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President Promises Equality

Eisenhower pledged to work with all the skill, patience and influence at his command to assure all Americans an equal chance to make good.

The President's promise was included in a statement read by Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell at an Equal Opportunity Day dinner sponsored by the National Urban League. The President said the belief that all men are created equal under law is the foundation of U.S. Democracy.

Mitchell, speaking on his own, denounced as "treasonous" to the American spirit such men as Gov. Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas who, he said, have tried to make political capital out of racial prejudice.

In a world where colored people outnumber whites three to one, he said, "we can no longer hide our Faubuses."

Mitchell conceded that every man has a right to his own prejudices. But he said "No man in any office or position, but especially in an influential position has a right to in flict his prejudices upon the people at large.

"And to make political capital out of prejudice is to insult the American people," he declared. "To seek personal gain from other men's distress is treasonous to the spirit in which America was founded."

Faulkner Says Racial Bias Is a Disease

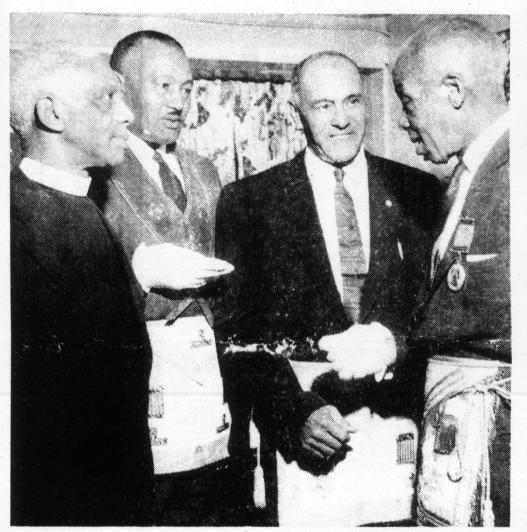
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Masons Meet at London Church



Masons from London, Windsor, Chatham, St. Catharines and Toronto gathered at Bethemanuel one of Trinidad's most outstanding Church recently for divine services and a "Get Acquainted" dinner. Here, from left to right, the trade unionists, who died in his sleep Rev. Ernest Richardson, minister of Bethemanuel, Lorne Ladd, worshipful master of St. John's Lodge here, was buried following funeral No. 9, Chatham, and Harry Coursey, of London, chairman in charge of the meeting, shat with Past services, attended by both Federal Grand Master of the Ontario Lodge, Fred Robson, of Chatham.

Masonic Dinner Splendid Event

"Racial prejudice is a sickness, and gathered at Bethemanuel BME ford, Fred Robson, past grand master concern in Egyptian and Afro-Asian which is indorsed and promoted here. no country can exist - economically, Church recently for devine services of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and circles here. socially or politically - with an in- and a special "Get Acquainted" din- the Rev. Ernest Richardson, of Bethener. The meeting was sponsored by manuel Church. These words, spoken by the Missis- London members of St. John's Lodge

thought I understood, this is some- attendance. "Time will eventually remove the thing different. I can't see the differ-In Esquire Faulkner, also others, years ago, fifteen years ago, of a church basement. men in my country established their were represented at the meeting. On communism: "I don't like any power and their aggrandizement on

as far distant as Windsor and Toronto Grand Master John Mallott, of Brant-

of the meeting, voiced disappoint- Accra, the capital of Ghana. ment that wheather conditions pre-Faulkner, in a candid question and theory, I thought that communism vented the attendance of several Ghana, who will preside over the great land and population mass still answer report on his recent visit to would be very good for people, only lodge members from points as far conference, has described it as "a largely under foreign rule. Japan, comments at length to Japa- I don't think that communism as I distant as Montreal who had intended guide for the struggle of dependent Despite many reservations, both nese students, writers and citizens understood it 25 years ago exists any to be present for the meeting. Howon the problem of racial prejudices more. This is not the communism that ever, he was pleased at the number in "Ghana's freedom is not complete darity secretariat here accepted in-

Following Masonic services in the tion of Africa. cancer of discrimination," he says. ence between this and Germany, ten church, a dinner was served in the

questions on communism, on the monolithe state in which men use Lodges in St. Catharines, Hamilmeaning of truth and on his future the mass of people just like the rich ton. Toronto, Chatham and Windsor

Winter is here! - Drive Safely

Parker Is Best In Canada

back Jackie Parker of Edmonton Eskimos has been voted the outstanding football player in Canada for the second successive year, it was announced

It was the first time a player had been so honored two years in a row in ballotting by sports writers and broadcasters in the nine cities of the Big Four League and the Western Interprovincial Football Union. The ballotting is conducted by the Schenley Distillery.

Parker, who formerly played with University of Mississippi, edged out halfback Dick Shatto of Toronto Ar-

Ron Howell, halfback with Hamilton Tiger-Cats, was named outstanding Canadian player.

Don Luzzi, two-way tackle of Calgary Stampeders, was named lineman of the year in the voting. Luzzi, formerly of Villanova University in Pennsylvania, was playing his first season in Canada.

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, W.I .-With Sir Grantley Adams, Prime Minister of the West Indies as one of his pallbearers, Quintin O'Connor, and local government officials.

Free Black Africa **Expansion Program**

ference in Ghana for liberating tionalism — a thing apart from the

political organizations will attend the of the Sahara out in the cold. It also Harry Cousey, chairman in charge conference, which opens Dec. 5 at runs directly counter to United Arab

Fear Separatist Movement

have caused tome Egyptians to fear tions had been invited from the the conference will produce a sepa- United States, Britain, France and ratist movement dividing the peo- Switzerland. No mention was made ples of Africa and Asia. They see of any Iron Curtain observer mis-Premier Nkrumah casting himself sions.

CAIRO - The forthcoming con- as the symbol of Black African na-"Black Africa" is being viewed with Afro-Asian nationalistic movement

This Pan-African line would leave Some sixty to a hundred African millions of Arabs and others north Republic President Gamal Abdel Nas-Premier Kwame Nkrumah of ser's ideas on liberation of the last

if it is not linked to the total libera- vitations to send delegations to the conference.

Officials here also do not like the These words plus other statements announcement that observer delega-

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year