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## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE

CHICAGO, ILL.—Just before Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune died she prepared for EBONY her Last Will and Testament so that her people could always have the benefit of her counsel and experiences. This document appears in the August edition of EBONY.

Among the nine points stressed are: Love: "Love," wrote Dr. Bethune, "is a precept which could transform the world if it were universally practiced."

Confidence in one another: She said that as long as we are hemmed in by economic prejudices, the Negroes as a group must demonstrate more confidence in each other in business.

Thirst for education: "Knowledge is the prime need of the hour," wrote Dr. Bethune. "If we continue in this trend, we will be able to rear increasing numbers of strong, purposeful men and women."

Respect for the use of power: Dr.

Bethune advised the intelligent use of Negro power which she said, if properly directed, can lead to more freedom. She warned, however, not to marshal this tremendous power behind undemocratic movements that seek to subvert democracy.

Faith: "Faith in God is the greatest power, but great, too, is faith in oneself. The measure of our progress as a race is in precise relation to the depth of the faith in our people held by our leaders."

Responsibility to our young people: "Our children must never lose their zeal for building a better world," said Dr. Bethune. "They must not be allowed to forget that the masses of our people still are underprivileged, ill housed, impoverished and victimized by discrimination."

"Freedom gates are half ajar," concluded Dr. Bethune. "We must pry them fully open!"

## Have Our People Forgotten God?

CHICAGO, ILL.—In an effort to answer the oft-asked question, "Have people forgotten God?", EBONY, in its August issue turned to nine of the nation's most outstanding ministers for the answer. Their conclusions are far from being in agreement.

Dr. G. L. Prince of Galveston, Texas, president of the National Baptist Convention of America says, "people have not retrogressed in their faith in God. They are just as religious now as they ever were. More are joining the church than ever."

But Dr. J. H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., disagrees: "The present trend toward organized religion does not in itself mean a sincere turning to God."

Dr. Jackson's statement is collaborated by AMEZ Bishop Hampton T. Medford of Washington, D.C., who says, "Today Negroes are less religious. They tend to turn to their psychiatrists, their lawyers and advisers to solve their problems instead of taking them to God."

Rev. Joseph Evans, Chicago Congregationalist minister, does not believe that Negroes have completely forgotten God but says, "I feel that they have neglected Him and have placed other things first."

Father Chester C. Ball, Roman Catholic priest, Washington, D.C., does not believe that people have completely forgotten God and points to the large number of converts and the crowds at masses on Sundays which show the group's dependence on God.

Dr. Marmaduke Carter, Lutheran minister, Chicago, says, "There is a comeback to God all along the line in America, and Negroes are included." The Lutheran minister says that they are returning to the church without fanfare.

## Refuse to be Silenced by Threatenings

CHICAGO, ILL.—The militant negroes of Mississippi who make up the New Fighting South, are featured in the August EBONY. In their fight for full citizenship this new breed of Negro refuses to be silenced by terror, brutality or even threats of death, says the magazine.

EBONY features the recent Regional Council meeting in Mound Bayou, Miss., where more than 13,000 Negroes jammed into the small town to reaffirm their cause. Also covered in the article is the outdoor funeral of Rev. George T. Lee, Baptist minister who was murdered a few days later in nearby Belzoni, Miss., when he refused to remove his name from the local voting list.

Seven Negro leaders of Mississippi also have been marked for death by whites in the area and they told EBONY that they are not running away.

"We're not afraid," said Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou. "Some of the rest of us may join Reverend Lee, but we will join him as courageous warriors—not as cringing cowards!"

"We're under the gun," says Belzoni grocer Gus Courts, "but I mean to stand up—regardless."

"I'm not backing up," says Dr. Clinton Battle, Indianola physician.

When asked if Negroes are afraid in Mississippi, state NAACP secretary Medgar Evers of Jackson replied, "You don't have time to be afraid."

The militant Negroes are not running to the northern cities for better education for their children, or where their vote can be counted. They intend to fight for their rights on their home ground.

There is a growing clamour at the South's front door, says EBONY.

## Tablet Honours Ontario Artist

A tablet honouring the memory of Homer Watson, the great Ontario landscape painter, will be unveiled at the former Watson home at Doon, seven miles south-east of Kitchener, on Saturday, September 10. This tablet was erected by the Historic Sites Division of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

Mr. Watson, who spent most of his life at Doon until his death in 1936 gained international recognition for his paintings of Ontario rural and pioneer life. He was the Canadian Art Club's first president and was a fellow and for four years the president of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art. His home is now the Doon School of Fine Arts.

The unveiling of the tablet will coincide with the opening of an exhibition of paintings by students from the Doon School of Fine Arts. R. M. Myers, M.P. for Waterloo South, will unveil the tablet, and Clare Bice, curator of the London, Ontario, Art Gallery, will speak. Chairman of the program will be F. Page, president of the Waterloo County Historical Society, and a close friend of the late Mr. Watson.

