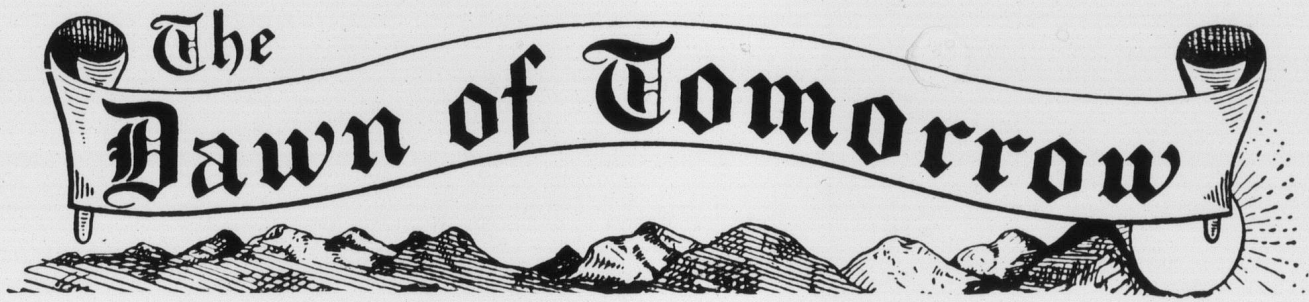




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KIND WORD FOR CASSIUS CLAY

Cassius Clay, the world's heavyweight champion, expressed himself rather illogically, perhaps even unpatriotically, when he was informally classified him 1A. But what Cassius Clay said, hot off the cuff, was mild compared to what thousands of college students and professors are saying.

Many people say these protesting students and college professors are mistaken. Very few of the extremists call them unpatriotic. But the way all the sportswriters and the governors and the boxing commissions reacted to Clay's expression tells us a lot about what we are.

For a year or two, Cassius had been classified as 1Y which meant he did not meet the mental requirements to get into the Army. He complained that there had been no new examination to reclassify him and the complaint has some justification.

We would be naive if we didn't acknowledge that there was great pressure to get this fellow out of circulation. If an off-beat journalist in North Carolina who enjoys no connections with government, army or prize-fighting receives a few letters every week asking, "Why isn't Cassius Clay in the army?" we can well imagine the letters which must have poured upon draft board officials, army

officials and government clerks.

In 1966, Cassius Clay is in the same position Jack Johnson was fifty years ago. But the emphasis is entirely different. People hated Jack Johnson because he had married a white woman. The public clamored for a "White Hope" to recapture the heavyweight crown "for the White race."

Today such a clamor is ta-

boo. Sammy Davis, Jr. enjoys great popularity and he is married to a white girl. Harry Belafonte is married to a white girl and he is a most respected concert artist of the day.

Cassius Clay knew they hated him when he told the Negro Floyd Patterson, "You are now the white hope." No one hates Cassius because he is a Negro.

It would be easy to say the

folks recent Cassius because he is a loud mouth and a wise guy, but that is too simple. The loud mouths in sports are admired and respected. Leo Durocher is anything but retiring and Ty Cobb was anything but sportsmans like.

People don't hate Clay because he promises a knockout in the fourth round. Bab Ruth pointed to the stand before he hit a hom run and the crowd rase and cheered his

trip around the bases. When a reporter told Babe he received more money than President Hoover, Bab replied, "I hit better than him." The folks revered Bab. I revered him even after listeing to his language while he was playing pool with a teammate up in Doyle's on Broadway.

The truth is America really should love Cassius Clay because he is a living symbol of Puritanism, old fashioned, Puritanism. He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke, he doesn't take the Lord's name in vain and he divorced his wife because she wore slacks and outraged an orthodox tenet of Puritanism.

Negro Leaders LBJ, Confer

The "Big Six" of the nation's civil rights leaders are playing a prominent role in developing an "action-oriented" agenda for the White House Conference on Civil Rights, to be held on June 1 and 2.

The Council which is comprised of a cross section of national leaders is holding a series of weekend "work sessions" at the White House to work out the format and a substantive agenda for the historic Conference.

List of Names

Among those serving on the Council are: A. Philip Randolph, the dean of the civil rights leaders, who is also Honorary Chairman of the Conference; Roy Wilkins, Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Whitney M. Young, Jr., Executive Director, National Urban League; Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Floyd McKissick, National Director, John Lewis, Chairman, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; and Miss Dorothy Height, President, National Council of Negro Women.

