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N.A.A.C.P. DEFENDS CONDEMNED BOYS

New York, — The eight Negro boys condemned to death in Scottsboro, Alabama, are being represented in court today by attorneys retained by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The N.A.A.C.P. will receive tonight telegraphic and long distance reports of proceedings in court and will promptly make this latest news public.

At an interview in Kilby Prison, all eight boys in the presence of William Pickens, N.A.A.C.P. Field Secretary asked Alabama's foremost criminal lawyer, retained by the N.A.A.C.P., to defend them. Final arrangements with this attorney and his firm are to come before the Board of Directors of the N.A.A.C.P. on Monday, and when the arrangements are concluded the attorney's name will be publicly announced.

At the interview at Kilby Prison at which both Mr. Pickens and this attorney were present, Mr. Pickens felt obliged to warn the condemned boys that the Communists were seeking only to use them for their own purposes. Speaking of the Communist tactics to the boys Mr. Pickens said in part.

"Their chief aim is to use you as a means for interesting colored people in the Communist Party, and in that they are likely to make you a great sacrifice in Alabama. . . . They have bewildered and amazed your poor parents and relatives; they have paid their fares to New York and other parts of the country, have put them on platforms and in parades, all for purposes of their own, and not for the primary purpose of keeping you out of that electric chair."

Mr. Pickens reports to the N.A.A.C.P. National Office that all of the boys expressed willingness to sign up with the N.A.A.C.P., some of them saying, "Please tell those other people to lay off and let your people handle it."

Meanwhile contributions to the Scottsboro defense are pouring in on the N.A.A.C.P. from all parts of the country. Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation, sent his check for \$50. The Milwaukee Citizens Committee, through their treasurer, Mrs. L. McStroul, sent in a total of \$59.53 in collections. The Manhattan Lodge number 45 of the Elks in New York sent in \$25 and numerous

DEATH WARRANT RECALLED SHORTLY BEFORE EXECUTION

New York — Thirty hours before Frank Scott, South Bend Negro, was to be executed in the Indiana State prison at Michigan City R. L. Bailey, attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeded in having the death warrant recalled by the court and the prisoner was removed from death row. The death warrant was recalled by the court on the ground that it was defective and Scott was sentenced to life imprisonment. The next step in the case is up to the State.

Mr. Bailey in a letter to the National Office of the N.A.A.C.P. states that Scott, who was convicted of murder, was defended at the trial by the County Poor Attorney; that not a single instruction was asked in his behalf at that trial; that no effort was made to gain him a new trial and no foundation was laid for appeal. "To come to the conclusion," writes Mr. Bailey, "will simply state that I succeeded in saving this man's life. In my judgment, he has a chance for parole after about five years."

A local white daily, speaking of the revocation of the death warrant, writes: "A bombshell fell into the midst of officials Thursday when it was suggested that since the original date of execution had passed without Scott having forfeited his life, the defense might make the claim that Scott was legally dead in the eyes of the law. If such a claim could be substantiated, Scott would march out of the death cell and out of the prison a free man, instead of marching to his doom in the chair."

individual and group contributions for the purpose are on the way. Miss Rosie Swain at a tea in New York addressed by Robert W. Bagnall raised and sent in \$50, of which \$25 was a contribution from Mother A.M.E. Zion Church.

The case promises to be a bitterly fought and in view of the high calibre of attorneys retained, an expensive one to fight, and the N.A.A.C.P. is urging all friends of the cause to send in their contributions as liberally and as promptly as possible. Every cent received will, as always, be accounted for.

PICKENS RANKS HIGH AS TRIBUTE WRITER

New York — William Pickens, field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is among a list of well-known Americans who contribute each one chapter to a book entitled "What I Owe to My Father." The book is published by Henry Holt and Co., with an introduction by James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

Among those who contribute chapters to the book are Jane Addams, Alice Stone Blackwell, Samuel A. Eliot, Edward A. Filene, Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Nicholas Vachel Lindsay, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Oswald Garrison Villard.

In his tribute to his father, Mr. Pickens writes: "It must have meant something for a little black American child to grow up without fear, especially in the South." His father believed in him utterly and to this Mr. Pickens attributes the strength of his life: "He always believed me and believed in me. I cannot remember a single occasion when he manifested the slightest doubt of my word or of me."

