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In this mid-century anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, God fearing people are again called upon to meet the challenge of atheistic tyranny. Through the teachings of Christ and with the help of our heavenly Father, in whom we put our trust, we will meet this challenge and triumph over those who seek to destroy the spiritual liberty of mankind. Yet this is Christmas, the day of days for Christendom—a time for rejoicing and honoring the nativity of our Saviour. Now, more than ever, let us everyone, reaffirm our faith in God and pray to Him to keep us steadfast; to give us strength and courage to meet sacrifices; to guide our leaders in unified statemanship and unselfish devotion to our country; to comfort those in grief and pain and to bring lasting peace to all the world.

The Christmas Tree given for the children at B.M.E. Church was a great success. All the children present received gifts. The program was very enjoyable, it included a play which was well done plus recitations and carol singing. The Credit Women's Breakfast Club again entertained the children with movies.

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

The birth of Jesus Christ according to ancient prophecy was to occur at Bethlehem of Judea. The angel had announced to Mary of Nazareth that she should be the mother of the Messiah. Gabriel's annunciation to Mary and Micah's prophecy are in agreement.

"Joh to the world the Lord is come".

The Christ of Christmas was born at Bethlehem near the close of B.C. 5. Caesar Augustus, the first Roman emperor had issued a decree, and the Jews went each to his ancestral city to be enrolled, probably with a view to taxation and military service. Joseph, the village carpenter of Nazareth and Mary his wife, were both descended from King David and they travelled many miles southward to the town where David was born. On that memorable night the city of Bethlehem was so crowded that there was no room in the village Inn, so Joseph and Mary went to one of the stables of the city where Jesus was born.

Very often do men shut Jesus Christ out of their lives by pre-occupation and worldly pleasures. This reminds us of so many people of this age who seem to have no room in their hearts for Jesus. Dear friend, have you given Him room? Have you given Him the best room in your life and service? It is only by giving ourselves to Him in prayer and earnest meditation that we can come to understand the message of Christmas to the world.

The message of Christmas is a message of joy. The Shepherds shouted out the wonderful tidings to all whom they met: "The Messiah is born." Jesus Christ was the Son, not of Joseph, but of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit. Christ's birth was the most joyful of all events up to that time; it was God's way of coming close to men that He might save them from their sins. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In these days of stress, strain and indifference when our hopes are almost shattered, let us take heart again and rejoice. We should never cease to wonder at the Incarnation—the Gospel, for it is the good news of the coming of the Son of God.

The Message of Christmas was announced by the Angels. As humble shepherds were watching their flocks there was a sudden down-flashing of heavenly radiance upon them and an angel appeared, calming their natural fear and announcing the joyous news of the birth of the Saviour. The Shepherds were not asked to believe blindly, they were given a sign—the sign of the Babe in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

Let us ever remember that Christ's birth meant God's glory "In the highest heaven. Glory in the highest to God: Peace—on earth among men of goodwill. The Christmas message foretells God's glory and man's peace with God.

May this Christmas be a festival of praise; and may the chief object of our praise be . . . The Son of God!

REV. B. A. GEARD, Th.B.,
Pastor, Bethemanuel B.M.E. Church, London.



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THE HEALTH VALUE OF FRUIT

Ottawa — Fruits can supply many of the vitamins necessary for maintenance of a well balanced diet, and being easily digested can readily provide many of the nutrients utilized in human metabolism. A. W. Moylis of the Experimental Station at Summerland, B.C., says that fruits, together with vegetables, are the chief source of ascorbic acid, these being the only foods that contribute Vitamin C in any large amounts.

Cooking, he says, can considerably lessen the ascorbic acid value of these foods, so whenever possible they should be eaten raw. As vitamin C is not stored in the human body, foods containing this essential vitamin should be eaten daily. Good sources are citrus fruits, raspberries, tomatoes, cantaloupes, black currants and strawberries. Many other fruits such as apples can contribute significant amounts of ascorbic acid if sufficient quantities are eaten.

Fruits generally have not been found to be outstanding sources of certain other vitamins that have been grouped under the vitamin B complex. Thiamine, riboflavin and pyridoxin for example, are considered essential components of certain reactions occurring in the body. Most fruits do not contain large amounts of these vitamins but prunes and plums are notable exceptions which may be considered rich in both riboflavin and pyridoxin. Apricots and pears, though much lower in riboflavin content, are the next best sources amongst the fruits, followed by peaches, apples, grapefruit and oranges which are all about equal in value.

Thiamine is also found in fruits,

but they do not form as rich a source as do pork, cereal foods and certain vegetables. Prunes once again are the exception, being considered a good source of this vitamin.

Many fruits are rich in carotene, the form in which vitamin A occurs in fruits and vegetables. Apricots are one of the best fruit sources of

provitamin A. Prunes and yellow-fleshed peaches also contain large amounts of carotene while plums have small amounts only.

Approximately four ounces of fresh ripe apricots or 12 ounces of fresh peaches or prunes supply the average adult daily requirement for vitamin A.

WE WELCOME SANTA CLAUS

Again 'tis December and Christmas is nearing
With Santa Claus coming, his gifts to bestow;
The youngsters are hoping the clerk of the weather
Will order, right smartly, a downfall of snow,
That good-natured Santa can hook up his reindeer
Securely and gladly again to his sled,
To speed from his storehouse to fill up their stockings
While they, in sweet slumber, are cuddled in bed.

The old-fashioned story survives all the changes
That Time, in his passing among us has wrought;
It yields to no pleading of new innovations
That skilful designers to charm us have brought.
It does not surrender its claim for our fancy,
And in our affections it still holds its place;
We fondly can picture the swift-bounding reindeer
Urged by their drive, with broad, smiling face.

Good Santa, each Christmas speeds off to the mansions
With gifts for the wealthy who domicile there,
And goes just as gladly to each humble cottage
To cheer up the people of lands everywhere.
He heeds no divisions that men have been making
According to fortune, religion, or birth;
He deems it his duty, his trait and his pleasure
To bless, with his visits, all nations of earth.

He may be old-fashioned to wear flowing whiskers
And have a wool bonnet pulled tight on his head;
But ne'er is he chided by present day people,
Though autos are plenty, for using a sled.
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CHRISTMAS
The true happiness of Christmas is bound up with the children, and it all centres around the birth of the Holy Child, "very God of very God. Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate, by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." It follows, therefore, that the principal feature of our celebration of this happy day should be the offering of our homage to Him Whose birthday it is. Any neglect of this surely deprives Christmas Day of all real meaning.

