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Teacher Sees Free India as Symbol Of Hope for Colored People

(Dr. T. Thomas Fortune Fletcher made a tour of free India and Pakistan. He is one of the American teaching in Ethiopia to help this nation on its road to recovery in the post-war world. This article is the second of a series.)

I put up at the Taj Mahal hotel, India's finest and one of the world's best. Behind the counter I noticed a sign which read in black bold letters six inches high: "South Africans Not Admitted."

Both India and Pakistan seek a trade embargo against South Africa. They have the moral courage to invoke such an embargo alone though other nations lack such courage.

Since the loss of India, once known as "Britain's brightest jewel," repressive measures against Indians and Africans alike seem to have become more severe and intolerable in British East Africa and South Africa.

How much longer can England and America vaunt their "democracy" before the rest of the world when black peoples are not given a full share of that democracy? India is a living reality of what a people can do to achieve their full stature and freedom.

What the darker people of India have done, black people in the benighted regions of British East Africa, South Africa and south and north Georgia can and must do if they are to walk upright and unafraid as the 400,000,000 Indians do today.

In New Delhi I made a pilgrimage to the spot where the mortal frame of the toothless little brown saint, Ghandiji, was consumed by fire on the funeral pyre. It lies in the center of a green plain, and is approached by a plain dirt road. Within a simple wire enclosure is a gray marble slab, the site of the pyre, plain and unadorned.

An Indian family was visiting the shrine—a young father, the mother in a beautiful blue sari, and four adorable doe-eyed children, four to eight years old. Lovingly, parents and children laid garlands of white jasmine on the shrine, bowed reverently and then walked slowly around the shrine seven times.

These pilgrims and others, including myself, removed their shoes before entering the precincts of the shrine because they

had an unmistakable feeling they stood on holy ground.

A national monument is to be erected on this spot. Here, the highest and the lowest, richest and poorest, peasant and prince, Brahman and Untouchable, will have a part in paying homage to Ghandiji, father and creator of the New India.

(In his final story of India next week, Dr. Fletcher will tell of his visits to the interior of India and to the Moslem state, Pakistan.)

Walter White To Take Leave From NAACP

NEW YORK. (ANP). Because of his health, Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP will take a year's leave with pay, beginning Dec. 1, it was announced here this week.

White is now serving in Paris as a consultant on race problems to the United States delegation to the General assembly of the United Nations.

When he returns to America, Nov. 1, he will orient Roy Wilkins, the NAACP assistant secretary, with office routine. The NAACP board appointed Wilkins to serve in place of White during his leave of absence.

The NAACP announcement said that White's personal physician asked that he be relieved of his duties at this time. It said that White "has worked to the detriment of his health for several years without sufficient rest."

White has worked with the NAACP since 1918 after leaving the Atlanta Life Insurance company. Wilkins started working for the NAACP after leaving the Kansas City Call in 1931. In 1934 he became editor of the Crisis, the NAACP magazine, when Dr. W.E.B. DuBois resigned.

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Football

Last Saturday, Patsy Clark's Cornhusker eleven romped across the zero stripe three times to down the Iowa State Cyclones 19 to 15 in a thrilling season opener. The Iowa tribe got off to an early start when Billy Myers blocked a punt attempt by Don Ferguson and scored a touchback against the Husker eleven. The game was characterized by spirited play on both sides, but the crowd that jammed the stands got a thrill when Bob Schneider fumbled a pass from Fischer, only to have Fred Hawkins to retrieve the oval and dash for a score. The Cornhuskers win was according to expectations.

Buddy Young

NEW YORK. (ANP). Claude "Buddy" Young is the most missed man on the New York Yankees team and it is believed his injury helped speed the dismissal of the coach, Ray Flaherty, Flaherty, a crack end in his own right when he played at college and later with the New York Giants, was dismissed last week by the Yankee management which can't afford a losing team in the metropolis.

The absence of Buddy Young weakened the team in its two losses to San Francisco and Baltimore and now the proud eastern champions boast one win and three losses in as many games. Tom Casey, the heralded Hampton back, can't take up the slack caused by Young's absence.

It's in the Satchel

When the venerable (approaching forty, he says, Satchel Paige was signed up by the Cleveland Indians, Manager Lou Boudreau probably figured that he had acquired a foxy old veteran who would be good for a couple of innings on the mound when the Tribe was in a tight spot. The Dark Destroyer himself, when asked whether his aged frame (well, he has been pitching for twenty-odd years) would stand up to the competition offered by the youthful and vigorous sluggers of the American League, allowed that he might not be as young as he used to be, but that he could still "outcute 'em." In Chicago, however, the dazed White Sox, who faced the ancient one on two successive Friday nights, are still wondering what hit them. "Paige Blanks White Sox" is threatening to become monotonous. In the first game, a solitary White Soxer managed to get as far as third base; in the second, even that meager consolation was denied the boys from the Windy City. And in Cleveland, at the announcement that Satchel Paige is going to start, the fans pack themselves into the stadium until it gapes at the seams. To date, he has five wins and one loss. But about this business of the old gentleman's age. In an unguarded moment Ol' Satchmo offered \$500 to any Cleveland man who could prove that he was in professional baseball before 1927. Promptly up bobs one Carl Goetz with the photostat of a 1926 box-score from Memphis, listing "Satchel" as pitcher. This was confirmed by Alex Herman, who signed Satchel to the Chattanooga Black Look-outs in 1926. As the veteran parted from \$500, he asked Goetz: "Say, how much did that photostat cost you?" "Two dollars," said Goetz. "Five hundred for two," said Paige, "maybe I oughta quit pitching and start lookin' for suckers like me." No need to look far, venerable sir; just think of all the club owners who passed you up for twenty years because you were a Negro.—America.

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(Continued from Page 1.) citizens," he continued, "are neglecting to register and vote."

October 23 is the closing date for registrations and all persons who have not registered since September 1947 or who have moved since that time are required to register, according to the new state law. The Election Commission's offices are located on the ground floor of the Terminal building at 10th and "O" streets.

"From time to time, the local branch and the national office of the NAACP has occasion to refer matters to local state and national officials and its work is easier and more effective when people are registered for voting and members of the Association. Already there has been an increase of 250 percent in the number of Negro voters this Fall, but there are still a great many who have not availed themselves of that privilege," he said.

A block campaign is planned to survey the extent of Negro registrations and all who are not registered will be urged to do so before the final date.

The Rally portion of the meeting will be presided over by Mr. Dale Weeks, instructor in political science at Nebraska Wesleyan University and President of the Lincoln Urban League. Mr. I. R. Pansing, City Councilman and Chairman of the Young Republicans of Lancaster county, and Mr. Arthur Weaver, City Councilman and Chairman of the Nebraska Delegation to the National Republican Convention, will present the various aspects of the Republican platform. Mr. Don Morrow, Chairman of the Young Democrats of Lancaster county will present the Democrats' view of the present situation and their platform. Mr. Joe Ishawa will speak on the Socialist Party platform. Rev. John Favors, Omaha teacher and pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church will give an analysis of conditions and explain registration procedure, according to Mr. James Wadkins, committee chairman.

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Louis to Defend Crown
NEW YORK. (ANP). The announced retirement of heavy-weight champion Joe Louis is off, it was announced here this week. Louis said that he will defend his crown next summer against the winner of the Joe Baksi-Ezzard Charles 15 round Nov. 12 bout slated for Madison Square Garden.

He will be fighting once more for the 20th-Century Sporting club. The title bout will be held at Yankee stadium.

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