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"THE MAN WITH THE KEY" PLAYS TO IMPORTANT AUDIENCE

Enugu, Nigeria—On the occasion of the opening of the first all-African Parliament in Nigeria, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, the Prime Minister of the Eastern Region of Nigeria, with eight Members of his Cabinet, attended the West African premiere of "The Man With The Key" in Enugu, the Eastern Region capital. More than half the Members of the House of Assembly attended the performance. Among them were thirteen of the fifteen Parliamentary secretaries and six Members of the Opposition front bench.

The crowded audience also included British officials and senior African civil servants. Dr. Azikiwe sat in the front row in flowing white Nigerian robes flanked by his two senior Cabinet colleagues, Mazi Mbonu Ojiike, Minister of Finance, and Dr. M. I. Okpara, Minister of Health. Mr. Ojiike will present the Budget to the House as the first African Cabinet Minister to do so in Nigeria. Dr. G. C. Mbanugo, a senior Enugu surgeon, welcomed Moral Re-Armament to the Region on behalf of the Committee of Cabinet Ministers, Parliamentary secretaries and leading citizens who invited the play here.

The Honorable M. E. Ogon (Under Secretary, Minister of Lands, Eastern Nigeria, Member of the Central Nigerian Parliament) introduced the play which he had seen at the MRA Assembly in Washington, D.C. With him spoke Nelson Uko, President of the Ex-Servicemen's Federation for Eastern Nigeria. Both men told of the change they had experienced through Moral Re-Armament as the basis of new responsible citizenship for self-government in Nigeria.

The performances were arranged at the invitation of Federal and State Cabinet Ministers. The other half of the Members of the House of Assembly were expected to attend the showing the second night.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President-Emeritus of the National Council of Negro Women, sent the following cable to the West African premiere of the Moral Re-Armament play "The Man With The Key", Enugu, Nigeria:

"Rejoicing that Nigeria recognizes Moral Re-Armament as the weapon that will win for the world peace and brotherhood and bind mankind together the world over and completely annihilate hate, prejudice and war. This comes as an answer to the yearning of my heart over the years—a way out for Africa. God sent to us Frank Buchman for just such a time as this. I am so happy that the change that has come in my life enables me to stand with Nigeria extending this great ideology that brings light to darkness."

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON TO CONTINUE COMEBACK

Chicago — Sugar Ray Robinson, who grossed \$3,000,000 during the past 15 years as a fighter, dancer and businessman is broke, says JET magazine. In the February 10 issue, JET's sports editor A. S. "Doc"

Young writes that the ex-champion recently learned that trusted employees of his three Harlem businesses had milked him dry, causing a \$200,000 deficit.

Two of his businesses, Edna Mae's Lingerie Shop and the Golden Gloves Barber Shop have been sold and a reported \$53,000 demand by the Internal Revenue, forced him to offer for sale his \$45,000 dry clean shop the Sugar Ray's bar and grill and the real estate office through which his apartments were managed.

But the heavy "sugar" Sugar Ray allowed to slip away, went down the well-known drain called "high life", JET says. He spent money like it was going out of style on such items as maintaining a \$50,000 wardrobe and flamingo-pink Cadillacs that cost \$9,000 each. When he and his wife, Edna Mae, toured Europe in 1951, he took with him an entourage of nine friends. While in Europe he kept a French midget just for laughs.

In his prime Sugar Ray made enemies with his "what's-in-it-for-me" attitude quicker than he kayoed pugs. Now an easy-to-talk-to, philosophical man, Sugar Ray told JET that despite his recent poor showing against Ralph "Tiger" Jones in Chicago, he intends to continue fighting.

"I'm definitely coming back," he told JET, explaining that he hopes to arrange a return bout with Jones in New York. "If I have to, I'll sell all my businesses and devote all my time to boxing." Then, wistfully, the gladiator, who let a fortune slip through his fingers added, "I sincerely believe I'll be a very wealthy man one of these days."

NEW HOUSES FOR AFRICANS

Mr. J. M. Mohlala, Chairman of the Native Advisory Board of the town of Springs, near Johannesburg, South Africa, has reported how MRA has begun to solve "the biggest cause of racial unrest in South Africa," the shortage of housing for the African population.