President Lyndon B Johnson proposed the Conference in his commencement address at Howard University last June 4 when he said its object would be "to help the American Negro fulfill the rights which after the long time of injustice, he is finally about to secure."



Easter Promises

(Ginie Glasmeire)

Against late smudgy melting snows
A clump of crocus brightly blows.
Their cups so full of precious gold
Life's promises do surely hold,
As we recall those bulbs so dry
That deep in dark, cold earth did lie.
And now see glories of rebirth
In purple, white and golden mirth.

So against our varied sordid woes,
A hold golden shine e'er glows.
Our Lord salvation's gifts unfold
More than our meager cup can hold.
And now those sins that loud did cry,
In glory wither up and die;
As Easter shows us Christ's great worth,
And we at last find our rebirth.

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the moral, religious, civil and literary improvement of our injured race . . . In our discussion of political subjects we shall ever regard the Constitution of the United States as our political star."

These words ring as true today for the more than 160 Negro - oriented newspapers as it did in 1827 - 139 years ago when the very first Negro newspaper, "Freedom's Journal" was published.

The 'respected and believed' Negro Press, continually growing and improving in size, circulation and responsible reporting has truly been "a partner in freedom" in the Negro American's struggle to be free. The Negro Press has not only consistently defended the rights of every American but it has paced the fight full first-class citizenship for all.

Some critics predicted long ago that the demise of the Negro press was not far off. Others questioned the need today for a racially oriented newspaper in our desegregating nation. The best evidence of the continuing role of an enlightened, crusading minority press lies in the fact that not only are there more Negro - oriented newspapers today, but they are enjoying their highest circulation and advertising volumes in history.

In truth, the Negro Press has grown to be a very healthy segment of the American Press and is now both highly respected and appreciated. One major reason is that the Negro newspaper is still more possessively dear to American Negroes because it more accurately reflects the Negro's changing world, his hopes and ambitions and it participated directly in the achievement of his hard - won gains in the world's most highly competitive and complex society.

Today's Negro Press operates in a more enlightened atmosphere. Most people are forging to the civil rights front and they come not only more determined but better prepared educa-

tionally and financially to achieve their full measure of freedom. Unquestionably the greatest unifying force among Negro people and their leaders is the Negro Press. The Negro Press is not in competition with any so-called leader. On the contrary, it is the very vehicle upon which most of our leaders, past and present, have risen to the top. The Negro Press has been both their voice and platform. On the other hand, it has been the ruination of those false prophets who would capitalize upon our struggle for freedom.

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The first "Easter Message" was delivered to His disciples by Mary Magdalene according to the record of the gospel of St. Mark: St. Mark 16th chapter, verses 9-11 reads thus, Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast out seven devils, And she went and told them that had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they had heard that He was alive, and had been seen of her, belived not. Doubt seem to pervade the minds of many in our present day: as we the believers in His resurrection reaffirm our faith that: He is risen, it has always been difficult for material minded men to accept the divinity of Christ.

In this message of hope it is our hope that we will with humility accept the realism that He rose triumphantly from the grave and is now sitting at the right hand of His Father in Great Glory.

It is the simplicity of the believers in Christ that has given to His Church the unlimited power that has been manifested throughout the centuries, this power will not be hindered by man's doubt and unwillingness to believe. In this present age when our pride seems to centre itself in man's achievement in the realms of science and economics, little time is devoted to the manifestation of the Spirit of Christ, the emphasis is on conquest and civil liberties, but these things will never give man peace. Peace can only come to us through our acceptance of the message that was first proclaimed by Mary Magdalene, when we accept without doubt or questioning, in our hearts: We here reaffirm in this "Easter Message" Christ is risen! And this we believe.

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O Earth! throughout thy borders
Re-don thy fairest dress:
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BELAFONTE TOURS EUROPE FOR SCLC FUND RAISING

Harry Belafonte departed for Europe recently to prepare for a series of benefit concerts he will perform for Dr. Martin Luther King's

Southern Christian Leadership Conference SCLC, to be presented in Paris at the Palais des Sports Monday, Mar. 28 and in Lyon.

The concerts will be under the local sponsorship of Reverend Martin E. Sargent, head of the American Church in Paris. The third concert, to

be held at the Royal Opera House in Stockholm, Sweden, will be under the local aegis of Swedish impresario Chris Folcker.

