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LARGE CROWDS OF HAITIANS WELCOME MOTON COMMISSION WITH CHEERS

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Port au Prince, Haiti, June 15. (Copyrighted. Reproduction prohibited except to Associated Negro press members.) Dominant in the minds of the members of the American Commission which President Hoover appointed to conduct an educational survey in Haiti as they debarked at Port au Prince this morning was the possibility of translating the enthusiasm responsible for the spirited ovation which thousands of Haitians lined the dock and street to give them into an equally impulsive and genuine co-operation with the commission in the performance of its mission in the Republic and with such a program for the good of Haiti as the commission may finally promulgate.

The members of the commission who arrived this morning are: Dr. Robert R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute, chairman; Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President of Howard University; Prof. Benjamin Hubert, President of Georgia State Industrial College at Savannah; Mr. W. T. B. Williams, dean of the College at Tuskegee, and the Secretary of the Commission, Dr. G. Lake Ines, who is also special assistant to the Principal at Tuskegee.

Mr. Leo Favrot, white, Field Secretary for the General Education Board, another member of the Commission, was unable to leave New York, due to an injury sustained while travelling to the port to join the other members. It is hoped that he will be able to come to Haiti later.

The rest of the makeup of the Commission party includes: Alphonse Henningburg, professor of romance languages at Tuskegee, interpreter; William Shields, stenographer; Carl Murphy, editor of the Afro-American, and your correspondent.

Americans are used to the kind of demonstration which this hot-blooded people made upon the arrival of the commission this morning. All along the tortuous route of nearly a mile which our cavalcade traversed to the Excelsior Annex, huge crowds, numbering thousands, lined either side of the streets and boulevards, held back at some places by ropes and at others by uniformed police.

Not only was the reception spectacular as an exhibition of the emotion and spirit of the people, but the drive itself to the hotel was impressive in the views it allowed of the city's beautiful scenery.

From the dock we were driven along a road parallel to the bay, from which we turned left into one of the main streets leading into the principal part of the city. After a short distance our direction was changed into a winding, semi-circular boulevard, on one side of which is the celebrated Champ De Mars, containing the presidential palace, office buildings and the statue of the fierce Dessalines, liberator of Haiti; and on the other side of which are expensive and beautiful parks.

The Commission was lodged at the Excelsior Annex, a short distance beyond the presidential palace. It is not a hotel, there being no such places in Haiti as we know them in America. It is a palatial French villa, expansive and windowless, which ex-President Borno built for his wife. It is now rented and used for official purposes.

Receptions and formalities

consumed most of the time of the commissioners today, the formalities starting at dinner Saturday, while we were still at sea, when Dr. Moton received a radiogram from the American Affairs at Port au Prince, who is functioning in the absence of Brigadier General William H. Russell, now on leave.

As soon as the ship had docked, Mr. Grummont, the charge d'affaires, met the commission and had it taken to the shore end of the quay in a motor launch, where the commissioners were greeted by the Haitian communal commission, a welcoming committee of three, led by M. Lechand. The greeting was cordial and dignified. Dr. Moton replied to it with appropriate grace and that ceremony was shortly over.

The party was then hurried into waiting automobiles and driven to the Excelsior Annex, from where, without the opportunity of changing clothes, they were compelled to leave to pay their official call upon the minister of foreign affairs for Haiti and the President of the Republic. Large Packards of the President of the Republic took the members of the commission party to the palace, where they were greeted as they hurried in between photographers, by a company of Haitian gendarmes commanded by an American marine.

The meetings with M. Bernadine, minister of foreign affairs, and M. Eugene Roy, the President, were a formal and friendly exercise. Both the distinguished leaders of their country disposed themselves with a warm cordiality and easy grace. The appointments of the salon of the minister of foreign affairs were rich without being lavish and bore the mark of French influence.

The President of the Republic received the commission in his huge audience chamber, in the center of which upon a carpet of crimson, red-brocaded arm chairs, with legs and gilded gold, were arranged in the shape of a horseshoe, at the base of which sat the President, Dr. Moton, and the charge d'affaires, and on the other side of which sat the commission party and the members of the Haitian cabinet. The audience lasted about fifteen minutes.

After the commission members had returned to their hotel, their calls were returned by the Haitian officials. At one o'clock luncheon was served for luncheon was followed by an automobile drive into the country, which was cut short in order to return to Port au Prince in time for a soccer game which had been arranged for the commission by Sylvio Cator, President of the Haitian Sports Federation. This is the same Cator who is the broad jump champion of the world. The crowds, ceremony and cheering at the game were very impressive, and, I am told, but am not sure that, for the first time, the American and Haitian flags were shown together in an official grouping.

