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Grant Kenya Independence In December

London — Kenya will become independent Dec. 12, subject to necessary steps being completed in time, according to government documents published today.

Duncan Sandys, Commonwealth and colonial secretary has agreed to convene a conference in London toward the end of September to settle the final form of Kenya's constitution.

Preparatory discussions will be held in Nairobi, the document said.

In recent talks in London between Sandys and Kenya Justice Minister Tom Mboya, it was agreed the retention of a British military base in Kenya after independence was not desired by either the British or Kenya governments, it said.

The report said it had been agreed to withdraw British forces from Kenya over a period of up to 12 months from the date of independence.

Britain and Kenya would hold further talks on defence facilities they may be able to offer one another after independence.

Talks also would be held in the future between Britain and Zanzibar on the future of the dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar on the coast of Kenya.

These dominions are a 10-mile - wide coastal strip of Kenya's southern frontier with Tanganyika to the River Tana. This, with certain coastal territories farther north, forms the Kenya protectorate.

Rabbi Claims Canada Has Racial Bars

Toronto (CP) — Rabbi Abraham Feinberg said Saturday racial discrimination exists in Canada although to a lesser degree than in the southern states.

He spoke to about 400 persons at the end of the march from Queens Park to city hall commemorating the assassinations of Medgar Evers and William Moore.

"There are 185,000 Indians in this country living in almost indescribable squalor," he said.



BRITISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE, Brantford, Ontario — British Methodist Episcopal Conference Executive members from many parts of Ontario met at the Essex St. Church Saturday for the last meeting before the June conference. Seen here are: Front, from left, Mrs. Ona Richardson, president of the missionary society; Rev. A. Aylestock general secretary; Dr. A. S. Markham, BME superintendent; Deaconess Hazel Pittman. Back, Rev. W. Clarke, chairman of the general conference committee; Rev. R. H. Blackwood, minister of the Guelph BME Church; C. Lawson, treasurer; and E. Searles, trustee. (Daily Mercury Photo)

Shirley Verrett Makes Hit Singing at Stratford Festival

Stratford — What could have been an artistic disaster for the Stratford Festival yesterday was, instead, a triumph.

Never before had such a pileup of difficulties faced the music directors and National Festival Orchestra. The conductor defected Tuesday, making replacement necessary. Then for the Stratford Festival yesterday was, instead a triumph.

Never before had such a pileup of difficulties faced the Friday afternoon a soloist defected, making another substitution essential.

Nevertheless, an audience of 800 heard a stunning concert that involved personal triumphs for conductor Walter Susskind and for Canadian baritone Maurice Brown, who were the two replacements, as well as for Shirley Verrett, the gorgeous voiced American Negro mezzo. Four Curtain Calls

"Song of the Wood Dove" introduced Shirley Verrett. She possesses a voice of wide

range — she could well turn into a contralto or into a dramatic soprano — and has trained all of the voices well, from top to bottom.

She sang with skilful, effective phrasing, her words were clear and her understanding of the music apparent. The four curtain calls

given her were none too many.

In the "Serenade," Mr. Brown displayed absolute pitch, resonant and lovely tone and sureness of musicianship. The work calls for a strange combination of strings, mandolin, guitar, two clarinets and voice.

Homemakers Clubs Meet At Kettle Point Reserve

Sarnia — The 18th annual convention of Southwestern Ontario regional homemakers clubs is being planned for July 31 to Aug. 1 at the Kettle Point Indian Reserve. Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Sarnia, regional president announced here.

Mrs. Williams said representatives from seven Indian reserves are expected to attend. Last years convention held on the Sarnia Indian Reserve attracted more than 70 delegates and hundreds

of visitors. Mrs. Williams said this year's event will include discussions on improving Indian Reserve conditions.

Miss Helen Martin, regional social worker for the department of Indian Affairs and Vern Robinson, Sarnia Indian agent will be amongst special speakers planning to attend.