## Final Performance All-African Play In Old London

BY CABLE, LONDON, August 17, 1955—The final performance of the all-African play called "Freedom" was given in London on Monday night. A queue stretched from the theatre to Buckingham Palace Road and a crowded house was spellbound. Among the audience was the German Ambassador. All parts of Africa were represented in the 3300 who have seen the play in London.

At the end of the performance the Hon. A. Karbo of the Gold Coast, and Manasseh Moerane, spoke with deep conviction.

African senators, student leaders and television and press photographers greeted the cast of "Freedom" at the airport in Paris on Tuesday. A special luncheon was held to welcome the cast including the African leaders. Jean Delaoutre, French Textile Industrialist, spoke and Mr. Ekpe, Eastern Nigerian Parliamentarian and Opposition Whip, replied, "This play shows the answer to racial problems and to a world divided by fear." Senator Quezzin Coulibaly, Ivory Coast leader of the African Group in the French Senate, spoke at length. "Universal brotherhood will be born from a place called Caux," he stated.

This evening the African delegation will present "Freedom" for the first time in France.

## JAMES E. HUDSON ASSOCIATE OF WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO, ILL.—James E. Hudson, the person responsible for making Winthrop Rockefeller's modern cattle ranch, Winrock, a showplace of all Arkansas, is featured in the August EBONY. The wiry, balding Negro has been Rockefeller's right hand man since the two first teamed up as young men in New York City 18 years ago. Back in 1937 when the young millionaire decided to invest \$1,500,000 in a cattle ranch, he called on his old friend, to whom he always refers as "my associate," to be the superintendent in charge of the 64 full-time workers employed there. Today Winrock is a modern miracle with a beautiful, lush-green farm in the Ozarks where once the soil was considered worn out.

"This is a lot different from when I first came here two years ago," general superintendent Jim Hudson told EBONY. "The view was beautiful for a homesite but it didn't look too good for farming."

That was in June, 1953. Rockefeller told Hudson that he planned to have cattle there by the next spring and the ex-Wilberforce grad met the challenge.

A few years after the two men began working together in New York, both were called on to serve in World War II. Jim came out a Coast Guard chief petty officer and Rockefeller, an Army lieutenant colonel. After the war ended the two men teamed up again and broke down discrimination in Williamsburg, Va., the colonial town which is being restored through the Rockefeller Foundation Fund.

Through the years this relationship has developed into a warm friendship and mutual trust that is evident to all visitors and neighbors of Winrock, says EBONY.

## CHURCH LEADER CHALLENGED "ON THEOLOGICAL GROUNDS"

Canon Disputes Words of Archbishop of Canterbury

LONDON, (AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury today was challenged "on theological grounds" from a pulpit in St. Paul's Cathedral—one of the best known churches of the Anglican faith he leads.

Canon L. J. Collins, precursor of St. Paul's, took issue with statements attributed to the archbishop, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, about his Agrarian tour.

Dr. Fisher was reported as saying in Nyasaland in April that though all men are equal within the love of God, they are not within the sight of God.

Canon Collins said that "on theological grounds we must challenge" the remarks of the archbishop.

"In the context of the Christian gospel just as we must say all men are equal in the love of God, so we also say all men are equal in the sight of God."

"In Christ there is neither Greek nor Jew, neither bond nor free, neither black nor white . . . to draw a distinction between the equality of men in God's sight and the equality of men in God's love is, with man's judgment, to create God in the image of man."

Canon Collins, long an outspoken opponent of color prejudice, said the Archbishop of Canterbury's words have "considerably upset a great number of African Christians as well as having convinced a number of non-Christian leaders of African opinion that the Christian churches are . . . on the side of those who believe in white supremacy and black inferiority."

. . . any statement by a leading representative of a Christian church, which, however unintentionally, seems to give support to those who oppress

the African, denying to him his liberty and his proper status, is to be deplored."

The canon emphasized "of course, the Archbishop of Canterbury, like the vast majority of Anglicans here and in Africa dislikes racial intolerance and racial discrimination. He has often spoken out boldly against apartheid."

## New Man Chosen For Virgin Islands

Archie A. Alexander, 67, prosperous Iowa building contractor, proved to be a controversial governor of the Virgin Islands (pop. 26,665). A bustling high-handed administrator with a talent for making enemies, he quickly got into difficulties in the languorous islands. Last month in the St. Thomas market place, hundreds of islanders demonstrated against Alexander, accusing him of incompetence, cronyism, and overriding their wishes. Soon after, he suffered a heart attack. Last week President Eisenhower accepted Alexander's resignation.

His successor: Walter A. Gordon, 60, who like Alexander is a Negro and a self-made man. A penologist and onetime football hero (guard on Walter Camp's 1918 All-American third team), he has been a longtime champion of civil rights on the West Coast and a warm friend of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

## NEGRO ELECTED

Winding up its two-week conference in Paris, the World's Alliance of the Y.M.C.A.s (Time, Aug. 22) elected as president of its World Council Charles Dunbar Sherman, 36, of Liberia. First Negro to be elected to the post, President Sherman was educated in the U.S. (Howard University, the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce), is a career diplomat for Liberia, where he is currently economic adviser to the government.