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Composer Is Chosen

CHICAGO — William Christopher Handy, who fought blindness and poverty to become an outstanding composer of blues and spirituals, has become the fourteenth outstanding American Negro to be elected to the EBONY Hall of Fame.

Handy, "whose songs will be sung and played by choristers and jazz trumpets as long as there is a place in the world for deeply felt music," is the fourth person elected. On the EBONY magazine's tenth anniversary the editors named ten distinguished Negroes.

Composer of the world-famous "St. Louis Blues," Handy made a major contribution to the establishment of the blues as America's only cultural export.

Other outstanding members of the Hall of Fame, individuals whose contributions to the progress and achievement of the Negro in American life were outstanding include: Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. George Washington Carver, Walter Francis White, Booker T. Washington, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Banneker, Sojourner Truth, Crispus Attucks, Madame C. J. Walker, Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, and Carter G. Woodson.

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Help us all to live Thy way.

—Grayce Krogh Boller



JOHNNY UNITAS

Johnny Unitas, presented the Jim Thorpe Trophy to Jim Brown, elected by the players as the best player in the National Football League. The Cleveland fullback set a new record for rushing the ball. Unitas, the Baltimore quarterback, was last year's winner.



The 109th anniversary of Beth Emanuel Church, 424 Grey street, was celebrated with a special afternoon service. Here, left to right are: Rev. E. A. Richardson, church pastor; Rev. John Fleck, president of the London Council of Churches; Rev. I. H. Edwards, general superintendent of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, Windsor, guest speaker; and Alderman Albert Plumb, representing the City Council and the Mayor.

Haiti Fearing War Asks American Help

(Editor's Note: Frank H. Bartholomew, president of United Press International, is in the Caribbean area making a study of the new cold war developing there. In an interview, Haitian President Francois Duvalier told Bartholomew the Caribbean situation is "explosive," a statement borne out by events in Cuba where Bartholomew found Haitian expatriates planning a revolutionary invasion attempt against Duvalier.)

By F. H. BARTHOLOMEW

By United Press International
PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti—"The Caribbean today is an extremely explosive area," the president of this small nation which is striving to avoid entrapment as a battleground between two larger neighbors told United Press International.

Francois Duvalier, the grave and thoughtful medical doctor who heads the Republic of Haiti said he believes the situation is such that "the United States should take immediate steps to assume full responsibility for maintenance of peace in the Caribbean area."

The doctor gazed through the glass louvered windows of the nation's White House on a hillside out over Port Au Prince Harbor toward Cuba on the distant horizon as he spoke.

Meantime in Cuba, former Sen. Louis Dejoie is heading a movement of other Haitian expatriates for a revolutionary invasion attempt against Haiti which he told United Press International will be made within 30 days.

Dejoie, a defeated candidate in the last Haitian presidential election, has a bodyguard of two "barbudos," riflemen from Premier Fidel Castro's Cuban revolutionary army.

Castro has not included Haiti in the Caribbean countries where his government had pledged to assist in overthrowing asserted dictatorships. However, Castro has stated his positive intention to aid in an attempt to unhorse President Hector B. Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, on

the same island as Haiti which stands between Trujillo and Cuba.

"Our concern at the moment is the possibility Trujillo may move first in an attempt to block us before we are ready," Dejoie told the United Press International in Cuba. "Before we move we want to make clear our demand for United Nations supervision of Haitian elections."

Dr. Duvalier, a quiet-voiced, neatly dressed man with a greying crewcut and hornrimmed glasses, addressed his fellow presidents of Caribbean nations:

"It's time for every leader to think in terms of civilization rather than wars and invasions."

"The important battle should not be against one another but against illiteracy, poverty and disease," he said. "It is unfortunate that leaders continue to think in terms of stringing up trouble for personal aggrandizement rather than concentrating the time, effort and expenditures toward improving the standard of living of the common man."

"It is impossible to overlook the remarkable progress of the people of Jamaica and Puerto Rico whose political destinies are stabilized by larger countries."

"A new era of peace and prosperity can come not only to the Caribbean nations but to the entire hemisphere if the United States under the terms of the Caracas Convention of 1954 accepts the responsibility for the maintenance of international peace according to its leadership of the Western Hemisphere."