The public is invited to visit the convention which will also feature displays and sales of Indian crafts

More Pupils In Bermuda Hotel School

The Bermuda Hotel School continues to grow. Having started off two years ago with a mere handful of students, they swelled to 17 and next term expect at least 23.

With the increasing interest, principal Mr. J. C. Bornet plans to increase the variety of classes and standard of examinations and next year's students will be able to enter for the Hotelery and Catering Institute's finals exams and later on, the City and Guild Professional Cookery exam.

This past year's students entered the H.C.I.'s intermediate exams and 15 out of 17 passed while two were "referred" in theory and can take the exam over again.

The school year ended yesterday, as for all Government schools. Seven students planned to take up jobs in hotels and restaurants.

Nine students are staying on for their second year of study which will terminate next March, so the students leaving will have a better chance of finding a position.

Mr. Bornet and the Hotel Association find positions for the boys pending an interview by the hotel management. Usually the term ends in June but Mr. Bornet has decided to close earlier so the boys and girls can work a few weeks then return to school for a couple of weeks to take their exams.

Next year will see far better academically qualified students, said Mr. Bornet. Younger students are coming from St. George's Secondary and Grammar School, Prospect Secondary School, Warwick Academy and Sandys Secondary. The group will even include a member of the Bermuda Police Force, a boy from Switzerland who is proficient in four languages and two boys from English Public Schools.

Pope Prays For End Of Discrimination

Vatican City — Pope Paul VI said today after a private audience with President Kennedy he was praying for the success of the President's efforts to end racial discrimination in the United States.

The historic meeting of the first Roman Catholic president of the United States and the 262nd pontiff of the Roman Catholic church was held in the papal library

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LONDON NOTES

Sunday evening, July 20th, the Officers Members of the Wellwishers of Bethemmanual Church held a sing song and Welcome Reception for their new pastor, Rev. H. Clark.

Rev. Clark gave a short synopsis of his life from childhood up to the present time. He expressed his happiness as being appointed to London charge, he also expressed his desire to see and help build Bethemmanual Church upon solid footing and is also hoping to build a new church more modern and attractive to the younger people, so that they may be proud to belong and bring outside young peoples groups to worship.

Mr. James Brooks acted as master of ceremonies and called on various members Officers and friends to extend welcome. Mrs. C. E. Howson was convener assisted by Mrs. D. Kennedy, Mrs. N. Clinton, Mrs. N. Coursey, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. P. Fairbanks, Mrs. H. Stevens, Mrs. M. Mollot, Mrs. B. Moxley, Mrs. N. Taylor.

The Sunday evening services will begin in Sept. Regular Sunday service at present at 11 a.m. Sunday school 12.30 a.m.

Mrs. James Hill attended the 107th Annual Conference of The British Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada held in Brantford, Ont., as delegates from London, Ont. She reports a very inspiring and spiritual week of sessions.

Ministers new appointments by the Superintendent The R. T. Rev. A. S. Markam were: Assistant Supt., Rev. E. Rich-

ardson from N. Buxton to Windsor, Ont.; Rev. G. E. Crawford who has been pastor in Brantford for the past 10 years, to N. Buxton and Chatham, Ont.; Rev. W. H. Clarke from St. Catharines to Woodstock, London, Ont.; Rev. R. H. Blackwood, Brantford and Guelph; Rev. G. L. Mercury retains his charge in Owen Sound also General Supt. Markam, returned to Toronto, Ont. Rev. Clarence Johnson from London Financial Agent for the General Conference.

Mrs. S. Anderson and son spent their holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vant accompanied with Mr. and Mrs. E. Vant, are the guests of Mrs. Minnie Harris, her daughter, Mrs. John Vant plans to stop with her mother for a few weeks.

Mrs. C. Barton mother of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jenkins is vacationing with her son and family in Bellview for the summer.

