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Canada's Freedom From Segregation



FIRST NEGRO SWORN — Leonard Braithwaite is sworn in as member of the Ontario legislature for Etobicoke, a new suburban Toronto riding. Mr. Braith-

waite is the first Negro ever to be elected to a Canadian legislature. With him are his wife, Ann, and Roderick Lewis, clerk of the legislature.

by John Dunbar

Canadian negroes are perhaps the most fortunate of any who live in a predominantly white country. No doubt there are instances of "Jim Crow" prejudice; but let us not be deceived; in many cases the same attitude would be taken towards any person of a "foreign" race.

Taken generally, our negroes are enjoying a freedom of the individual equalled nowhere else in the world. To give an idea of the conditions which might prevail, let us take a look at that unfortunate country, South Africa.

The African people, or to give a more localized term, the Bantu race, are fettered by a rigid colour bar. Even the more tolerant English section do not care to fraternise with the Bantu, though they oppose strongly the segregation principles of the Afrikaners ruling section.

What is the excuse put forward for "Apartheid"? Seeking an understanding and basic reason for their actions, the nationalist government has come up with a biblical law: that the white race should not associate with the descendants of Ham. How this policy can be undertaken against God's pronouncement that all men are equal in His sight, is something only a theologian could explain.

Using the Hammite law as a basis, the South African government has undertaken one of the most inhuman segregation policies in history. Men and women, wed by the church, have been separated for no better reason than the curl of their hair, or the grade of colour in their skins. Children are removed from their homes for the same reasons. "Whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder" is an injunction which seems to have no meaning in the new order. Some people may agree that marriage between white and black is a mistake; basic differences are deep and sometimes insurmountable. Children suffer

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Celebrates 40th Anniversary

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The Awful Roar

If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters.

—Abolitionist Negro Frederick Douglass, 1857

either at home or abroad. The lesser news, we leave to others. We trust through the past years we have carried the torch as the symbol it stands for; The Dawn of a brighter tomorrow.

We always welcome news items, suggestions and what have you, if, realistic, intelligent and in the interest of the advancement and betterment of all people.

We hope our readers and advertisers will enjoy our 40th Anniversary edition and wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy, New Year.

To Play Winter Ball

Chatham — Fergie Jenkins, 20-year-old Chatham pitcher who closed the season at Little Rock of the International League, will report to Minnesota Twins' team in the Nicaragua winter baseball league.

Jenkins, property of Philadelphia Phillies, said Clay Denen, Phils amateur farm director, approved the move after talks with Carlos Pasquale, Twins' Florida State scout.

And Happy New Year