

Questions and Answers In Negro History

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Questions pertaining to Negro History anywhere of general interest, and not too long, will be answered by Mr. Parker in this column.

Are the American Indians and the Indians of India related?—F. B. R. No. Columbus called the American Indians by that name because he thought he had reached India.

Is Negro history taught in the Massachusetts public schools?—J. T. T.

I cannot answer this as I have not the information. Outside of Williams' History of the Negro I know of no other book that has been used as a text book.

Was Alexander Hamilton a Negro and is the Hamilton Club of Chicago named after him?—F. E. M., Chicago.

Alexander Hamilton was an octroon and born in the West Indies of mixed parentage. Read upon him as he was a very important character in American history.

What period marks the downfall of the rule of the dark races?—E. H. N., Peoria, Ill.

The rule of the darker races practically ended with the downfall of the Moors in Spain in the twelfth century.

Was Homer of African descent?—R. D. C., Springfield, Ohio.

He was a Grecian and probably of African descent as the Grecians of his day were pretty well mixed with African colonists.

Who was Ramesses the Great and what was his race?—G. P. O., Denver, Colo.

Ramesses was a great Egyptian conqueror and belonged to the eighteenth dynasty. He was of African descent as were all Egyptians.

WASHINGTON SEGREGATIONISTS WAGING CAMPAIGN TO ORGANIZE ENTIRE CITY.

White property owners of Washington, D. C., whose private segregation agreements are to be brought before the Supreme Court this April by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, are attempting to organize the entire National Capital, so that colored people will be unable to buy or occupy property in any but the districts assigned to them.

The segregation advocates are publishing their own daily newspaper, called "The North Capitol Citizen," which gives daily reports of the extension of the segregation movement. One of the recent issues which has come to the offices of the N. A. A. C. P. reports that for the first time in the history of the District of Columbia, all the 38 white property owners in a square, had placed on record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds an indenture prohibiting the sale of any of the property to any Negro or colored person for the next 21 years.

The same issue of the North Capitol Citizen reports that organization of the segregation forces by blocks on a city wide basis is proceeding and the news is headed by such lines as the following: "Randolph Place Doing Great Work," "S Street Continues to Get Results," "Adams Street Not To Be Outdone," "Other Streets Also Busy."

Cases involving the sale of property to colored people are being vigorously pushed by the white property owners, and it is reported that Justice Hoehling has fixed March 10 as the date for commencing the trial

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Remarks by Pastor Rev. N. S. Smith. Benediction.

of a case involving the sale of land at 69 Seaton Place, N. W., where fraud has been charged.

James A. Cobb, attorney for the N. A. A. C. P. in the segregation case coming before the U. S. Supreme Court, reports that the white segregationists of Washington are closely watching all the movements of the N. A. A. C. P. and are publishing in the North Capitol Citizen accounts of what the N. A. A. C. P. is doing in opposition to their movement.

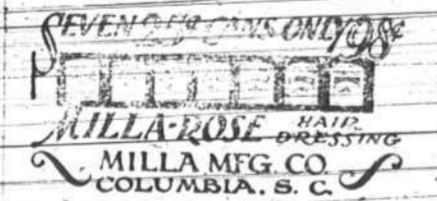
Commenting on this report, James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., said: "This movement in Washington has all the earmarks of a crusade. Here we have a fanatical segregation organization which has for its purpose the pledging of white people of the whole city of Washington, block by block and street by street, to enter into agreement not to sell property to Negroes.

"This movement is a menace which apparently the colored people of the country have not yet fully realized, nor are they fully aroused to its dangers. If this movement succeeds in Washington, it will be put in motion in cities all over the country. The N. A. A. C. P. as is stated above, is fighting this matter through the U. S. Supreme Court. Members and friends of the Association should bear in mind that we are not contesting the right of white property owners to agree not to sell their property to Negroes, but we are contesting their right to invoke the powers of the State and the government to enforce such an agreement upon any signer who wishes to break it and to sell his property to whomsoever he chooses. This is the crux of the case we now

have in the Supreme Court. We appeal to colored people in their own interest to help us in this fight."

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Houston, Texas, March—One hundred and eighty members of the Houston Commercial Club, representing 27 classes of business and the profession, met here last night in the auditorium of the American Mutual Benefit Association to hear A. L. Holsey, Secretary of the National Negro Business League, C. C. Spaulding, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Business League was expected but was unable to be present on account of illness in his family.

After the elaborate banquet, N. Dudley, Vice President of the American Mutual Benefit Association and President of the Commercial Club, gave a brief sketch of the history and plans of the Club and presented C. F. Richardson, editor of the Houston Informer and Secretary of the Club. Mr. Richardson gave a most interesting review of Negro progress in Houston and in turn presented the speaker.

Mr. Holsey made a strong plea for co-operation in business and urged his hearers not to lose faith in Negro enterprises. He presented the new program of Service to the Business League, including the National Negro Trade Week, Health Week and the Finance Corporation.

In company with J. B. Grego, President of the American Mutual Benefit Association, and Jesse S. Jones of Durham, N. C., representing the National Negro Finance Corporation, Mr. Holsey left tonight for Dallas and other points in Texas.

PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARK., 1919 RIOT SCENE ASKS N. A. C. P. FOR AID.

Continued from Page 1. so, should help this project by writing to Mrs. Bertha Cook Sanders, Superintendent of Phillips County Schools, Helena,

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