Regarding the coming of a new year, may I point out that this is a most appropriate time for an audit of our personal affairs in a spiritual sense? The only valid hope for a brighter and better future for the world lies in a more general acceptance of God's rule and guidance by the nations of the world. We can each do our part towards bringing this about, by a firm personal resolve to profit by the experience of past mistakes, slackness and misdoings, and to be more sincere and active in living the Christian life during the days which God may yet grant to us upon earth.

These two thoughts I offer to you as the only sure ways of bringing to fulfilment the wish for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

LONDON NOTES

Mrs. Bessie Fountain who has been ill for some time, was admitted to Victoria Hospital. She is reported as improving and is expected to be home for Christmas.

Mrs. P. Lewis is improving slowly in St. Joseph's Hospital where she has been a patient for the past several weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Susan and Douglas Johnson, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Melford Johnson, are fully recovered from an illness.

Miss Marian Jenkins who has been ill for some time is rapidly improving.

A very pleasant surprise party was given in honour of Rev. B. Gearo's birthday. With many in attendance Rev. Gearo was presented with a scarf and gloves. A delicious luncheon was served.

Paul Johnson has returned home after taking an electrical course at Ryerson School of Technology, Toronto. Paul brings with him the distinction of standing first in his class. We wish him continued success.

Mrs. Dorothy Milton who has spent some time in hospital of late, is now able to remain at home.

Mr. James Bowen of Toronto spent this week end as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howson.

Guests of Mrs. Wm. Berry while visiting Mrs. Dudley have been Mrs. Dudley Sr., Mr. Dudley, Lorne Ladd, Fred Robinson, Ivan Dudley and son.



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Today, at 75, Mrs. her ideas and labors Bethune-Cookman College has an "A" rating from the Department of Education the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Mrs. Bethune received award ever bestowed by a Southern when a few months ago she was elected to a college in Florida, honor a Doctor of Humankind has honorary degrees from more than six universities. She has received citations of the Youth City Award, Sen's Thomas Jefferson Service from Southern University.

She has been presented with the Distinguished Service Medal. She has held the following positions: Director of National Youth Affairs, National Youth special adviser to President Roosevelt, special assistant to the Secretary of War, consultant of United Nations, and other honorary positions too numerous to mention here.

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It is safe to say, that no Negro in the history of the nation has ever been so closely associated with a United States President as was Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder-president-emitus of Bethune-Cookman College, at Daytona Beach, Fla., who was adviser on Negro minority group problems to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Today, at 75, Mrs. Bethune sees her ideas and labors bear fruit in Bethune-Cookman College, which has an "A" rating from the State Department of Education and from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Mrs. Bethune received the highest award ever bestowed upon a Negro by a Southern white college, when a few months ago Rollins College in Florida, honored her with a Doctor of Humanity degree. She has honorary degrees from no less than six universities. She has received citations of the First Annual Youth City Award, Southern Women's Thomas Jefferson Medal, Meritorious Service from the Florida Southern University.

She has been presented the Spingarn Medal. She has held the following positions: Director, Negro Affairs, National Youth Administrator; special adviser to President Roosevelt, special assistant to the Secretary of War, consultant to the Consul of United Nations, and various other honorary positions, too numerous to mention here.

NEGRO RISE IN HISTORY

IS FILMED

New York — History of the American Negro from 1619 to 1865 has

SOUTH AFRICAN RACE

BIAS HIT IN U.N.

Lake Success — Spokesmen for three-fourths of the world's population spoke out in unison here last week against the Union of South Africa's treatment of its "colored citizens" before the United Nations.

The verbal onslaught was led by Mme. Lakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador to Washington, who condemned the Union for requiring 300,000 Indians to live in "a situation full of bitter humiliation" and attempting the complete "degradation of the indigenous and Indian populations and the early extinction of the latter."

Dr. Fadhill Jamali of Iraq declared that the issue was "a human question in which Asiatic is against the Westerner, colored against white — vast, international complications extending far beyond the shores of Capetown."

Justice Aung Khine of Burma also supported the Indian stand which was contained in a resolution. Dr. T. E. Donges of South Africa defended his country on the grounds that the United Nations had no right to concern itself with "domestic issues." He asserted that the U.N.'s declaration of Human Rights was "a state of perfection and ideals" that impose "no obligation on any individual state."

been placed on a strip of film by a local cinema concern.

