

THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY
MME. PANDIT in UN on So Af-
rican Apartheid Point at Grave
Issues.

by HORACE CAYTON
South Africa is again in the news.
This time Mme. Vijaya Lakshmi
Pandit, India's Ambassador to Wash-
ington condemned the Union of
South Africa for their treatment of
some 300,000 resident Indians that
she said were exposed to segrega-
tion and discrimination and denied
fundamental rights and human free-
doms in every sense of the term.
Mme. Pandit is right. But it not
only poses for the Indians, but for the
Bantu as well.

What the South Africans are try-
ing to do is no news to the world.
The Malan Government with its ob-
session on white supremacy has for
some time tried to put over the pol-
icy of "apartheid" which means that
the white people and the colored
people and the Indians would all
have to live in separate areas. This
is segregation in its most brutal form.
Mme. Pandit has spoken for the
Indians. However, before she took
the matter before the United Nations
the Rev. Michael Scott had placed
a very impressive document before
Secretary General Trygve Lie out-
lining the position of the Batus.

The resolution for India was set
forth in a resolution also sponsored
by Burma, Indonesia and Iraq. In
effect, it stated that this legislation
contravened the purposes and prin-
ciples of the Charter of the United
Nations and the Declaration on Hu-
man Rights.

The defense of South Africa was
made by Dr. T. E. Donges. The doc-
tor said that the charges made by
Mme. Pandit would not hold water
either on judicial or political grounds.
Especially he was incensed about

the possibility of the United Nations
concerning itself with a domestic is-
sue. He predicted that such action
would establish an "insidious and
dangerous" precedent.

In fact the doctor argued that the
Declaration on Human Rights was
a state of perfection and ideals that
imposes no obligation on any individ-
ual state. In other words, Dr. Don-
ges believed that any state could
suppress any minority group regard-
less of the Declaration of Human
Rights.

This is a grave issue which sooner
or later the United Nations will have
to meet.

How is it possible to tolerate a
dual standard of morality for East
and West?

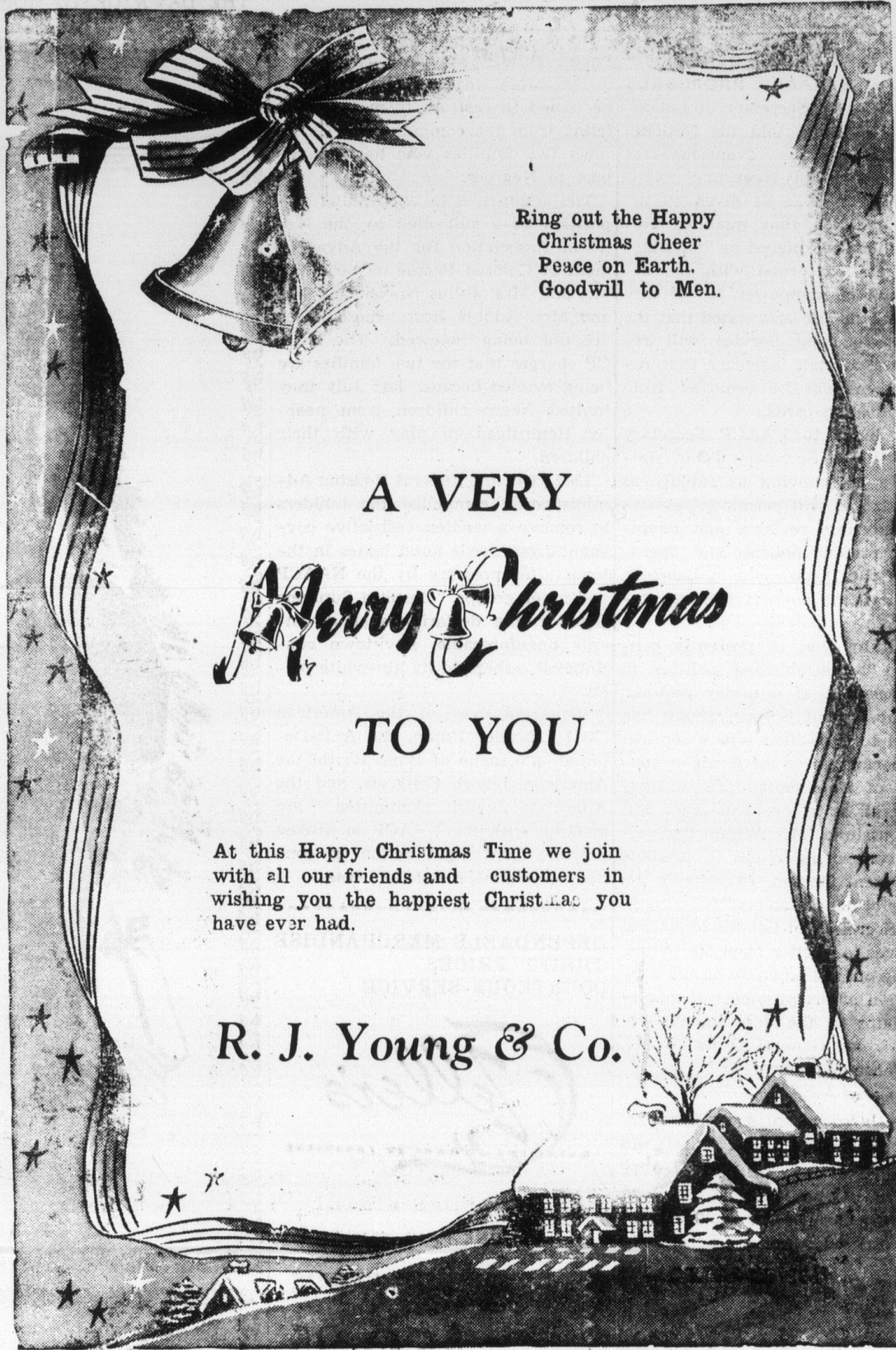
How is it possible to be so excit-
ed about the denial of the liberty of
the people of Bulgaria and Hungary
and ignore the rights of the people
in the so-called dependent areas?

Then, if this theory is once ac-
cepted, what about the Negro popu-
lation in the United States?

The question which Mme. Pandit
has raised regarding the Indians are
fundamental. They are as important
and cogent for the American Negroes
as they are for the Indians in South
Africa or the Bantus. What the In-
dian Ambassador has stated is the
problem of human freedom every-
where.

In a meeting last week in New
York held by the United Negro Col-
lege Fund, Mme. Pandit stated: "My
country wants to move forward with
you so that you in the West and we
in the East can achieve the peace and
freedom we all desire."

If the people of South Africa and
of America want to achieve this free-
dom they will have to give up their
attitude toward racial superiority.
Whether or not they can meet this
challenge depends the future of our
world.



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