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# A Very Merry Christmas

## What Faubus Did For The Negroes

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Governor of Arkansas, Orval E. Faubus, may be one of the best "friends" the Negro ever had.

Carl T. Rowan, award-winning newspaperman and author, tells why in his article, "What Faubus Did For The Negro" in the current issue of EBONY Magazine.

Rowan points out that while Faubus attempted to appease segregationists the results have helped the Negro with action by the federal government and world moral opinion. Seeing the youngsters heroically facing mob violence has given the Negro a deeper sense of pride and determination, and has also put segregationists on the defensive.

"Thus," author Rowan says, "one might say that Orval Faubus has shocked the nation into a realization that in this period of racial change, 'trouble' may mean progress whereas peaceful do-nothingness means stagnation and decay."

## Catholicism Grows Among Negroes

CHICAGO, ILL.—There are 550,000 Negroes who are now Catholics and the rate of growth continues at ten thousand per year.

There have been three Negro popes who have each contributed greatly to the Catholic faith.

Although there are only 73 Negro priests in the U.S. at present, more than 30 orders of priests have Negro novices, with an equal number of sisterhoods.

Of the 550,000 Negro Catholics, 160,000 live in the state of Louisiana alone.

In Africa where there are ten million followers already of Catholicism, the Roman Catholic Church is making its greatest strides. Of the world's 24 Negro bishops, 23 are stationed in Africa.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen says, "The future harmony on the organ of humanity will be played on the black keys of Africa."

## Our Christmas Message... "Greetings in our Saviour's Name"

And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. —Matt. 2: 11.

The birth of the Christ child heralded by the Star in the East and made known by the singing of angels, still arouses the spirit of giving in everyone of us, as it so moved the hearts of the three wise men of long ago. So great is our enthusiasm for tangible offerings that it is not strange we lose sight of the simplest and most obvious gift of all. It is the gift of ourselves. Surely it is the one

most acceptable to Him who was born in a manger and who ultimately gave us His very life.

We are none of us so poor in spirit that we cannot afford to give more of ourselves in loving kindness, in sympathy and understanding, in compassion, tolerance, tenderness and charity. We are none of us so burdened that we cannot share in a measure, the burdens of others. We are none of us so impoverished that we cannot offer gifts of mind and heart to a common humanity. It is within the power of each of us to

give and receive of these gifts freely and generously. They are simple, abiding and never failing treasures.

At this most beautiful and joyous of seasons, we send greetings to everyone, with the hope that these gifts may be yours in abundance, with the hope that the Spirit of Christmas may fill your hearts and strengthen your courage and resolution to regain health and happiness for all the years to come.

REV. F. O. STEWART,  
General Superintendent of the  
B.M.E. Church in Canada.

## Film "Freedom" Wins High Acclaim

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21, 1957—The film "Freedom" produced by Moral Re-Armament has been accepted as one of the 14 films to be shown at the San Francisco International Film Festival, December 4 to 17, in the Metro Theater, San Francisco.

In Lille, France, in October, 1957, at an overseas film contest in which 170 films participated, the jury made the first award to "Freedom" for its "outstanding qualities" and the "promotion of better understanding of peoples and civilizations." "Freedom" was also shown in the Seventh International Berlin Film Festival where it received the greatest public acclaim.

The American premiere of "Freedom" was held in the Hollywood Egyptian Theater on Lincoln's birthday, 1957.

"Freedom" is the first great all-African color film, written and acted by Africans.

It tells a dynamic story of modern Africa. Based on recent true events, it shows the passions let loose as men struggle for their nation's freedom—the heartaches in the homes—a nation rising to revolt—and a solution which could apply as well in America as in Africa.

Ten thousand Africans take part. The great Chiefs of Nigeria cooperated to arrange the crowd scenes. It is all filmed in authentic settings in Africa.

## NEGRO DOCTOR GIVES MONEY —NO THOUGHT OF SKIN COLOR

CHICAGO, ILL.—Dr. Theodore Kenneth Lawless, a Negro Dermatologist, has been giving money unselfishly for worthy causes for more than 30 years without thought to race, creed, or color.

In the January issue of EBONY the story of Dr. Lawless is told, of the extension of his giving beyond his community, and into all of the United States, and the world.

On the international scene he is best known for his gifts to Jewish institutions and the state of Israel. Largely through his efforts, a \$440,000 wing, the Dr. T. K. Lawless Dermatology Department was built at Beilinson, the largest hospital in Israel. His regard for the young nation of Israel is evident in that he is one of the largest single holders of Israel bonds.

Dr. Lawless has followed an example of his parents in helping others. In addition to his gifts he has helped struggling medical students through Northwestern University where he taught for 20 years.

EBONY points out that he built a \$700,000 apartment building adjacent to Dillard University, gave Talladega College a pipe organ and piano, and established a research center at Chicago's Provident Hospital.

Dr. Lawless, who is now 65 and one of the foremost skin specialists in the world, told a group who

honored him in Israel, "The basis for my contribution and that of my people, is a thanksgiving for the help given us in the near and distant past."

## Lena Gives Formula For Growing Old Very Gracefully

CHICAGO, ILL.—Lena Horne, star of the smash musical "Jamaica" says that growing old can be an exciting experience for a woman over forty if (1) she has a husband whom she loves and is in love with her, (2) knows the joys and rewards of motherhood, and (3) is happy in the work she is doing.

Lena says, "I've been lucky in having a wonderful companion and husband. My two children, Gail and Teddy, are a source of pride and satisfaction for me. I have my family, my health, my music, and now I have a wonderful new experience in "Jamaica." "I'm a better woman, too, a much better woman than I was at 30—more thoughtful, more mature, and a little wiser."

And, some would add, even more beautiful.

## Civil Rights Bill Paced Progress in '57

CHICAGO, ILL.—The biggest advance of the year for the American Negro came from Congress in 1957 when the first civil rights bill since Reconstruction was passed, according to the annual Negro progress report published each year.

School integration proceeded without incident in some areas while in others violence and hatred flared. The infamous Little Rock incident gained international attention, and resulted in the stationing of federal troops in the city.

At year's end, 751 school districts out of 2,985 in southern and border states had desegregated. West Virginia became the first state to end segregation in all of its districts. On the college level, integration was proceeding in increasingly large numbers.

According to EBONY, the dominant influence of the year was the mood of the Negro, which was reflected in the giant Prayer Pilgrimage, the biggest civil rights demonstration ever staged by American Negroes.

Other advances in Negro progress included sports where Althea Gibson became the first Negro to win major women's tennis titles, and Hank Aaron who led the Milwaukee Braves to their first pennant. In politics Archibald Carey Jr., was named chairman of the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy. Several Negroes were elected to new city council posts.

For Negro actors and entertainers 1957 was a banner year, including starring movie roles, Broadway musicals, and in television, Nat "King" Cole became the first Negro to have a sponsored half hour television show.

In the military Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., the first and only Negro general officer in the U.S. Air Force became chief of staff of the 12th Air Force in Germany.

## "WHITE MOTHER" TO TWINS GAVE LOVE AND TENDERNESS

CHICAGO, ILL.—A powerful urge to tell the story of a southern white woman's life-long love for herself and her Negro twin sister impelled Mrs. Jessie Bennett Sams to print her 70,000 word autobiography by and, a task which took 4½ years to complete, according to an article in the January issue of EBONY.

# A Healthful, Happy New Year