All proceeds are to go the SCLC and it is believed that this marks the first major undertaking of this nature to raise money in Europe for the American Civil Rights movement. All concerts will be produced by Belafonte Enterprises under the direction of Phil Stein.

Dr. King, who won the Nobel Prize last year, will be present at all three concerts, which will star Belafonte, feature American singer, Esther Marrow and local talent from France and Sweden. Yves Montand will introduce Mr. Belafonte at the Paris and Lyons concerts.

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The three albums are "Bill Cosby Is a Very Funny Fellow. Right!" "I Started Out as a Child" and "Why Is There Air?" They contain the comedy monologues of

which first brought him to the attention of the television viewing public on such shows as NBC-TV's "Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson," and the Dean Martin and Perry Como shows.

Goes Everywhere

It is also the type of material which he delivers during concert dates at colleges and weekend nights when he is not filming his NBC-TV series. Currently, Cosby is appearing for two weeks at Harrah's in Lake Tahoe.

NEGRO FIGHTERS FILMED IN VIET APPEAR ON TV

"The Twentieth Century" will focus on Negro and White American fighting men, in Vietnam, in "Integration in the Military" on the CBS Television Network. CBS News Correspondent Walter Cronkite is the reporter.

Negroes have been fighting in American wars for 150 years, but integration of the armed forces was first ordered by President Truman in 1948. Today, racial discrimination within the military is nowhere present in official policies or regulations — the

military for years having led the civilian sector in the matter of complete integration.

More Negroes Dying

"Integration in the Military" details the situation in Vietnam where proportionately more Negroes than whites are dying since many are in especially hazardous combat units. Both white and Negro members of the armed forces, from the Seabees to the Green Berets, describe their experiences in fully integrated units in Vietnam.

The area of off-base discrimination against military personnel also is examined on the broadcast. Wives and military men discuss the problems they face, particularly in housing restrictions, while on duty in the United States.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., the only active Negro general officer in the armed services, talks about the issue of color since the initiation of President Truman's historic order.

Another First

Dr. Sylvester J. Carter, has been chosen to be the new President of the New York State Surgical Division of the International College of Surgeons. Mr. Carter thereby scored another first to add to the list of qualified Negroes being chosen for top-level post, and jobs, in all areas of human endeavour.

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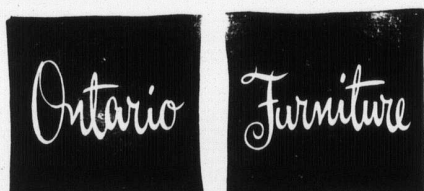
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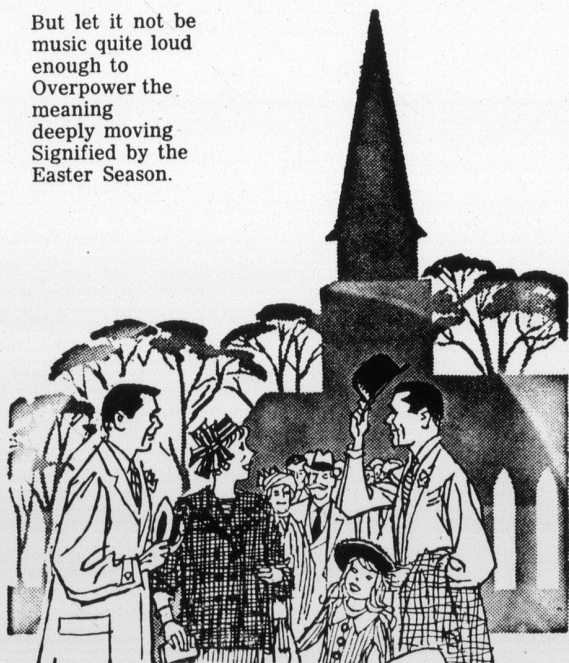
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Dr. King Misses Big Daley Slum Parley

The effort of Mayor Richard J. Daley to head off Dr. Martin Luther King at the pass seemed to be exactly nowhere this weekend — and time will tell what effect the mayoral antislum drive will have on the King anti-slum drive, and vice versa.

The mayor had invited Dr. King and other ministers to a full dress meeting in City Hall Friday.

Dr. King had ducked — pleading a "long standing prior engagement" deep in the heart of Texas.