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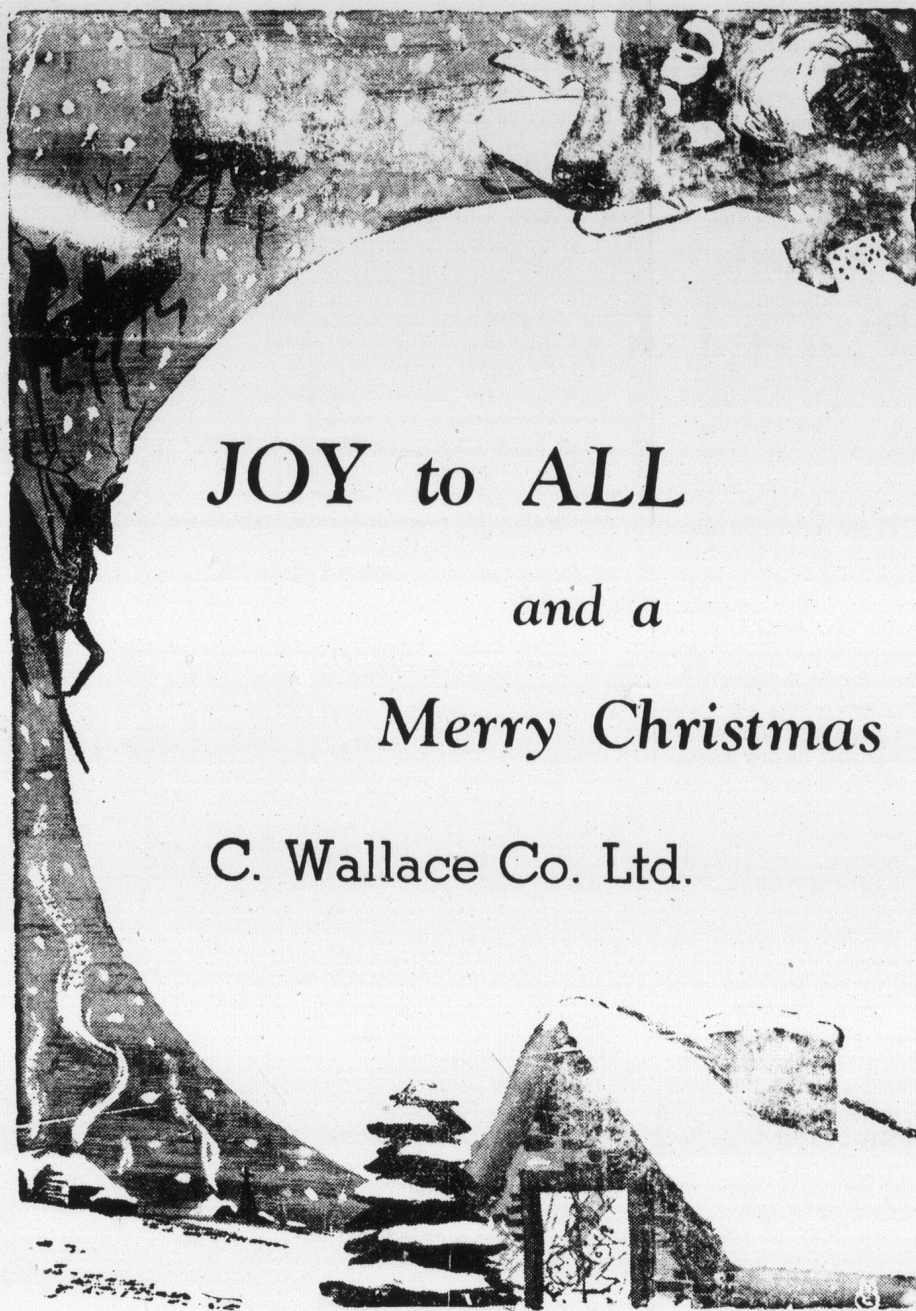
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New York — Further action on behalf of Lieutenant Leon A. Gilbert, whose death sentence was commuted by President Truman to 20 years in prison, will be pushed to the limit, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, announced today following a conference yesterday in Washington between NAACP Attorney Frank Reeves and Judson E. Ruch, York, Pa., attorney retained by Mrs. Gilbert.

The lawyers agreed to act as co-counsel for the convicted officer in all future handling of his case.

Reeves and Ruch are studying the opinion submitted to the President by the Judicial Council of the Judge Advocate General's Office for a determination of the course of action to be followed in working for Gilbert's freedom.

Meanwhile the Judge Advocate General's office granted permission to the Association's lawyers to represent other convicted servicemen who have requested such aid. "This office has no objection to your organization appearing in any case at the request of the accused," Colonel William P. Connally, Jr., assistant Judge Advocate General wrote. "You may be sure," he continued, "that this office will co-operate to the maximum degree consistent with an orderly and prompt administration of its functions."

In response to Mr. Marshall's announcement that the NAACP would undertake the defense of any unjustly convicted GI who requested such aid, letters continued this week to arrive from imprisoned 24th Infantrymen, and their friends and relatives in this country.

One soldier received a life sentence on a charge of murder for shooting three Koreans not knowing whether they were North or

South. The three Koreans, the Negro soldier asserts, were "trying to escape from me in enemy territory."

A 50-year sentence was imposed on another soldier who claims that he was injured and sick at the time he was put in the stockade and was charged with misconduct before the enemy. "It's a lot of different fellows in here with charges almost like that which are sentenced to life and it's an officer in here sentenced to death," this GI writes.

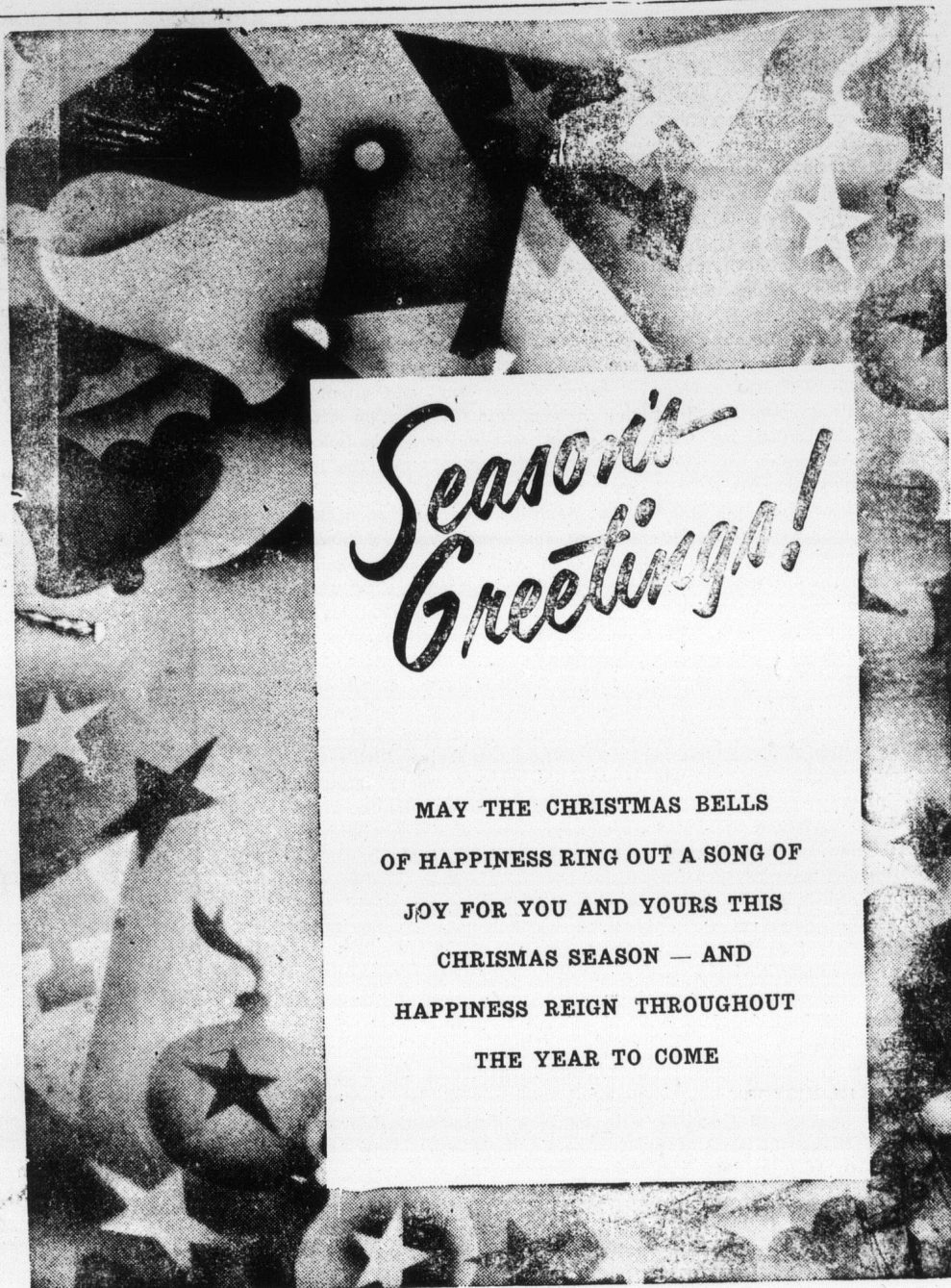
Plans for expediting the defense of the accused infantrymen were formulated by the NAACP committee in administration at its regular monthly meeting here this week.