Sensing that various groups of Haitians would be eager to know, the commission made known this morning the object of its visit. The following statement was issued to the press:

"On Sunday, February 8, 1930, the President of the United States sent the following telegram to Dr. Robert R. Moton, Principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute:

"Under provisions of the resolution authorizing the investigation of matters in Haiti with a view of constructive policies for the future and after consultation with Mr. Cameron Forbes, who is chairman of the Haitian Commission, I would appreciate it greatly if you representing Tuskegee Institute could undertake to exhaustively investigate and make recommendations as to the educational system in Haiti. I know of no institution so well equipped as yours to give a constructive program in the whole question. This would not mean that you personally must give detailed attention to it but that you should organize the investigation the expenses of which within our means would be paid by our government. You could set up such affiliations with other educational institutions as you thought advisable in order to secure the most effective staff."

"On the following day Dr. Moton accepted the assignment and afterward appointed his associates on the commission. "In pursuance of the President's request, the Commission on Education in Haiti comes to the Republic to make study and review of existing educational conditions as a basis for its recommendations. "It is the purpose of the Commission to secure at first hand from all those charged with responsibility for education in the Republic a statement of the aims and methods of the particular activities under their direction. It further plans to visit and inspect schools of every type. "The Commission seeks the co-operation of all interested persons in securing facts, opinions, and recommendations bearing upon education in Haiti. Public notice will be given of the time and place when the Commission will receive such persons."

The members of the Commission, including Dr. Moton, feel that a responsibility of the utmost importance has been placed upon their shoulders. This was impressed upon Dr. Moton and other members of the commission by President Hoover and by Governor General Cameron Forbes while they were still in the States. President Hoover was well aware of the nature of the difficulties in the way of peaceful and orderly development. He is hopeful that the Forbes Commission has enabled the establishment of a central government.

But that Commission had no occasion or authority to inquire into the complex social relations and depressed economic conditions as they are or may be affected by a system of education. It is the function of this Commission to obtain all the information possible regarding the existing educational processes in Haiti, academic, and industrial, and to formulate from the facts obtained, as the best judgment of the commission members dictates, a program for a system of education, useful to all Haitians and behind which all Haitians can unite in support.

The Commission is widely aware of obstacles which it will have to remove from the path of duty. It knows of the sharp social and intellectual cleavage between the Haitians of Port au Prince and the peasants of the hinterland, creating top and bottom social classes without what seems to the American the necessary middle class of tradesmen and merchants. And it is sensible also of the fact that

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CATAWBA SCHOOL OF METHODS NOTES

By Frank C. Shirley

They say all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. The School of Methods certainly believes in this maxim, because play is given its proper place in the program. For several years Rev. L. E. Black directed this department with an efficiency that was about perfect. We were sorry to give him up. But there is always a ram in the thicket." Rev. W. G. Anderson, a veteran athlete of the gridiron, cinder path, basket ball court, and a dozen other minor sports, filled the place nicely last summer. He will be with us again this summer.

Another former member of the faculty we are sure to miss will be Mrs. Snively. Her radiant personality and sympathetic interest have been a great inspiration to the women of our Synod, and her messages from the platform have gripped us all. Those who have kept up with the interesting articles in the "Teachers' Corner" of the Africo and other articles that have come from the versatile pen of Miss Marjorie Smith, the Assistant Secretary of the Division of Missions for Colored People, will be happy to know that she will have charge of the courses in Mission Study and the Women's Discussion Group.

While in the mood of expressing regrets we might as well complete the list. Rev. George, the President of the Convention and Director of the Boys' Camp, will certainly be missed. We are glad to state, however, the camp will be in charge of two young men who will carry out the "George policy." Rev. W. C. Jones, the Camp Director, is a brother-in-law of Rev. George, and Mr. Nestos Freeman, Jr., was trained under Rev. George. It is gratifying to know that in the short period of camp activities in our Synod we are able to produce an Assistant Director from the ranks. Congratulations, Rev. George!

A Convention without music would be like a dinner without salt—flat or unpalatable. Dr. Long, our musical director, and the oldest in point of service in the Convention, will be with us as usual this summer. Dr. Long has an abiding interest in the Convention. With all his multiplicity of interests he never forgets the last week in August.

Dr. McCoy and Mr. Somerdike are so closely interwoven into the very fabric of the Convention that we need not specially toast them. We missed Mr. Somerdike from our ranks last summer and are happy to know that he will be with us again this summer. Dr. McCoy, our Director, attended the recent meeting of the International Council of Religious Education in Toronto, Canada. I am sure during Convention week we will get echoes of that meeting from him.

These notes are being written while on the field. Have touched in recent days Statesville, Elmwood, Cleveland, Oakland church, the Carthage section, Sanford, Durham, Greensboro, High Point and Mebane. All along the line the outlook seems bright for the School of Methods. Ingram Branch Mission voted Sunday to send two delegates. One of these delegates will be the veteran Superintendent of that Mission Sunday school, Mr. Wyatt Marsh. We wish that every Sunday school would follow the lead of this splen-

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FROM PALATKA, FLA.

