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Youths' Congress Met at Ottawa

The Youths' Congress was held at Lisgar Collegiate Institute, Ottawa, Ont., May 23 to 25 inclusive.

The Congress was held to foster an understanding of racial, political and economic facts, among the youth of Canada.

Each delegate who wished to speak on behalf of the group they represented was allowed five minutes to deliver their address.

On March 23, a dinner party was held in honor of General Pudro of Paris, France, in which he spoke very inspiringly. General Pudro's address was delivered in French and translated into English by one of his fellow countrymen.

Number of organizations represented, 330; number of registered delegates, 456, and, official observers.

The Negroes of Canada were widely represented with delegates as follows: Javin Woodcock, Windsor; Edna Braithwaite, Toronto; Grace Price, Toronto; Mrs. Redmond, Toronto; Allan Morysten, Toronto; Helen Redmond, Toronto; Adaile Redmond, Toronto; Mr. Pitt, Toronto; Edith McGruder, Toronto; Beatrice Howard, Toronto; Mr. Smart, Montreal; Miss de Shields, Montreal; Miss Cook, Montreal; Mr. Scale, Montreal; Alberta May Jones, Oakewood; Margerite Jackson, London; Kay Jenkins, London.

Miss Beatrice de Shields, B.A., Negro delegate of Montreal addressed the congress, choosing as her topic, "Negro Youth in Canada." Speaking of the conditions of the Negro and the inferior attitude to which the Negro is subjected to, stating that, "When a Negro speaks regarding literature he speaks of Shakespeares, when he speaks regarding religion he speaks of the Bible, and when he talks, he talks English, that which hurts us most is the economic discrimination. When the Negro is not given a chance to earn his bread and butter, unable to get employment, he finds himself exploited because his face is black. What we ask for is to be at least considered.

We have our burden to share as we share part of the honey as does the rest of Canada. We are not here just as a treat for someone to look upon.

"Our plea is, 'Give us equal rights as Canadian Citizens.'"

Mr. Allan Moysten, Negro representative from Toronto spoke on the behalf of the Negro delegates. Mr. Moysten's address was clearly stated and greatly applauded as he said, ".....that we command the continuance of sanctions on Italy and all aggressive nations."

Dento Massey, M.P., gave a very inspiring message, May 24, 1936 which caused many looks! and cheers, as he pointed out that the Canadian Youth would go to the aid of the Mother Country in time of her distress. "We cannot end war by disarmament alone. Can we end war for Canada by saying that the youth re-

fuses to fight? Can we end war by saying that the Canadian youth won't go to war for the Mother country? The son that sees the Mother as result of some unforeseen thing in need, or danger goes to the aid of the Mother.

We may say we won't go to the aid of the Mother Country, but we will go. If you want peace we must work together. The U.S.A. and United Kingdom together retain the peace of the world."

Private Negro Caucus

Chairlady, Miss Price; Secretary, Miss A. Redmond.

A union was formed called "Negro Youth Movement" of all Negro delegates present.

As local chairman of each district Miss Cooke, Montreal; Mr. Woodcock, Windsor; Miss Jones, Oakville; Miss Jackson, London; Miss McGruder, Toronto, Mr. Pitt, General Chairman. General Chairman, Mr. Pitt will inform representatives of further proceedings that are to be taken.

Name—Negro Youth Movement

Aim—1. To foster and engender in Negro youth such ideals which might prepare them to take their place in the Canadian economics from an educational and economic point of view.

2. To strive to obtain full recognition of Negro youth, a. economically, b. educationally, c. politically; and to further this progress in the aforementioned groups.

Resolution sent to the Findings Committee;

Whereas the N.D. of the C.Y.C. meeting in caucus feel the Canadian problem in general are not not fully cognizant of the very grave condition of the Negro as a result of Racial discrimination in the field of employment and education. We regret that hitherto the Canadian People have failed to give sympathetic consideration to the Negro in his aspiration for adequate equitable advantages in the fields of employment and education. The said delegates hereby resolve to request that the Negro be given a fair share in the Canadian Economy as is his right.

Presidential Committee, Miss de Shields, Mr. Pitt.
Continuation Committee, Miss de Shields, Mr. Pitt.
Canadian Youth on World Peace, Mr. Pitt.

Youth and Canadian Economics, Jimmie Watson.

PROPOSED CANADIAN YOUTH ACT CANADIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

Report of Conclusions Committee of the Canadian Youth Congress in the form recommended. Proposed Canadian Youth Act to be accepted in principle and upon acceptance to be sent out to all youth organizations for discussion and amendment. The Continuations Committee, when it deems such discussion to be sufficient, and taking into consideration the amendments offered, shall approach Members of Parliament of all parties in regard to the introduction of this Act into Parliament.

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