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Hampton, with Wife, In Envious Spot

The power behind the throne of Lionel Hampton, "King of the Jives," is Gladys Hampton, possessor of that rare combination—beauty and brains.

But these natural gifts are not her only claim to fame. With them she has soared to the top of theatrical circles as the only Negro manager of a male "name" band and the only woman holding such a position. Her brilliant business technique has put the famous Hampton band on a firm basis in its top spot among leaders in the field.

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High point in her business career and a glowing tribute to her ability is Gladys Hampton's position as president of the Hamp-Tone Record Company. Working their usual man-wife formula, Gladys carried on Hampton's fertile brain.

To say that as business manager of the Lionel Hampton band Gladys Hampton has a full day is an understatement. Only her inexhaustible store of energy and her intense devotion to her job enables her to keep the terrific pace required. Her business day starts early and ends late.

She works closely with Lionel all day, relieving him of the burdensome details. At the same time she acts as counsellor, confidante and "banker" for the men in the band.

Mrs. Hampton likes movies and plays when she can slip them into her busy schedule, and confesses that often she goes to the movies to get a little sleep and relaxation from her duties. Her hobby is caring for her two pets, Muchacho, a Kerry blue terrier, and Tempo, a 10-year-old Scotty.

Gladys Hampton's smartly styled clothes reflect her striking personality and she maintains her interest in dress designing, although she gave up that promising career when she married Lionel Hampton.

Although she is of Cherokee descent and a native of Oklahoma, Mrs. Gladys Hampton was reared in California. She is a former student of Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. She met and later married Hampton after he had gone to the University of Southern California to study music.

Her feeling for Hampton's creative genius is warm and sincere. She recognizes him as a fine musician and a social-minded humanitarian who has a deep interest in the progress of his race. Gladys Hampton sees in Hampton's music and personality an excellent chance for bringing Negro contributions to American culture to the fore.

North Buxton Glee Club Take Part in Kiwanis Festival



(By Chatham Daily News Staff Photographer).
The North Buxton Glee Club, Park Street United Church, provided a special treat for the club left, Earl Prince, Rev. E. A. Richardson, Mrs. Gloria Roby, music lovers at the second annual Eugene Steele and Corrine Travis. Kiwanis Music Festival held at the same time.

Negroes Scored For their Lethargy

NEW ORLEANS —Negroes of New Orleans were admonished for their indifference and lethargy and were urged to seek the ballot and to join the NAACP on Sunday afternoon by Snow F. Grigsby of Detroit, Michigan, militant civic leader, lecturer, author and editor of the Postal Alliance, who was principal speaker at the kick-off meeting of the New Orleans NAACP membership campaign.

Approximately 500 persons attended the meeting held at Booker T. Washington High School auditorium.

In his address titled "A Challenge to the Unachieved," Mr. Grigsby chided Negroes of New Orleans for having so few qualified registered voters and told of the benefits experienced in other cities where interest was displayed in registering and voting.

Starting off with the history of the NAACP, Mr. Grigsby told how the New Orleans branch was organized in 1915 then appealed for more Negroes to join "America's Most Christian Organization," the N.A.A.C.P., pointing out that the 1946 membership of the New Orleans branch was only 7,000 while the Negro population exceeded 175,000.

"What do New Orleans Negroes hold in their hand?" Mr. Grigsby challenged after referring to the Bible story in which God commanded Moses to use what he held in his hand.

"The most formidable weapon that Negroes can hold and use is the ballot," he said.

PROTEST ROBESON CONCERT BAN

NEW YORK, Apr. 30th—The barring of Paul Robeson from concert halls in Albany, New York and Peoria, Illinois, was sharply criticized today by the NAACP in wired messages to the mayors of those cities. The Association also placed its legal facilities at the disposal of the world-famous singer's attorneys.

In a message to Mayor Carl O. Trieble of Peoria, Roy Wilkins, NAACP assistant secretary, stated . . . "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wishes to register its protest against the barring of Paul Robeson from the Peoria City Hall assembly room and the ordering out of extra police to attempt to prevent Mr. Robeson from even entering the city. These actions abrogated the cherished American right of freedom of speech and they aroused apprehension among thoughtful Americans of all shades of opinion. We call upon the responsible officials of Peoria to rescind these actions and invite Mr. Robeson back to your city."

Mr. Wilkins also registered the protest of the NAACP in a wire to Mayor Erastus Corning, 2nd, of Albany, in which he stated . . . "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wishes to register its protest against the barring of Paul Robeson who was scheduled to give a concert May 9th in Philip Livingston High School. We urge that the action of the Board of Education be rescinded and Mr. Robeson permitted to sing."

