

Negro People's Achievements Break Through Limitations of Fair Program

James Ford in Hall of Fame at Negro Week Celebration

By Angelo Herndon

Even the extreme limitations of Negro Week at the World's Fair could not hold back the cultural genius of the Negro people which broke through in a gala performance of music and song, Tuesday night.

The choral singing of 300 voices under the direction of J. Rosamond Johnson and Juanita Hall, was done with magnificent accuracy. "Deep River," "Unto the Dying Lamb," "Go Down Moses," and other famous Negro songs rendered in the resonant, evenly high and low ranged voice of Louise Burge, Negro contralto, afforded Fairgoers a pleasant evening of delightful entertainment.

Included in its Hall of Fame list of outstanding Negroes in American life and history, are such revolutionary and labor leaders as James W. Ford, the only Negro to be nominated for Vice-President of the United States; Sojourner Truth, leader in the "Women's Rights" movement; Harriet Tubman, leader of the Underground Railroad from slavery to freedom; Nathaniel Turner, leader of the "Nat Turner Insurrection; Denmark Vesey. David Walker, and others.

While the occasion was one of excellent entertainment and enjoyed immensely by everyone present, there was still something lacking—the contributions of Negroes to other and more fundamental phases of American life. The fact that Fair officials who almost "forgot" to include the Negro people in the achievements of America last year, found it worth their while to arrange a full week program on Negro achievements at the Fair this year, is in itself a recognition of one factor absent in the program of Tuesday night's affair. The struggles of the Negro people for their rights and freedom was completely left out of the program which was ostensibly designed to portray the achievements of the Negro people in American democracy.

It was unfortunate that the contributions of Negroes in politics, science and labor were not included in the program of Negro Week at the Fair. Moreover, with the exception of the well-prepared exhibit of leading Negro figures arranged by the Schomburg Collection, under the direction of Dr. L. D. Reddick, the entire program of Negro Week will be devoted to song and dance and other light, fantastic doings. The importance of Negro Week would undoubtedly have a different meaning if some of the stirring songs, symbolizing the oppression and struggles of the Negro sharecroppers, laborers, the victims of lynch justice, segregation, peonage and disfranchisement, had been included in its program.

The timeliness of such a program is immediately recognized. The violence and lynch terror which has been practiced against Negroes since emancipation, and which is being intensified against them at a time of ever growing racial, national chauvinism and war, would certainly be more representative of Negro life in America as it has been and as it is now.

The speech of Mayor LaGuardia was typical of the steadfast resistance to recognize the progressive role which Negroes have played in the building of America. His words were all sugar and honey about the great achievements of Negroes in music and song. He was deeply moved by the song, "I've heard of a City Called Heaven," which was announced from the platform by T. Arnold Hill as being his favorite. He exhorted Negroes to keep on singing until the "City Called Heaven" is established here on earth.

HARLEM SLUMS

But the Little Flower said nothing about the awful slums lining the streets of Harlem. He said nothing about the high rents exacted from Negroes; the discrimination in employment and the inadequate participation of Negroes in city government. He concluded by telling his listeners that he was "happy to be at the head of a government that

does not recognize color."

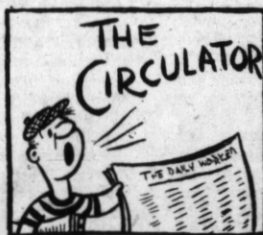
Following the same method of putting it on "heavy," H. D. Gibson, chairman of the Fair Board, in lauding Negroes for their achievements, went a step further by saying that "we should not forget that our democratic form of government was originally set up as an answer to tyranny." Of course, he made no mention of the tyranny used by the government in denying the Negro people their democratic rights.

The only note at the opening of Negro Week which had any reference to the fighting, democratic aspirations of the Negro people, was sounded by Dr. W. E. DuBois, who declared that "instead of succumbing to suppression, Negroes have struggled" always for democracy. And while we are fighting for "democracy across the seas," he said, "it is well to remember that we have not finished the fight for it at home."

"Black labor," he said, "was indispensable in the founding of our industries." In the fusing of the different strains of blood and the influences of the 27 racial groups that make up American culture and life, Dr. DuBois pointed out that "Negro music is distinctly American, and American music is distinctly Negro."

The exhibition of literature dealing with the life and works of leading Negroes is the most comprehensive and informative feature of the World's Fair Negro Week program.

Negro Week at the Fair will end Sunday with the singing of the famous "Ballad for Americans."



All Sections which have not, as yet, arranged meetings of Branch Daily Worker Directors and notified the Circulation Dept. of the D. W. must do so as quickly as possible.

All Section Daily Worker Directors are urged to call the Circulation Dept. of the D. W. some time during the day this week. Preferably from 10:30 in the morning.

Here is a review of our main concentration efforts for the benefit of Section and Branch D. W. Directors to study and discuss at meetings.

A. The Aug. 4th peace issue of the Sunday Worker.

B. Insure the minimum quota order by the Branches—5 D. W. each day and 10 S. W.

C. On the election campaign—all canvassers for petitions to have the Daily and Sunday Worker with them, at open air meetings a speaker on the Daily with an organized sale.

A review of last week's Sunday Worker order shows a sharp pick up of more than a thousand Sunday Workers for Kings. Queens dropped with the 4 A. D. sending in no order. Harlem remained the same. The Bronx dropped more than 200 with the 4th, 5th, and the 8th A. D.'s mainly responsible. Manhattan remained about the same held back chiefly because of on orders at all from the 1st, 2nd, 12th, and the Industrial Section.

