

BAHAIS ARRANGE AMITY MEETING

Seeking to Bring About Interracial Peace and Harmony

Shut, Me., Aug. 5.—Green Acre in the city of Eket, Me., about four miles by auto from Portsmouth, N. H., which is famous for its annual conferences among various races, nationalities and religions, is to have this season a conference of a unique character.

This is in reality one of a series of such conferences held in various cities of America, the aim of which is to bring better understanding and to promote the spirit of co-operation and good will between the two principal elements in our American national life. Those who are promoting these conferences or taking part in them believe that there is found a vital need, upon which the perpetuity of our institutions depend, to increase the bond of amity and accord among all racial factors to such a degree as to defeat any effort on the part of foreign forces, if such there be, that may ever hereafter attempt the disintegration of our national life. Contentment and loyalty on the part of all citizens should walk hand in hand.

Among the speakers for the amity conference which took place in beautiful Green Acre on the Piscataqua were Rev. Dr. Samuel McComb, founder of the Emanuel movement; Baha Afshar Effendi of Haifa, Palestine; Devote Allen, editor of the World Tomorrow; Rev. William Safford Jones, Unitarian clergyman; Rev. Albert H. Vail of Chicago, national lecturer; Prof. Leslie Pinkney Hill, Cheney institute, Pa.; William H. Randall and Alfred E. Lunt, businessman and lawyer, respectively, of Boston; Louis G. Gregory, lecturer; Mrs. Edwina Powell, widow of the late Unitarian clergyman; Rev. Dr. Frank W. Powell of Dallas, Texas and Boston, and Mrs. S. E. J. Oglesby of Boston, who has recently returned from an oriental tour. Music was furnished by the Vesper quartet, and other artists selected from both races.

During past years Washington, D. C. has had two such conferences. New York, Philadelphia, Springfield, Mass., and Dayton, Ohio, have been similarly favored. In the attainment of the aim set forth all have been very successful. In that invariably they have been followed by a sweeter and broader spirit of race relations. It is the hope of the conference to improve race relations in all New England cities and to this end clubs, churches, fraternities and all welfare organizations as well as individuals are cordially invited to co-operate.

The plans for this conference were carried out by the following national committee on interracial amity: Mrs. A. S. Parsons of Daidia, N. H. and Washington, chairman; Mrs. Coralle F. Cook, Washington, vice chairman; Louis G. Gregory, executive secretary; Dr. Zia M. Hagdadi, Chicago, Dr. Alain L. Locke, Miss Elizabeth G. Hopper and Miss Isabel Rives all of Washington, D. C.