Mr. Allan Anderson who met with an accident a short time ago, has been out of the hospital for 2 weeks and we are happy to see that he is well enough to return to his work.

PROVE HEROES AT TEXAS CITY

TEXAS CITY, Tex. — (Special) — Negro undertakers were heroes of the disaster which struck here recently.

Working day and night with the aid of students from the Landig Embalming College, these undertakers and embalmers attended 410 victims killed by the explosion.

With soldiers standing guard holding rifles and bayonets to keep away members of the bereaved families, the undertakers worked automatically. Once again the color line was forgotten as the Negroes embalmed white as well as black bodies.

They stood on boards and tar paper to keep them from slipping down on the blood-soaked floor. They worked on cement blocks. At times, it seemed as if they would "crack up" but the Red Cross was on the scene to distribute hot coffee to the workers. The men would turn their backs to the work, drink the coffee, then continue their grim task.

RADIO NETWORK REGRETS OFFENSIVE NEWS STORY

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — The Yankee Network, Boston, Mass., has expressed its regrets that the use of the term "Negress" in an item which the Yankee Network News Service broadcast was offensive to anyone. John W. Lancaster, Jr. president of NAACP, said recently. Lancaster had protested the repeated use of the word. George W. Steffy, vice-president of the Yankee Network, told Lancaster he had discussed the matter with the editor of their News Service and every effort would be made in the future to avoid offense.

Must Tell Race To Get the Bonus

Negro Veterans of World War II, who were not asked their race when they stormed the fascist strongholds in Europe and the Pacific are being labeled as they apply for their state bonus, it was revealed this week.

On line eight of application form No. 501 veterans are required to state their "race."

This form is still in use, although when state authorities were notified of protests by Negro veterans and others, it was reported that Homer Bradley, administrator of the Illinois Veterans Commission, ordered use of form 501 discontinued.

Cite Governor's Action

Governor Dwight Green, who is also chairman of the Service Recognition Board to which application forms are sent, refused to see a delegation of Negro veterans Tuesday, according to Edgar G. Brown director of the National Negro Council.

"The National Negro Council will fight the discrimination against Negro veterans and insult against their honorable service in the Army and Navy," Brown asserted.

Brown said that a resolution introduced into the State Assembly by Reps. Corneal Davis and Charles Skyles calling for prohibiting race labelling of veterans was voted down. Another attempt is to be made at a later date, Brown said.

Jazz Musician Has Unique Band

Just about four months ago, famed jazz trumpeter Louis Metcalfe came to Montreal from New York to fulfill an engagement with his band, found that he couldn't bring his musicians with him. So he studied the local jazz field and found that he didn't need to worry. In a short time he came to the Cafe St. Michel with one of the finest small band aggregations to be heard in this country. With discriminating taste he had selected men who in their own right had been known as fine players but who had been buried in larger bands or who had played odd dates without working steadily simply because they couldn't stand the grind of turning out cheap popular music. A "mixed band" in the sense of mixing negroes and whites, it went one step further and mixed the whole United Nations. A cooperative effort, each member holds down an executive position in the organization with Louis as director on popular choice. A challenge to racial prejudice, the band sets a new high in jazz musicianship as well. Radio and record companies should be sure bets for the aggregation.

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EDITORIAL

In a few days we will again honour our mothers on Mothers' Day. We who are fortunate to have them with us will bring gifts and wear brightly colored flowers. Those not so fortunate will take flowers to the Church and wear a white flower.

In going through these different ceremonies are we giving full thought to what mother is to us, or what her guiding hand and many sacrifices meant although smilingly given.

To the mothers whose memory we cherish I should like to refer to them as, "Our Pioneer Mothers." Truly they are such. I am sure if we mothers of today follow the teaching we have received from them, we will become "good mothers." I say good mothers because any normal female can become a mother, but being a good mother requires time, thought, child understanding, leadership and many sacrifices in and out of our homes. These rules handed down to us from our Pioneer Mothers, if followed out, can do a great deal toward molding our young mothers of tomorrow as well as our young fathers. If we have in some way come short in following these rules let us take stock of ourselves and make amends so that when we too are numbered among the Pioneer Mothers it can and will be said truly we mothers of today have planted and cultivated our garden of flowers on substantial ground and our boys and girls will bloom into men and women to be proud of, and they likewise be proud to recall us, in time when listed as a Pioneer Mother.

