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ENORMOUS TURN OVER IN CHICAGO REAL ESTATE

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Oct.—More than \$10,000,000 in Chicago in Chicago real estate has gone over to Colored users either by lease or sale within the last year. It is continuing to turn over now at an average rate of more than \$100,000 per week. With all of this, the housing situation continues in a serious state.

The condition is accounted for by the tremendous influx that has been going on in Chicago all summer, starting in the early spring. When the people came they were willing to stay with relatives, friends, at hotels, or anywhere convenient. With the approach of winter, many have had their families come to Chicago, and they are anxious to spread out. In fact, it is a physical necessity, as well as a righteous desire.

"We sold our place down home, and we have decided to invest in a good six flaa building," said one citizen to an A.N.P. representative. "It is my thought," he followed, "that I should put the money to good use while we have it. By investing in an apartment, I can have a place to live, and at the same time, provide for my family." Expressions of this kind may be heard almost daily.

There are more people outside of Chicago, who have large investments in Chicago, than in any other city of the country, not excepting New York. There are people in the South who have property here who themselves have never set foot in Chicago. They have purchased through relatives or friends in whom they have confidence. Some of them expect to live in Chicago "later on."

There are a number of business and professional men in the South who have homes in Chicago, where their families live, and from which the children go to school, and the fathers visit here from time to time.

The community plan of apartment purchase has gotten under way in Chicago. An organization is formed and incorporated. A building of



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strictly modern improvements is found, and each person buys an apartment. One building of this kind containing 24 apartments was purchased last week in a splendid neighborhood; another is now under contemplation. Under the law, the community purchase corporation can buy but one building. This does away with speculation.

It is noticeable that business property in Chicago is keeping pace with residential growth. In fact, the future is bright with concrete demonstrations of racial business sagacity that should be an inspiration for colored America everywhere. Here is an instance or two: Chicago has the largest and finest hotels in the country owned and directed by the race. Is this satisfying? It would hardly seem so. A progressive business man has recently purchased one of the finest family hotels in the city on Grand Boulevard, and gets full possession next spring when the lease expires. Mr. John W. Webb, of the Woodmen of the Union, with headquarters in Arkansas, recently informed the A.N.P. that he contemplates the construction of an office building for his organization in Chicago, same to cost at least \$150,000: two or three groups are considering the erection of a half-million dollar theatre on the South side. Strangely enough, while South Side Chicago has a number of very excellent theatres, all of them are under white



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ownership albeit some of them have ostensible racial management. There is a tremendous flow of cash through these channels into some hands where it is only appreciated for its dollars and cents value. This condition is true in a number of other cities.

The banks have grasped the vision of co-operation; and through friendly competition are extending a hand of helpfulness that is proving successful.



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THE DEARLY TRUSTED NEGRO

By William Pickens

(For the Associated Negro Press)

We like Jack Walton, the honored Governor of Oklahoma, because he showed such good sense in his determined fight to expose the criminality of the Ku Klux Klan. But it is said that he showed even better sense in another direction: That he put all the "help" in his house and all his immediate personal welfare in the hands of colored people.

We always say that the Negro is "most unreliable" but when our life is at stake and we want something to rely on "sure 'nough," then we select the Negro. That is, we say one thing and we prove the opposite: for we trust the Negro more than we trust ourselves.

As soon as Woodrow Wilson declared war on Germany, he put Negro soldiers around the White House. Yes, sir, for Woodrow Wilson wanted to sleep without nightmares.

Governor Walton knows that there is one group of people in Oklahoma who can be trusted, even with a man's life. That they will not put poison into his soup. That they will not smuggle an assassin's knife in at the back door; that they will not tip off the murderer; that they will do their duty; that they will support their trust. And Walton wants to eat and sleep in peace for goodness' sake.

O course, we "can't use a Negro" in any good and comfortable place in time of peace and ease and plenty. The Negro is "irresponsible" then. But as soon as there is a crisis and a danger, then the Negro is the only one whom we can trust.

In our attitude toward the Negro race in America, we are just a set of nasty hypocrites, and we ought to be amused to death at ourselves.

In the city of Richmond, Indiana, in a great steel industrial plant, during the war they put many Negroes to work at skilled trades. But after the war they fired every Negro except one. And who do you think that one is? Why, the one who works in the office where the payroll and the other piles of money have to

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