Otherwise, President Duvalier said, Haiti is prepared to defend itself with its regular army of 5,000 well-trained troops and armed civilians numbering more than 8,000.

Dr. G. A. Leitchliter, author of this article which appeared in The Canadian Baptist, is secretary of the Florida Baptist Foundation. He is a former pastor of Adelaide Street Baptist Church here and later of College Street Baptist Church, Toronto.

Situation in Africa Reviewed at Glance

MONROVIA, Liberia — Liberian President William V.S. Tubman was unanimously nominated for a fourth term recently by delegates attending the National True Whig Party Convention here.

NEW DELHI, India — Mrs. Indira Ghandi, 41-year-old daughter of India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, was unanimously elected president of her father's ruling Indian National Congress party last week.

DAKAR, Senegal — Eight French possessions in French Equatorial and West Africa have begun actions to form two federations of states as a stepping stone to African unity.

MBABANE, Swaziland, South Africa — Dr. John J. Nkuku, publisher of the monthly Swazilander, said recently that the African has been "greatly disappointed by the inhumanity and hypocrisy of the co-called Christian nations."

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia — A boycott of stores owned by Africans, who refuse to support the African National Congress, was carried on last week by 300 African women.

ACCRA, Ghana — Water is on rations for the approximately 250,000 persons in the capital city of Ghana and may continue for some time because of the drought which encompasses the surrounding area.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Through a UN mission has reported that the 760,000 people in the northern British Cameroons want the territory to join Nigeria when it achieves independence in 1960, the southern portion is holding out for independence or eventual union with neighboring French Cameroons.

MONROVIA — The Government of Liberia has formally proposed the establishment of a permanent "Associated States of Africa," which would include independent states and colonies with a fixed date of independence.

NAIROBI, Kenya — Rawson Kenyatta, is currently facing charges of swearing to a false affidavit in the chief prosecution witness in the 1952 trial of Mau Mau leader Jomo Kenyatta trial.

LONDON, England — Oxford University has followed the lead of six African universities in protesting the Verwoerd regime's decision to extend a partheid (segregation) to the Universities of Capetown and Witwatersrand.

IBADAN, Nigeria — Progress being made by Ohio State University educators working on the joint university-ICA-Western Nigerian region government teacher training project, was recently inspected by two Ohio State University officials.

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Two Sudanese labor leaders, whose names were withheld, have been sentenced to five years in prison for "illegal meetings and consorting with Communists."

CAPETOWN, South Africa — Peter Jansen Van Vuuren, 46-year-old white ex-railroad employee, was stripped of his rights and privileges as a white man by a magistrate's court last week for "cohabitating with a colored woman" and desiring to "be on the colored side from now onward."

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo — Native troops last week began arresting non-residents and sending them back to their native villages as part of a government-supervised clean-up campaign.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — What has been described as the richest gold strike in the history of South African mining was reported last week by the Free State Guldud Mining company.

KAMPALA, Buganda — The new Buganda Lukiko (parliament) reaffirmed last week by an overwhelming majority, the decision to ask Queen Elizabeth to terminate Britain's protectorate over the kingdom.

CAPETOWN, South Africa — The newest of plans for all-out implementation of apartheid in the Union of South Africa was announced last week by M.D. de Wat Nel, minister of Bantu administration and development.

LAGOS, Nigeria — The Eastern Nigerian government has announced a five-year \$206 million plan for the development of health services in the region.

IWO, Nigeria — A program to wipe out illiteracy in the Western region of Nigeria within the next 5-10 years, has been launched by the minister of health and social welfare.

Youth Governor Is Colored Boy

PRINCETON, N. J. — For the first time in history, a colored youth is "Youth Governor" of New Jersey in the state's Model Legislature program.

Theodore T. Grove, Jr., 17, a senior at Camden high school, beat three other youths in pre-legislative elections on the Princeton University campus for the governor's post. He said that the three defeated candidates would serve in his Cabinet.

Althea Gibson Off On Tour

NEW YORK — Althea Gibson left here Saturday on a goodwill tour of five Latin-American republics, under sponsorship of the State Department.