ALLEGED KILLER OF NEGRO FREED

Greensboro, Fla. — After listening to the Rev. R. C. Britt testify that he saw Keath Bryant, white farmer, shoot Wyatt Trueblood, Negro sharecropper, an all-white Grand Jury on March 3 failed to indict Bryant after deliberating for an hour and a half. Bryant was therefore discharged.

The NAACP legal department on January 31 had urged Attorney General Tom Watson of Florida to open an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the brutal killing of a Negro sharecropper who was shot in the head and beaten to death with an iron wrecking bar last November as his two terrified children stood by.

The alleged murder was said to have occurred on the Bryant farm near Greensboro, Fla., when the victim, a sharecropper on the Bryant farm who owned his own farm implements and was free of debt, went to the syrup mill to remove the part which was rightfully his. It was said that Ben Bryant and his son Keath forbade Trueblood to remove his cans of syrup. The sharecropper refused to give up the syrup, whereupon Keath Bryant shot him through the head with a 32-caliber pistol. Trueblood staggered and Ben Bryant beat the wounded man with an iron wrecking bar, even after it was obvious that he was dead.

LONDON NOTES

We are glad to report that Mrs. Etta Jordan has been released from Victoria Hospital and is rapidly regaining her health at the home of her mother, Mrs. Janet Harris and her sister, Mrs. Elsie Hill.

Miss Geraldine Moxley, of London and her two cousins, Ethel and Dorothy, spent their Easter week-end in Detroit, where they had a very enjoyable time visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Christine Jenkins and friends Marion Maxwell, Edgar Grizzel and Norman Mohamed of Toronto, spent the week end as guests of Christine's mother, Mrs. Howson.

Mr. James Hill is well again and able to resume his responsibilities.

Mrs. Green of Owen Sound, sister of Mrs. Rev. Johnson, was the guest of the Johnsons for a few days.

The Mallott sisters, Betty and Althea enjoyed the Easter week end visiting their aunt, Mrs. Mary White of Windsor and crossing the border to Detroit.

Mrs. Kay Livingstone and son Harley of Toronto are home with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. C. Howson for a while.

Mr. Fred Jenkins has recovered from his accident while at work and is able to be around again.

On Easter Sunday, the children, led by Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Howson sang a number of selections, all of which were well done, and well appreciated by the audience. Mrs. Turner's children, Marion, Henry, Patricia and William were Christened on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry and daughter wish to thank the many friends who assisted them during their trouble in the flood.

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Pastor Thompson preached a series of sermon during the Easter period on "Seven wards from the Cross". He conducted the children's Evangelical Service on Good Friday night. The combined choirs of Community and First Baptist Churches sang a sacred cantata "The Glory of Easter" at Community Church Rev. W. A. Burke, Pastor, Good Friday night. Mrs. M. McFarland led sunrise prayer service Easter Sunday. The Junior Choir rendered special music at 11 a.m. Misses Geraldine and Beulah Travis and Marie Johnson were the soloists. Bettye Ann Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown, was blessed at the morning service. Because of the water in the church basement the baptismal service planned for the afternoon was called off. The auditorium was a veritable flower bower. Pastor Thompson had appealed for flowers in memory of departed loved ones, which are to be used to beautify the church grounds that have been considerably extended through the filling of the ditch 40 x 40 feet in back of church and parsonage.

The Laymen, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. P. Jones, presented a splendid programme Sunday afternoon, April 13th. President Etzming of the Episcopal district, Detroit, Michigan and Mr. Jeunshen Assi, also from Detroit, were guests of the day. P. M. Etzming was guest speaker. Evangelist Mrs. Rhan rendered several inspiring spirituals (Campbell A.M.E. Church under the auspices of the Missionary Society, held a surprise birthday party in honour of Elias Butler on his 90th birthday. Mr. Butler, who is one of the oldest members of the church was elected a lifetime trustee and steward of the church on this occasion.

Rev. T. Dawson of Toronto, Superintendent of the B.M.E. Churches, paid his annual visit to North Buxton, where he was a former pastor. The North Buxton Glee Club has certainly been busy lately, their first engagement was at Cedar Springs, and then the Annual Kiwanis Music Festival where they thrilled their audience;

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The Missionary Society of the B. M.E. Church is planning a service for Mothers' Day under the leadership of their pastor Rev. Crawford. Rev. Dawson paid his annual visit and was entertained by the young people.

The Whist Club is progressing nicely, the club boast of 14 members.