No one was fooled much. The mayor — said old observers of City Hall politicking — had been hoping to put on a show for hoping to put on a show for Dr. King, outlining Chicago's valiant battle to beat the slums.

Dr. King — so went the plan was to be impressed.

And a question was to be posed — maybe tacitly, but posed nevertheless — as to why, therefore, Dr. King should be running his own private anti-slum war in Chicago anyhow.

Friday's meeting was held in the absence of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference chief — and thereby lost most of its effect.

Mayor Daley was ready with his own story and in turn a group of Negro

ministers were set to give him their own versions of what's wrong locally.

Still another group of ministers, not invited to the Friday meeting expressed their dissatisfaction at being left out.

But the main point observers said had been missed: Neither Mayor Daley nor any public official had yet corralled Dr. King in an effort to force an admission from him that his own anti-slum drive isn't necessary.

Apparently still intact was the oft-stated King aim to create tensions short of violence that will force action in areas where action never had been forced before.

As to the mayor's Friday meeting with the local ministers — no one was willing to predict whether such conferences would become

a semi-habit, or whether the Friday strategy would be considered a flop.

One thing was certain: The non-invites to the Friday session weren't slow to express themselves.

Said the Rev. J. L. Thurston, pastor of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church: "One of the things that Negroes have had to fight for constantly is the right to chose their own leaders. We are greatly troubled that many of the duly elected leaders of major denominations . . . were not included among the religious leaders invited."

The trouble with food that melts in your mouth is the way it bulges in front of the mirror.

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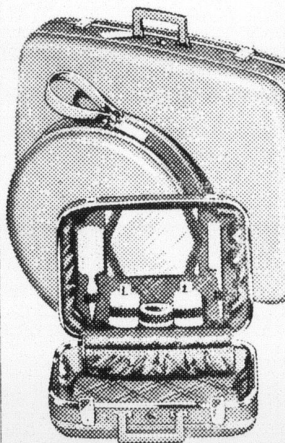
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They say Saint Francis preached to the birds. Since the birds were not distracted by words, they got his message. He . . . became their hangout.

When life values life so that barriers of fear fall away, this climate is itself a wordless sermon.

A woman on welfare takes in four cold, hungry, abandoned children rather than see them taken to an institution. Black men and white men — who had gone to sleep in fruitless attempts to solve the problem became more fully united through unnoticed tears of respect for the woman's love.

A wise man, of little formal education, says to an

humble white man with several academic degrees, "I accept you as my equal and co-worker."

Five staff members of an organization of the indigent poor go without salaries for several months, for the cause of human rights.

Scores of students leave college, cut themselves off from parental support, and give heart to those who are struggling for survival and dignity. "Servants and midwives to personhood."

A little brown boy, tired of waiting for a public assistance case worker to see his mother, throws a partly eaten hamburger to the floor. That hamburger stands for two meals for the

child on their welfare budget. But his mother, bridling her momentary anger and dismay, picks him up, hugs and kisses him. A white visit or smiles in admiration. A barrier falls.

Finally, I go to jail for the cause of human rights. The under-employed bail me out, going without subsistence salaries for a time. What can a man say? The only barriers I see exist among the envious or the envied. I came to Chicago to value persons; I have been valued by those who have little more than themselves to give.

Beer Soaked Hyena Upsets Villagers

PETAUKE, Zambia — (NP) — A hyena with a "hang-over" went berserk in the Matiya village upsetting a herd of goats and mauling the heel of a villager before he was killed.

The animal made his raid on the village during the day — an unusual time since the beasts do not normally come into villages except at night.

This one, however, who is said to have drunk some kacasu (distilled beer) during the night, evidently remained in the village until daylight — trying to recuperate from the effects of the brew.

When spotted by Saul Banda, the hyena was attacking a herd of goats. Banda chopped at the hyena's head with an axe, but failed to halt the beast.

Enraged by the sudden blow to his "big head," the beast turned upon Banda, who was beginning to take flight. The man, however, didn't move fast enough, because the beast managed to sink his teeth in the man's heel.

Other villagers, hearing Banda's cries came to the rescue and managed to make short shrift of the animal. Banda was taken to the hospital for treatment of his mangled ankle and heel.