In the town of Springs, homes had been needed for 21,000 African families, said Mr. Mohlala. But the Town Council and the Native Advisory Board had failed to come to an agreement on a housing scheme. The Mayor invited the MRA force to bring the industrial drama, "The Forgotten Factor," to Springs.

The first result of this visit was a new spirit of teamwork in the meetings of the Advisory Board," said Mr. Mohlala. "The Town Council agreed to acquire land for native housing. The Town Engineer, who had been constantly at loggerheads with the Town Council, became reconciled with them and the plan went ahead. For the first time in South Africa, African labour was to be used for building the homes. When the Town Engineer approached me with this proposition I welcomed him wholeheartedly, a thing I could never have done before I met MRA."

Together they trained 120 bricklayers and 400 labourers. They produced eight houses a day, four-room cottages in quarter acre lots with full plumbing and a rent of

Majors Sign "Gabby" Anderson



"GABBY" ANDERSON
Back with Majors

Former London Junior Returns
From Pro Ball

(Courtesy London Free Press)

A former London Junior ball player, who made good in the Pony League, signed with London Majors of the Senior Intercountry League yesterday.

Stan Anderson, known as "Gabby" to his friends, who played with Olean, of the Class D Pony League, in 1950, 1951 and last season, became the second player to ink his contract with the Majors since Frank Colman took over ownership of the club a few weeks ago.

Anderson, an outfielder, who came up through local playground ranks until he reached the junior division, played only a few games with the Majors in 1949. The following year he was given a trial with Olean and except for two years in the U.S. Army, he played with that team. Now in Detroit.

The 25-year-old Londoner, who now makes his home in Detroit, had his best season in 1951 when he batted .355 to finish fourth among the Pony loop hitters. That year he was second in runs batted in with 124 and topped the circuit in runs scored with 134. In 1950, his first year as a pro, he compiled a neat .335 mark, but lost term, after two years in the army, slipped to .107. He had nine home runs, nine triples and "about 30 doubles," he revealed.

Anderson was stationed in Hawaii and played baseball there. In 1953, he was named to the army all-star team in Hawaii.

He bats from the left side of the plate, but throws right-handed.

two pounds a month. To date, 1,300 houses have been completed out of a proposed 5,000 said Mr. Mohlala. This example of employing African builders in an African township housing scheme is now being followed in Pretoria and elsewhere in South Africa. The Town Engineer has now been appointed Native Housing Director in the city of Johannesburg, the first time in South Africa that such a post has been created.

"The secret had been a new spirit created by MRA," says Mr. Mohlala.

PIECE OF OLO ENGLAND COMES TO VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B.C. — A piece of Old England was unloaded recently at Vancouver, B.C., a Tudor cottage in charge of a farmer's daughter. That the cottage is on wheels and the farmer's daughter has become an export salesman is the responsibility of Kenneth Horner, 29-year-old head of one of Britain's leading candy manufacturers and frequently featured in British press and export-promotion circles as "the young man with a dollar-earning secret."

The craftsman-made Shakespearean type cottage complete with oak beams and leaded windows mounted on a 32-foot trailer is scheduled to visit Horner agents, retail outlets and prospective customers on a 20,000 mile tour of Canada and the United States. The journey represents a further link in the "please the customer" policy which has led Kenneth Horner through a quarter million miles of North American exploration during the past six years in his quest to discover precisely what Canadians and Americans want and need for their dollar.

Twenty-one year old Barbara Hopps, whose family has farmed for centuries near Chester-le-Street, County Durham, where the Horner factory has stood for over fifty years, is hostess of the confectionery exhibition which includes a kitchen, showroom and panelled executive office. Custom built to Horner's specifications the trailer is replete with its own heating, lighting and refrigeration system. A panel on either side of the cottage drops down to reveal a village "Sweet Shoppe" where visitors will be served a variety of candy.

"I believe the bowler hat and the furled umbrella should be left at home when selling in Canada," says Kenneth Horner. "I hope that a reminder of the natural beauty and rich past of Britain will please Canadians more than a formal business approach."

