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## Planning For Haiti Freedom

(St. Louis Argus)

Washington, D.C., June 13th—  
Senator King Dem. of Utah, who  
has long championed the cause of  
freedom from United States mili-  
tary occupation and absolute self-  
government for the Negro Repub-  
lic of Haiti, in a bold and out-  
spoken statement here Friday, de-  
clared American commercial in-  
terests are getting possession of  
the land of the country and the  
people are showing a growing dis-  
satisfaction with the state of af-  
fairs. Senator King has said that  
President L. Borno's favor of U.  
S. military occupation has been  
prompted by selfish political am-  
bition.

Lauding the history of the  
country from the victory of the  
great General Toussant L'Ouvre-  
ture, who out-generaled the migh-  
ty French armies of Napoleon  
Bonaparte, Senator King pleaded  
for greater freedom for the pre-  
sent Haiti.

### Possession of Land Passing.

Under American occupation,  
large areas of land have passed  
under the control of American  
corporations. The right to Hai-  
tians to occupy lands which had  
been occupied by them and their  
forefathers for hundreds of years  
has been assailed," Senator King  
said.

"Thousands of Haitians, fear-  
ing American rule, have left Haiti  
and sought employment in Cuba  
and other surrounding countries.  
Political organizations which did  
not believe in American occupa-  
tion have been dissolved and a  
situation developed which pro-  
vokes resentment against an ill  
will towards the United States,  
and constitutes and obstacle to  
genuine progress and to the poli-  
tical development essential to the  
maintenance of a free and inde-  
pendent Government.

"When the United States took  
possession of Haiti her obligation  
did not exceed \$16,000,000. Un-  
der American occupation a bond  
issue of \$40,000,000 has been au-  
thorized and bonds to the amount  
of nearly \$30,000,000 have been  
issued. These have been acquir-  
ed largely, if not entirely, by fi-  
nancial interests in New York City.

"The National City Bank un-  
der American rule, is the fiscal  
agent of the Government, and it  
is claimed by some that the Un-  
ited States will be required to re-  
main in Haiti until all of the \$40,  
000,000 bonds issue have matur-  
ed and have been paid. These  
bonds do not mature until 1956,  
and under the agreement the Un-  
ited States will be required to  
continue its occupation of Haiti  
until that date if not longer.

## Brutal Murder of Innocent Negro

New York, June 15th.—The Na-  
tional Association for the Ad-  
vancement of Colored People, 69  
Fifth Avenue, has just received a  
detailed report casting new light

upon the brutal murder near Al-  
exandria, Louisiana, of two inno-  
cent colored men, Lee and Dave  
Blackman, brothers of William  
Blackman, who was shot to death  
after allegedly killing a deputy  
sheriff. No crime was charged  
against the two Blackman broth-  
ers lynched, except that of being  
brothers to William Blackman.

The facts as recited in the re-  
port sent to the N.A.A.C.P. and  
vouched for by leading colored  
citizens of the community, are as  
follows:

"1. William Blackman was  
wounded by unknown deputies  
before he even attempted to de-  
fend himself. He was called to  
his door and shot twice. Closing  
the door he crawled into another  
room. Securing his gun he shot  
and killed—alleged to have—de-  
puty sheriff J. F. Phillips.

"2. The high sheriff went to  
the scene of the alleged crime and  
persuaded two brothers of the de-  
ceased William Blackman to al-  
low him to have them confined  
in jail to keep down 'mob law'  
and to afford them protection.  
This they unwillingly agreed to,  
even though they were over a mile  
from the scene of the alleged kill-  
ing and knew nothing of the  
crime until informed by the sher-  
iff.

"3. Upon the date of the lynch-  
ing the high sheriff left the city  
of Alexandria to convey two pris-  
oners to the state penitentiary in  
Baton Rouge, La., thus setting a  
precedent as prisoners are usually  
sonveyed to the penitentiary by  
deputy sheriffs. The two pris-  
oners larried to the penitentiary  
were not so desperate that it was  
nelessary for the high sheriff to  
accompany them, as is shown by  
the fact that one of them had re-  
cently returned from Chicago  
that he might surrender to a  
charge of petty larceny, and had  
he been desperate this act he  
would not have performed.

"4. Practically one week after  
the lynching only one newspaper  
has had any comment to make  
and no efforts have been put forth  
by any parish or state officers to  
even start an investigation, no ef-  
fort has been made to replace the  
burned homes or reimburse the  
wives of the men.

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