Industrial and Shop Branches should be encouraged to advertise the new column in the Daily Worker—this column appears Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and answers questions on workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, social security, etc.

Memo to Branch Daily Worker Directors, 18 A. D., Kings. You are having a meeting Thursday, July 25th. Check your Section.

Albert Maltz's Underground Stream will be serialized in the Daily Worker beginning this Sunday. This book is a good way to get people interested in the Daily and Sunday Worker. A leaflet advertising this book and the fact that it will be serialized in the Daily Worker would be very effective.

Workers Get \$315,000 in Back Wages

Wage-Hour Ruling Also Puts Fruit Employees Under Act

WASHINGTON, July 24. — Col. Phillip B. Fleming, administrator of the Wage-Hour Division of the Department of Labor today made two important announcements involving \$315,000 in back wages for over 10,000 lumber workers and placing 70,000 workers engaged in processing of perishable fruit partially under protection of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The back pay for lumber workers is a result of a drive in which violators of the Wage-Hour law were caught and forced to pay up. He said his division has already computed \$262,000 due the workers with approximately \$53,000 more to be collected.

He predicted other cases would swell the total. Fleming added that most of the lumber firms agreed to pay up and there were few court cases. The violations were principally underpayment of the 30-cent minimum and failure to pay over time rates for time over 42 hours weekly.

Workers engaged in processing seasonable perishable fruit and vegetables were put under the 30-cent minimum. But the ruling by Fleming also carries an exemption that dents deeply into the positive side. For fourteen weeks the workers in the canning packing, and warehouse establishments handling fruit, can work unlimited hours and for fourteen additional weeks they must be paid overtime only after 56 hours weekly.

The decision further exempts establishments of ten or less workers and establishments that receive their materials "from farms in the general vicinity of the plant."



HOUSECLEANING need not be regarded by many women. If the work is carefully planned, if the kind of equipment that is needed for cleaning is chosen and handled in the right way and provision is made for keeping as much dirt as possible out of the house, there need be little time wasted.

Following is a list of desirable cleaning tools. It's impossible to have all of them but a complete guide will give you some idea of what is most serviceable.

(1) Brooms and brushes: a corn broom for the rugs, soft hair brush for smooth floors, a wall brush of lamb's wool, whisk broom for general broom for general use, scrub brushes of various sizes, paint brushes for furniture.

(2) Mops: wet mop for floors that are to be washed with water, dry mop and oil mop for hardwood floors.

(3) Dusters: A dustless duster, excellent for daily use, can be made at home as follows: Pour into a pint or quart glass jar, two tablespoons of furniture polish or liquid wax and swirl it around until the entire inside of the jar has been coated. Then pour out all of the mixture. Place in the jar a piece of old silk or chamois, about a foot and one-half square, and allow it to stand for a day or two. The cloth will absorb the polish evenly.

(4) Carpet sweepers are effective for taking up dirt. Vacuum cleaners are the most efficient for cleaning, as they suck up the dirt, lint, threads, and hairs. Special attachments can be obtained for cleaning upholstered furniture, draperies, and other furnishings.

CLEANING MATERIALS

Ammonia, borax, and sal-soda (washing soda). These alkalis are used to soften hard water and to

Bessarabians To Celebrate Ties with USSR

In view of the rising sentiment among the Jewish people in our community, favoring the incorporation of Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina into the Soviet Union, a local committee of Bessarabian people in the Sixth A. D. of the Bronx, is organizing a rally to celebrate this event.

Paul Novick, editor of the Freiheit, will be the main speaker. Al Roberts, section organizer of the Sixth A. D. will also be among the speakers. In addition there will be many Jewish neighborhood people who come from Bessarabia, who will speak on the subject of their lives in old Bessarabia. Admission is free. The celebration will be held tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock, at 683 Allerton Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses Opens

DETROIT, July 24 (UP).—The five-day convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, the sect whose members refuse on religious grounds to salute the American flag, opens here today. Some 30,000 delegates are expected.

Simultaneous meetings will be held in 18 other cities. Proceedings of the main gathering here will be carried by direct wire to the other meetings.

The sect has its own guard but police have assigned a detail of 15 men to patrol Convention Hall for the duration of the meeting.

Highlight of the convention will be next Sunday's address on "Religion As a World Remedy," by Judge G. F. Rutherford, national leader of the sect.

West Side Rally Tonight For Carroll

Minor to Speak at Protest Against WPA Firing

Tonight at 8 p. m. residents of Chelsea will attend a mass meeting at P. S. 11, 314 West 21st Street to protest the WPA dismissal of George Carroll, leader of the unemployed of Chelsea and Communist candidate for Assembly from the 3rd A. D. Carroll, who is known to hundreds throughout the community because of his tireless efforts in behalf of the unemployed was one of the first to be dismissed during the WPA witch-hunt because he refused to deny his right as an American not to belong to the Communist Party.

Carroll's courageous stand is no surprise to the people who know him. He has long been an outstanding fighter against fascist reaction, having volunteered and served in the Spanish loyalist army. Indignation against the WPA violation of the Constitution is mounting in Chelsea and there is every indication that there will be an overflow crowd at the meeting.

In addition to Carroll, Robert Minor, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States, and Tim Holmes, outstanding Negro leader in the New York District will address the meeting.

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