

Canada's Freedom From Segregation

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the most, because they are neither white nor black, a condition which can breed bitter psychological disappointments. But when the marriages are an accomplished fact, no one has the right to alter them.

The law calls for three types of individuals: Black, White and Colourer. People must fall in to one of these groups, regardless of the consequences.

That is not all. The Bantu and the White must not fraternise in any way. Sexual association of any kind is criminal. Rape between persons of different colour is punishable by death.

The Bantu are required to live apart from the white population. Those who live in the reserves are perhaps the most fortunate: they have their huts or Europeanised dwellings, and they pursue a way of life similar to the one enjoyed by their forefathers. But for the urban negroes, nothing quite so free and individual is allowed: they must live in crowded tenements, or in sub-economic housing projects. Their habits must conform to European ways.

Shops, trains, street cars and buses have separate

counters or seating accommodation for the dark man. Special schools are set up for the Bantu children. Woe betide a dark man if he trespasses on a white domain. A pass must be carried, on all occasions, giving the bearers license to move from point to point. And drink on any kind other than the fermented corn-brew provided for him, must not be consumed. In addition to these restrictions, he has no individual vote: all he has is representation in the parliament.

Many of these hardships may seem unwarranted, as applied to the North American negro. Unhappily, many of them are necessary in South Africa, for the degree of civilisation is much lower there. Superstition is rife, and remnants of the barbarism of past days, lingers with the Bantu. Education by the churches was busily rectifying the primitive outlook of the native, when the government stepped in, to decree education on their specific scale, or none at all. Many of the fine church leaders, including the non-famous Father Huddleston, could not agree to limited opportunities for the Bantu, so many of these church schools are closed in protest against the govern-

ment's order.

When we look-in on television programs featuring Nat "King" Cole, Sarah Vaughn, Louis Armstrong and others, we cannot realise that such freedom of expression and entertainment is forbidden to the Bantu, outside his own people. There are fine singers, and bands, among the Bantu. "Skokiaan" and "Wimaway" are two of a multitude of African tunes. The voices of many of the Bantu men and women are some of the finest in the world: their natural art of harmonising is a joy to hear. Yet they are bottled-up, segregated from a world which would enjoy their music.

The United Nations Council is busy trying to find a solution to the problem. But they receive no co-operation from the South African delegation: in fact, they are refused a proper look at conditions in South Africa. Men like the Rev. Michael Scott are prohibited from reentering the country while they continue to rant against colour prejudice.

Segregation is essential if the white man is to remain in charge of affairs in South Africa. Nigerian natives have proved their ability at self-rule, though it would be doubtful whether the Bantu are ready for so great a responsibility. White supremacy has brought many advantages to the Bantu: in less than a hundred years, the Bantu has been altered from a warring, backward race, to

Whites Only Policy Brings Ontario Ban

TORONTO (CP) — A Florida real estate firm that sells property only to white persons has been banned from Ontario.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission and department of insurance combined recently to keep Lakeside Estates of Defuniak Springs, Fla., out of the province.

The firm had operated a booth at the Canadian National Exhibition for the last two years.

W. J. Richardson of the in-

surance department said that cards handed out during the CNE contained a not: "Lakeside Estates is restricted to white property owners."

CNE officials said they did not even know the company was using exhibition premises this year and added that it will no longer be rented space.

Dr. Daniel Hill, commission director, said the firm has been denied the privilege of selling in Ontario "because of its policy to sell only to white customers."

STRIKING SIMILARITIES

NEW YORK—Striking similarities in the presidential lives of John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln:

Lincoln was elected in 1860 and Kennedy 100 years later in 1960.

Both were credited with fighting for equal rights for Negroes.

Both were assassinated on a Friday; Lincoln on April 15, 1865, at the age of 56; Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963 at the age of 46.

Both were succeeded by presidents named Johnson — in Lincoln's case it was Andrew Johnson; in Kennedy's Lyndon B. Johnson.

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