Mrs. Ethel Owens from Toledo, visited at the home of Mrs. M. Harris and Mrs. C. Howson while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wiffen and family from Detroit visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson after attending the funeral of Mrs. E. Murton, mother of Mr. Wiffen, which took place last Thursday in Stratford, Ont. They were accompanied with Mrs. M. Fields and son Bill. All returned to the States on Sunday.

Mr. Norman Fountain took suddenly ill and was rushed to Victoria Hospital to undergo an emergency operation Friday evening, July 26th.

Mrs. Rosemary Drake and infant daughter from Montreal spent the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. C. Booker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. (re Ida Bowls) Johnson from Toronto spent holidays visiting Mrs. P. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jenkins.

Mrs. Fannie Booker from Chatham, Ont., was the guest of daughter, Mrs. Clea Marshall and son Mr. and Mrs. James Booker.

Little Marie Booker who met with a serious accident is able to be home and accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Booker and sisters Lynn and Christine on their holidays in Pontiac Mich., at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Cora Currie.

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Florida Elks Make Arrangements For 1964 Convention in Miami

Dr. Hobson Reynolds, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, recently OK'd Greater Miami as the site of his group's 1964 convention.

Dr. Reynolds spent five days in Miami studying the facilities for the gathering, scheduled to attract more than 10,000 delegates in August 1964.

The highlight of his Miami

visit was a luncheon at the Everglades Hotel attended by area civic leaders.

Dr. Reynolds and his wife also were entertained by the lodges and temples in the Miami area.

W. O. Perry, president of the Florida Elks, was chosen as chairman of the convention committee which will make the arrangements for the gathering.

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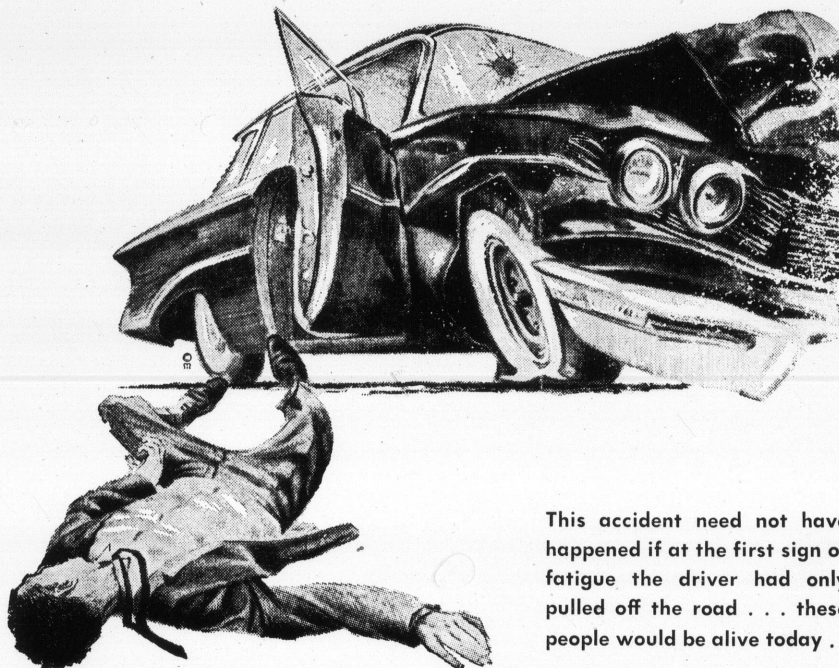
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Religion and Race Group Resolutions

The Chicago Conference on Religion and Race (CCRR), an interreligious and interracial organization sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese, the Church Federation and the Chicago Board of Rabbis, adopted three far reaching resolutions Thursday (July 18) evening committing the group to direct action programs to meet the challenge of the racial crisis.

At a full membership meet-

Annual Picnic

All welcome to the Community Family Club Annual Picnic, Monday, Aug. 5, Springbank Park, Lot 4. Bus leaves Bethemanul Church at 11.30 a.m. Bring your basket and join us. Mrs. C. Howson, President; Mrs. N. Clinton, Vice-President; Mrs. G. Coursey, treasurer; Mrs. V. Jenkins, acting secretary.

ing at the Standard Club, the Chicago Conference authorized the Executive Committee to use its discretion to: participate in peaceful demonstrations under the name of the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race; support the Administration's civil rights bill and take all steps necessary to persuade Congress to pass it; organize a delegation to participate in the demonstration at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on August 28.