Mrs. Isaac Johnson shows some improvement.

The Young People's Society have been invited to attend the annual session held in Hamilton May the 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and family visited in London for a few hours Sunday visiting Mrs. J. Harris and friends.

CHATHAM NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cartier, Jr. of San Francisco are having a most enjoyable visit with parents and relatives in Chatham. Mrs. Cartier is the former Lola Scott of Chatham.

Dancing is held every Saturday night at the Youth Centre and has proved quite successful, attracting many of our young friends from Detroit.

ANNOUNCING—Formal Party to be given by Jessie Binga at Community Centre on May 29th. Invitational — including guests from Windsor, Detroit and Chatham. A delightful evening is arranged

The centre of interest in Chatham at present is our Community Centre. We have been given the large Taylor building to "MAKE THE OF" and the combined efforts of the Men's Taylor Athletic Club and the newly formed Women's "Club 21" are showing results. The T.A.C. members have sponsored and been represented in several successful boxing matches, proceeds of which bought boxing and baseball uniforms and equipment. The larger share of the proceeds however is spent on the decorating of the centre.

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POLICE INJUSTICE EXPOSED AT TRIAL

Mineola, L.I., April 30th —Amid a welter of confused and contradictory police testimony, the trial of William J. Dessau, Negro lay preacher, is bringing to light a rare example of police "justice." Before an all-white jury here, the story in unfolding how Dessau reported the presence of Acting Police Sergeant Joseph Garvey of Nassau County in a gambling game at Wellington Pl. and Old Mill Rd., Rockville Centre, how Dessau was beaten by five policemen and then charged with assault by Garvey.

The tale begins last June when Dessau charged that, after he had reported the presence of Garvey in the Wellington Place gambling house, Garvey insulted his face and beat him, and that Patrolman Arthur L'Hommedieu poked him in the stomach with his night stick. At a police court hearing last August the policemen were exonerated. Garvey then signed and swore to a complaint charging Dessau with assaulting four Rockville Centre policemen. An all-white Grand Jury indicted Dessau and his trial began yesterday before another all-white jury—picked from a panel of 100 men summoned for jury duty, of which none was a Negro, although Negroes form 3½ per cent of the Nassau County population.

Dessau is defended by Stanley Faulkner, who is assisted by Franklin H. Williams of the NAACP and Raymond Harris, official observer of the American Jewish Congress. Assistant District Attorney Frank Gullotta in his opening address yesterday said Dessau knocked down L'Hommedieu—an ex-prize fighter—and then grabbed his nightstick and started laying into four other policemen. Faulkner ridiculed the idea that one man would take on five cops at once. He said he would prove the defense case by the prosecution witnesses.

Faulkner made good his claim today when he succeeded in wresting from Garvey an admission that he signed the complaint against Dessau without reading it, that it named a defendant he didn't know and that it charged the defendant with a crime he did not commit. Flushed and unhappy on the witness stand, Garvey admitted under oath that he didn't see Dessau hit anyone with a nightstick. He said at first he didn't remember signing a complaint, but when Faulkner showed it to him he agreed to change his testimony. He confessed the complaint was not correct and when he was asked why he had signed it, he said, "I didn't even read it. I was tired. I'd worked seventeen hours that day."

"Then," said Faulkner, "you admit signing this complaint without knowing the defendant named in it?" After thinking awhile, Garvey said yes.

The prosecution called only two other witnesses today and all suffered from faulty memories and testified to contradictions upon which Mr. Williams happily seized. Dessau is being tried on four second-degree assault charges. If convicted he can get up to twenty years.

