

A Merry Christmas to our Readers



THE NATIONAL NEGRO WEEKLY
DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE DARKER RACES

VOL. VIII

LONDON, CANADA, DECEMBER 1958

Price 5 Cents

President Promises Equality

NEW YORK — (UPI) — President 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 inflict 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

"Racial prejudice is a sickness, and no country can exist — economically, socially or politically — with an internal sickness."

These words, spoken by the Mississippi-born Nobel Prize winning author William Faulkner.

Faulkner, in a candid question and answer report on his recent visit to Japan, comments at length to Japanese students, writers and citizens on the problem of racial prejudices in the United States.

"Time will eventually remove the cancer of discrimination," he says. In Esquire Faulkner, also others, questions on communism, on the meaning of truth and on his future writing.

On communism: "I don't like any form of totalitarian government. In

Masons Meet at London Church



Masons from London, Windsor, Chatham, St. Catharines and Toronto gathered at Bethemanuel Church recently for divine services and a "Get Acquainted" dinner. Here, from left to right, the Rev. Ernest Richardson, minister of Bethemanuel, Lorne Ladd, worshipful master of St. John's Lodge No. 9, Chatham, and Harry Cousey, of London, chairman in charge of the meeting, chat with Past Grand Master of the Ontario Lodge, Fred Robson, of Chatham.

Masonic Dinner Splendid Event

Close to 100 Masons from lodges as far distant as Windsor and Toronto gathered at Bethemanuel BME Church recently for divine services and a special "Get Acquainted" dinner. The meeting was sponsored by London members of St. John's Lodge AF and AM No. 9, Chatham.

theory. I thought that communism would be very good for people, only I don't think that communism as I understood it 25 years ago exists any more. This is not the communism that thought I understood, this is something different. I can't see the difference between this and Germany, ten years ago, fifteen years ago, of a monolithic state in which men use the mass of people just like the rich men in my country established their power and their aggrandizement on beaver pelts."

Guest speakers at the service were Grand Master John Mallott, of Brantford, Fred Robson, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the Rev. Ernest Richardson, of Bethemanuel Church.

Harry Cousey, chairman in charge of the meeting, voiced disappointment that weather conditions prevented the attendance of several lodge members from points as far distant as Montreal who had intended to be present for the meeting. However, he was pleased at the number in attendance.

Following Masonic services in the church, a dinner was served in the church basement.

Lodges in St. Catharines, Hamilton, Toronto, Chatham and Windsor were represented at the meeting.

Winter is here! — Drive Safely

Parker Is Best In Canada

VANCOUVER — (CP) — Quarterback 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 balloting by sports writers and broadcasters in the nine cities of the Big Four League and the Western Interprovincial Football Union. The balloting is conducted by the Schenley Distillery.

Parker, who formerly played with University of Mississippi, edged out halfback Dick Shatto of Toronto Argonauts.

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, one of Trinidad's most outstanding trade unionists, who died in his sleep here, was buried following funeral services, attended by both Federal and local government officials.

Free Black Africa Expansion Program

CAIRO — The forthcoming conference in Ghana for liberating "Black Africa" is being viewed with concern in Egyptian and Afro-Asian circles here.

Some sixty to a hundred African political organizations will attend the conference, which opens Dec. 5 at Accra, the capital of Ghana.

Premier Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, who will preside over the conference, has described it as "a guide for the struggle of dependent territories of Africa." He also said, "Ghana's freedom is not complete if it is not linked to the total liberation of Africa."

Fear Separatist Movement

These words plus other statements have caused some Egyptians to fear the conference will produce a separatist movement dividing the peoples of Africa and Asia. They see Premier Nkrumah casting himself

as the symbol of Black African nationalism — a thing apart from the Afro-Asian nationalistic movement which is indorsed and promoted here.

This Pan-African line would leave millions of Arabs and others north of the Sahara out in the cold. It also runs directly counter to United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser's ideas on liberation of the last great land and population mass still largely under foreign rule.

Despite many reservations, both the U.A.R. and the Afro-Asian solidarity secretariat here accepted invitations to send delegations to the conference.

Officials here also do not like the announcement that observer delegations had been invited from the United States, Britain, France and Switzerland. No mention was made of any Iron Curtain observer missions.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year