

NANCY CUNARD WRITES BOOK ON RACE ISSUES

Dedicates Work to Henry Crowder as Her 'First Friend'

LONDON, England, Feb. 23.—Hon. Nancy Cunard, daughter of one of the most noted hostesses in all England, and offspring of the scions of the famed steamship company, who has withdrawn from the Mayfair social whirl to devote herself to the cause of our people, has just published the most notable anthology on the Race since Alain Locke edited "The New Negro."

The work is the result of at least five years of incessant labor all over the world. The contents range from her own impressions of a two-year stay in Harlem and travel in Africa, to the contributions of 150 collaborators, mainly Race men. The book weighs over eight pounds and has 815 immense pages. The problems of the Race and its relations with the white race and reviews of the Race man's accomplishments in art, music, poetry and entertainment, are all covered.

Dedicates Book

The book is dedicated to Henry Crowder, "My first Negro friend." It was after she met this American Race man that Miss Cunard became a passionate defender of the race and endeavored to raise the color bar. She defied contention, two years ago, when she went to the West Indies in the company of a Race man.

Most of her book is concerned with the Race man in the United States, Africa, West Indies and Europe. The foreword summarized Miss Cunard's views, referring to "The violence to and oppression of 14,000,000 Negroes in America and the upsurge of their demands for mere justice; that is to say, full and equal rights alongside their white fellow citizens."

Hits Lynchings

"At no other time in the history of America have there been so many lynchings as in the past two years; so many 'legal' murders and malice killings and persecutions of colored people," she writes.

"The Scottsboro frame-up is more than an attempt to electrocute innocent Alabamians; it is part of an effort to force into the dumbest ways of life all Negro workers desiring to aspire to live otherwise than as virtual slaves."

"The 45 lynchings of Negroes in 1933 were crowned by the brazenest sensational encouragement of lynchings from the governor of California."

Mentions Communism

Miss Cunard concludes that it is vital for the race to pay more heed to Communism as the solution of their race problem.

The book has been published in Paris, and copies of it are tremendously prized. Its author is one of the most glamorous personalities in the world. Her sincerity can hardly be questioned, and the import of her work is bound to have far-reaching effects.