Negro Authors Speak at Macey's

New York — Archie Poole, of Warren Book Store on West 135th Street, is responsible for a new and significant development in the merchandising of books by Negro authors. He arranged for three colored authors to speak before the clerks and buyers in the book department at Macy's department store, which is one of the largest book selling centres in the city.

The three authors who have talked there under Mr. Poole's arrangement are Jessie Fauset Harris, James Weldon Johnson, and Walter White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Each of the authors talked along the line of his own contribution and also called attention to the work of other Negro writers. Mr. Johnson recited from "God's Trombones," and Miss Fauset called attention to the new literary material afforded by the meeting of black and white in America.

INCONSISTENCY OF NEGRO RADICALS

Negroes who have turned upon the capitalists as they have the right to do for just cause, nevertheless, make a serious mistake in saying that the development of the Negro in business will not improve the condition of Negro labor. These thoughtless persons should know that troubles of the Negro are due largely to the fact that he does not belong to the employing class. He is usually the man seeking a job rather than the man with one to offer. While the "craft oligarchy" of the American Federation deals Negro labor a terrible blow by actual discrimination and subterfuge, much of the unemployment and the underpayment of the Negro could be remedied if the Negro race had its share of employers. The Negro would then have one rather than two problems to solve as he has now.

Our radical students of economics would not have Negroes join the employing class because they would destroy that class and have the socialized state exercise this function. To increase the number of Negro business men would merely postpone the day when all social and economic wrongs will be righted. In that ideal state no rich man will oppress the poor, for there will be no such distinction and they might add, too, that in such a primitive state there will be no riches to enable one to overpower the other by acquired authority.

History shows, however, that although large numbers of people have actually tried to realize such Utopian dreams, they have in the final analysis come back to social progress based on competition. If no one is to enjoy the fruits of his exceptional labor any more than the individual who is not prepared to render such extraordinary service, not one out of a thousand will be sufficiently humanitarian to bestir himself to achieve much of importance, and force applied in this case to stimulate such action has always broken down. If the excited whites who are bringing to the Negroes such strange doctrines are insane enough to believe them,

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The speeches were received with enthusiasm according to reports to the N.A.A.C.P., and the audience obtained a new view of Negro literature.

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HONORING THE DEAD.

How many readers of the Dawn of Tomorrow know that in the far western Canadian city of Vancouver there is a memorial erected by public subscription to honor a Negro. In clear view of the humble abode and domain where for thirty-six years "English Bay Joe" Fortes reigned supreme in the hearts of adult and juvenile Vancouver as a life-guard there stands today a beautiful drinking fountain erected by citizens and the Kiwanis Club.

Joe Fortes died at Vancouver on February 4th, 1922. A native of Trinidad, West Indies, at the age of 11 he went to sea and in a windjammer sailed to Liverpool. In England his proficiency as a swimmer won him many championships. Again, he sailed away, this time to Vancouver aboard the "Robert Kerr." His fame as a swimmer was soon spread abroad and he established himself in a little shack on English Bay, near Vancouver, the self-appointed guardian of all the children who frequented the beach.

Later he was appointed a life guard by the Vancouver Parks Board and still later a special beach constable. His vigilance and gallantry averted more than a score of certain drownings, while the number of children and others whom he taught to be at home in the water was countless. In his life he showed love, loyalty, devotion and honor in such measure that at his death a whole city took notice and determined that he should not be forgotten. The name of Joe Fortes should not be unknown to the colored people of Canada.

Another Negro name that deserves to be long remembered for services in quite another sphere is that of Rev. Josiah Henson whose grave near Dresden, while not unmarked, has not received that honor and care which it merits. An officer of the province of Ontario drew public attention last year to the neglect of the grave of this renowned figure of the middle of last century. Very different is the care which has been given of late to the preservation of the grave of Anthony Burns, the hero of the Boston slave riots, who is buried at St. Catharines. When attention was drawn a few years ago to the fact that this grave was neglected prompt measures were taken to see that the headstone was preserved and that the grave was properly looked after. The Dawn would commend to the colored people of Canada that they make some effort to see that the distinguished members of their race who

lie buried here and there in Canada should be honored in these days by at least a decent care of their graves.