Two staff lawyers have already been assigned to this responsibility, and recommendations of Mr. Marshall for broadening the scope of the NAACP activity in behalf of the convicted servicemen were approved by the committee.

WHITE, RANDOLPH, HIT STATEHOOD FILIBUSTER

Washington — The Senate filibuster against the Alaskan and Hawaiian statehood bills has been denounced as damaging to America's world position, "particularly in the Pacific basin, as a champion of democracy and equality of opportunity for all peoples," by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL.

In a joint statement issued this week, Mr. White and Mr. Randolph asserted that the adoption in 1949 of the Wherry cloture rule (requiring 64 votes to cut off a filibuster) was a "dangerous folly" which has precipitated a "grave constitutional crisis in an hour of dire national peril."



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SOUTHERN DINNER

The annual Southern dinner of Bethemanuel Church sponsored by the Family Club and well wishers, was a great success. Dinners were served to over 250 people. Others had to be turned away. The Club wishes to thank those who assisted in making the dinner a success. The proceeds, after expenses had been deducted totalled \$146.75 and was turned over to the Church to assist with the necessary needs.

EQUALITY FOR NEGRO DOCTORS

(from The Stratford Beacon Herald)

A step forward in the battle for equality of the Negro population of the United States was taken when the convention of the Medical Society of Virginia, meeting at Roanoke, came within five votes of the two-thirds majority necessary to admit Negro physicians to full membership. Perhaps more important, it elected a president, Dr. C. Lydon Harrell of Norfolk, who urged that the ancient ban be removed. Even if equality of right in this field, as in others were not a part of what is regarded as the American way of life, it is in the public interest, The New York Times says, that Negro doctors increase in numbers and that they have access to all possible professional aids. Among these aids, of course, are the professional societies.

If the Virginia Society had passed the proposed resolution—as it is likely to do soon—it would have been in line with Florida, whose Medical Association lifted the ban last April. Other Southern States still maintain the old practice of segregation—partly, it is explained, because of the embarrassment arising when Negro members are restricted at conventions held in hotels and other public places because of state segregation laws. Nurses seem less bothered by the difficulty; in eight Southern States Negro nurses are members of the state nursing organizations. The American Medical Association, as such, does not draw the color line. Last month a New York City physician, Dr. Peter M. Murray, a Negro, was elected to the A.M.A.'s House of Delegates. It was a belated honor, for he was the first of his race to hold that position, but the election did show progress.

The Negro doctor ministers largely to his own race. Yet in Virginia there is but one Negro doctor for each 4,685 Negroes, and in the country as a whole only one for about each 3,400. Certainly this situation demands wisdom as well as "tolerance."

SACRED PROGRAM

A GREAT SUCCESS

Laymen of Bethemanuel Church, Grey Street, London, sponsored an all-male sacred program in the auditorium of the church on Sunday evening, December 3rd under the leadership of Mr. F. S. Howson.

Twenty male voices sang under the direction of the choir leader, Mr. J. Brooks. The London Red Cap Band under Arnold Sage, played several numbers. Rev. E. R. Richardson presented a piano selection as well as accompanying the choir on the piano. Mr. Paul Lewis gave a baritone solo, "My Task."

Dr. S. F. Maine of the University of Western Ontario gave the address of the evening. He gave an outline of the history of the Church. Address of welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. B. A. Gearo, also by the chairman, F. S. Howson. Rev. Richardson gave the invocation. After the service the ladies of the Church served a dainty lunch to all.

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Milwaukee, Dec. 7 — The war in Asia is not merely a fight between dictatorship and democracy. It is also a desperate struggle between "those who have been robbed and scorned because of color and place of birth and those who have done the robbing," Walter White executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told delegates attending the second annual convention of the International Union of Electrical Workers, CIO, here today.

Citing the "racial arrogance" of white Americans and Europeans and their exploitation of underdeveloped areas, Mr. White said: "All these factors add up to the distrust which caused the present rulers of China to believe — in my opinion quite erroneously — that their lot would be better served under Soviet instead of democratic control."

"I am convinced," the NAACP official continued, "that our greatest error is not calculated prejudice against others, except on the part of a minority of Americans who join such organizations as the Dixiecrat movement and the ultra-conservative business interests which finance and capitalize on such divisive movements. Our greatest national fault has been blindness and unconscious contempt for what the rest of the world — particularly the dark world of two-thirds of the earth's population — thinks of us. It is this indifference and condescension which is today responsible for distrust of our national sincerity and integrity."

Labor, Mr. White said, has a responsibility to demonstrate that democracy is more than a word. Congratulating the IUE for establishing an FEPC within the union, he asserted that it would be of value "only if it is put into daily practice down to the lowest level of union activity." He cited the impact of American foreign policies upon the workingman, urged intensified political action despite recent setbacks, and called upon the trade unionists to enlist actively in the fight to eliminate every vestige of racial discrimination and segregation from American life.

NAACP ASKS JIM CROW IN S.C. H-BOMB PROJECT

Washington, Dec. 7 — A request that the federal government set up appropriate safeguards against segregation and discrimination at the proposed H-Bomb installations in South Carolina was made this week by Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a letter to Gordon Dean, chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Mitchell asserted that in all atomic installations thus far, "we have seen extensive discrimination based on race." These conditions prevail in the Southwest, in Tennessee, and in the Northwest, he said, adding that federal territory in all of these areas has become the scene of "disgusting segregation in housing, denial of job opportunities and a denial of the use of various facilities."

