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...mericans Alike Protest Discrimination in Service Branches and Industries With Contracts

We Must Fight For It And Fight For It With Gloves Off

ST. LOUIS—(Special)—Negroes are not getting anywhere with National Defense. The whole National Defense setup reeks and stinks with race prejudice, hatred and discrimination.

It is obvious to anyone who is not deaf, dumb and blind



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ADDIS ABABA IN GRIP OF BLOODY WAR

Haile Selassie Leads Men Against Duce Legions In New Drive

CAIRO, Egypt. — Well-armed Ethiopian tribesmen, led by Haile Selassie, the "Conquering Lion of Judah," were reported officially to be driving relentlessly upon Addis Ababa this week. Aided by British planes, Selassie's legions have defeated Italian forces just inside Ethiopia from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. The morale of the Ethiopians is high and their desire for revenge has been whetted by a stirring message from the leader, who, in 1936, was forced to flee his kingdom with the then victorious Italians on his heels.

The bearded ex-emperor came back to Ethiopia in a British plane flown from Khartoum, British headquarters in the Anglo Egyptian Sudan where he had conferred in recent weeks with tribal chieftains who slipped across the frontier to plan the revolt.

Accompanied by Ras Kassa, formerly war minister, Selassie's plane landed in the wooded hills in Ethiopia where secret headquarters for him have been erected. After ceremonies, Haile Selassie issued a proclamation which was scattered throughout the country. In the proclamation he exhorted his people to arise and win back their country.

"Italy is our blood enemy since former times, having crossed our frontiers and started an unjust war of aggression," the proclamation in part read. "We resisted so far as we were able, then went to Europe to seek aid.

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ed with the aid of the British
government, who have entered
into a covenant to drive out the
enemy from our country . . .
raise arms against the enemy
who have come to destroy your
race, rob your property, belittle
your glory, pollute your blood.
Wipe him from the face of Eth-
iopia!"

The harrassed Italians, raked
from three sides by the British,
have fallen back before the in-
spired onslaught of the Ethiop-
ians.

On the important Debra Tab-
or-Dessye road east of Lake Tan-
a, 200 Italian soldiers have been
killed or captured in a two-day
fight with roving bands of Eth-
iopian warriors.

More than 100,000 Italians,
trapped by the advancing tribes-
men, face a merciless extermin-
ation. The Ethiopians have not
forgotten the ruthless bombing
of their innocent women and
children by Il Duce's flyers dur-
ing the early stages of the Fas-
cist invasion.

NOTICE BEAUTICIANS

You do not want your annual
renewal license fees raised do
you?

Do you realize that there is
now a bill before the Nebraska
Legislature known as the Cos-
metology Bill, which if passed
will greatly affect you?

Mrs. Althouse has a copy of
this bill with amendments.

All hair dressers who are in-
terested in the future welfare
of Beauty Culture as it effects
the race, should attend the
special call meeting of the Oma-
ha Unit No. 101 held at the
residence of Mrs. Althouse, 2422
N. 22nd street, Tuesday night,
February 4th, at 8 o'clock.

Christine Althouse, president
Viney Walker, state organizer
Flossie Mooror, acting sec'y.

that the South with its attitude
that the Negro is inferior, worth-
less, and just simply don't count
is in the saddle. It is a matter
of common knowledge that the
army, navy and air corps are
dominated and virtually con-
trolled by southerners.

But the southerners are not
alone responsible for the fact
that Negroes are being brutally
pushed around. The North, East
and West are also to blame, be-
cause they wink, connive at and
acquiesce in this practice of dis-
criminating against Negroes.

But regardless of who is re-
sponsible for the raw deal Ne-
groes are getting, the big bald
fact is they are getting it.

Nothing Is Done

Responsible committees of Ne-
groes who seek to intercede in
behalf of the Negro being accord-
ed the simple right to work in
industry and on jobs serving
National Defense and to serve in
the army, navy and air corps
are being given polite assurances
that Negroes will be given a
fair deal. But it all ends there.
Nothing is actually done to stop
discriminations.

It seems to be apparent that
even when well-meaning, re-
sponsible top government offi-
cials agree upon a fair and fa-
vorable policy, there are loop-
holes, and subordinate officers
in the army, navy, and air
corps, full of race hatred, who
seek its contravention, nullifi-
cation and evasion.

This is why upstanding inde-
pendent, able and intelligent Ne-
groes should be in responsible
posts of every department of the
government. They must be there
to stimulate, suggest and initiate
the formulation of certain poli-
cies favorable to the Negro, and
they must be there to help po-
lice these positions in the interest
of their fair and consistent ex-
ecution.

Now, fortunately, Negroes
have good, able and sound peo-
ple in Dr. Channing H. Tobias
in the draft board, Judge Wil-
liam H. Hastie in the war de-
part, Dr Robert Weaver in the
National Defense commission,
Frances Williams in the consu-
mer's section, and a few others.

But they are helpless without

the collective mass support of
the Negro people. Aggressive,
articulate, determined, mass sup-
port will strengthen their hands.

