

Hamilton Fish Asks Aid in Memorial Fight

New York, Dec. 10.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, has received a letter from Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., who introduced in congress a bill providing for a memorial to the colored soldiers of the 93rd division in France. Mr. Fish writes as follows:

"I am writing to ask if you will please use your influence and that of your association to carry a word to the colored newspapers and to your people that H. R. 9694 which authorizes the expenditure of \$30,000 to erect a monument in France to commemorate the valiant services of the 93rd division has passed the House of Representatives and has been reported out by the senate committee on military affairs, and is awaiting action by the U. S. senate.

"Unless a vote is reached before March 4th, when the senate adjourns, the bill will die automatically and a favorable opportunity to secure such action by this congress will have expired and it will be much more difficult to take it up again in any future congress. Consequently it is of the utmost importance that every senator, particularly in the northern states, be petitioned by letters and telegrams to work and vote for the bill in order to secure its immediate passage.

"There were 400,000 colored soldiers in our army; there are 1,000,000 colored people in the country and every one should be interested in seeing that recognition is given to the soldiers of the colored race who made the supreme sacrifice.

The four regiments which composed the 93rd division served with the French army. Three of them had their flags decorated with the French croix de guerre. There is no dispute as to the heroism, gallantry and courage of the colored fighting soldiers of the 93rd division. Out of a total strength of 10,000 soldiers in these four regiments, 457 were killed and 3,468 were wounded, amounting to 40 per cent casualties.

All the colored people of America are asking that the unjust discrimination against the heroism of the Negro soldiers be done away with, and that a monument be erected in France which will be for all time an inspiration to patriotism and loyalty for all the colored people of America.

I hope that you will be able to interest the colored people to take upon themselves the responsibility of notifying the senators by resolutions, letters and telegrams that the entire twelve million colored people of America request and demand that this bill be voted upon and passed before March 4 in order that the gallantry of these colored soldiers who were segregated by order of the war department, be recognized and a monument be erected on the battlefields of France so that oncoming generations of America will know of the glorious record of these colored soldiers.

Trusting you will bend every effort to get the support and the cooperation of all the colored newspapers, churches, fraternal organizations and leading citizens to make

their wishes known to the Senators of the United States, Sincerely yours,

"Hamilton Fish, Jr."

White Woman Makes Negro the Goat

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Dramatically explaining to the police how two Mexicans and a negro attacked her and killed her companion, Jake Dieterick by striking him in the head with a flower pot, Mrs. Margaret Cromb, aged 26, a very pretty young woman, failed completely to camouflage what investigation is proving to be another mysterious murder, by using the southern tactics of accusing a dark stranger, most generally described as a Negro.

Although charging that three men criminally assaulted her, the police state that Mrs. Cromb declined to permit a police surgeon to examine her. At the coroner's inquest where the jury reported "death at the hands of persons unknown" it was brought out that Mrs. Cromb, her husband and Dietrick had been drinking in Dietrick's home before she and Dietrick left the house for the greenhouse which Dietrick owned, to get some magazines, leaving her husband listening to the radio. She testified they had been away from the house about 10 minutes when she saw a man in the shadows throw a flower pot that hit Dietrick on the head and felled him, and that she then was struck unconscious by a Negro and two Mexicans.

Coroner Nance was credited with saying that there were several mysterious discrepancies in the stories of the various principals of the tragedy.

"There are several things I want to learn," he is reported to have said "before I can give a satisfactory verdict in this case. First, I want to know how Dietrick, his skull fractured in two places, got back to his home.

"Second, why the two men fought so desperately, and

"Third, what Dietrick and Mrs. Cromb went to the nursery for in the first place."

South Africa Looks For Help in Working Out Racial Problems

South Africa is looking expectantly to America and particularly to the Southern States, for help in working out its difficult problems of racial adjustment, according to Dr. C. T. Loram, British Commissioner for Native Affairs in the South African Union, who was here last week as the guest of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. As the official mediator between the British government and the millions of South African natives, Dr. Loram occupies one of the most important offices in the South African Union, and is in America to gain from its interracial experience all the light possible on the solution of South African problems. "There appear to be many parallels between interracial conditions in America and those in South Africa, and we of the latter country find much to help us in your efforts in that field," said Dr. Loram.

He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the progress of the Negro in this country, particularly along educational lines. "The remarkable advance that the American Negroes have made in education and economic competence," he said, "is very encouraging to those of us in South Africa who believe in the possibilities of the natives and in giving them opportunity for development, rather than in the too common attitude of cynicism and repression. Your Interracial Movement also is a great inspiration to us, in that it illustrates the fact that good will and co-operation, rather than antagonism and violence, are the only effective methods of interracial adjustment. We have been watching it with the greatest interest and have already made considerable progress in reorganizing our work for the natives in a similar way, having set up interracial councils in fourteen of the largest South African centers.

"However," Dr. Loram continued, "the situation is much more difficult with us than with you, since in the South African Union the natives outnumber the whites two or three to

one, and in the whole of Africa perhaps a hundred to one. The white man in South Africa, therefore, is in a hopeless minority and does not know how best to deal with the situation. Consequently, we are earnestly seeking light, and in particular are looking to the American South for help in finding a just and Christian solution of the problem. If you can work out such a solution, you will be doing South Africa and the world the greatest possible service."

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