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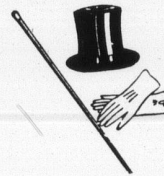
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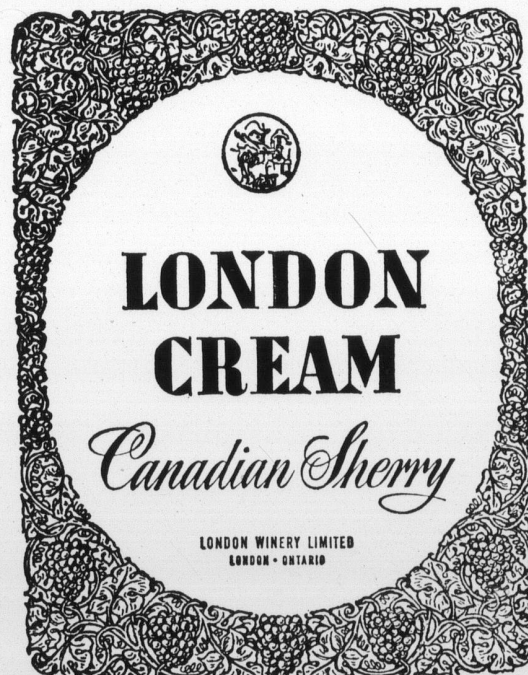
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Roll of the Student And Army Elites . . . Max Lerner

There is one aspect of two widely separated struggles—in Ghana and Indonesia—that is worth more than passing notice. It is the role of the student elite and its relation to the army elite. In Ghana the revolution was made by the army, but in its wake the students have come to ratify and validate it by their joyous demonstrations of support for the new regime. In Indonesia where Sukarno managed to split the army leadership and play off Gen. Suharto against Gen. Nasution, the students have been demonstrating against Sukarno and his segment of the army leadership.

In both countries, as in many other developing nations, a good deal of future history will depend on what stand the intellectual elite in the universities takes in relation to the military elite.

The reason is fairly obvious. Most of the developing countries have no middle class to speak of, and no economic elite. While some of them have nuclei of civil servants carrying over from pre-independence days, they have not (except in India) developed a real administrative elite. Thus between the masses of the people on one side and the top single-party elite on the other, only the army and the students can exert any important influence on the movement of events.

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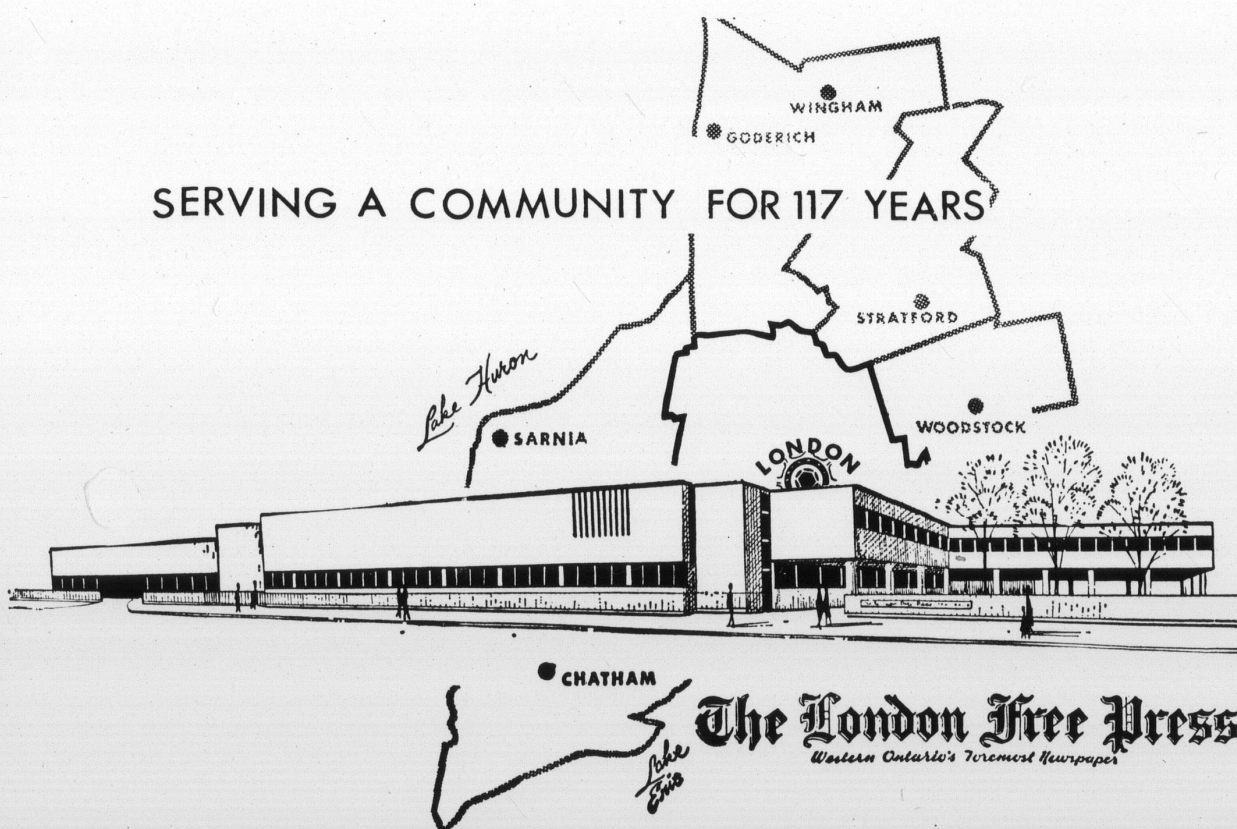
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The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) has announced plans for a CORE Day to be held in Harlem on May 14, 1966. "The reason for the event is to establish greater rapport with the Negro community and to assist this community in ending the syndrome of cultural isolation," announced CORE.

