An Appeal

March 11, 1939.

The Negro Civil Liberty League,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I regret that I have to write to your League for assistance, but this is my last resource that I know of. I shall give you an outline of my case as briefly as possible: In April, 1933, a white lady came to my house in Elizabeth, New Jersey from the West. She claimed that a friend of mine had directed her to see me. She wanted a man to work for her and her husband. My wife was to lecture and hold Spiritualistic meetings. I am an ordained minister, she advised, and sent me $300. I returned $25 a week and all expenses paid, including gas and oil for my car. At this time I was not working for my living.

In May, I took the money and left. My wife and I were to go into the city the next day and start to work. We removed to the President of the United States and to the Congress, to which there are subscribed the names of approximately three million Negroes, who have expressed, through these memorials, their desire to migrate to Liberia, the land of their forefathers. These signatures do not desire to remain in this country and eventually become integrated or amalgamated with the Whites. The Negro, in my judgment, is as capable of experiencing pride in his Race as the White man has shown such capacity, and of fostering an innate desire to stand alone and apart from other races in a united effort to attain race nationality and thereby to establish and perpetuate a racial integrity.

The Negro will always be discriminated against and will be denied his opportunity to attain his greatest possible cultural and economic achievement. It is universally conceded that there are only two solutions to the race problem that exist in the United States, namely, separation or amalgamation. I am one among many millions of citizens of this Country who advocate the separation of the two races as the proper solution of this problem.

I again urge you to draft legislation in favor of our civil rights and our economic achievement. A bill that I propose to introduce in the United States Senate on April 11th, 1939, providing for the free and voluntary resettlement of all Negroes in the United States of African descent in their fatherland, Africa, where and in order that they may have an opportunity to subject themselves to the highest destiny—an opportunity, as you know that they will never have in the United States where they are outnumbered 12 to 1.

The local Council of the National Negro Congress observed the 25th National Negro Health Week on Sunday, April 16th, at Trinity Church, and gathered on at 4:30 p.m. with Dr. C. T. Lynch as the main speaker and Rev. D. L. Jordan giving a brief address on the importance of preventive disease. The 1939 observance was built around the theme, “The Citizen’s Responsibility for Community Health.” In conjunction with the meeting, the Council’s Committee on Public Health, Committee on Public Welfare, and Carpenter, sponsored developing activities on that occasion, with Rev. George Hancock, chairman, sponsored an essay contest of Negro health, with 120 high school students taking part. All of whom are quite active in the vocational guidance class, conducted at the West Side Y. M. C. A.

Two more prizes awarded to the best and second best essay on health. Miss June Simpson, a graduate of Washington High, won the first prize of $50, while Mrs. Anna Aleck Brown won the second prize of $25. These essays were quite lengthy and proved to be quite enlightening as well as inspiring. Dr. C. T. Lunsford’s address on the Negro and his health was in keeping with this situation. My simple words so that all might understand. Lunsford stated, in part, that the Negro in Rochester is not healthy, that the Negro in Rochester is not healthy, that the Negro has not been healthy, that the Negro is not healthy, and that the Negro is not healthy, as he is not healthy, as are the Negroes in Monroe County in general. The colds and bronchial problems have been among the most serious of all the health problems of Rochester Negroes. The Lunsford address was one of the most enlightening and the most inspiring addresses ever made in Rochester. The address was followed by a presentation of the prizes to winners of the contest, H. W. Colson and Charles R. Van. James E. Rose, pastor of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, gave the benediction.

A large throng was present from the various towns throughout the County.

"Send in Your News!"
NAACP Activities

The twenty-first anniversary of the Rochester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be celebrated in June of this year. This announcement was made at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee by the Chairman, Dr. Paul Schroeder. A special committee is now working on the program. Additional announcements will appear in this paper concerning the final program plans.

Another item discussed by the Executive Committee pertained to the Junior Branch of the Association. Miss Mary E. Langford was elected to serve on the Youth Council Committee pertaining to the Junior Branch of the Association. Miss Mary E. Langford was elected to serve on the Youth Council Committee. She will assist Miss Black and other members in stimulating interest in the Junior Branch activities. At present, members of this Branch are soliciting signatures on petitions urging the United States Congress to pass the Anti-Lynching Bills.

The Junior Branch is open to all young people between the ages of 16 and 25. Information may be obtained from Miss Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., or from either Miss Black or Miss Langford. The cooperation of all young people is necessary for the success of the organization.

OBITUARY

Mr. Benjamin Groshoul of 8 Beaver Street, died suddenly on the street, March 14th. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Charles Quamminia.

Funeral services were held from the A. M. E. Zion Church, with its pastor, Rev. C. L. Henderson, officiating.