When Horner inherited the business of George W. Horner & Co., Ltd. from his father six years ago its total exports to all markets amounted to less than 500 pounds a year. Since then he has travelled an average of 50,000 miles a year and has achieved \$1,000,000 worth of export business plus one million pounds worth of sales to non-dollar markets throughout the world.

Horner attributes his success in the export field to four cornerstones, without which he believes Britain cannot hope to hold her own in export markets, packaging, price, prompt delivery and personal contact. "Pleasing the customer," in Horner's lexicon, consists in recognizing the only dictatorship to which the British should willingly submit, but still too often do not—the dictatorship of the buyer. The customer is, and always must be, as far as Horner's concerned, entirely right.

The Horner trailer exhibition will begin its cross country tour after a reception and press party at the Vancouver Hotel and is scheduled to arrive in New York at the end of July.

It will return to Toronto in August for the Canadian National Exhibition.

OHIO WOMAN KNOWN AS THE "BIRD LADY"

Chicago, Ill.—Mrs. Oda Bell Artis, known in Xenia, Ohio, as the "bird lady," She is the only Negro who is internationally recognized as an expert on budgies. She has turned a fascinating hobby into a profitable business, selling the birds for \$125 each.

Mrs. Bell has won 150 trophies and 150 ribbons in shows all over the country since 1950 and has raised more than 1,000 pedigreed birds. Her collection is valued at more than \$10,000, she told EBONY.

LIMBLESS YOUNGSTER ONE OF HAPPIEST

CHICAGO — Three-year-old Paul Hodge, who was born with neither arms nor legs, is one of the happiest youngsters in all England, says EBONY in its April issue. The young Negro lad, victim of one of nature's cruelest jokes, was sent to England by his parents in Jamaica, B.W.I., who hoped that Paul would be fitted with artificial limbs that would enable him to walk and wait upon himself.

When Paul arrived, authorities at the Queen Mary Hospital at Roehampton were not certain that he could be helped at such an early age. But Baby Paul, as he is now called, met eight-year-old Mervyn, also there for an artificial right hand. Mervyn took special interest in Baby Paul and now the two are inseparable. Learning to use their artificial limbs is a game and Baby Paul is slowly but surely becoming self-dependent, EBONY says.

NEGRO JAZZ STAR DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 15 — (AP)—The death of Charles (Yard-bird) Parker, noted Negro jazz musician, was disclosed last night.

The 53-year-old saxophone player died Saturday night in the Fifth Avenue hotel suite of Baroness Nica Koenigswarter, a member of England's Rothschild family.

The baroness said she had known Parker for more than 10 years and that he collapsed while watching a television show.

Parker played with some of the greatest names in American jazz, including Dizzy Gillespie, Flip Phillips, Lionel Hampton and Teddy Wilson.

Oscar Goodstein, owner of Birdland, a Broadway hangout for jazz players, described Parker as "the greatest alto-saxophonist in the world." He named Birdland after Parker when it opened five years ago.

MARIAN ANDERSON

In the arts, Marian Anderson made musical history by becoming the first Negro singer to sign with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Fulbright scholar Sylvia Olden Lee was appointed to the Met staff as its first Negro accompanist coach. Hollywood moviemakers voted to lift their long-standing ban on the treatment of miscegenation in films and Lillian Randolph was elected a director of the Am. Federation of TV and Radio artists.

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NOW A TICKLISH RACIAL PROBLEM IN BRITAIN

Britain, which outlawed slavery throughout the empire in 1833, has long been proud of its record in race relations. Isolated from its possessions and their dark-skinned inhabitants, the island homeland never had a color problem. Now Britons have suddenly awakened with alarm to the fact that a wave of Negro immigration is upon them. The Negroes are Jamaicans from the British West Indies—British subjects and therefore free to move to the mother country, just as Puerto Rican citizens of the U.S. have flocked to the mainland. The Jamaican influx, which began as a trickle of 3,000 or so a year at the end of the war, reached flood proportions in 1954. Robert Haeger, chief of Newsweek's London bureau, sends this report of Britain's color problem, and what the future holds:

Outwardly, the uniformly dull smog-stained rows of flats just off Coldharbour Lane are indistinguishable from the miles of South London house fronts surrounding them on every side. But these close-packed blocks in East Brixton constitute a little Harlem-by-the-Thames, a new home for hundreds of Negroes, many of them fresh off boats and planes from Jamaica. They have been moving into once white communities in the mother country at the rate of 1,000 a month.

