GEORGE THOMAS ELECTED

On the labor front, newly elected director of the United Packing House Workers District No. 8, George Thomas, of Fort Worth, heads section whose membership is 70 per cent white. The Pullman Company of Chicago has agreed to open up conductors' jobs to Negroes, ending a 60-year discriminatory hiring policy. [illegible] commander in Texas hired Negroes in skilled jobs for first time. The CIO gave $75,000 to the NAACP and $25,000 to Howard University for civil rights fight.

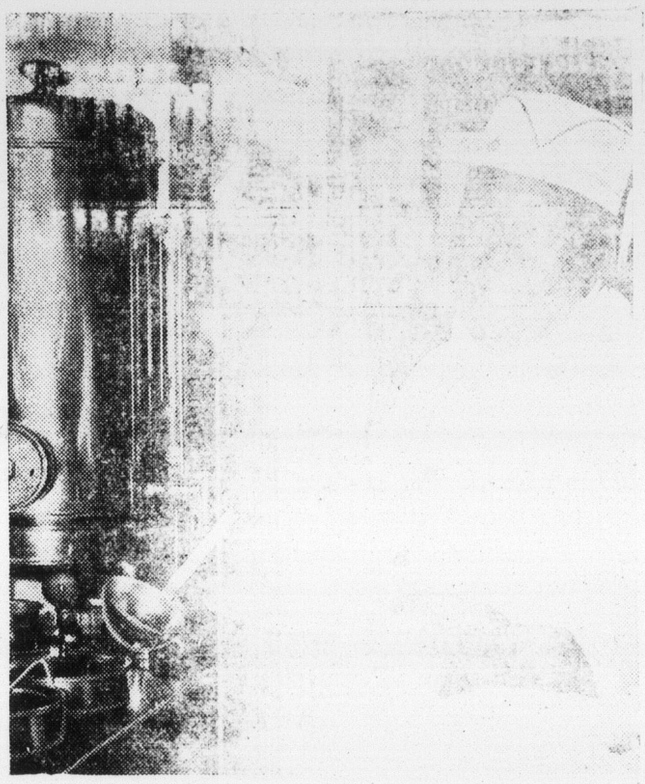
J. SAUNDERS REDDING

A [illegible] interest in world affairs and racial problems on a global scale was demonstrated by Negro authors in 1954. Authors traveling abroad for story material included J. Saunders Redding, Carl Rowan, Richard Wright and Era Bell Thompson. In France, Philadelphia-born William Gardner Smith looked homeward for the plot of his newly published third novel, "South Street." Frank Yerby did likewise, completing his ninth book, Bride of Liberty.

J. Saunders Redding's "An American In India" was first major book on foreign country by Negro representing the United States.

POLITICS

Negroes filled more high governmental and diplomatic offices during 1954 that at any other comparable period in U.S. history. Ont the Federal level, Chicago attorney J. Ernest Wilkins' appointment as Under Secretary of Labor made him the highest ranking Negro in government service. In the United Nations Dr. Ralph Bunche was named deputy secretary-general. With this appointment Bunche became the top ranking American in the world assembly.



4¾ MILLION MILES IN [illegible] KITCHEN—Housewives who [illegible] prepared more than [illegible] served in Erie dining [illegible] plain about the ground th[illegible] especially, sweet potatoes [illegible] cover in their daily chores [illegible] the diner a popular [illegible] solace from Edward Wi[illegible] the waiters because [illegible] above, who just retired [illegible] always planned to have [illegible] years as a chef-cook on the [illegible] over after all the travelers [illegible] Railroad. Officials estimate [illegible] been served. A native of [illegible] during this time, he [illegible] he is the father of [illegible] daughter. Williams was [illegible] looking while trains co[illegible] certificate of appreciation [illegible] 00 miles. That's about [illegible] services from Paul W. [illegible] round the world. Erie president.

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