The Wimbledon and American women's tennis champion will spend three weeks visiting Guatemala, Colombia, Chile, Venezuela and Haiti under the auspices of the department's cultural exchange program.



MISS PORTIA WHITE

Miss Portia White, concert soloist from Toronto, Ont., was guest soloist during Brotherhood Week held in the city.

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Negro Writers Are Recognized

CHICAGO — "Throughout Broadway's long history only a few Negro playwrights have been successful in having their works professionally produced on the street that is the Major League of dramatic arts." The April issue of EBONY Magazine reveals in an exclusive article, the growing importance of Negroes in this field.

"The 1959 season will be noteworthy, however, for not only is a Negro author's first creative work being produced on Broadway but Lorraine Hansberry's A RAISIN IN THE SUN marks a milestone in the history of the American theater by showcasing brilliant Negro performers in every phase of the legitimate stage." Since World War II only five plays written by Negroes have reached Broadway and only one, Take A Giant Step, has earned for its author, Louis Peterson, a substantial income, which was made possible when it was bought for movie adaptation.

With the advent of new and fresh talent, writing on all phases of American life the future looks bright, indeed, for the Negro playwright.

London Notes

We are glad to report Mrs. Bessie Fountaine is now convalescing at her home after a lengthy illness in the hospital. Mr. C. Bell has also returned to his home from the hospital where he underwent a serious operation.

Mr. Clifford Phoenix is doing very nicely after a serious illness in Westminster Hospital.

Mr. Wm. Hunter is still on the sick list at his home.

Mrs. Mary Howard from Toronto, Ont., was taken suddenly ill while visiting friends and relatives in Lucan, has now returned to her home.

Mr. Fred Jenkins is quite ill with the flu at his home on Howard Ave.

Mrs. A. Stevens is reported quite ill at her home on Dame Street.

Mr. James Booker met with an accident at his place of work, his condition is some improved.

Friends and children of Mrs. C. Howson gave her a surprise tea in honor of her birthday on Sunday evening, March 8.

The Missionary Society of Bethemmanual Church held a St. Patrick's tea in the Sunday school room which was quite a success. Old time songs were sung and a number of games played. A dainty lunch was served by the ladies. All reported a joyful evening.

On April 16th a Spring Tea will be held. You are welcome to come and enjoy yourself. If you have any songs to request, bring them along. Remember the time, 7.30 p.m. in the Sunday school room at Bethemmanual Church, Grey Street.

On Sunday, March 22, the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Mary Drake gathered at her home on Waterloo Street to celebrate her birthday.

On Good Friday evening, March 27 at 8 o'clock, pictures of the Crucifixion will be shown by Mrs. Harold Butler from Lucan, Ont. At Bethemmanual Church, the pastor, Rev. E. Richardson has prepared a special program for Easter Sunday. Sunrise Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Mrs. Rene Corey and Mrs. Doris Kennedy will be in charge of the children's program during the evening service.

The Missionary Society has organized a choir which you are invited to join. Choir rehearsal every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

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So far, the cornea, or pupil—the clear, transparent lens—is the only part of the eye that can be transplanted to save sight. The good corneas are willed to the eye bank of Canada by persons at death.

Only 60 or 70 of the 2,300 totally blind in British Columbia have had their sight restored by this method. It is estimated that only about six per cent of the totally blind are sightless because of defective corneas.

But many others on the verge of blindness have had their sight saved by this operation.

The eye bank however now is in need of corneas. Some patients wait weeks, perhaps months, before they are eligible for the operation.

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Negro Buses Making Money

CHICAGO — While some transit systems lose money, the Negro-owned Safe Bus Incorporated bus lines of Winston-Salem, North Carolina is thriving, and on a non-segregated seating basis.

The Safe Bus carries three million passengers annually, owns all of its equipment, sets their own policies, and ferry Negro and white passengers in an unsegregated fashion.

The white-owned City Bus Line long since took note of the desegregated ways of the 32-year old Safe Bus and followed suit. Today there is no color pattern in seating on any Winston-Salem busses.

