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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, POLICE & FIRE DIVISION:

The following is the speech made by Dr. McDonald McMilliard, a West Indian negro, in the Universal Negro World Association Hall on D street, Colon, last night at the meeting held by the employees of the Municipal Engineering Division. In view of the fact that this speech did not have any bearing on the strike, it was not set forth in my report of yesterday:

Gentlemen, you know who I am. You know I am not a striker, for as I am a doctor, I cannot strike against myself. I just grasp this opportunity tonight to call your attention to this fly sheet signed by B.P. Winter in which he answers to a statement made by the management of the Cicilian Theatre in Panama. I hold the idea that we negroes on the Atlantic side should try our best in every way to withdraw ourselves from attending the America and the Strand Theatres, as they are branches of the Cicilian Theatre. If they should ever try to force such rules as the Cicilia. And as to the Star & Herald, we should make it our utmost endeavor to boycott such untruthful paper, and unshameful editors are a disgrace to the world's editors.

You must remember gentlemen, that before the U.S. and the Rep. de Pan. declared war on Germany, the Star & Herald was pro-German, as you could have seen who read it or who have a copy of before the war. You can clearly see many of their editions showed that their feelings were with the Germans. I do not care as I have told them already, and through that reason they have denied to me on many occasions space in their papers. Reversing to the religion as Mr. George has said, I am one that holds with him, for if you dont remember I do that when Dr. DeSouze and others were forming the Colon Federal Labor Union, said preachers have often times said to people that it was no good, it will be a failure. And today, you see another committee have come down here to form a labor union. Remember now how quickly that that same preacher throw open his church doors to Mr. Allen and committee for the purpose of his labor union campaign. Now, gentlemen, you can see that we as negroes have never had the said preacher in all our movement, or at least he could not see in us nothing but failure, but as this white man came here from wherever he did come, he had the privilege of partaking of the house of god for his business. I will go back to the subject of the theatre. Gentlemen, I state to you that the constitution of the Republic of Panama in one of its articles, which I fail to recollect, offers equality to all creeds and races, or who or whom soever it may be. And I can say bluntly that it is one of the free'est constitutions in the entire world. Therefore, why should you permit a body of men calling themselves white, to come to said republic, and as I told you a free republic, and making laws as to separating you and your race? And insulting your wives and children by denying them the privilege of occupying seats which they deem necessary to occupy and can afford to pay for it?

Gentlemen, you, I have heard, by assertion of the chairman, that you have traitors in your midst. Dont you know what to do with such traiters? You all know what to do with such traitors. Cast them out from your midst. Get up and throw them out of here, you know what they do with traiters in other parts of the world. Shouts from the crowd; lynch them. And gentlemen, I tell you more, the man I am going to name to you is one of the bitterest traitor, his name is Gerald Martin. He professes to be an Englishman, but I dont know where he is from. Dr. McMilliard continued in a loud voice: If that man should come here in your midst, throw him through the window, throw him through the window, throw him through the window. Show him that you are the new negroes of the world. Before I conclude I shall ask of you this, that if that rule should be enforced in the theatres here, keep away from the America and Strand Theatres, boycott them, see if they can do without the negroes. Which I think they cant, owing to the fact that gentlemen, the negroes do go in more numbers to said theatres. But if they should profess they can do without us, then let us show them that we can do likewise.

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