

# Could Walter White Be Basking Under Political Smoke Screen?

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NEW YORK. (ANP). Despite the "know-nothing" attitude of Harlem's political folk, Walter White's name keeps popping up as a candidate for Congress from Harlem this fall.

Meanwhile, Mr. White is basking in the Caribbean sunshine with his wife. He has denied all rumors which link his name with any congressional aspirations. But that could be the smoke screen to decoy the other folks interested in the post. No one wishes to accept the official responsibility of making the first moves that will make White's candidacy

Adding confusion to an already muddled situation is White's request that his resignation as executive secretary of the NAACP be withdrawn. This and his return to the job, will be discussed in May, it is reported. Should Mr. White be permitted to return to his job with the NAACP through which he won national fame, will it be to use the job as a spring board into Congress? Backed by the NAACP, which could ill-afford to not endorse one of its officials, his election would be a foregone conclusion.

Although the NAACP declares it is a non-political organization, it has been accused of swaying voters in favor of certain candidates. This happened last year, when the Republicans said the NAACP was aiding President Truman's candidacy.

Nothing would be more welcome to the President than the election of Walter White who would be a "friendly" congressman from a powerful state with lots of electoral votes. This is not the case today, although Congressman Powell has quieted down considerably since the unfortunate spluttering landed him in the White House dog-house. If for no other reason, Mr. Truman

Rankin and Sam Hobbs, etc. Rankin hates the NAACP's guts and has blamed it for every evil in the country, from corns to Communism.

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would welcome Powell's ousting, being that Truman is a man of strong likes and dislikes. White's friendship with Truman stems from the days of the Truman committee investigating war frauds and employment. Democrats know that Mr. Truman would take an active part in any New York campaign involving Walter White, should he decide to run to represent Harlem.

It would be interesting to see White in Congress—on the floor as an equal of the men who have castigated him in the past, John

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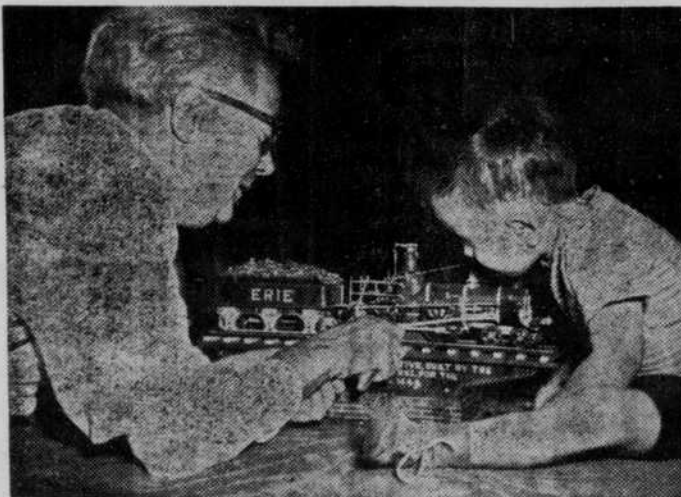


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