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We Are Glad

(By CYRIL CORNIFEE)

THE word had no sooner gone out that trouble was brewing between the Bananero and the Ferrocarril Companies than a few people began to blame it all on Adolph Hitler. For nazi sympathizers are here. And such a situation as a cessation of banana cutting and shipping would have had no less a disastrous effect on living conditions here than that produced in other places by Nazi interference and malevolence. No country, even in peace time, can afford to have its avenues to economic existence closed, and if wise counsels on both sides had not prevailed, the Government of this country would certainly have been obliged to step in as arbitrator. The two companies have in some measure identical interest; and for those few officials who, because of this, and because also of their working knowledge and ability, hold positions in both concerns, any thing like a dead-lock would have created a very embarrassing situation. Bananero, too, have lost some amount of prestige if a settlement satisfactory to Ferrocarril had not been reached. But we are not pretending to say which side was wrong in the dispute. The facts, as they stand, clearly show that both could not have been wrong, or both right; which is enough. The ships will continue to come at weekends for loading, and the trains

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German Armies On Move Again; Weather Lifts

The German armies of the East were reported yesterday to be on the move again along a battle line running from just below Lake Ladoga down to the Black Sea, their offensives coinciding with the improvement of weather all over the vast front.

Germans Wearing Women's Clothes To Ward Off Cold

Piercing Arctic winds and bitter Russian cold have brought death to thousands of Germans along the crescent-shaped Moscovite front, it was learned yesterday from authoritative sources.

Many of the soldiers found frozen to death were dressed in women's clothing and other make-overs, it is said. Very few of the Nazi troops were properly equipped for cold weather fighting during a Russian winter.

For Germans Only

The Nazis in a certain town in German occupied Poland put up a sign on the gate of a local park. The sign said: "For Germans Only." During the night it was removed, so the next day the Germans put up an extra large and extra heavy sign carrying the same legend. The following morning this sign was found over the entrance of the town's cemetery.

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Speaking Meeting A Success

Notwithstanding counter-attraction, which according to public opinion, was aimed to drive a decisive blow to other well-advertised functions, the anxiously awaited Speaking Meeting came off on Monday night last, and in spite of a heavy downpour of rain, which came almost at the appointed hour, the function was crowned with success.

At around 7.45 it did seem likely that a large gathering would not be in attendance, but half an hour later the scene was completely changed and at 11.30 over 250 persons were in attendance to participate in this grand event.

Mr. Solomon Headley from Cahuita was Chairman for the occasion; Mr. Charles Walker, President and the office was capably carried through concurrently by two well-known individuals.

The voting to have the first look at the Queen followed; however, the audience patiently waited until the time had arrived when she rose triumphantly to the fundamentals of the occasion escorted by King Antonio Duarte, and followed by two Princesses, little Misses Ruby Hawes and Dora who were beautifully dressed.

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Thought For The Week

The present day Negro intellectual is no less a liar and a cunning thief than his illustrious teacher. His accidental collegiate training only fits him to be a rogue and va gabond, and a seeker after the easiest and best by following the line of least resistance. He is lazy, dull and uncreative. His purpose is to deceive the less fortunate of his race, and, by his wiles ride easily into position and wealth at their expense, and thereafter agitate for and seek social equality with the creative and industrious whites. To every rule, however, there is exception, and in this case it must be applied.

—Marcus Garvey

We Are Glad

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will go as usual rumbling over the rails, bringing, on their return, the precious fruit. To the farmers, and cutters, and deck workers this will mean business as usual. And that's why we are glad,

German Sailors Found Wearing Paper Trousers

Germany is so short of wool that German sailors have been discovered wearing pants made of artificial silk, paper and fur, an official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said yesterday.

This official declared that German soldiers have been reported wearing women's fur coats on the Russian front and that German soldiers in Rumania and Norway are being asked to give up their blankets for the fighters on the Eastern front.

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Speaking Meeting A Success

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The Queen was Miss. Thamer Bougie, only daughter of Miss. Clara Ameil of this city. She was elegantly dressed. Her dress was made of white Taffete, trimmed with lace, gold stars, etc. Her crown was made up with gold paper, and, wearing it, it gave her the appearance of a Royal Queen upon her throne. The unanimous opinion was that she possessed qualities which charmed and delighted and commanded the approbation of senses; those qualities which are most pleasing to the eye, a beautiful Queen.

Too much praise cannot be given; at least this article would be considered incomplete not mentioning the name of Mrs. Blanche Reid, the stylish dressmaker, whom we laud, and who was responsible for the artistic design of the Queen's dress.

At mid night coffee and other refreshments were served and at 2 o'clock the function came to its close all leaving, feeling satisfied with the night's entertainment.

Betrothal

The cook, Nera, had announced her engagement to a frequenter at the kitchen, named Mike. But a year passed and nothing was heard of the nuptials. So, one day, the mistress inquired:

« When are you to be married? »

The reply was explicit:

« You see mam, I won't marry Mike when he is drunk, and he won't marry me when he is sober. »

He said there was a definite evidence that the British blockade is having its effect on Germany and the fact that the German Army and Navy are affected makes us begin to be optimistic. This source added that other effects of the blockade were that forty per cent was cut from German clothes ration and last month the cheese ration was cut in half.

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United Fruit Company's Stock-taking Shows \$25,000 Short!!

The Express is in a position to state that the Commissaries of the United Fruit Co. in Parrita have been short of the enormous sum of \$25,000 at the last "stock taking." Two of those responsible are now detained in jail at Puntarenas. It is said that the articles taken from the commissaries were sold in San José.

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Canadian Troops Landed In England

"Somewhere in England" the fifth division of Canadian motorized troops arrived last Saturday. They came across the Atlantic from Canada and were escorted by United States and British war units.