"We ask now," the NAACP official declared, "that . . . there be no discrimination in the housing facilities . . . in the South Carolina area. We ask also that there be no discrimination in the job opportunities of that section. We ask further that in the use of facilities there be no segregation of race."

"While this matter is still in the blue print stage, it is very important that the federal government make certain that the racial patterns of the State of South Carolina will not be imposed in the territory which is used for the production of the H-Bomb."

LOUISIANA COMMITTEE RAISES EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR NAACP

New York, Dec. 7 — More than \$2,000 has been raised for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., by a special committee appointed by Dr. E. A. Johnson, president of the Louisiana State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to assist the Association in its financial emergency.

Working both within and outside of NAACP branches throughout the State of Louisiana, the special committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mildred C. Byrd, has set a goal of \$4,000 in its fund-raising efforts.

During the past week, the Legal Defense Fund has also benefited by a gift of \$200 from the Max Ascoli Fund, Inc., of New York City. A contribution of \$200 was made by Dr. E. R. Alexander of New York City through the Committee of 100, a group of outstanding citizens organized for the support of the NAACP legal program; and a check for \$100 from Miss Lucy Ward Stebbins of Berkeley, California, was received through the NAACP West Coast Regional Office.

Contributions received by the NAACP during the past week include \$2,500 from the United Steelworkers of America, CIO; \$250 from the Metropolitan Mutual Assurance Co. of Chicago; and \$100 from Isadore Martin of Philadelphia.

An editorial in the New York Herald Tribune on December 2, calling attention to the Association's financial crisis, brought contributions totalling \$300 within the first three days after it appeared.

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Don't fool around with the lighting. Get electrical tree equipment that has been approved by the underwriters' laboratories. Be sure there are no frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets. Don't overload the circuits.

Watch those Christmas gift electrical toys and appliances. Power tools washing machines and electric ironers should not be connected to light sockets. Call in a qualified electrician. Don't hook up electric toys near water, heating or gas pipes. A child might be badly shocked.

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Shortbread Cookies

Use white sugar or brown sugar as
you prefer, for these typical short-
bread cookies. Yield—5 dozen small
cookies or 3½ dozen if you use larger
cutters.1 cup butter
½ cup fruit sugar or lightly packed
brown sugar
3 cups (about) once-sifted pastry
flour
Or 2 2-3 cups (about) once-sifted
hard-wheat flour.Cream the butter until very soft;
gradually blend in the fruit or brown
sugar and cream well.Gradually mix in about 2 cups of
the sifted flour.Turn dough onto a canvas or bak-
ing board that is sprinkled generous-
ly with the remaining flour and knead
flour into the dough until dough
cracks on the surface—you will have
to knead in about 1 cup more sifted
pastry flour or 2-3 cup more sifted
hard-wheat flour.Roll dough out on lightly floured
canvas or baking board to about 1-4
inch thickness and shape with flour-
ed cookie cutters; arrange on un-
greased baking sheets.Bake in a slow oven, 300 degrees,
30 to 50 minutes, depending upon
the size of the cookies made.PARIS STORES SHOW
SCENES OF NATIVITYThis year animation of the tradi-
tional Christmas santons in the big
store windows of Paris will bring the
story of the birth of the Christ Child
to thousands of children, and grown-
ups in a new and wonderful way.For longer than anyone can remem-
ber, the transforming of shop win-
dows into magic scenes at Christmas
by use of little figurines has been a
Paris custom which attracts droves
of spectators. But this year some
of the artists have had the happy
idea of animating these santons,
which are tiny terra cotta figurines
or little carved woodfigures of the
Holy Family and all other characters
which figure in the Nativity scene.The shop windows of Paris are not
like those of Toronto's big stores, nor
of New York's or even London. And
the scenes are not necessarily exclu-
sively Christmas in character, al-
though usually flanked by dolls and
toys, trumpets, wagons and electric
trains.Parisian windows, which first at-
tract the crowds, may be strange
animated scenes which might repre-
sent the interior of a railway sta-
tion, the zoo, a circus or a scene in
some fashionable school. In the sta-
tion there might be a Scottish gen-
tleman in kilts arguing about a trip, an
American actress followed by a doz-
en porters carrying her luggage, or
maybe an Englishman in loud plus
fours, with the roar of station life
all around them. Parisians flock
to the windows for a good laugh.Origin of the santons is lost in
history. But today in almost everyhome of France, Spain and Italy
these little figures find their way
out at Christmas time. Even the
poorest family will have at least
the three central figures in the Na-
tivity scene.Some will have more elaborate
settings, including the shepherds, the
wise men and animals tradition-
ally associated with the birth of the Sav-
iour, very similar to what is seen
in many Canadian and American
churches, and even in some homes
on this continent.In some European villages imagin-
ation has carried the artisans fur-
ther and there will be not only the p-
rincipal characters in the Christ-
mas story, but little statuettes repre-
senting all the trades and occupations of
the village.Recently these little figurines have
been finding their way far beyond the
borders of France—even to Montreal,
New York, and maybe Toronto.MARSHALL ASKS ENTRY INTO
JAPAN TO DEFEND NEGRO GISNew York, Dec. 7 — Application
for a military entry permit to en-
able him to go to Japan has been
made by Thurgood Marshall, special
counsel for the National Association
for the Advancement of Colored
People, who hopes to undertake the
defense of 24th Infantrymen in courts
martial cases. More than a score of
these Negro soldiers have appealed
to the Association for assistance.Mr. Marshall's application will
come before General of the Army
Douglas MacArthur, who alone can
approve the trip. Word is expected
to reach the NAACP offices on Gen.
MacArthur's decision in about fifteen
days. In the meantime, preparations
are being made for Mr. Marshall's
departure for Japan as soon as the
permission is received.If you want your china and glass-
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MINORITY GROUPS HAIL
JUDGMENT AS LANDMARK

The Supreme Court of Canada judgment, invalidating restrictive covenants in property deeds was greeted with widespread satisfaction in minority groups Monday.

The covenant expressed the agreement of a group of property owners that the property should never be sold to any one of Jewish, Hebrew, Semitic, Negro or colored race or blood.

Norman Borins, one of the counsel for the appellants, said he regarded the judgment as one of the most important of the Supreme Court of Canada in many years.

the discriminatory features of racial restrictive covenants are contrary to the principles of genuine democracy.