THE DAWN GREETES YOU ON ITS 10th ANNIVERSARY.

Once more the Dawn of Tomorrow greets the public with a smile it is its 10th anniversary. How pleased we are to be able to keep going and looking forward to a brighter future, after each dawn.

Although we have many hardships to contend with and many a heartache we continue to go looking and hoping that a ray of sunlight, through our columns, will brighten and lighten those who come in contact with us.

The Dawn of Tomorrow was founded in 1921 by the late Editor J. F. Jenkins, Mr. Pinckney, and the wife of the editor. Entering the post office as 2nd class mail with a subscription list of 100 readers to-day it boasts a list of 5,000. It is published in the interest of the darker races and for the advancement of the colored people of Canada.

We trust that the Dawn of Tomorrow will hold high the standard set by our late Editor, founder, and father J. F. Jenkins. And when another anniversary rolls around, if it pleases our heavenly Father, help us make it just as much a success as it has been in the past.

C. E. JENKINS.

TO LIVE.

To live is not to merely breathe, exist,
To tread the path that leads from here to yon,
To laugh or sulk behind a veil or mist,
Retire at twilight, rise again at dawn
To live, the soul must feel emotions rise,
Desire to smile away a brother's tears,
Behold the beauty that in friendship lies,
Let love and meekness guide it thru' the years,
To thankfully receive and freely give.
That is to live.

IN MEMORY OF EDITOR J. F. JENKINS

I knew him but a moment to the rest,
That moment told my soul
He was a man who loved his brothers best, and sought a righteous goal,
I read to him my verse, he smiled thru' pain, then as he clasped my hand,
The warmth of his spirit was so plain. He knew a better land,
"Good-bye, good-luck, God bless you all," he said, my comrades felt his power.
The man has gone, but left us in his stead, an ever-blooming flower.

LEO M. DORSEY.

L. Dorsey Gains Wide Recognition

(from Niagara Falls, N.Y. Gazette)
Leo. M. Dorsey, Toronto, Ont. a former resident of this city, who is rapidly gaining recognition as one of the most outstanding of contemporary Negro poets, was a visitor in Niagara Falls over the week-end, a guest of his sister, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Angelo Court. Mr. Dorsey who is still a young man, has written more than 500 poems and 60 lyrics, many of which have been widely published and much praised by critics of modern poetry.

Mr. Dorsey's first poem was published in the Gazette a few years ago. It was widely read and was later published in many papers and magazines. The poem was acclaimed on all sides and the young poet received many requests to write others like it. Since that time he has been turning out poems at the rate of four or five a week. His writings have been praised by other writers and lovers of poetry all over the continent.

Mr. Dorsey was born in St. Catharines, Ont., and for many years lived in this city. Three years ago he moved to Toronto, where he is now associated with Miss Lotti Rimmer, an internationally known playwright and expert of voice culture. He and Miss Rimmer are collaborating on an operetta entitled "Pink Pearls" which will be produced soon. Mr. Dorsey is writing the lyrics for the operetta.

The youthful poet thinks nothing of dashing off a poem in a few minutes. He was on his way back to Toronto this morning when he decided that he would write a poem about Niagara Falls before he went. The task was not a big one for him. He stuffed two sheets of paper in his pocket, strolled down to Prospect Park, sat down on a big stone and began. A few minutes later he got up and came away, his poem finished.

That his writings do not suffer because of the haste with which they are written is best evidenced by the poem which he wrote in such a short time. It reads:

Poets have dreamed of beauty, yet
And pictured nature's loveliness.
But at Niagara they have failed
Each train of thought has been derailed.

Above the Falls they've gazed with awe
But could not sing of what they saw,
Her music was too rich and sweet,
Her scenes too perfectly complete.

Those bards have truly been inspired
And gained the views they have desired,
Have tuned their lyres to sing her praise
But failed and they shall fail always.

I, too, was blinded by her grace,
With knowledge of her endless race,
Like other unsuccessful men
I stood there helpless with my pen.

Niagara in her gay relief
Conversant with mute tales of grief,
A witness to undying love,
The masterpiece of God above.

Niagara Falls, accept my song,
The words are poor, the music wrong
But I must join the hapless host
Who claim they have admired thee most.