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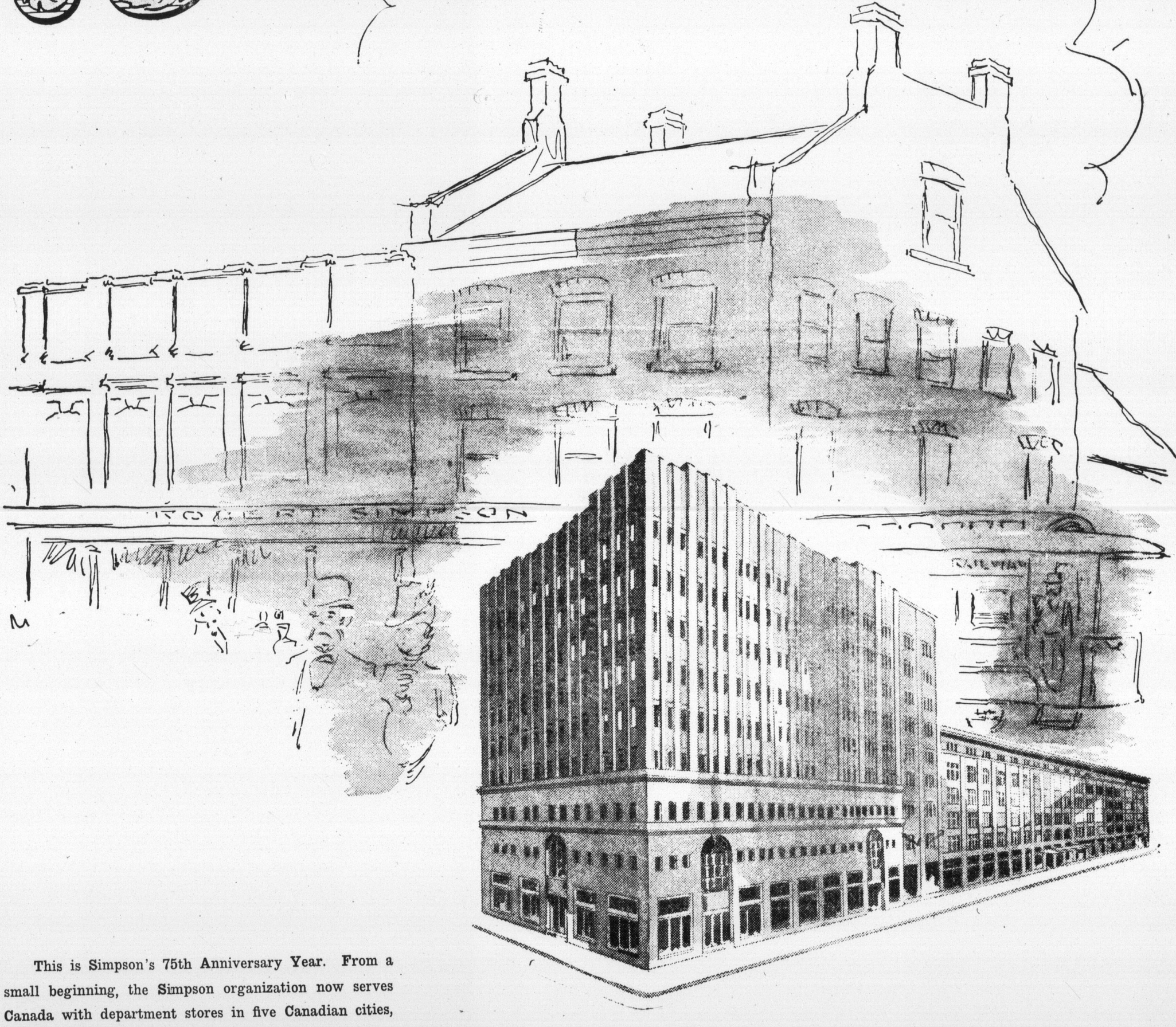
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Washington, D.C. Democratic senator came off second best in a verbal tangle with Randolph, international Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL), at Senate subcommittee hearings on a Permanent

Ellender, shooting questions about interracial relations about interracial relations. Randolph, refused to be chairman of the National Labor Relations Board for a Permanent

Demands Respect.

Finally, his patience was exhausted. What he succeeded in doing was to get permanent records of Ellender's "absurd, preposterous lack of respect" demanded that Randolph call him "Mr. Ellender."

"You do not know enough to call me Randolph," Ellender said. "I am the international president of the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters."

Stays Off Subject

Ellender demanded a denunciation of the Senate Labor and Commerce subcommittee hearings on discrimination in employment. He allowed the Randolph transcript.

The verbal firestorm Ellender's insistence about interracial relations dealing with employment. When the stand, the senator to a barrage of questions, and social

Ellender charged that quality would lead to a degradation of the race. He bragged that even political equality. He then flayed Egypt, Brazil and the United States had not reached the peak of development of white supremacy.

The AFL Porters president then "called" Ellender verbally, calling him "Randolph." Ellender "is not a anthropologist" and senator's race myth be seriously taught in a classroom in America. That Ellender reacted with a racialist's racialist ideas were

Blasts Ellender

It was then he told him he was not know him well. He said "Randolph."

plied:

"You wouldn't call me mister."

In an even verbal tangle that he thought of a member to refer to anyone on this committee with him properly."

The sub-committee reportedly been filled with venom as was the