Nicaraguan Volunteers Arrived in England

News received in Costa Rica last Tuesday from Managua states that the five volunteers from Nicaragua has arrived safely somewhere in England to enroll in the ranks of the Free French men, under the leadership of general de Gaulle. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago we reported the departure of these five young Nicaraguans who were anxious to fight against Hitlerism.

British Invites U. S. Negroes To England

LONDON. — At a special conference of the foreign Press association over which Brendan Braeken, the minister of information, president Rudolph Dunbar, the London editor of the Associated Negro Press, asked the minister why the Negro leaders in America had not been invited to come to London in the same category as the white dignitaries. Dunbar pointed out that they are not all "apostles of gaiety" and that there are a great multitude of Negroes in America who represent the intellectual aristocracy of their race.

In reply, the minister said that he welcomed the question being raised. He fully agreed that it was high time that it was high time that the accredited representatives of the important Negro community of the United States of America sent a delegation to England.

He said that they should come for two reasons. Firstly, because they were American citizens;

secondly, because they played an important part in all spheres of American life.

Said the minister, "You should encourage the Negro leaders of America to visit us; England will give them a most hearty welcome and there is no limit on what we would show them."

Mr. Brendan Braeken praise the American Negro universities. The foreign press conference acclaimed his courteous gesture.

American May Occupy French Guiana

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LYBYA Nov. 28 The German armored units fighting like trapped lions, have assumed the offensive at several points in the desert battle during the last 48 hours.

Perhaps it is their final struggle, but the fighting may continue in these desert sands for days, possibly weeks.

Weakened by repeated British blows in the early days of the campaign, the Germans nevertheless are fighting ferociously.

In one sudden thrust, the Germans confronted the South African infantry with an overwhelming concentration of armored vehicles until the arrival of the British tanks for a counter attack which hurled them back.

The British Command still believes its troops superior to the Nazis despite the considerable losses suffered in the renewed efforts to weaken the foe.

Nazi Open New Drive On Vital Soviet Railway

LONDON—The Germans have loosed a new offensive aimed at cutting the railway from Moscow to Rostov and they appeared simultaneously to be gathering their now limited air power for concentrated assaults upon small areas in the Caucasian approaches, it was reported today.

This latter and coordinated effort is directed at Rostov itself the northern gateway to the Caucasus and at the narrow barrier of Kerch Strait to cut off,

It was said that these developing aerial offensives in the Caucasus gave the invaders their first chance in some time to use the technique practiced successfully in the west—heavy attacks in small areas they still command numerical superiority.

British Tanks Help Reds Rout Nazis In Eastern Front

KUIBYSHEV, 27—British tanks rumbled into action for the first time today in the eastern front and supplemented by Russian tanks surprised two Nazi infantry companies and one company of mine throwers, scattering the Germans, the newspaper Red Star said.

The official Army newspaper said the Nazi retreated into a village which had been prepared as a rescue base, but the tanks pursued them into streets.

Soviet Military dispatches meanwhile, said the Red Army holding the northern Caucasus approaches has launched a counter offensive which already has driven the Germans back over 60 miles in some sectors above and to the west of Rostov. This major drive, which was said to be continuing, appeared to be endangering the rear of the southern German forces that have broken into Rostov itself. It was, by all accounts, an offensive on a wide front for the German losses were pictured as enormous and it was synchronized with Russian center action on the northern wing of the front as well.

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Germans Still On Run Before Soviet Capital

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The radio said that Moscow's counter attacking defenders smashed the Nazi thrusts in the Volotolansky area, 65 miles northwest of the capital and occupied three more villages along with that of the town's railroad station.

The announcement said that Moshaiski, 57 miles west of Moscow, the Russians had the Germans on the run in some places. Despite continually arriving German reinforcements in the Maloyaroslavets and Tula sectors 65 miles south west and 100 miles to the south respectively, the radio announcement asserted that there had been no important change in the positions

Have A Smile

The old Negro attended a service in the Episcopal Church for the first time in his life. Someone asked him afterward how he had enjoyed the experience.

"Not much," he declared, shaking his head. "Dat ain't no church for me. Dey waste too much time reading the minutes of the previous meeting."



Notice

Again, we regret to make another apology for the appearance of a six-page edition this week, but our readers are assured of the regular eight-page issue as from next week.

In view of the economy on our space, the Express Free Competition could not be announced this week; neither could Man About Town jottings be published. All of which will appear in our next issue.

On page two of this issue, column 2, the continuation of the Speaking Meeting article, should read as continuing from front page.

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Democratic Meeting

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martyr who so courageously resisted the savage acts of oppression committed by the Nazi conquerors in the autumn of 1939 and who made the supreme sacrifice in an undying gesture of love for their native country.

11 Persons Arrested

We learn by Radio from Panama that the Panamanian Government has arrested eleven persons for political reasons.

Help to Free France

President Roosevelt has confirmed a letter sent to the Manager of the Lease and Lend Law extending the law to "Free France" in consideration of the territories controlled by General Charles de Gaulle which are of vital importance for the defence of the United States.

School Entertainment

The Seventh Days Adventist Day School will give closing entertainment on Monday, December 1. A special programme is prepared and a large gathering is anticipated.

Mr. Smith Says Express Statement Was False

When he visited our office this week, Mr R. G. Smith, our energetic agent at Cahuita, denies emphatically, the statement appearing in the Express of the 8th instant in regards to the reported beating and robbing of a man in Cahuita. No such incident took place in Cahuita recently, our agent informs us.

The news article was sent to us from a special correspondent in Cahuita, and was published in error. We made and make no assertions of fact.

— EDITOR

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