I worship neither gold nor fame
And would be happy just to frame
A picture of you as you are
But never shall advance that far.

Mr. Dorsey's fame is not local. Among letters from admirers he cherishes several from Julius Rosenwald, famous friend of the Negroes; Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Oscar DePriest, Negro Congressman; Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Governor Roosevelt, Judge Irving T. Roberts, John J. Raskop, Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York and former Premier W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada. His writings are much sought after by newspapers and periodicals throughout the country.

Mr. Dorsey's wife, Mrs. Gertrude Dorsey, who is well known in Niagara Falls, is a violinist of note. She takes much pleasure out of composing and playing music for her talented husband's lyrics.

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Jefferson City, Mo., July — Another chapter was added to the already entangled affairs at Lincoln University when it was learned that N. B. Young, the retiring president, has employed a local attorney, H. B. Lauf to collect from the Board of Curators a claim for the balance of salary based upon the contract.

In putting the matter in the hands of a lawyer, it is understood that President Young had hoped that legal action would not be necessary to compel the board to fulfill its contract with regard to his salary until a week ago, when the board at its meeting refused to act favorably upon his request.

It will be remembered that at its April meeting the board terminated the services of the president, effective June 1. At that time no charges were made against President Young and the action of the board created wide comment throughout the country. The wide publicity given the matter, it is said, irritated certain members of the board, and it is the general belief that the refusal to pay the three months' salary was retaliatory. Hence, no other course except that of legal action was open to President Young.

Much speculation is being indulged in as to the results of the impending suit. Mr. Young claims that he was under a 12 month contract with the board for the scholastic year 1930-31, which contract would not expire until Sept. 1, 1931; but that the board terminated his contract 3 months ahead of time, thus depriving him of \$1900 or one-fourth of his annual salary.

This arbitrary action on the part of the curators is regarded as very unfair to Mr. Young, and his proposed suit to compel payment seems to be meeting the general approval of the public.

DR. NELSON, SHAW'S NEGRO PRESIDENT

New York, July — After a wrangle which has continued for several years between the alumni trustees, faculty and students of Shaw university, the board of trustees, meeting here Tuesday, elected Dr. William Stuart Nelson president of the institution and the Home Mission Board of the Northern Baptist Convention agreed to continue its support of the school, except for a 10 per cent cut made necessary by the financial depression.

Dr. Jacob L. Peacock, white, for many years president of the university, resigned several months ago, after a stubborn fight waged against the wishes of the alumni. Following the resignation of Dr. Peacock the Rev. J. C. Tilly was made acting president of the school.

Dr. Nelson is a native of Kentucky, thirty-nine years old. He is a graduate of Howard University, and also of Union Theological Seminary. He

received special training at the Sorbonne in Paris and also in the divinity school at Yale. He has been teaching at Howard university since 1924 in the school of religion and philosophy serving during the past year as assistant to the president. Dr. Nelson is the author of a number of publications, including "The American Negro," "Slavery and the Christian Church," and "The American Negro and Foreign opinion."

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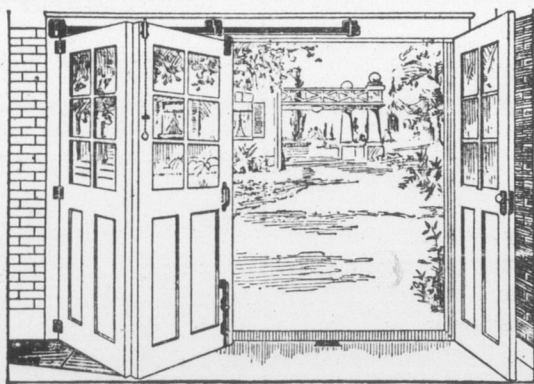
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A garden party was given July 2nd
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success.

Mr. Stanley Drake of Detroit spent
a very pleasant visit with his fam-
ily.

Mr. Walter Cromwell, former res-
ident of this city, is spending a pleas-
ant visit with his wife, Mrs. Jane
Cromwell.

Mrs. Eliza Groat and granddaughter
Christina Jenkins spent a short visit
with friends in Stratford.

Miss Gladys Stafford who has been
ill at her home is rapidly gaining her
health.