The same Britons who once were free with criticism of the U.S. for its handling of the color problem now have reason to fret about their own performance. On the whole, the absorption of droves of colored immigrants has gone off smoothly. But in some ways the record is spotty. For example, although there is no segregation in British law, there is a color bar in practice. It shows up in many ways:

Some of the fashionable London hotels, once open to all, now refuse to accept Negro guests.

Pubkeepers decline to sell drinks to colored customers, in spite of the requirements of the licensing laws. Dance halls which have been sites of interracial fights now ban colored men who come stag.

In one Midlands city with a considerable Negro population, prostitutes draw the color line.

Rooming houses which have always taken coloured students refuse the laborers of the new immigration wave.

Vandalism against Negro-owned property, and small-scale race riots have broken out in the new "black belts" in London.

Conditions and incidents like these have generated an epidemic of soul-searching in print. The august London Times delved into the problem with a two-part survey. Tabloids and magazines have played up the sensational angles under such headlines as Would You Let Your Daughter Marry a Negro?

Intermarriage is probably one of the most trivial aspects. There has been little of it. But there are many informal inter-racial liaisons. The London County Council is now responsible for 300 unwanted children of such temporary arrangements. The collective uneasiness about the

new Negro population already has been voiced in the House of Commons. A group of Labor M.P.'s is seeking to "regulate" the flow from Jamaica. They represent working-class districts where the Negroes are getting a toe-hold.

The chief cause of alarm is housing, already in desperately short supply in Britain. The newcomers automatically flock to the industrial areas where job opportunities are best and housing tightest. Their coming aggravates the problem and sets property owners to grumbling about shrinkage of real-estate values. Many are forced into flop-houses, run by both Negroes and whites, where ten men may each pay 1 pound (\$2.80) a week to share one room.

Today's housing troubles are matched by fears of tomorrow's unemployment. At present there are 382,000 jobs unfilled in Britain and only 267,000 unemployed. So the Jamaicans have no trouble getting work—usually unpleasant tasks that most white workmen refuse. But Britons are concerned with what might happen if the scourge of joblessness ever descends again. Their fears are mirrored in the ranks and leadership of the trade unions.

In Nottingham and London bus garages, white crews have refused to work with colored conductors. By contrast, their fellow transport workers in the London Underground have accepted the Negroes without complaint.

In Birmingham, 250 Negroes work the buses but with the tacit understanding they never will be promoted.

A top union officeholder in the Midlands officially proposed for colored transport workers (1) a quota system limiting the number employed, (2) no appointment of Negroes to supervisors.

—Courtesy of Time Magazine

NEGRO CAGE STARS PICKED FOR LOOK MAGAZINE ALL AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 7 — Four Negro cage stars have been named to Look Magazine's ten man All America Basketball Squad, it was announced today.

The All America, selected from the ballots of 632 leading sports-writers and sportscasters, is led by San Francisco's defensive ace, Bill Russell. According to the new issue of Look Magazine, the rangy Russell "is one of the greatest defensive specialists in the history of the college game."

"Ricketts, even when hobbled with a bad ankle, still posed a scoring threat and directed offensive traffic," Look says, "while his Duquesne teammate, Sihugo Green, is a fine all-around operative, noted especially for his astonishing rebound spring and his fantastic guarding ability."

Maurice Stokes of St. Francis (Loretto, Pa.) totes 235 pounds, yet he moves swiftly. "passes off slickly and behaves under the boards like a bounding octopus."

This year's Look team constitutes an innovation. Instead of first, second and third teams as in years past, there are ten players, each enjoying equal first-string rank.

"With 163 college teams playing major schedules, the idea of naming a first five and categorically shunting all other candidates to an inferior rating has become less and less tenable," Look said.

