

Eulalia Barrow Bobo To Speak At Olivet Church

In the family of world's former heavyweight champion Joe Louis, a member of the distaff side packs a punch that gives aggression its original meaning of going forward, rather than against — of confronting, rather than moving in fight, fright or flight.

Coming to meet and face the weight of human burdens and lighten them with the deliverance a world faith offers, Eulalia Barrow Bobo, Joe Louis' sister, will be guest speaking in the sanctuary of Olivet Baptist Church, 3101 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., dr., Sunday, 3:30 p.m., when the Inter-Faith Committee of Olivet's Missionary Society holds a special program.

Spearheading the Sunday event are Mrs. Ethel Douglas Mays, chairman of the sponsoring committee; Mrs. Thelma Wade Brown, program chairman, and Mrs. J. H. Jackson, wife of the pastor of the church, president of the Missionary Society.

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Mrs. Bobo will tell how she was attracted by the enlightenment of the Baha'is, a Persian term for the followers of the light, energy or Glory of God — in Persian translated Baha'u'llah, the title of the founder of the Baha'i Faith, who declared on April 21, 1863, in the Garden of Ridvan near the city of Baghdad, that as promised in the scriptures of the great world religions, He had come to unite all men and women and children in the family of man, and to usher in a lasting era of peace by providing a world administrative order that believers can use to resolve conflicts.

Speaking on the Baha'i Faith, Mrs. Bobo's comments will be benefitted by her experience in attending not only the world congress of Baha'is from 259 countries, islands and territories, in London, England in 1963 at which time she spoke at Oxford and Cambridge, but also gatherings of members and friends held both at the Baha'i House of Worship in Wilmette, Ill., and in communities where Baha'is reside from coast to coast.

Her experiences in the southern states, in Harlem, New York and Watts, Los Angeles provide an interesting foundation for her comments.

On leaving her family home in Detroit, Eulalia Bobo con-



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tinued her education at Los Angeles City College, and investigated the truth of the Baha'i Faith that she encountered in studying the progressive revelation of all the Messengers of God.

Finding the oneness of mankind a cornerstone of this independent world religion whose members have integrated for over 100 years, she declared herself a Baha'i and became the first Negro to make her home in exclusive Beverly Hills, California, where she was promptly elected one of the nine members of the community's governing assembly.

The Baha'is of Southern California also elected her a delegate to the last six national

conventions held annually in Wilmette, the national center of the Baha'i Faith which has international headquarters on Mt. Carmel in Haifa, Israel.