The following visited friends and re-
latives in Buxton: Miss Freda Ander-
son, Mr. Roy Anderson, Mr. Eddie
Whigen and Mr. Norman Drake.

Miss Bernice Logan of Windsor, a
former resident of London, is visiting
friends here.

Miss Ruth Washington visited with
friends and relatives in Brantford.

Mrs. Jenkins and her son Fred spent
a pleasant visit with friends in Tor-
onto.

The Hotel London Bell Boys Wel-
fare Club Orchestra will entertain the
Kiwanis Club in Stokes Bay on Thurs-
day evening.

Miss Saxonia Harris is taking a
summer course at the Normal School

Mrs. Poindexter's health is much
improved. She has been suffering
with a severe attack of lumbago.

Mrs. Schuler met with a severe ac-
cident while out walking stepping on
a sharp piece of glass causing her to
be convalescent for a few weeks her
daughter Minnie is taking care of her
at present.

The 5th Annual Outing of the Lon-
don Branch of the C.L.A.C.P. will be
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the Negroes themselves should learn to think before it is too late.

History shows that it does not matter who is in power or what revolutionary forces take over the government, those who have not learned to do for themselves and have to depend solely on others never obtain any more rights or privileges in the end than the have in the beginning. Even if the expected social upheaval comes, the Negro will be better prepared to take care of himself in the subsequent reconstruction if he develops the power to take his position higher up after the radically democratic people will have recovered from their revelry in an impossible Utopia.

To say that the Negro cannot develop sufficiently in the business world to measure arms with present day capitalists is to deny actual facts, refute history, and discredit the Negro as a capable competitor in the economic battle of life. No man knows what he can do until he tries. The Negro race has never tried to do anything for itself. The race has great possibilities. The race properly awakened can do the so-called impossible in the business world and thus help to govern rather than merely be governed.

The failure to see this and the advocacy of the destruction of the whole economic order to right social wrong shows again the tendency of the Negro to look to some force from without to do for him what he must learn to do for himself. The elements now appealing to Negroes to assist in the desired revolution are merely trying to use the Negro as a means to an end. All disgruntled elements in this and other countries are being thus appealed to.

The Negro needs to become radical and the race will never amount to anything until it does become so, but this radicalism should come from within. The Negro will be very foolish to resort to extreme measures in behalf of foreign movements before he learns to suffer and die to right his own wrongs. There is no movement in the world working especially for the Negro, for the Negro is not doing so. He must learn to do this for himself or be exterminated just as the American Indian has faced his doom in the setting sun.

Why should the Negro wait for some one from without to urge him to self assertion when he sees himself robbed by his employer, defrauded by his merchant, and hushed up by government agents of injustice? Why wait for a spur to action when he finds his manhood insulted, his women outraged and his fellowmen lynched for amusement? The Negroes have always had sufficient reason for being radical, and it looks silly to see them taking up the cause of others who pretend that they are interested in the Negro when they merely mean to use the race as a means to an end. When the desired purposes of these so-called friendly groups will have been served, they will have no further use for the Negro and will drop him just as the Republican machine has done.

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The radicals bring forward, too, the argument that the Negro, being of a minority group, will always be overpowered by others. From the point of view of the selfish elements this may be true, and certainly it has worked thus for some time; but things do not always work out according to mathematical calculations. In fact the significant developments in history have never been thus determined. Only the temporary and the trivial can be thus forecast. The human factor is always difficult for the materialist to evaluate and the prophecies of the alarmist are often upset. Why should we expect less in the case of the Negro?

When we suggest that the Negro should rise in the business world, moreover, we do not desire that the Negro shall accumulate wealth to spend it lavishly in the destruction of civilization as the richest people of our day are doing. What we want the Negro to do is to learn by co-operation to keep within the race sufficient wealth to life a larger number above drudgery and provide sufficient leisure to develop the unusual talent of the race. The desired wealth is only a means to an end; and this accumulated in adequate quantity will afford the opportunity to do things which will be a greater contribution than the acquisition of material things and which in turn may be the means of producing more wealth to serve some other good purpose. Fortunately, the Negro is more talented than others in the fine arts, and he can do more along this line with limited means than they can with millions. A wide awake Negro race will have many reasons for hope and few for despair. C. G. WOODSON

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