

Mrs. F. D. R. Gives Views On Many Problems Confronting Various Races That Make Up The United States

N. Y.'s BLACK, WHITE, FELLOW, BROWN

New York City is my City. I was born in this City; my childhood was largely spent here. I went away in the summers, but all of my education up to the age of 15 was carried on in New York City. After that age I lived away at different times for long periods of time, but I never come back without the feeling that I am coming home and this is the place where I belong. I've spent many hours visiting the beautiful things of this city, its churches, its cathedrals, its picture galleries, its shops. I love to stand on a rainy day and look down Fifth Avenue, and on a clear night I love to come across the Bay and see the lights go on in all of New York City's buildings. I like to fly over the City and see it as panorama ne-

low, and I like to visit the different sections, each one of which has a flavor of some different nationality. I have grieved over the City's slums, but I have visited them. I have regretted it when I felt that we were lagging behind in making our public school system better by year, or that we did not have playgrounds enough for our children, or that we were not doing a good enough job on public health. But, good or bad, I've loved and still do love this City, with its people, black white, yellow, brown; some of them new comers, some of them having lived here a long while, though never quite casting off the country of their birth, some of them descended from ancestors who may have come over in the Mayflower; all of them human beings and citizens of a great metropolis.

ONE RACE, ONE RELIGION DOES NOT MAKE NATION GREAT

I should like to congratulate our Mayor who has one of the most important jobs to be done in our nation. He has accomplished a great deal while he has been Mayor and I hope he will continue his interest in the children and in the young people as well as in the other citizens, and see to it that those who can protect themselves are well taken care of. He likes to see the precedent established here in this City which has been the first to welcome so many new citizens, that those who need protection can get it from their Government.

Now we, in this city, face grave responsibility. What we do will make a pattern for many other people in many other parts

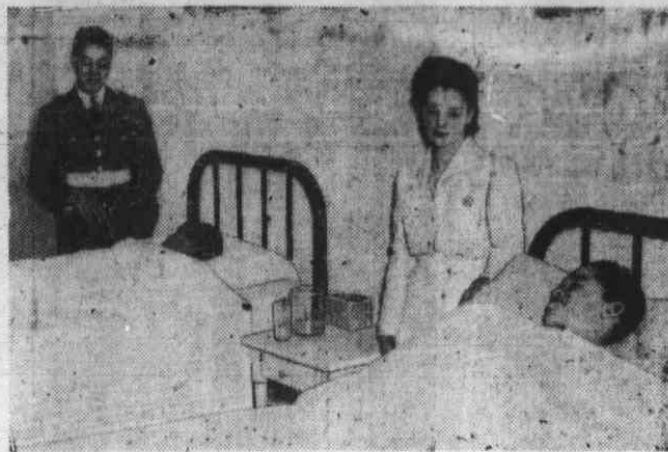
of the country. It is quite true that New York City is not exactly representative of the United States as a whole, but many people all over the United States look at what happens in New York City and are influenced by it, whether they live in a prairie town in Kansas, or on the coast of Maine or California. Here, in miniature, is the melting pot — the place where people who formerly were citizens of every country in the world are becoming citizens of the United States. Here they learn that a nation can be great because it is bound together by an idea that the nation does not have to be of race or of one religion, but its people do have to believe that there are a few things worth living for and worth dying for and those beliefs are what create unity and make us a nation.

NO RACE, OR COLOR SUPERIOR

We, as a nation, believe that every man has a right to worship God in his own way and so there is no discrimination shown before the Law in this country for any man, because of his religion. It states in our Constitution that all men are created equal. We do not mean by that that God endows every man with the same powers or places him in the same environments; we mean that in the eyes of the Creator who knows all there is to know about human beings, every man has an equal chance to prove himself if he uses his ability as well as his environment will allow. We are not the judges of what makes men equal, but we of all people should not say that the people of one race or of one color are better than any other. Our concern is that every race and every color and every human being shall have an equal opportunity to develop in each generation to the limits of their ability. We will have had people among us, but they will not be all white or all black or all gentile or all Jew; there will be fewer had people as justice and economic and educational opportunities are opened to all.

WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

We fight a war today sending our men to the far corners of the world, and the principal things for which we fight are involved in these questions at home. If the Axis powers were to win, there would be no freedom anywhere in the world. We think it worth sacrificing our lives and the lives of those whom we love to prevent slavery and preserve the host of real democracy upon the earth. How illogical we will be if we do not watch our own attitude and wipe out of our own hearts what



Viola Claytor Returns to Rock Castle

ROCK CASTLE, VIRGINIA. Miss Viola Claytor, registered nurse of Richmond, will again return to the St. Emma Military Academy when the new term opens September 8. Last season Miss Claytor endeared herself to the cadets at this boarding high school by keeping the sick list so low that only five boys were confined overnight in the school hospital. In addition to holding sick call every evening for those who require attention, Miss Claytor teaches health, English literature and history.

Greensboro Men And Women Attending NNBL Annual Meet

GREENSBORO — A large delegation from the local Negro Business League is attending the annual meeting of the National Negro Business League in Baltimore, this week.

The delegation is headed by L. R. Russell, president of the local club.

Others attending are: Miss Rhucell Alexander, P. P. Shoffner, John Vines, Mrs. C. B. Blackman, Mrs. Tony L. Hood, A. A. Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Huntley.

The party plans to make other visits in several other northern points while out of the city.

Capacity Crowd Jams Dudley High School Auditorium To Hear Many Quartettes And Chorus Broadcast

BY L. R. RUSSELL

GREENSBORO — A capacity crowd of music lovers taxed the facilities of the Dudley High School Auditorium here recently to hear the Big Broadcast of 1943 in Song, presented by L. R. Russell and featuring the outstanding radio quartets of the vicinity.

Highlight of the entertainment were the songs of the Selah Jubilee Singers, the Friendly Four, and the Shelley Quartet. Other quartets heard were: Jubilee Kings, Master Singers, Jubilee Singers, Variety quartet and the Reidsville Harmonizers.

studded program were the YMCA mixed chorus, Prof. Charles J. Green in a poetic interlude; Dean J. C. McLaughlin of A and T College; Mrs. Vivian F. Hayes, soprano; and Henry Alston, tenor.

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