The All America: Ed Conlin, Fordham; Frank Ehmann, Northwestern; Tom Gola, La Salle; Sihugo Green, Duquesne; Dick Garmaker, Minnesota; Dick Hemric, Wake Forest; Bob Patterson, Tulsa; Dick Ricketts, Duquesne; Bill Russell, San Francisco; Maurice Stokes, St. Francis, in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

ELECT FIRST NEGRO**INTO PRESS CLUB**

WASHINGTON — The 47-year-old National Press Club today elected by secret ballot, its first Negro member, Louis R. Lautier, by a vote of 377 to 281.

Lautier, 56, correspondent of The Atlanta Daily World and the Negro Press Association, has lived in the capital 33 years.

The 12-man board of governors had previously approved Lautier's application by controversy developed and a general membership meeting decided to hold the recent ballot.

PLACES IN SENATE**TO EX-PRESIDENTS?**

WASHINGTON, — Former presidents of the United States would become non-voting members of the Senate under a bill introduced today by Senator Harley Kilgore (Dem. W.Va.) Judiciary Committee chairman.

The bill would create the office of senator at large for ex-presidents. Except for voting they would have all senatorial rights and privileges, including salary and allowances.

Only two former presidents are living — Harry S. Truman and Herbert Hoover.

NEW ANTI-NEGRO GROUP**THREATENS SOUTH WITH KKK TYPE TERROR, EDITOR SAYS**

NEW YORK, March 7 — A secret vigilante group, dedicated to the prevention of desegregation at all costs, has risen in the deep South and now threatens to become a modern day — u Klux Klan, it was revealed today.

This white supremacy group, called the Citizens Councils, was founded in July 1954 to combat last year's Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools. It is currently under investigation by the F.B.I. for possible violations of civil liberties.

These disclosures of the power and activities of the Citizens' Councils were made today by Pulitzer Prize-winning editor Hodding Carter in an article in the new issue of Look Magazine entitled, "A Wave of Terror Threatens the South."

Mr. Carter, who is the editor of the Greenville, Mississippi, Delta Democrat-Times, revealed that the Councils Movement has spread unchecked through the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina and northern Florida. It has met no organized opposition, Mr. Carter said, and claims 25,000 members in Mississippi alone.

In addition to its anti-Negro bias, the Councils are spreading anti-semitic and anti-Catholic propaganda as well, Mr. Carter charged in his Look article.

The group was founded in Mississippi in July and has its permanent headquarters in Winona in that state, Mr. Carter revealed.

While no direct physical violence has resulted from the Councils' activities to date, the group has won each fight it has entered in the last six months, Mr. Carter said. It operates by exerting economic and social pressures on recalcitrant Negroes and whites.

The greatest danger posed by the Councils, Mr. Carter found, was the possibility that "the extremist fringe, the 'viciously uncontrollable,' and the 'hoodlum element' would take control of the organization and lead it to 'widespread, organized and racially motivated terrorism.'"

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LATE F. S. HOWSON

The regular meeting of 252—"Logan Taylor" was held at the London Labour Hall when Brother L. Shepherd accepted the invitation to preside at the installation of officers for 1955.

Brother Chas. Baldwin was installed as President, Brother Chas. George as Vice-President; Brother Garrett as Recording Secretary, Brother F. Cake as Financial Secretary and Brother A. Langford as Treasurer.

President Baldwin draped the Charter to the late Brother F. Howson and expressed many thanks to the Brothers who attended the funeral.

But they are not dead who live in hearts they leave behind;

In those whom they have blessed they live a life again,

And shall live, through the years, Eternal life.

And grow each day more beautiful, As time declares their good, forgets the rest,

And proves their immortality.

