Marion Anderson: Portrait of a Great Lady

By George Russell Ivy

At all hours, Monday to Friday, the first lady of song in America, Miss Marion Anderson, an honored member of Minnesota's favorite folk, can be heard smiling on her radio. It seems that Miss Anderson has arranged to sing 'Hymn to the Great Spirit' by setting up a micro-phonc in her dressing room at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The radio will cut out the noise of the city and carry the music into the homes of millions.

Vegetables, not to forget the seeds of which she so properly tends herself, are the mainstay of her diet. Miss Anderson, during the summer, lives in Washington, D.C., and devotes herself to the care of her garden. The garden is not merely a source of food, but it provides a means of recreation and exercise for the busy matron of the household. It is said that Miss Anderson never fails to make a beautiful arrangement of flowers in the windows of her home.

The church in which Miss Anderson has been singing for many years is the Church of the Epiphany. This church has a long and distinguished history, and Miss Anderson is an active member of the congregation. She has given many concerts in the church's famous organ, and has been praised for her singing.

In her spare time, Miss Anderson enjoys reading and writing. She is a member of the Minnesota Writers' Club, and has published many articles in various journals. Her latest book, "The Joy of Singing," has been received with great enthusiasm.

mixed National Guard Won't Be Disturbed

Army Secretary

Washington, D.C., Jan. 31 — The Secretary of War, Mr. Newlands, announced today that the National Guard units in Minnesota would not be disturbed by the Department of Defense.

While the Secretary of War has not ruled out the possibility of the units being called up for service, he said that such action would be taken only if absolutely necessary.

In a statement to the press, the Secretary said: "We have reviewing the situation and are convinced that the units are not needed for any contemplated operation."

The National Guard units in Minnesota have been on standby for several weeks, and have been called up for service in the past.

The units are trained in the use of arms and are ready to deploy at any moment. They are stationed in various parts of the state, including St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth.

The Secretary of War's announcement was widely hailed by the Minnesota National Guard Commandant, Colonel Lloyd, who said: "This is a great relief to us. We have been on high alert for some time, and it is good to know that our services are not going to be called for."