Mt. Vernon Presbyterian church has just closed a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School which began June 23rd and closed July 4.

Fortunate for the work, Miss Anna D. Foster, who came here to be with her sick mother, volunteered to manage the school. She was assisted by Mrs. H. M. Scott, the wife of our Sabbath school missionary, and Mrs. Malissa McLeod, one of the members of the church.

Seventy-five young people and children were enrolled, and the greatest interest was maintained during the two weeks' session, so much so that both the parents and the children begged the continuance of the school, but it was found necessary to close July 4th.

The school, held its program Sunday afternoon, July 4th, which was witnessed by a splendid audience, who became all the more interested in the work being done in our Daily Vacation Bible School. Too much credit cannot be given to Miss Foster, who so ably managed the school. This was her first visit to Palatka and it seems she has won her way into the hearts of the people by her excellent management of the D. V. B. S. She was asked to accept the principalship of the Elementary Department of the schools of this city. Having previously contracted for elsewhere she had to decline.

The able assistance of Mrs. H. M. Scott and Mrs. McLeod is worthy of note also. Mrs. Scott was of great help because of her experience in the work.

As an appreciation the children gave Miss Foster a valuable little token.

We hope to have a greater school another year, and we all hope and pray for the return of Miss Foster.

The entire work under the management of Rev. and Mrs. Foster is progressing nicely with a church building and an adequate school building equipped, the work would reap a glorious harvest for the Master.

The influence and life of Rev. and Mrs. Foster are felt for good in this community. Truly the Lord sent them here.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

Detroit, Michigan, July 11.—Elaborate plans for the entertainment of the National Negro Business League have been perfected according to an announcement by Fred Hart Williams, President of the Metropolitan Business Men's Club, which organization is host to the League this year. The dates for the annual session are August 20, 21, and 22, and official headquarters will be maintained at the Central Recreation Center, 637 Brewster Street.

The official entertainments include the following:

Tuesday evening, August 19, 8:00 P. M., Smoker and Banquet in honor of the national officers at St. Antoine Branch Y. M. C. A.

Wednesday afternoon, August 20th, 3:30 to 5:30 P. M., Reception to visitors, St. Antoine Branch Y. M. C. A. Ladies of Citizens' Committee acting as hostesses.

Thursday afternoon, August 21st, 3:30 P. M., Visit factory

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HAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS, FAIRFACVILLE, N. C.

It has been a few weeks since you have heard from us, but our work has not been on a stand still. A large number of visitors and friends were present at communion service July 6th. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Davis, chose John 3:16 as a text and spoke of the many irrevocable quantities of the Christian religion. This inspiring sermon was indeed a preparation for the Holy Communion which followed. Communion was administered to eight sick members immediately after services.

We are looking forward to a dollar rally on the third Sunday to complete the payment on the ladies' rest room in the basement. We are proud of our new steps which were erected by Mr. J. W. Waddell, contractor, at a cost of \$175. A recent rally enabled us to make these improvements.

The closing of the Vacation Church School was held last Friday night and witnessed by a vast audience. The school was a splendid success, with ten competent young women in charge of the 110 pupils enrolled.

The Women's Missionary Society gave an entertainment for the benefit of the school. As a result each teacher was given \$1.50 as a token of appreciation for their voluntary service.

The Brotherhood had two pleasant meetings during the month of June, at the home of Mr. Henry Jenkins and the pastor. The organization is quite active and will sponsor a Wild Goose chase on Monday night for the benefit of the rally.

The Tuxis Girls had an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. L. S. Seabrook on Thursday. These girls have shown unusual enthusiasm under Mrs. Seabrook's direction.

Rev. Davis took the Pioneer Boys on a outing to Manchester, July 3rd. The day was happily spent swimming and fishing.

We enjoy having the following named young women again for the summer: Miss Mildred Fleming, after a successful term of teaching in Washington, N. C.; Miss Lillian Stevens, from Hampton; Miss Willie Crump, from Wilmington. Miss Janie Slater spent a few days greeting friends and returned to Virginia State College for the summer session.

It is a pleasure to have Dean J. W. Seabrook with us again, after a semester's work at Columbia University on a doctorate degree.

Miss Maude Freeman went to Asbury Park, N. J., for the summer.

Miss Marion Stevens spent three pleasant weeks in Wilmington, Del., and New York City.

Mrs. Louise Gilliard, of Durham, and two children, are guests of their mother's, Mrs. Flora Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Parham are guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Seabrook.

Miss Joanna Williams is attending summer school at Teachers' College, Winston-Salem.

It was a pleasure to note the graduation of Miss Estelle Chresfield from North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Henderson and children, of Winston-Salem, were week-end guests of relatives, June 2nd.