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Action to Preserve Home Will Perpetuate Memory Of Emancipation Battle

The bill to preserve permanently the Frederick Douglass home in the District of Columbia has the support of all who know of the life and work of this remarkable American.

Others are able, far better than I can, to give an account of the life of Frederick Douglass. New facets of the career of this extraordinary man are constantly coming to my attention. Born a slave near the beginning of the 19th century, his life spanned the period in our nation's history when the struggle for freedom

reached into the lives of all Americans, even to the point of Civil War.

Frederick Douglass died in 1895 and was mourned throughout this country and abroad. The Legislature of North Carolina adjourned for the day as a mark of respect. The Legislature of Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts and New York noted in resolutions the passing of this great American.

The London Daily News editorialized, "From first to last, he was a noble life. His own people have lost a father and a friend, and all good men have lost a comrade in the fight for the legal emancipation of one race and the spiritual emancipation of the other."

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs wisely and generously has preserved his home in southeast Washington so that each new generation would be reminded of this man and of those events in our history which permitted Frederick Douglass born a slave, to rise to high service in his national government and become a world figure in the perennial struggle for human rights.

In 1963 we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. What more fitting time for the Congress to authorize our Federal government to open as a public shrine the home of this esteemed friend of President Lincoln? What action could better symbolize the significance of this great proclamation, not only for Americans of all races, but for the history of human freedom throughout the world.

Bob Hope To Share Talents

NEW YORK — Franglin Geltman, producer of New York's "Summer Festival of Stars," at Randall's Island announced this week that Bob Hope will open the summer program on Saturday evening June 30.

Featured with Hope in the extravaganza will be sumptuous Keely Smith, is her first festival appearance since splitting with Louis Prima, and Buddy Morrow and his 21-piece orchestra.

THE LARGEST show of its kind ever attempted will feature on succeeding Saturday evenings such stars as Count Basie, Juliet Prowse, Pearl Bailey, Lois Belson, Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington and Joey Adams.

Al Kelly, Lois Armstrong, David Brubeck, Ray Charles, and over the Labor Day weekend, Harry Belafonte with Miriam Makeba.

Bermuda Governor Argues With High Union Official

Hamilton, Bermuda—(upi)—Bermuda buzzed with talk of the verbal clash between Gov. Sir Julian Gascoigne and AFL-CIO Vice President Philip Randolph at the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the African Methodist Episcopal church.

Randolph, who told the conference Wednesday night that "even the benevolent colonialism you have enjoyed here must go" was rebuked in a subsequent speech by Gascoigne, who criticized 'experts'

who came here and tell Bermudians how to run their lives.

A Chicago Republican, Dr. Archibald Carey, got into the act when he told 350 Negro delegates at the Princess hotel, "I am not going even to try to tell Bermudians how to run their affairs . . . I am going to try and tell you how I would like to see my own country run . . ."

Carey assailed "the double standard" in the United States.

Eartha Kitt To Take Show To Nairobi For Charities

London, England — American entertainer Eartha Kitt, here for night club and television engagements, announced jointly with Kenya Labour Minister Tom Mboya over the British Broadcasting Company's network recently that she will go to Nairobi to give performances to aid needy children there.

According to the announce-

ment, Miss Kitt, will take her entire cabaret act, called "Talk on the Town," on the trip, in August. Arrangements are also being made to transport to Nairobi the stage equipment she uses in her London shows.

MISS KITT'S performances in Nairobi will aid a "Youth Helps Youth," campaign for

starving children. It is similar to other benefit performances which the famous singer has given in America and elsewhere.

The announcement came after Miss Kitt and Mboya lunched together at the Dorchester Hotel here recently. Mboya apparently recommended the project to Miss Kitt.

Montrealers Probe Racial Problems

Montreal—Racial discrimination in Canada came under deep scrutiny recently at a panel discussion held at the Negro Community Center here.

TV Chain Improves Attitude

New York City — The desegregation of television became a closer reality last week with the issuing of a memorandum by CBS TV's program director, Vice President Hubbell Robinson.

The precedent shattering communique to all producers with shows on CBS-TV calls for a better break for Negro performers, plus a more adequate depiction of the race as he lives today on the American scene.

The memo read, "We would like our programs to more adequately depict the Negro as he lives today's society. It is our feeling that in many cases the failure to cast Negroes in dramatic programs is simply a matter of thinking in terms of white actors. Therefore, it would be appreciated when you are casting your shows to keep in mind possibilities for Negro performers."

"There are many Negro doctors, lawyers, school teachers, engineers, policemen, nurses, jurymen, etc., in every-day life today. Let's be realistic about having them appear as such in our dramatic programs."

P. J. Sidney, well-known actor who dramatically brought the continual plight of Negroes into the spotlight, through a one-man picket line around the offices of Dave Susskind's Talent Associates, the Theatre Guild and U.S. Steel, for their slight of the Negro, praised the memo.

Panel members representing non-whites of the Montreal community were mainly from the West Indies and British Guiana. The time spent here by the group ranged from 6 months to 20 years.

The moderator for the discussion was George V. Ferguson, editor-in-chief of The Montreal Star, a local newspaper. Arrangements for the affair were made by workers of the Negro Community Centre, headed by S. A. Clyke, executive director of the centre.

THE CENTER plays a most important part in the development of Negro life in the Montreal Area. Inter-racial activities are encouraged and considerable effort is put forward in an endeavour to assist non-whites who come to Canada from different parts of the world.

It was with this aim in view that the subject of racial discrimination was brought up for discussion with a man of Mr. Ferguson's caliber and access to the mass media and the newspaper field in which he serves.

Members of the panel, with the exception of Earl Swift of Antigua, were mostly newcomers to the country and were not fully aware of the stigma created by discrimination as experienced by great numbers of people of colour in Canada.

MEANWHILE, it was disclosed that popular singer Cliff Richards has also agreed to go to Nairobi to aid in the Youth campaign. He plans to take along "The Shadows", a group with which he sings.

Miss Kitt, who participated in the Television Arts and Sciences awards show in America before coming here, was signed recently by the BBC to give a series of dramatic Bible readings for British television audiences.

Star Gets Football High Pay

Cleveland, Ohio — Jimmy Brown, the man who rewrote the National Football League record book, sent it back to the printer for another edition this week, when he signed what is reported to be pro football's biggest contract, calling for a salary of \$40,000 a year with the Cleveland Browns.

While no one in the Browns front office would announce the exact figure and since Brown is as tightlipped about his personal business as he is hardnosed on the gridiron, it is impossible to arrive at the exact figure for which he signed. However, indications are that the figure at the lowest was \$37,000 up to a high of \$42,000 which indicates that the amazing Mr. Brown received in excess of \$40,000 for the 1962 season.

Negro Might Head New York Schools

New York (ANP)— There is a strong possibility that New York City might be the first major city in the United States to have a Negro superintendent of schools.

With the announced retirement of Dr. John J. Theobald from his \$37,500-a-year job as

superintendent, the two most likely are Dr. John B. King, a Negro associate superintendent in charge of the city's elementary schools, and Dr. Bernard E. Donovan, deputy superintendent in charge of school business affairs.