The session, which was presided over by Judge James B. Parsons, who is chairman of CCRR, also heard a report by Dr. Donald E. Zimmerman, the Presbyter of the Chicago Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Dr. Zimmerman is chairing a committee on the responsible use of the economic power of religious institutions.

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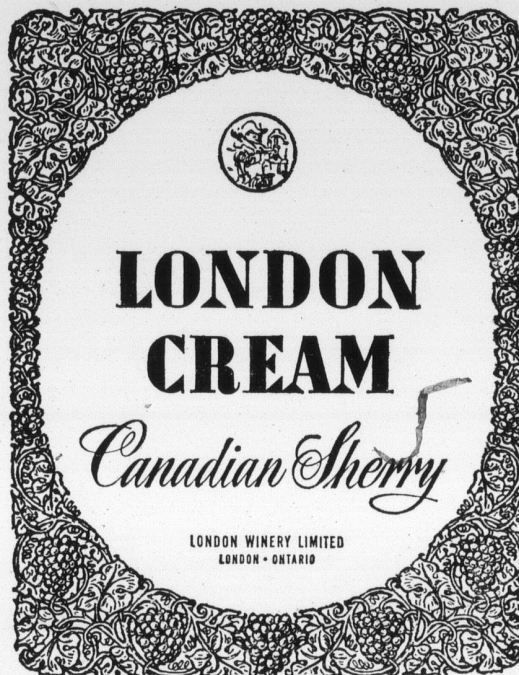
1. Fair employment policies: promote fair employment policies in all religious and religiously related institutions.
2. Non-discrimination contracts: promote non-discrimination policies in church and synagogue building and service contracts.
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In another action, the Chicago Conference authorized the Executive Committee to appoint one or more persons to serve as a liaison between the Chicago Conference and the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations.

The Coordinating Council consists of various organizations active in the civil rights field and its purpose is to serve as a medium of communication between the groups so that each organization knows the plans and activities of the other.

Members of this Council are the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago, the Chatham-Avalon Council, Chicago Area Friends of Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, the Chicago Urban League, the Congress on Racial Equality, the Cook County Bar Association, the Cook County Physicians Association, the Ecumenical Institute, the Englewood Committee for Community Action, the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, the NAACP, Teachers for Integrated Schools, and The Woodlawn Organization.

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Mr. Starke has been engaged in the field of investments and finance for several years. He has been connected with two member firms of the New York Stock Exchange and also served for a time as adminis-

trative assistant to the president of another concern. More recently, he was associated with Moody's Investors Service, Inc., one of the best known investment counselling firms, now a part of Dun and Bradstreet. He was the first Negro serving in his capacity with Moody's.

A graduate of Palmer Memorial Institute, he holds an A. B. in business administration from Morehouse College, and did advanced study in economics, law and finance at Atlanta University, the University of Florida (being the first Negro student at the latter institution), and the New York Institute of Finance, respectively.

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Ellington Composed Music at Stratford

When "Timon of Athens" opened at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival July 29 the music sounded Oriental, again South American, but specifically it was Ellington. That's the opinion of the composer, Duke Ellington who paid a fast visit to Stratford to confer with the play's producer, Michael Langham and the musicians involved.

Ellington admitted he was startled when he was asked last January to compose the incidental or supporting music for "Timon." A few years ago he had composed a jazz piece specially for the Stratford Festival. It was his tribute to Shakespeare. His public responded by commissioning him to do "Timon."

He met Peter Coe in London, Eng., and discussed the play—getting a "translation" to make plain the difficulties of the Bard's English—and Coe's conception of characters and events. Then, when Coe quit as producer and Langham took over, the Duke had to confer with him at Stratford.