The \$200,000, 55-vehicle fleet of diesel and gas-driven Safe busses rolls over 75 miles of special routes in the bustling tobacco capital. It has 89 full time employees, an annual payroll exceeding \$225,000, \$20,000 worth of tools and replacement parts and has the largest mechanical shop in the city.

According to EBONY, the Safe Lines' greatest pride is not in its financial success so much as in its contribution to social progress. To its officials and its 70-year-old president and sole surviving founder John M. Adams, the company has stood as a beacon for racial cooperation for more than three decades.

The Safe Bus Lines, with whom the City Bus Line once wanted to merge, is now the third largest mass transportation firm in North Carolina, and the only Negro-owned member of the North Carolina Transportation Association.

Coed Describes Life Sentence

CHICAGO — A twenty-one year old coed tells what it is like to live with an incurable blood disease, sickle cell anemia, which strikes about one out of every 400 American Negroes.

In a by-lined article, "I'm Living On Borrowed Time," Marclan A. Walker of Huntington, West Virginia, tells of the rare and chronic blood disease which has necessitated over 250 blood transfusions as the only treatment for the disease.

Miss Walker was born with sickle cell anemia, which doctors say is an inherited defect of red blood cells, and must be hospitalized at least five times a year.

Between crises, Miss Walker leads a normal life as a coed at Marshall College in Huntington, where she is studying to be a speech therapist.

She is secretary of the Marshall International Relations Club, and has a part-time job as a student assistant in the Political Science Department.

Miss Walker, who won a scholarship to Marshall as the result of a prize-winning essay on "What Americanism Means To Me," hopes that a cure or a better treatment will be found for the disease. Medical specialists say few victims of sickle cell anemia live beyond thirty years of age.

Daughter of a Baptist minister, Miss Walker teaches Sunday School, and with faith, and a prayer as a motto, she is concerned not about herself—but others.

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Lost Paper Cost Life

CHICAGO — The most important thing to a sane man who spent fifteen years in the East Louisiana State Hospital for the criminally insane because of lost records, is whether or not the state will pay him for the "lost" years of his life.

The story of Spiller Thomas of Plaquemine, La., is told in the February issue of EBONY Magazine.

In 1941 Thomas was picked up drunk near the scene of a New Orleans burglary, sent to the state hospital, was judged sane in 1943 and ordered returned to court for trial.

Thomas, then 49, never got there. In the routine of hospital work, the release order was lost, the judge was not notified and Thomas was kept in the asylum.

Of his release from the mental hospital, Thomas says: "I prayed all the time, and I told the other inmates that I wasn't going to die in that asylum . . . Faith was what did it."

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Brotherhood Story Subject of Sermon

Two London religious leaders of different faiths preached the lesson of brotherhood in Dundas Centre United Church yesterday in a co-operative effort to find "Bridges of Understanding" during Brotherhood Week, Feb. 15 to 21.

Rabbi Benjamin J. Friedberg, of the B'Nai Israel Synagogue, discussed the topic in an evening sermon before the United Church congregation, appealing for knowledge, worship and righteous deeds in answer to problems of racial and religious segregation.

Similar Topic

The Dundas Centre minister, the Rev. H. Donald Joyce, presented his views on the same theme to the B'Nai Israel congregation at its Sabbath service Friday evening. He reviewed his sermon before his own congregation Sunday morning.

Rabbi Friedberg, presenting the foundation of his three bridges of understanding, referred to a section of the Talmud, or body of Jewish law, in which Simon the Just cites the Torah or divine precept, worship and the doing of righteous deeds.

Study Value of Life

"In the Torah, we study the value of life for the sake of finding the will of God," he said. But the understanding which leads to brotherhood is not achieved through study for the sake of power to sway the masses, he warned. Some of the most educated nations have become some of the most barbaric, he observed.

Thirst for knowledge is finding out what God's world is like, so that man can free himself from his sense of primitiveness and hence his sense of estrangement in the world. With this achievement comes the elimination of fear from the unknown and the strange.

Spiritual Understanding

Spiritual understanding, like the technological "break throughs" of the invention of writing and the wheel, is needed so man may be at home in the universe.

