

# MEXICAN ANTI-NEGRO PROPAGANDA STARTED

## White Oil Interests Active in Keeping Negro Out of Mexico.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 18.—(By A. N. P.)—The latest propaganda attempt to discourage the Black-American farmer of the South from endeavoring to colonize or enter Mexico is a report magnified far beyond its significance, being circulated through the white press of the recent refusal of Adolfo

Miranda, Immigration chief at Ensenada, Lower California, Mexico to admit a criminal class of American Negroes to cross the line from the United States without special passports.

**Refers to Order of Aug. 1924**

According to Miranda he is acting under instructions in accordance with Federal regulations issued in August, 1924, to prevent the criminal classes from escaping from the United States border towns into Mexico. His recent order according to the circulated report, requires Negroes to carry special passports. They will be allowed to cross the border only between the hours of 12 noon and 9 p. m. and will not be permitted to remain overnight.

**Not Effect Reputable Negroes**

The order is for the criminal classes of all races which infest the border American cities and has no bearing whatsoever as the press reports intimidate, that reputable Black American farmers or citizens who desire to colonize or travel in Mexico are to be prohibited entry in that country.

The opposition to the Black American entry into Mexico for colonization purposes is opposed only by the foreign and American oil interests who started active anti-Negro propaganda several years ago opposing entry of a colony of Oklahoma Negroes to the oil districts around Tampico and San Luis Potosi.

In July, 1922, Pres. Obregon met a delegation of colored citizens from the United States, headed by Attorney Hugh MacBeth of Los Angeles. He stated in person to them "That Mexico has no color line and the

Mexican Constitution forbids Race discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed or degree of wealth."

At Ensenada, Mexico, the Mayor in addressing the delegation said, "Mexico offers the greatest opportunity and future to any people on the face of the earth. We are inviting the American Negro to come and to cast his lot with us, not because we know that he is mistreated, and unjustly dealt with in his own land, but because we believe that in the development of commerce, agriculture and trade in our own country, he will be fair enough to take some and leave some and not try to take all as some Americans have done in the past."

**Favor Only Desirable Element**

Only industrious type of Black American farmers and business men are desired and this type have no trouble in entering Mexico, as evident by the acquisition of 5,000 acres of very valuable farming and mining land in the Santa Clara valley, 200 miles below Los Angeles and adjacent to the thriving Mexican seaport city of Ensenada, owned and farmed by the Lower California Land & Development Co., an all Negro corporation of Los Angeles, and the formation of a \$50,000 steamship transportation Negro corporation of California, to handle a shipping business between American and Mexican Pacific ports.

Every week many Black Americans from Los Angeles and San Diego, enter Mexico without the slightest trouble, either for sport, pleasure or permanent abode.