"The play as conceived by Coe and the play as conceived by Langham are two different

plays," Ellingham said, "but the difference has affected the music only slightly."

Does the music swing? The Duke's prominent eyes showed amusement. "When the action swings, the music will swing," he said. Then he admitted that in the ballroom scene the music surely will swing.

No Swing

One piece that won't swing is the "Queen" at the start of the performance. The Duke looked shocked when it was suggested he might be planning a jazz version of the National Anthem to fit into the "Timon" music. "I don't like the idea of messing around with the National Anthem."

The regular complement of the Festival Theatre Orchestra of 12 players will be used.

When he isn't putting the polish on the "Timon" music, performing at the Newport Jazz Festival or leading his band on a tour, Duke Ellington is composing music, designing costumes and writing script for a 60-minute show, entitled "My People," to be produced at the Century of Progress in Chicago in August. He wrote one piece in a car on his way from Malton Airport to Stratford.

"My People" will be a spectacular production of ballet, chorus, band and soloists, plus a soapbox orator.

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Negro Background

"My People" will have something to say about the American Negro, his characteristics and qualities, his needs and his desires.

"The facts will be presented, that's all. There will be spirituals and work songs and then the Blues. Primarily, it will be entertainment—I hope it will be entertaining—but . . ." the Duke shrugged his shoulders.

The man on the soapbox will have another name, but he will personify Martin Luther King.

PLANS TO APPOINT NEGRO TO BOARD

Washington (AP)—President Kennedy plans to appoint Howard Jenkins Jr., as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. If confirmed by the Senate, Jenkins will be the first Negro to serve on the board. A coloradoan, Jenkins would succeed Philip R. Rodgers whose term in the \$20,000 a year post ends Aug. 27.

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Slavery Abolished Just 100 Years Ago

This year, 1863 marks the 100 year that slavery was abolished.

In the year 1859 John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry roused the most bitter antagonism in the South. The Democratic Party was practically divided and two sets of candidates were nominated, one by the Northern wing and the other by the Southern wing. The former was Stephen D. Douglas, of Illinois, and Herschel V. Johnson of Georgia; the latter John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and Joseph Lane of Oregon. The Republicans nominated Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, and Hannibal Hamlin, of Maine, while a third party, the successor of the American party, now known as the Constitutional Union party nominated John Bell of Tennessee, and Edward Everett of Massachusetts. Lincoln was elected.

The election of Lincoln was the signal for the South to take measures to overcome the overwhelming opposition to them in the United States government and it resulted in the secession of South Carolina Dec. 20, 1860. Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee followed within the next six months, and a new nation, known as the Confederate States of America, was organized at Montgomery, Ala., in February, 1861. President Buchanan opposed secession, but denied his right to restrain the seceding states to return to the Union, therefore, he made little effort to protect government property in the South, which was being taken over as rapidly as possible by the seceding states. Efforts at compromise were made during Buchanan's administration, but without effect. A resolution introduced into the Senate by Senator Crittenden proposed to divide the Union into a slave country and a free country.

In his inaugural address President Lincoln urged all sections and classes to come to the support of the government, but expressed his determination to prevent secession. Accordingly, he soon called for volunteers. The Confederate government also called for volunteers and retaliated for Lincoln's proclamation of a blockade by licensing privateers to prey upon North Commerce. The war began with the bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 14 and its surrender.

In April 1862 Congress purchased and emancipated all slaves in the District of Columbia; two months later it abolished slavery, throughout the territories and the domain, and on January 1, 1863 100 years ago, President Lincoln issued his famous Emancipation Proclamation, which he had announced the previous September, after the battle of Antietam.

This proclamation set free all the slaves in states then in rebellion against the United States.

