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Race Relations Institute Founded in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria, West Africa. (ANP). Last month, a group of individuals, representing various nationalities living in Nigeria, met in Glover hall here to organize the Nigeria Institute of Race Relations, a body which has for its avowed aim the promotion of amity and understanding among all races. The organization is the outgrowth of a proposal made last Jan. 25 to "develop social and cultural activities that would help cement and improve good relations between races."

Membership in the institute is

Letters to the Editor

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I am enclosing a money order for \$2.00 to cover the scription to The Voice for the year 1948.

I think The Voice is a splendid paper. Being so far from home it means a great deal to me to receive news from home.

I hope 1948 will bring the best for the entire Voice staff, and the recognition a paper as fine as it, is due.

Sincerely,
MRS. DENNIS BROWN

open to all persons from different races, and from all classes, professions and trades. Branches of the body will be established in different parts of Nigeria and the Cameroons. The group also proposes to establish a junior institute of race relations, whose aims would be to train youth in practicing tolerance, individual initiative and collective responsibility.

President and chairman of the central committee is Sir Adeyemo Alakija. Vice presidents include representatives of the British, Greek, French, American and Lebanese and Syrian governments, as well as the church.

There is a church for every 178 adults among Negroes and one for every 340 among whites.

The Sports Front

By

Howard

"Smoky"

Molden



Courier Sports Award Banquet Honors 1947 Athletes Stars

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). Honoring the nation's outstanding athletes of 1947, the Pittsburgh Courier staged its second sports award banquet Friday evening at Elks Club 99 in downtown Los Angeles.

Nearly 200 famed athletes and guests attended the gala event which was highlighted by the appearance of film and radio star Eddie Bracken who acted as master of ceremonies.

Among the stellar athletes honored were Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, Don Barksdale, Marion Motley, Herb McKenley, John Finney, Bill Anderson, Bob Mann, Joe Perry, Ted Rhodes and Harrison Dillard. Mrs. Clara Mann, mother of Michigan's All-American end, Bob Mann, who came west from New Bern, N. C., to see the Rose Bowl game, graciously received her illustrious son's trophy.

Henry Armstrong, former three crown world champion, received Louis' trophy when the latter was unable to make plane reservations to the coast in time for the banquet.

Supervisor Leonard J. Roach made the presentation to Jackie Robinson. The Los Angeles Rams, Dons, Santa Anita and Hollywood Turf clubs and Bohemian Distributing company were represented, and former Lt. Gov. Frederick Houser, Councilman Don Allen, as well as the cream of the Angel City's social set were present.

Proceeds of the award banquet are used to provide aid to worthy athletes who are seeking to further their educations.

More than 2,000,000 Negro children of school age are enrolled in elementary schools, 250,000 in secondary schools and nearly 45,000 in colleges. Annually some 30,000 Negro youth are graduated from high schools and 5,000 from colleges, universities and professional schools.

The New Look

War, Peace and a 3rd Party

BY LYNWOOD PARKER.

Several days ago I heard someone make the remark "Stinko-Pinko or a third party." I suppose the individual meant that if the two existing parties stink and the new third party is pink, what's there to be alarmed about? It's like having six apples in one hand and a half dozen apples in the other hand.

We have all heard quite a bit in the past month about the avowed 3rd party candidate, Henry A. Wallace. Many of us wonder why he chose to run as an independent. The question can be best answered in his own words: "My reason in striking out for independent action is to give these Americans* (opponents to present party evils) their democratic right to choose . . ." (between a war and a Peace Party).

Continuing, Mr. Wallace states: Neither party puts up any effective fight against racial and religious discrimination, for the rights of the Negro people, for a genuine F.E.P.C., for the defeat of poll-tax and passage of a federal anti-lynch law. Neither party defends the First Amendment. But stand mute while freedom of speech and thought are under attack . . ."

Mr. Wallace's speech made clear the things he stands for: Preservation of American living standards; curbs on monopoly profits; an end to attacks on civil liberties; elimination of the Wall Street dominated military group and repudiation of universal military training."

Only a few days after Mr. Wallace spoke, the President gave a State of the Nation address in which he did more handspings than Wallace could ever do. Yet with this acrobatic act in session, he failed to admit the fiasco on housing, but endorsed the universal military training program. He talked of peace when only two days before had ordered a contingent of American Marines into the Mediterranean to support Greek Fascism.

The Wallace candidacy has giv-

Card of Thanks

We, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams, Supervisors of the Carver Nursing Home, wish to express our thanks to the "Wee Moderns Club" of Quinn Chapel Church and Pastor Rev. R. E. Handy, for their wonderful basket of fruit during the Christmas holidays.

We also wish to thank Rev. M. J. Bradford, of the Church of God in Christ for his basket of fruit. We truly appreciate any gifts given to the home in behalf of the shut ins.

en Mr. Truman a push to the left, but whether or not he is far enough left to win the election is a question of great speculation. In New York Mr. Gallup, the pollster, reported that Mr. Wallace would draw between 13% and 18% of the total vote. In Massachusetts a straw vote gave Mr. Wallace 11% of the total vote.

With this rising specter of social reform facing us, one can not simply turn the head or run away like rats. The issue must be faced and who knows, the People's peace may usher in the century of the common man after all.

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Five Hundred Expected to Attend Elks' Conference on Illiteracy

WASHINGTON.—(ANP). Delegates appointed by the governors of 14 states, including college presidents, editors, high school principals, teachers community and organization leaders and just plain citizens, are included among the more than 500 persons who will attend a three-day conference on functional illiteracy to be held here at Metropolitan Baptist church, Jan. 29-30.

The conference is sponsored by the Elks Educational department. It represents the first time in the history of American fraternal life that a fraternal order has tackled the problem of illiteracy among colored people on a national scale.

According to the conference director, Judge William C. Hueston, Elk commissioner of education, the conference will be a "workshop" meeting from which will be launched a national community class-room program for teaching thousands of adults how to read and write, according to the army

education training plan used in the war.

"Our aim is not to try to teach basic English to the entire colored population," he said, in explaining the plan, "but to provide a six-week course in as many communities as we can reach during the next six months, which will enable large numbers of our people to conduct their everyday affairs more efficiently."

"We hope that this step will stimulate a nation-wide interest by the United States government and all citizens for the passage of federal-aid-to-education bills now before congress.

Principal speaker at the conference will be Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln university, Pennsylvania.

Among the college presidents who will attend are Dr. Charles Wesley, president of Wilberforce; Dr. R. V. Moore, Bethune-Cookman college; Dr. Richard I. McKinney, Storer college; and Dr. G. L. Harrison, Langston university, Okla.

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