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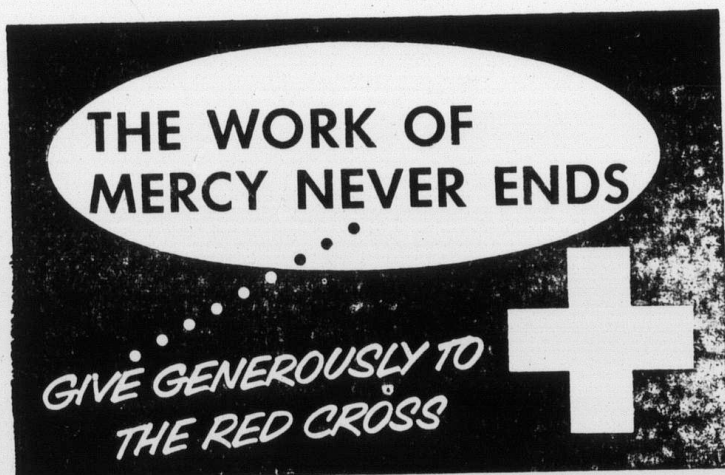
The rapid rise to major league stardom of New York Giants' centre fielder, Willie Mays was the most significant development of 1954 sports. Mays won National League batting and slugging titles, sparked Giants to World Series win. He was accepted as a major league hero first, as a Negro player second and dominated baseball more than any other first-year player ever had. In the South, the Cotton States League began accepting Negro players in 1954.

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NATIONAL BOYS' CLUB WEEK

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National Boys' Club Week is an event that is looked forward to by 45,000 boys throughout Canada, for it is their great opportunity to show parents and others interested in their welfare, just what goes on in the most inclusive club in town—their own club.

This year National Boys' Club Week is to be celebrated from March 21 to March 27 inclusive insofar as the majority of the 46 clubs that are members of the Boys' Club of Canada are concerned. In the Toronto area the week will be celebrated during the Easter holidays in accordance with long-established custom.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Operation Juvenile Decency"—the desire to encourage the concept of decency in the rising generation. So it is safe to assume that in every Club the boys will be "on their toes" during this "Open House" week, in order to demonstrate that it is a pleasing and easy task to substitute Juvenile Decency for Juvenile Delinquency, thanks to the trained leadership available to them in their Club Rooms.

Most of the 46 member-clubs of the Boys' Clubs of Canada, aided by suggestions from that national body, are planning attractive programmes for each day of the week. It is certain that these demonstrations, with the generous co-operation of the press and radio in publicizing them, will result in an expansion of interest in this worthwhile movement.

Constructive activities in health, physical training and vocational skills, as well as individual guidance to boys, form the basic programmes of all Boys' Clubs. Behind the doors of this most inclusive Club is a place for every boy in town—a place to be with other boys and do the things that every boy wants to do under expert leadership.

"Boys' Clubs are not reformatories for delinquent youth—just the opposite," declares Alan D. McCall, of Montreal, president of the Boys' Clubs of Canada. "They are the personal clubs of decent boys everywhere who desire to make good use of their leisure time. Recreation and companionship, in classes, teams, groups and varied activities help them to develop their character and skills, and thus enable them to realize their ambition to grow up to be decent, useful citizens in their community."

"Members of Boys' Clubs are proud of the Keystone emblem on their T-shirts, and wise parents will take advantage of National Boys' Club Week to visit their clubhouses, see for themselves what their sons are seeking to accomplish, and encourage them in every way possible. Throughout the land there are thousands of boys who, as yet, have not the privilege of having a Boys' Club in their immediate locality. The object of National Boys' Club Week is not a fund-raising drive—it is to focus public attention on the work of Boys' Clubs in the field of constructive boy guidance, and on the need for the establishment of new Boys' Clubs in areas where they are feasible. The Boys' Clubs of Canada stands ready to give every possible assistance in the way of service and advice to this laudable end."

LONDON NOTES

The services at Bethemmanuel Church on Sunday were well attended. During the morning service Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones and family from Brantford, Ont. supplied the music in songs. During the evening service the Young People were in charge. Their president, Miss Marion Turner was chairlady. The evening scripture was read and delivered by the pastor, Rev. G. Boyce. The Jr. Choir from Dundas Centre Church conducted. Mr. James Brooks rendered spiritual songs. There were duets and solos. After the service all were invited to a fire-side and luncheon in the Sunday School room. They were entertained by the Young People of B.M.E. Church.

