

# Dr. Carter Woodson Sails for Summer Study Abroad

WASHINGTON, D. C.—On June 24 Dr. Carter G. Woodson sailed for Europe to continue there his researches in the national archives and to study from the anthropological point of view contacts of Europeans with Africans.

While in Europe last summer he spent most of his time in the British museum, in the public record office of England, in the Congo-Belge museum of Belgium, in the Bibliotheque Nationale of Europe, and in the library of the League of Nations at Geneva.

This year he will restrict his observations mainly to Portugal, Spain, Sardinia, Corsica and Sicily. The Mediterranean was a great melting pot for the races a few centuries ago, and the scientific study of the culture which thereby resulted will throw much light on the racial and inter-racial matters in other parts.

In making this trip, Dr. Woodson is not taking up something new. For a number of years he has had workers engaged in this effort. The most outstanding one of these investigators is Miss Irene Wright, a specialist in Latin-American questions, engaged in research in the archives of the Indies in Seville, Spain. The association for the study of Negro life and history is desirous of developing through such investigators almost every aspect of the life and history of these parts as they touch the Negro. In addition to the anthropological approach, Dr. Woodson is endeavoring to produce in the near future a treatment of the Negro in the literature of the Mediterranean since the fall of the Roman empire. This will follow very much a similar treatment by Fernand Masso of "The Negro in Early French Literature," which appears in the July issue of the Journal of Negro History.

## SAILS WITH

### DR. A. L. LOCKE

Sailing with Dr. Woodson goes Dr. Alain Locke, the duly accredited representative of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History to

the centenary celebration of abolition of slavery in possessions of Great Britain. These exercises are under the direction of Sir John Harris, who has written an inspiring account of "A Century of Emancipation." The liberal-minded people of England are co-operating in the observance of this important event. Along with Sir John Harris are associated such outstanding persons of England as Lord Noel-Buxton, the grandson of the noted Buxton of the antislavery struggle, and Lady Simon, the wife of Sir John Simon of the present British cabinet. Negroes on this side who appreciate what friends of freedom achieved in the past desire to join with them in doing honor to these heroes. To neglect their duty in this case would make them victims of the sin of ingratitude.

The important events scheduled will show how seriously the English people are taking this celebration. Some of the exercises have already taken place since they have been staged at various points of antislavery history since the 24th of April. These are such as addresses, centenary sermons, broadcast series of talks, pageants and conferences in which most representative persons are scheduled to participate. In addition to what will take place in London, outlying provinces will stage their own exercises.

There will be a special centenary services at the Chichester cathedral on July 2. A pageant will be given in the winter garden of Bournemouth on July 15. His grace the Archbishop of York will open the celebration at Hull on July 26, and Lord Cecil will also participate on July 28. The closing event will be a broadcast on July 30 by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dunham.