

Literary Column

contributed by Belva Spicer



Seed For Thought

"Sheaves after sowing,
Sun after rain,
Sight after mystery,
Peace after Pain,
Joy after sorrow,
Calm after blast,
Rest after weariness,
Sweet rest at last.

Near after distant,
Gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness,
Life after tomb,
After long agony,
Rapture of Bliss,
Right was the pathway
Leading to this!"

Guest Column

13 Against the Odds

(Author Edwin R. Embree)

Reviewed by Mary Cottingham
of Hastings, Nebr.
in Speech 10 Class at the
University of Nebraska

A. J. Toynbee writes, "The so-called racial explanation of differences in human performances and achievement is either in ineptitude or a fraud, for in the face of mounting scientific evidence it is no longer tenable to pretend that black people cannot acquire the fundamentals of civilized life."

A number of years ago, a colored boy sang at his work in a barrel factory down south. A gentleman passing heard the boy's song and was impressed by the rich quality of his voice. He invited the boy to take dinner in his home, then played phonograph records. For the first time the lad heard world reknowned artists. The gentleman turned to the boy, "Roland, do you think that you could sing like that?"

"Yes, sir, I think that I could," was the reply. The boy moved to Boston, worked as a bell boy in a hotel spending all of his leisure time in the study of music. Years later, Roland Hays, the great concert singer, proved in one beautiful concert after another that he could do it.

Anyone who has read the life of Booker T. Washington, anyone who saw Paul Robeson in "Hamlet," anyone who has listened to the beautiful music of Marion Anderson, or anyone who has seen the finesse of Lena Horne knows that the Negro is intelligent.

Statistics are on file which prove beyond doubt that given

the same educational opportunities the Negro's intelligence quotient (I. Q.) is the equal of the white man's. Africans have been, and are now doing, things very much in the same manner as we find them done by other people similarly circumstanced. Their pottery, basket implements, and weapons show the highest skill and the keenest appreciation of the beautiful. They have shown a capacity in industrial arts beyond that of anything contemporaneous in Europe. Evidence shows that they have equalled—if not excelled the world in fine arts, that they possess an unusually artistic mind, and that they have made significant contributions to the dance, music, and sculpture. The number of those attending high school and college in recent years has multiplied, and large numbers have reached the stature of the talented class. Time and again the Negro has excelled the poor whites, who have had more opportunity than their despised neighbors of color, but have shown less inclinations to sacrifice to obtain an education.

To succeed, Negroes must not only face all the trials of their white neighbors, but they must overcome much greater obstacles—the degradations recent slavery, generations of illiteracy and dependence, in addition to current prejudice and discrimination.

While the great mass of Negroes are today still below the American average in learning, the very fact that so many have reached the very top of achievement and fame proves their innate intelligence to the equal of the white man.

J. O. Schon Electric Co.

237 So. 11th St.

Electrical Appliances
and
Christmas Tree Decorations

Appliances Repaired
Wiring

CHRISTMAS CARDS

and

PERSONAL STATIONERY

BETZER CO., Printers

115 So. 14th St.

MAC DONALD STUDIO

PHOTOS

Any Kind - Any Time - Any Place
Phone 2-4984 218 No. 11th

BOB'S MARKET

F. K. Fulton

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
New Location — 201 So. 10th

Guaranteed Used Cleaners
For Sale

Also New Air-Way Cleaners
for Xmas Delivery

Air-Way Branch

2328 O St.

2-7535

HILTNER FLORAL CO.

CORSAGES and BOUQUETS

2-2775

135 So. 12

BEAL BROS. GROCERY

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Meats

2101 R

Tel. 2-6933

Pittsburgh Plate Glass

Co.

Paints — Glass

Wallpaper & Sundries

1427 "O" St.

Tele. 2-7004

UNION
SHOE SHOP

1018 "O" STREET
2-7887

STILL ON HIS FIRST LESSON



Courtesy Appreciate America, Inc.