"The judgment is indeed a victory of tremendous import in that it is a declaration of the highest court of the land on a very disturbing question in a democratic country in which Mr. Borins said. "It is a strong decision since six out of seven judges of the Supreme Court of Canada have reversed the Ontario Court of Appeal.

"While the reasons for judgment are not yet at hand, from information received it would appear that the judgments are based on several grounds," Mr. Borins continued.

"These reasons virtually put an end to restrictive covenants on the basis of race, color, creed or religion. The court has reaffirmed the old principle that there shall be no restraint on alienation and has further decided that these covenants are to be distinguished from covenants as to the user of land, which are covenants running with the land, and therefore bind subsequent purchasers. The distinction is based on the ground that a racial restriction is a personal covenant and does not bind subsequent purchasers. Another ground is one of uncertainty in deciding who might be included within the restrictive class."

Counsel for the appellants were Shirley Dennison, J. J. Robinette and Mr. Borins. All counsel were assisted by Paul Hess and Richard Richmond of London, Ont.

"All people of goodwill will hail this judgment with deepest satisfaction," said Irving Oelbaum, president of the Ontario Region, Canadian Jewish Congress. "It is further evidence that there is no place in Canada for racial or religious intolerance. The judgment gives force of law to a moral principle.

"The hearts of all minorities in Canada will beat faster for Canadianism now that they no longer are considered second class citizens," Mr. Oelbaum said. "There is one law for all Canadians. The judgment is in keeping with 20th century thinking and its lesson should be taken to heart. This is a landmark in civil liberties, pointing the way to tasks yet undone."

Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg of the Holy Blossom Temple described the judgment as "a potent weapon in the cold war of ideology between communism and the west." The covenant was an "iron curtain of snobbery and segregation," and the Supreme Court has deprived communism in Canada of a highly effective instrument of propaganda.

"The joint public relations committee, under my chairmanship, urged and supported the appeal of this case to the Supreme Court," said Rabbi Feinberg, whose term of office ended recently.

At London, Ont., Bernard Wolf, purchaser of the property and central figure in the litigation, told reporters: "My faith in democratic Canada has been upheld." Mr. Wolf said frankly he did not know what to do with the property on Lake Huron, but there was "no anger and no revenge" concerned.

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STUDIES NAACP PROPOSALS
New York — Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week that "every consideration" will be given to the recommendation that qualified Negro members be placed on important committees concerned with the organization of manpower for defense mobilization. He also stated that the U.S. Employment Service will recommend to state agencies that racial designations be removed from job application cards.

In a letter to NAACP Secretary Walter White, Secretary Tobin stated: "We are moving as rapidly as circumstances will permit in reviewing, analyzing, revising and adapting all present policies and operations of the Department of Labor in relation to the current defense program."

Admitting that in presently continuing "its established policies in the placement of minority groups," the Employment Service makes "no referral to a position where services to be performed or the terms or conditions of employment are contrary to federal, state, or local law," Mr. Tobin assured Mr. White that efforts were being made to promote employment "based exclusively on job performance factors."

The Secretary of Labor's letter was in answer to a letter from Mr. White, pointing out the omission of any consideration of the problems of minority groups in the department's recently issued General Order No. 48, on defense manpower.

NAACP FIGHTS OUSTER OF TWO LEVITTOWN FAMILIES

Mineola, L.I. — Judge Percy D. Stoddard of the Supreme Court of New York for Nassau County yesterday ordered Levitt and Sons, Long

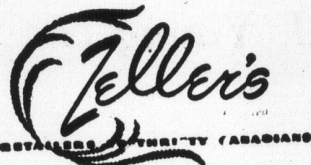
Island builders, to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be issued to restrain them from evicting from the community of Levittown two families who have played host to Negroes.

The action was taken pending disposition of a suit filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Novick and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ross, whose leases are not being renewed. The NAACP charges that the two families are being evicted because last July they invited Negro children from nearby Hempstead to play with their children.

Last year, the Federal Housing Administration compelled the builders to remove a written restrictive covenant from deeds and leases in the town after pressure by the NAACP and other groups. Despite a Supreme Court ruling declaring such covenants unenforceable, Levittown continues to adhere to its lily-white policy.

Representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress, and the American Jewish Committee are meeting with the NAACP to discuss possible joint legal action in connection with the eviction cases.

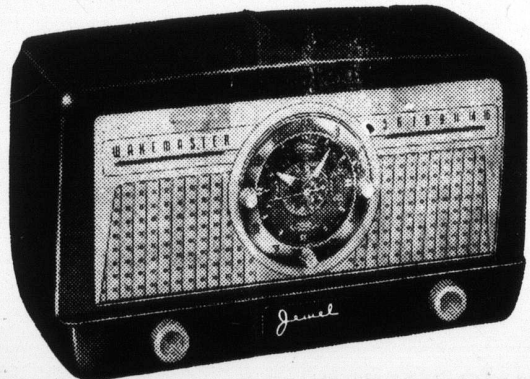
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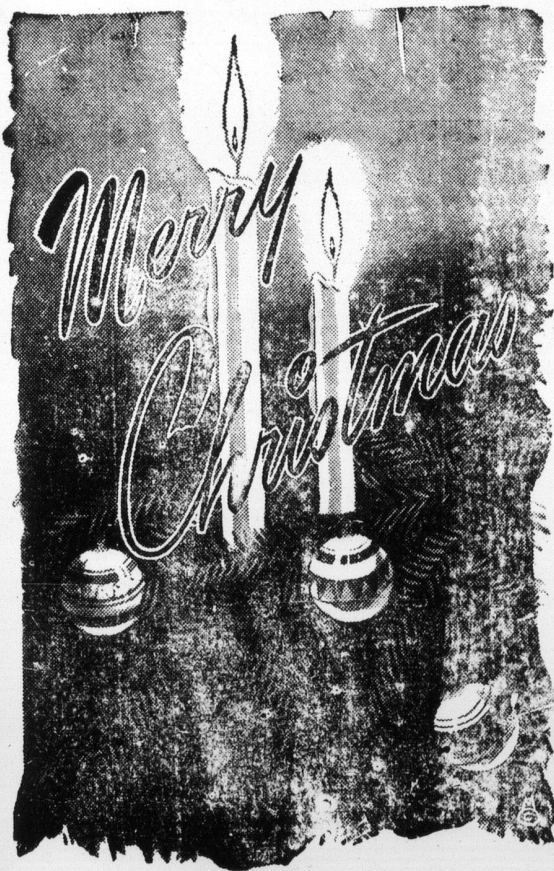
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THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY
MME. PANDIT in UN on So Af-
rican Apartheid Point at Grave
Issues.

by HORACE CAYTON
South Africa is again in the news.
This time Mme. Vijaya Lakshmi
Pandit, India's Ambassador to Wash-
ington condemned the Union of
South Africa for their treatment of
some 300,000 resident Indians that
she said were exposed to segrega-
tion and discrimination and denied
fundamental rights and human free-
doms in every sense of the term.
Mme. Pandit is right. But it not
only poses for the Indians, but for the
Bantu as well.

