, suffers for the emancipation of a human soul for his place in a disturbed world.

The ACE League of St. Joseph AME church sponsored a program Sunday evening December 8th at 6 p. m., under the leadership of the "Look Out Committee." The topic discussed was "Using The Bible When It Counts."

The members of the Pastor's Aid Club met at the home of Mrs. Ella McLaughlin on Dawkins St., Thursday night at eight o'clock.

The Julia Warren Circle met Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Laura Grandy, 606 Dunbar Street at 4:30 o'clock.

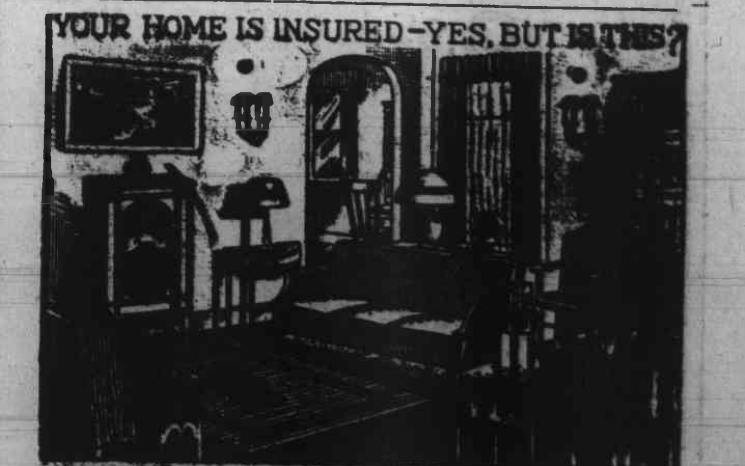
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