Worship, the second "bridge," negates the idea of self sufficiency in man. Such an idea would place the successful man in the position of God with the power to look down on and depress less successful persons. But the humility of worship indicates a lessening of one's status in which a man becomes part of the infinite, hence part of the greatness which is God. In depending on God, therefore, one must depend on his creatures.

Everyone has the opportunity of doing righteous deeds Rabbi Friedberg said. No man can take it on himself to say he is powerless in the face of the great powers. He presented the example of politicians and statesmen who, in effect, do merely on a large scale what we do on a small scale every day.

The achievement of these three bridges, of brotherhood, must be the responsibility of every individual, he advised.

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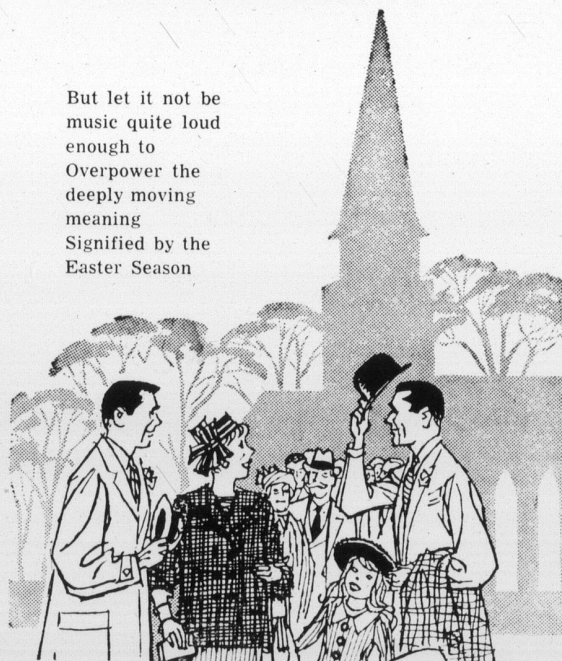
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First, she will start with clean, fresh, white hard-cooked eggs. Then in pyrex bowls she will dissolve the coloring tablets in hot water and add a teaspoon of vinegar. After the eggs are colored (and check to see that the Easter Egg kit contains certified food colors) she can decorate some of them with decals, multicolor glitter and egg dress-ups.

Decorate your party cake with some of the gay little figures which come in a circus kit. These are on a perforated sheet and children can easily punch them out, assemble and place colored eggs in the openings which form part of the bodies.

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1 cup sour milk
1 cup suet
1 tsp. soda
2 cups flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. salt
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Steam 1 hour. (If you use a deep dish, use one with a tube in the centre, or steam for an extra half-hour to be sure pudding is done.)

FLUFFY SAUCE

1 cup brown sugar, packed
2 tbsp. soft butter
2 eggs, separated
1 tsp. vanilla
Mix sugar, butter, egg yolks and vanilla well.
Beat egg whites stiff and fold into sugar mixture.

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Learn Now Pay Later

By GEORGE B. BROWN

DES MOINES — (UPI) — Educators throughout the country are eyeing Grinnell College's "learn now, pay later" plan for helping lower-income families finance a college education.

Howard R. Bowen, president of the 930-student college at Grinnell, Iowa, has received hundreds of letters from school officials inquiring about the installment plans. Grinnell plans to put the program into effect next September.

In one plan, regular monthly payment and billing carry no interest charges, but do have \$1 per month "service fee" to cover the cost of bookkeeping and billing.

For example, a student enters college, faced with paying \$1,850, the yearly cost for tuition and dormitory space. Assuming a \$200 scholarship or grant-in-aid and a small down payment, the student would be left with a balance of \$1,335. This would be divided into 12 payments of \$111.25 plus the monthly service fee.

A second plan spreads the cost of a four-year college course across a longer period of time. This is called an extended payment plan.

Bowen explained that under this method, payments can be extended from five to eight years.

For example, Bowen said a student's costs for four years at the school would come to \$7,400. Assuming certain scholarships or other tuition remission devices, the balance would come to \$5,640.

In this plan, Bowen explained, a small interest charge is added to monthly payments, in addition to the \$1 service fee.