What the South Africans are try-
ing to do is no news to the world.
The Malan Government with its ob-
session on white supremacy has for
some time tried to put over the pol-
icy of "apartheid" which means that
the white people and the colored
people and the Indians would all
have to live in separate areas. This
is segregation in its most brutal form.
Mme. Pandit has spoken for the
Indians. However, before she took
the matter before the United Nations
the Rev. Michael Scott had placed
a very impressive document before
Secretary General Trygve Lie out-
lining the position of the Batus.

The resolution for India was set
forth in a resolution also sponsored
by Burma, Indonesia and Iraq. In
effect, it stated that this legislation
contravened the purposes and prin-
ciples of the Charter of the United
Nations and the Declaration on Hu-
man Rights.

The defense of South Africa was
made by Dr. T. E. Donges. The doc-
tor said that the charges made by
Mme. Pandit would not hold water
either on judicial or political grounds.
Especially he was incensed about

the possibility of the United Nations
concerning itself with a domestic is-
sue. He predicted that such action
would establish an "insidious and
dangerous" precedent.

In fact the doctor argued that the
Declaration on Human Rights was
a state of perfection and ideals that
imposes no obligation on any individ-
ual state. In other words, Dr. Don-
ges believed that any state could
suppress any minority group regard-
less of the Declaration of Human
Rights.

This is a grave issue which sooner
or later the United Nations will have
to meet.

How is it possible to tolerate a
dual standard of morality for East
and West?

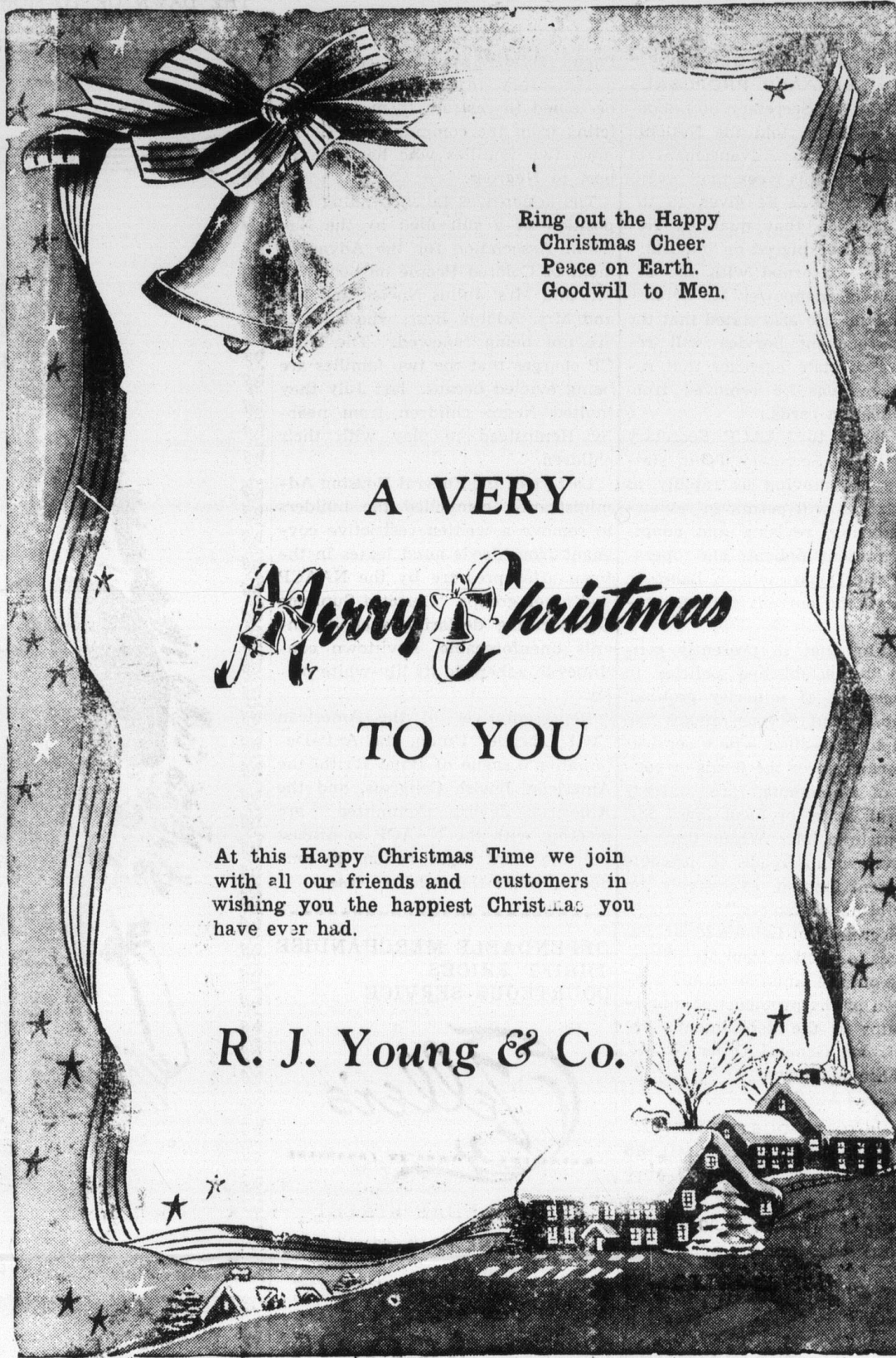
How is it possible to be so excit-
ed about the denial of the liberty of
the people of Bulgaria and Hungary
and ignore the rights of the people
in the so-called dependent areas?

Then, if this theory is once ac-
cepted, what about the Negro popu-
lation in the United States?

The question which Mme. Pandit
has raised regarding the Indians are
fundamental. They are as important
and cogent for the American Negroes
as they are for the Indians in South
Africa or the Bantus. What the In-
dian Ambassador has stated is the
problem of human freedom every-
where.