Mrs. B. Fountaine is doing nicely in Victoria Hospital. She expects to be home for Easter.

Mrs. Edith Wilson is quite ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. Her condition is fair.

Mrs. J. Hill is able to be about again after a lengthy illness.

On Sunday, April 24 will be family Sunday at Bethemmanuel Church. The evening service will be sponsored by the Family Club.

Mrs. Howson and family wish to thank the many friends for their sincere kindness during our time of sad bereavement.

On Saturday, March 19th, at the home of Mrs. M. Drake, a celebration by her daughter, sons and grandchildren was held in honour of her birthday. Many happy returns of the day.

Word has been received that the General Superintendent, Rev. F. O. Stewart, is doing nicely.

Mr. Fred Smith and family from Woodstock, accompanied by his sister Mildred, gave a message in song during the Young People's service at the B.M.E. Church on Sunday evening which was enjoyed by all.

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RACIAL PARTNERSHIP IN AFRICA

March — A new partnership of all races is being created in Africa by an international Moral Re-Armament team which is now in Cape-town after three months in Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Africans and Dutch Afrikaans speakers addressed an inter-racial assembly of several thousands in the Capetown City Hall sponsored by the Mayor. They pledged themselves "to fight for the remaking of South Africa on a new dimension under the direction of God."

Dr. William Nkomo of Pretoria, founder and first president of the African National Congress Youth League said: "I believed the hope of Africa lay only in bloody revolution. At an MRA assembly I saw white men and black men change, and I myself changed. I realized that I could not love my people unless I was prepared to fight for them in a new dimension, free from bitterness and hate. I saw something greater than nationalism at work. I saw an ideology which is superior because it is an ideology for everyone everywhere. I believe this is the one road which will be the best road for my people and for South Africa."

The MRA "task force" of 80 people from 17 countries is now extending its trip through other parts of South Africa at the invitation of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Administrators of the four Provinces of the Union and South West Africa. The Governor-General opened the Capetown performances of the MRA plays which dramatize this world-uniting ideology.

For the past three months these plays have been presented to all-color audiences in usually "restricted" theatres in Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of the new Central African Federation, and more than half the members of the Federal Parliament attended performances of MRA plays in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. The Governor of Northern Rhodesia, the Speaker and Members of the Legislative and Executive Councils were at showings in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia. In both cases it was the first time in history that representatives of the European, African, Indian and colored communities were together in the same hall.

"Partnership in a multi-racial society can only be achieved by a change of heart in its citizens, said Jasper Savanhu, African Member of the Central African Parliament.

Savanhu and some 100 other African leaders took part in last summer's World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Caux, Switzerland. There they met Dr. Frank Buchman, initiator of MRA, and saw demonstrated the revolutionary application of absolute moral standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love under the guidance of God, which are the basis of this program to remake the world. "This does not mean that you stop fighting for what you believe to be right. It does mean that you fight with clean hands and a pure heart," said Godwin Luwanika, founder and first president of the Northern Rhodesia African Congress.

As a result they laid plans with other African leaders of government, business and labor to invite the MRA force to come. The venture has been financed by voluntary and sacrificial contributions from all parts of the world.

The response has been enthusiastic from workers and management in towns throughout the industrial Copperbelt area of Rhodesia and from African audiences in village meetings arranged by tribal chiefs.

In the South African mining town of Springs near Johannesburg, houses for African workers are being built at the rate of 1,000 per year through a new spirit of teamwork brought about by MRA.

Nigeria and the Gold Coast have eagerly put in bids for the force to come. One of the Nigerian Cabinet said: "All the world needs Moral Re-Armament, but we need it most of all and should have priority."

THYROID DEFICIENCY

By James W. Barton, M.D.

I have written several times about children who were backward at school, caused by poor eyesight in some, and by partial loss of hearing in others. The correction of these defects enabled these youngsters to keep up with other children their age.

There are however, some children who did not have a good start mentally and physically, who were backward in teething, sitting, walking, talking, mental development, growth in height, always constipated and with body temperature below normal. These conditions are due to an underactive thyroid gland, and may go unnoticed by parents and physician because the weight of the child may be normal.