Burial services were in charge of the Latimer Funeral Home, with interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Robert Whitley of 56 Hanover Street, died March 25th at the Monroe County Hospital, aged 59. He left a wife and a son, Moses. Funeral services were held from the Church of God in Christ, where Rev. Caldwell officiated.

Burial services were under the direction of the Latimer Funeral Home, interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Katie R. Bellum of 20 Favor Street, entered rest at her home on March 23rd. She leaves a husband, Louis; a brother, Ernest Butts of Havana, Cuba, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from Mt. Olive Baptist Church, with its pastor, Rev. J. E. Rose officiating. Mrs. L. R. Murphy of Syracuse, sang very appropriately, "He'll Understand."

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Masons Make Official Visit

A number of leading officials of the local lodge of Prince Hall Masons, housed by L. E. DaBrea, D.D., made an official visit to the Light of the West Lodge in Olean on March 19th.

He was accompanied on this occasion by the following members of the lodge: Dr. L. E. DaBrea, D.D., M. E. B. W. C. G. O. L., and Misses A. D. and C. H. R. F. B. W. C. G. O. L., of this city.

On Monday, May 1st, the Hardi Temple No. 81 of Buffalo, N. Y., will hold its annual meeting in this city at 90 State Street.

The Teller

Well, as I understand, Freddy Brown is having love bug trouble since he and Stain are slightly on the outs. Why don't you send her some flowers or candy, Fred?

Next we will talk about Minnie Smith and Chezzaw Shorts who also seem to be on the outs. When you see Chezzaw mooning like a lost calf, you will also see Minnie moaning.

Her, Chezzaw, take the same advice that I gave Freddy. Well, if Wardell Woods and Barbara Blackwood ever become hitched, it looks like Chezzaw will have the pants in the family instead of Wardell because he is just as afraid of her as an elephant is of a mouse. Buck up, old boy, and eat some spinach. Popeye does.

Well, I see that Jimmie's heart beat is in the hospital with arthritis, and Jimmie hasn't even been out to see her. Jimmie, why don't you go out there? Maybe it will help her to get well quicker if she knows that you still love her. Ha, ha, ha, ha.

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St. Simon's Church News

The Girl's Friendly Society wishes to thank all those who attended their dinner, Thursday, March 30, and helped to make it a success.

A meeting of the G. F. S. was held at the home of Miss Rebecca McCurdy, 133 Adams St. on Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m. At the services Sunday, April 16th, 5:30 p.m., the young people dramatized "Appearances of Christ After His Resurrection." This drama was prepared by the pastor, Father Brown, and presented under his direction.

We know those who attended enjoyed the Easter Ball, on Friday, April 14th, at the R. B. I. with Ted Stubbs and his swing band from Buffalo, N. Y., furnishing the music.

Correspondence

TEMPLE BRITH-KODESH
117 Gibbs Street
Rochester, New York

The Rabbi's Study

April 5, 1939

Dear Mr. Coles:

I am glad to enclose two dollars to renew my subscription to The Voice.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,

PHILIP BERNSTEIN.

Personal Mention

Mr. William H. Stockton of Bay Street spent several days in New York City. While there he was the guest of Mrs. Alda Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. E. White.

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Scottsville News

On Thursday, April 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Day had as their dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aspinall of Rochester; also on Friday, April 14th, Rev. and Mrs. H. Turpin and family. Rev. Turpin in pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Mumford.

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Tucker vs. Day

It seems at times fate decrees that things just must happen and so William Tucker of Clarissa, and Clark Day of West Main Street, met in court, was slated by Mr. Tucker in a street scuffle a few days ago. Hearing was held in the evening of Monday, April 24th in Court. Attorney Leo Minto is defending Tucker whose plea is "not guilty."

Negro Citizens

Elected to Council

On Tuesday night, April 18, the Rochester Housing Council held their weekly meeting at the Powers Hotel at which time permanent offices were elected, on the advice of a nominating committee, to the Housing Council.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Secretary of the National Negro Congress and supervisor of the N.Y. A.F.A. office was appointed to serve on the committee. Other delegates from the City of Rochester were: Miss Alice Gilbert and Mrs. Virginia Wilson.

After some 30 minutes of discussion, it was voted to let the executive committee decide between a dinner meeting or the more ambitious mass meeting, "as advocated by Angelo Rose, executive secretary of the American Labor Party."

It was announced that Langdon Park, housing approximately 72 families, is at that time directed New York City's Tenement House Commission, will address the meeting.

Named president was the Rev. Anthony H. Langford, the Rev. William H. Johnson, and the Rev. W. T. Breeland, were elected temporary chairmen. Other officers were: Vice-president, Howard Coles; secretary, Mrs. J. B. Posnock; treasurer, Philip S. Gordon; chairman of the executive committee, Mrs. Robt. McKelvery; other members: The Rev. James Ross, Angelo, Clara Storrs, Mrs. N. E. Carson, Charles Lang and Alfred Lizzio.

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