In a meeting last week in New
York held by the United Negro Col-
lege Fund, Mme. Pandit stated: "My
country wants to move forward with
you so that you in the West and we
in the East can achieve the peace and
freedom we all desire."

If the people of South Africa and
of America want to achieve this free-
dom they will have to give up their
attitude toward racial superiority.
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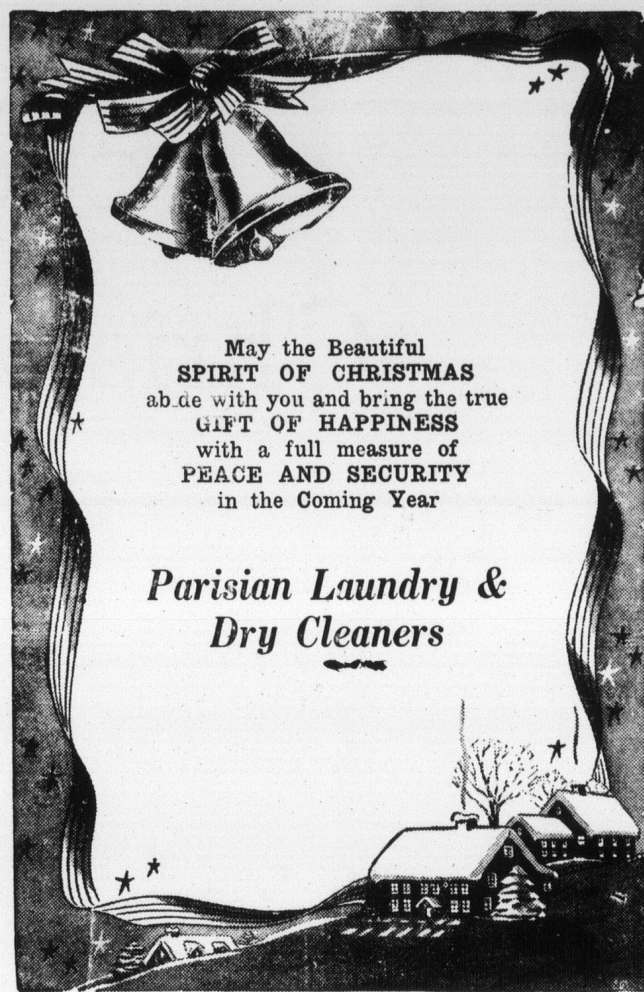
THE LIGHT STILL SHINETH
IN DARKNESS

The Christmas story which is a song of joy out of the heart of the world comes to us each year just as fresh and new as when we first listened to it with the starry-eyed wonder of little children. It never grows old. It never loses its appeal. Where in all the world is there any story like that coming to us as it does on the wings of music, with angel faces in the background, all wrapped in the glamour and haze of ineffable beauty. Something deep within us recognizes that here is truth so profound that we can hope to understand it only as we lay aside our towering pride and look out again through the wondering, appreciative eyes of childhood. That is why the old familiar hymns and carols are so dear to us—they are a permanent part of the world's spiritual treasure. They defy the barriers of race and nationality. "Holy Night," whether it be sung in English or Chinese, still gives expression to the reverence we feel as we stand in the presence of Divine mystery with the light of another world shining in our faces.

Vast changes have come over this world since that humble birth in Bethlehem. But the voice of Christ still speaks with timeless and universal appeal. We sense the reality of His prophecy, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away." The Gospel which means literally "Good News" is still the most urgent and important news the world has ever heard. For at the heart of it is the assurance that this is God's world. A thousand ugly facts may seem to deny it—the throb of pain in our own experience often makes us wonder if there be any God. But Christmas comes and reveals to us divine possibilities both for ourselves and for this weary world. If suspicion and fear and intolerance seem to dominate the world situation, there is no occasion to despair when we remember that with God "A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday." When we get panicky at the trend of events it is comforting to stop and take a long look at things. Time is always waiting on behalf of what is true and beautiful and good. There are temporary setbacks—like the trough of the ocean waves, but the current sweeps on. This does not suggest that progress is automatic—that we can stand still as if we were on an escalator, and let time carry us up to the next floor. On the contrary, there can be no progress without determined, persistent effort. God uses this poor humanity of ours to get His work done. This is not a fool proof world. The price of our freedom is that we can misuse it. We can blow ourselves to bits if we are silly enough to think that war can settle our problems. No, progress is not automatic. Nevertheless this is God's world. The Christian religion stakes its life on that. And because it is God's world, even in our darkest hours we can dare to believe that the final chapter will record a victory for truth and right. Little men drunk with power can strut up and down the earth, rattling swords and threatening all who stand in their way, but in the long run, good will is more powerful than hatred and right will outlast wrong.

The annual meeting of the special conference committee and the Financial Board met in London last week end. Those present were Rev. T. H. Jackson, Rev. F. O. Stewart, G. Donaldson, A. Nicholson, Rev. F. R. Legge, Sr.

Mrs. M. Dudley of Dresden is ill in Victoria Hospital.



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Inter-Church At Emanue

On Thursday evening the ladies of Bethel hosts of the Inter-women of the various churches under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Childs. Mrs. J. A. Coursey, Missionary Society of the United Church, also expressed assurance of having the pleasure of welcoming the Court.

Mrs. G. A. Wheeler, President of Middlesex M.S., United Church, gave a wonderful address on "Peace." We must have democracy by our quarters of the people have not had our part must share with them of food, clothing, and medical facilities, all understanding to all men Jesus Christ, the path.

Mrs. Wheeler also on her trip to the and the various districts.

Mayor Alan Rushby guests and brought the city. Mrs. A. W. conducted the devotion assisted by Mrs. J. V. Gospel Choir sang hymns, "My Lord and Come to the end of under the leadership of Brooks.

Thanks to the support expressed by Mrs. R. the church, choir and society by Mrs. G. W.

Tea was served in the School room under Mrs. F. Howson. beautifully draped work cloth and silver centre-piece wows beautiful spring flowers, lips, snapdragons and quilted leaves in silver. Berry and Mrs. F. E. The collection which by Dr. G. W. Moore the London Council will be given to the the United Nations Howson replied to the appreciation.

NAACP AGAIN UP OF GRAIN-FOR-INDIA

Washington, March 10.—Full support of the program was made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at a hearing before the Affairs Committee.

Clarence Mitchell, NAACP Washington Committee that the interest in the plight of India was greatly supported by N. A. W. White followed India last year. Mr. that the threat of endangers the success of the Indian National Congress leader Nehru's "desire against Communism."