Total monthly payments would be \$100.47 per month for five years, including an interest rate on the total amount of money, slightly more than one per cent.

Bowen said the payment plans are operated on a non-profit basis. Extra charges are aimed at reimbursing the college for its cost in administering the programs.

When parents wish to use an eight-year payment plan, the contract calls for payments to begin one year before the student enters college.

To protect the school, a parent using the extended payment plan must purchase an insurance policy which guarantees the college payment in case of the breadwinner's death.

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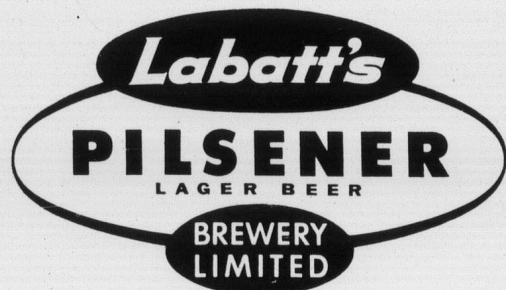
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Celebrate Birthday

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Guests at the service included the Rev. I. H. Edward, of Windsor, general superintendent of British Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. John Fleck, representing the London Council of Churches; Ald. Albert Plumb, representing the City of London; the Rev. George E. Crawford, Brantford, annual secretary of the BME; the Rev. George Boyce, pastor of Drake Memorial Church, Brantford, and the Rev. Clarence Johnson, pastor at Woodstock. The Rev. E. A. Richardson, pastor of Bethemmanuel, conducted the service.

Mr. Edward, guest preacher for the service, addressed the congregation on the theme, "Where Do You Live."

Because every man lives spiritually where his thoughts are, everyone lives in a totally different world, Mr. Edward said. Some live in a world of music, art and beauty, while others live in constant envy, suspicion and jealousy. But those who live in a place of love and kindness, dwell in Jesus' world.

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The 31-year old, attractive, native Alabamian has seen her husband man-handled, arrested, berated and stabbed. Through three perilous years Coretta King endured and she stands today as a symbol of the successful Montgomery protest, which was so largely a victory for countless maids and mothers.

Of his wife, who he wooed and won when they were students in Boston, Rev. King says: "She has maintained a calmness that has kept me going. She sees the greatness of the movement and has a unique willingness to sacrifice herself for its continuation."

Mrs. King, born in Marion, Alabama is a sensitive, strong-willed woman, and in addition to having substituted as a speaker for her husband, she also mothers two children, runs a house, and occasionally makes concert appearances over the country.

According to EBONY, Mrs. King has grown spiritually and mentally

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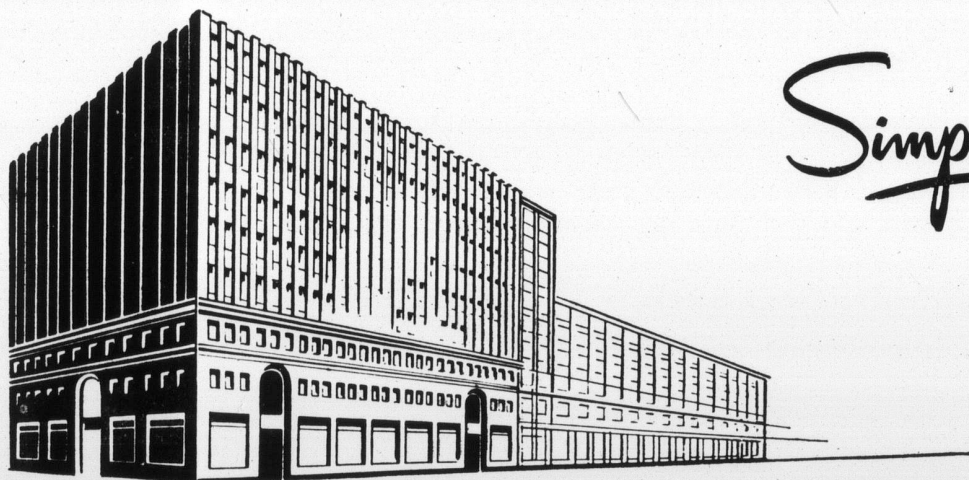
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