Need Support

It is not enough for Negroes
to want jobs in the factories,
mills, mines and offices, they
must diplomatically and undip-
lomatically, ceremoniously and
unceremoniously, cry out in no
uncertain terms their demand
for work and their rightful
places in every department of
the army, navy and air corps,
based, of course, upon recognized
qualifications.

Evidently, the regular, normal
and respectable method of con-
ferences and petitions, while
proper and ought to be con-
tinued as conditions may war-
rant, certainly don't work. They
don't do the job. However, they
are a necessary preliminary,
advance-guard work, for only a
small committee can intelligen-
tly formulate a program. But
the few people of ability who
may develop a program may
not possess the power to enforce
it or secure its adoption.

Now power and pressure do
not reside in the few, the in-
tellegentsia, they lie in and flow
from the masses. Power does
not even rest with the masses
as such. Power is the active
principal of only the organized
masses, the masses united for a
definite purpose.

Hence Negro America must
bring its power and pressure
to bear upon the agencies and
representatives of the federal
government to exact their rights
in National Defense employment
and the armed forces of the
country. No real, actual, bona-
fide, definite and positive pres-
sure of the Negro masses has
even been brought to bear up-
on the executive and legislative
branches of the city, state and
national governments.

Suggests March On Capitol

Now, as to a practical program
I suggest that 20,000 Negroes
march on Washington, D. C., the
capitol of the nation, with the slo-
gan: WE LOYAL NEGRO AM-
ERICAN CITIZENS DEMAND
THE RIGHT TO WORK AND

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pe You Like It And Back It!

"NEGROES SHOULD MARCH ON CAPITOL"—RANDOLPH
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FIGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Negroes could join this march from various sections of the country from all trades, professions and callings, such as laborers, doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, preachers, mechanics, soldiers, women, and youth groups.

Our demand would be simple, single and central; namely: jobs in National Defense and placement as soldiers and officers of all ranks we are qualified for, in the armed forces.

No propoganda could be whipped up and spread to the effect that Negroes seek to hamper defense. No charge could be made that Negroes are attempting to mar national unity. They want to do none of these things. On the contrary, we seek the right to play our part in advancing the cause of national defense and national unity. But certainly there can be no true national unity where one tenth of the population are denied their basic rights as American citizens.

Committees of the marchers could be planned to meet and confer with various government officials about the needs, demands and rights of the Negro.

Shock Officials

Such a pilgrimage of 10,000 Negroes would wake up and shock Official Washington as it has never been shocked before. Why? The answer is clear. Nobody expects 10,000 Negroes to get together and march anywhere for anything at any time. Negroes are supposed not to have sufficient iron in their blood for this type of struggle. In common parlance, they are supposed to be just scared and unorganizable. Is this true? I contend it is not.

What an impressive sight 10,000 Negroes would make marching down Pennsylvania avenue in Washington, D. C., with banners preaching their cause for justice, freedom and equality.

One thing is certain and that is if Negroes are going to get anything out of this National Defense which will cost the nation 30 or 40 billions of dollars that we Negroes must help pay in

taxes as property owners and workers and consumers, WE MUST FIGHT FOR IT AND FIGHT FOR IT WITH GLOVES OFF.

FORMER OMAHA PASTOR PASSES

DALLAS—Funeral services for Reverend M. B. Bilbrew, 70, minister and traveling evangelist who died in Shreveport, Louisiana, and known throughout the entire Southwest, were held at the Zion Hill Baptist church, corner Floro and Boll streets, January 27, at 2:45, with Reverend S. T. Alexander, officiating.

Outstanding Minister

Reverend Bilbrew was famous for his stirring gospel messages and was loved and respected for his genius in mastering the Bible. The Galiee Griggs Memorial at Nacogdoches, Texas was founded by his efforts and gained fame under his administration. At all the Baptist conventions, this noble figure was present, lending his council and paternal guidance for the growth and development of the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man, with an unabiding faith.

Zion Hill Baptist church at Tadam, Texas, was one of his most active pastorates, and his fame as a minister began spreading from this East Texas haven. A dynamic spirit, whose foresight and fortitude established him as an Angel of Mercy, Reverend Bilbrew's life was an example

DEATHS

MRS. LAURA BARKER

Mrs. Laura Barker passed Friday, January 17th at her home, 2019 Grace street.

Surviving the deceased are: father, Mr. Henry Johnson, and step-mother, Anna, of Warrensburg, Mo.; husband, Ed Barker of Omaha; brother, Marion Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.; sister, Mrs. Almata Burt of Leavenworth, Kans.; two daughters, Mrs. Corrine Smith of Greenbay, Wis. and Mrs. Fredda Smart of Omaha; three granddaughters, Mrs. Ida O'Neal of Rhinelander, Wis. Nellie Taylor and Vernice Bailey of Omaha; two great grandchildren, Walter and Charlotte Nelson of Omaha and a host of relatives and friends.

VISITING PARENTS

Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Jr. formerly of this city, is visiting in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Turner, 2528 Blondo street. Mrs. Wilson will be in the city indefinitely.

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