During the war President Lincoln did not have the undivided support of the North. His suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, the suppression of newspapers and of public gatherings, the Conscription Act of 1863 and the apparent failure of the Union

Armies in the field during the early years of war, led to a serious opposition and criticism. The financial problems of the war also necessitated taxes and other extraordinary measures, which became exceedingly unpopular. However in the election of 1864 the Democratic party, in spite of the nomination of a popular general, George B. McClellan, was defeated, and Lincoln was triumphantly reelected.

West Virginia which had been separated from the old State of Virginia was admitted to the Union in December 1862. The war, practically came to a close, on the surrender of General Lee in April 1865, but the rejoicing was soon overshadowed by universal sorrow at the assassination of President Lincoln April 14.

The Emancipation Proclamation, a state paper issued by President Lincoln Jan. 1, 1863, by which all slaves in the states or parts of states actually engaged in warfare and unrepresented in Congress or not in possession of the Union armies, were declared free, according to the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Very little has been accomplished in these past 100 years, equality and rights, such as jobs, better living conditions. In some parts of the states the Negro has not been able to vote or enjoy the little things as using parks, buses, trains except in segregated parts, or school, lunch counters, theatres, places of amusement and many, many more unprivileged places and activities, that would make for a happy, peaceful, loving people. Accepting this great freedom from slavery, humbly, they have gone along trying to inspire and educate their children even if it meant sending them elsewhere if need be, to learn what Freedom and Liberty stood for, and this they did having had to struggle and undergo many knocks, hardships and abuses. What more can be asked of human beings?

When asked to defend their

homeland they have always been fighting a just cause, hoping on returning home a better reception would await them not a return to the old routine of segregation. In many of their hearts the question why are we fighting and for what reason are our children being killed? But the older parents console them by telling them of their forefathers and how they endured and of Lincoln's Proclamation and if they will be a little more patient true recognition will eventually come. Thus, for 100 years they have waited and suffered, made to the numerous past presidents each doing very little, until President H. J. Kennedy was elected in the fall of 1960. To him they took their problems and in him after one hundred years of suf-

fering being deprived of true Freedom, a very disturbed and depressed people found a second Abraham Lincoln.

President Kennedy ended his period of watchful waiting and called for the American Congress to take action to make civil rights commitment, which has been shyed away from for a century. He pointed out that a change is coming and that "our task" our obligation is to make that revolution, that change peaceful and constructive for all.

The Negro people the world over, also many minority groups along with a goodly number of loving peaceful people, are praying for this act to come into true existence. Their hearts and prayers go with him, God Bless President Kennedy on what he and his executive stand for.

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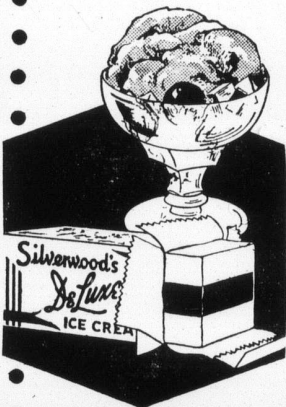
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The Italian natural colony was founded in 1881 by Andrea Costa, a group of Sannean immigrants of Italian origin. Through the efforts of the Italian and Swiss who found themselves in a state of economic recession.

The founders of the colony were 1000 acres of rich land along the River Rhine. Northern Sonoma set the immigrants planting fruits, vineyards. They were immigrants who had come to the colony through the production plan. Many can ways, and because of their recession, took on the job of the offer of ownership.

Within two years Italian Swiss Colonies in several wineries in several states, including California, including the Valley of the San Joaquin. The mate was best fruit in dessert wine.

Congratulations To The

It is not of the newspaper has lauded the efforts of the same city. It is a rare occasion for the Negro newspaper to have the editor of the downtown Press.

But not so happy nothing but the excellent series of the racial problem. Not that the have racial problems and we know one city are the greatest in number. know isn't an accident of federal are reminded of the Minister of Jamaica. Ottawa permitting a little hundred Jamaicans to enter this country a few years and a few cents, and skills. Which we know just since Jamaica and automatically should be allowed and go freely to the Commonwealth Nations.

It would be an achievement for a representative to stand before this smouldering flame.