

# NEGRO LABOR CONGRESS ADDS MANY BRANCHES

## *Organization Plans Big Educational Campaign*

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NEW YORK — (FP)—March 4.—Branches of the American Negro Labor Congress are functioning in Boston, Worcester, Providence, Bridgeport, New York and other cities visited by organizer Lovett Fort-Whiteman on the New England leg of his eastern tour. Fort-Whiteman says that he finds a splendid response among Negro workers in these northern industrial cities and many new members join the movement toward greater freedom.

The New York branch meeting at the 135th street public library (Harlem branch in the midst of the Negro district) was well attended and the eager questioning by the audience indicated genuine interest in the American Negro Labor Congress. Fort-Whiteman carefully explained that the A. N. L. C. is encouraging Negro workers wherever possible to enter existing unions, to organize themselves and seek entrance to present trade unions, to organize independently if necessary, where other unions do not exist or continue to keep their doors closed to colored workers. Fort-Whiteman seeks the aid of all workers, white and colored, in organizing Negro workers and educating them toward understanding their economic as well as social position in the world.

### **To Publish Pamphlets.**

To further the educational work, the American Negro Labor Congress is planning the publication of a series of pamphlets. John Owens, A. N. L. C. organizer in California, is the author of *The Negro Ruralist*, which will soon be off the press. Owens is to cover the west coast circuit, organizing, as Fort-Whiteman is now doing in the east and middle eastern states. Owens has been working among Mexican Japanese, Chinese and Negro cotton pickers in Imperial Valley, California, and succeeded in organizing these diverse groups in a strike which won them 20% wage increases and improved conditions.

The Negro and the social order, the Negro and trade unions, the Negro and world imperialism are other titles in the A. N. L. C. pamphlet series. The official organ of the congress is the *Negro Champion*, edited by Fort-Whiteman in Chicago. A research department is gathering all available information on the Negro, particularly in American industry and agriculture.

The American Negro Labor Congress expects to send several delegates to the international conference of colonial peoples which is to be held in Brussels, Belgium, this spring. Representatives from India, China, African countries, West Indies, the Philippines, etc., will be present to discuss their problems and attempt the formulation of an international program to offset that of British, French, Italian, American, and other nations' imperialism.