CORE Day will feature a parade starting at 9:30 a.m. from 151st Street and 7th Avenue, to 120th Street and 7th Avenue. Dignitaries and community leaders will review the marchers from a reviewing stand at 125th Street and 7th Avenue.

Grand Ball Too

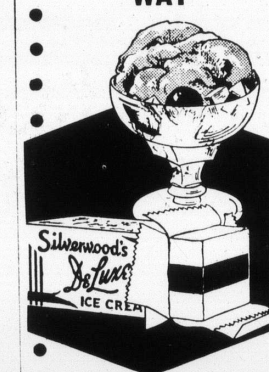
A rally will take place at this location, luncheon at Franks will follow then the guests will be taken on a guided tour of Harlem to culminate in a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. The evening will be spent at the 369th Armory at

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5th Avenue and 142nd Street where a grand ball will serve as the occasion for the selection of Miss New York CORE.

Personalities who have been invited to participate include Governor Rockefeller, Mayor Lindsay, leaders of the major civil rights organizations,

leaders of indigenous Harlem organizations and many others. Chairman of CORE Day in Harlem is Bishop A. A. Childs, Mayor Harlem. Mrs. Germaine G. Smith, Staff Associate of National CORE has been assigned the task of coordinating the project.

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The prediction made in certain quarters early in the British program of economic sanctions against Rhodesia is coming to fulfillment. It was feared that South Africa might come to the rescue of the run-away British colony. Well, that fear is no longer speculation. It is fact.

South Africa has been supplying oil to neighboring Rhodesia in quantities sufficient to blunt the edge of the British embargo.

Johannesburg is not likely to limit the flow of this vital fuel unless the drain causes an internal shortage. This conclusion is based on a statement by Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd outlining the South Africa government's policy on the white-ruled colony of Rhodesia.

In a speech opening his ruling Party's campaign for South Africa's elections on March 30, Verwoerd denied reports that the increasing

flow of oil from South Africa to Rhodesia had caused ill - feelings between his government and Britain.

He also denied that Britain had threatened South Africa with sanctions if the flow did not stop. At the same time he agreed that the flow of oil and other goods was benefitting Rhodesia and would continue to do so.

"We do not believe in sanctions, and if any commodity available in this country is traded with Rhodesia — whether it be groceries, steel, machinery or oil or petrol — the government would be taking part in a boycott if it were to impede such trade," he declared.

In London, the British government expressed its concern to Portugal about the flow of oil from Portuguese Mozambique to Rhodesia despite the sanctions against the rebel colony. Though it has twice expressed itself to South Africa, Britain does not appear to be fretted over South Africa's assistance to Rhodesia. This is rather puzzling. Britain's Prime Minister Harold Wilson is stronger today politically than he was at the beginning of the African crisis. His firm stand against the rebel colony and his efforts to bring peace to Southeast Asia have created a climate of opinion surprisingly favorable to him. Apparently, he is unwilling or unprepared to toss more fat into the fire by bringing South Africa into the focus of the Rhodesia crisis.

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