In "Medical Clinics of North America" Drs. J. P. Bronstein and K. S. Shadakhara state there is further need for fuller or more complete investigation of these cases. This should include the usual metabolism test and also the alterations in metabolism (building up and tearing down of the body processes); blood cholesterol, creatine in urine, iodine in the blood, and the bony development.

"Iodine determinations may prove to be the most desirable index of the exact condition present," they write.

There are a number of these cases in which the physician, because of the slow growth or undersize of the child, prescribes "growth" hormone instead of starting thyroid extract in the early stages of the condition.

Thyroid extract in small doses causes sharp rises in the rate at which the body processes work; so sharp and rapid are these rises that, if not watched, the patient's metabolism rate may rise above normal in a short time. Accordingly Drs. Bronstein and Shadakhara closely investigate the general condition of the child from the physical, mental and bony changes, when considering the daily dose of thyroid extract to prescribe.

It is comforting to know that in so many instances nature provides extracts from animals to replace man's needs.

DREAMED HAIR ON FIRE, FOUND "VISION" REALITY

CHATHAM. — A 30-year-old Chatham woman awoke from a dream recently to find her hair in flames which subsequently destroyed her single-storey cottage.

The woman, Miss Eileen Van Dusen of 206 King street east, said she had been sleeping in the living room with her head very close to the stove. She said she dreamed her hair was on fire and awoke to find it wasn't a dream.

The woman said she smothered the flames in her hair with her hands and looked up to see fire shooting from the stovepipe.

"I ran outside in my bare feet," she said, "and the building was in flames almost immediately."

Miss Van Dusen, who received no serious injury from the fire said she lost everything but the clothes on her back.

Firemen said they believed the fire started from the stovepipe on a combination coal and wood stove.

NEGROES DEFY JOHANNESBURG CURFEW ORDER

Johannesburg, Feb. — (AP) — South Africa's Segregationist Government today launched its forced evacuation of a condemned Negro section three days early, and scores of Africans fled deeper into the area to evade the order.

The Government touched off the midnight flight with an order giving 150 families 12 hours to pack up and move from Johannesburg's Sophiatown district to the new Meadowlands housing project for Negroes 12 miles outside city limits.

Nearly 2,000 armed police and troops surrounded Sophiatown at dawn to carry out the removal of the more than 100 families still left of the first batch of 150 families ordered to pack and move. The police chief in charge said there were no clashes and no arrests.

The uniformed men loaded the Negroes and their belongings onto army trucks in the pouring rain. Thousands of sullen neighbors looked on. Police flattened the vacant houses to prevent re-occupancy. The trucks, crammed with ramshackle furniture and people, then trundled away in convoy.

Meetings Banned

As a prelude to the first evacuation order, originally scheduled for Saturday, all public meetings have been banned in the Johannesburg area for the next 20 days.

Amid the rain-swept darkness, many of those ordered out carried their children, furniture and clothes to join friends and relatives living elsewhere in the area.

Hooded Mystery Man

The flight was directed by a hooded mystery man, an ANC leader hunted by police for helping to organize the resistance campaign his organization is leading. For a while he traveled in a reporter's automobile, getting out occasionally in murky alleys to whisper instructions to the movers.

Prime Minister Johannes Strijdom's Nationalist Government plans to move 60,000 Africans from the western part of the city to new homes outside the metropolis. The Government calls the program slum clearance. It will segregate the races but will leave the Negroes close enough to the city to provide a labor force.

Backing the ANC opposition to the move are such prominent white South Africans as Alan Paton, author of the novel "Cry the Beloved Country," Patrick Duncan, son of South Africa's first governor-general, the evacuation "legalized theft."

ROLAND HAYES BACK ON WAX

New York — Canguard records recently released a long playing album called "The Art of Roland Hayes: Six Centuries of Songs."

Hayes sings art songs and selections by little known 14th century composers to works by Debussy, Moussorgsky, Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and others. There are spirituals in the albums as well as several unaccompanied selections.

Past 65 when these discs were cut, Hayes has naturally lost some of his vocal strength, but the control, perfect phrasing and deep understanding remain evident in all their considerable glory.

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