

Granger Praises Coronet's 16-Page Feature on Negroes

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NEW YORK. (Special). Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, hailed the 16 page feature on "The Negro in America" in the May, 1950 issue of Coronet Magazine out today (April 21), as a "deeply human document which gives the record of 15,000,000 Negro citizens. It is inscribed with dignity and pride." The Urban League, now in its 40th year, is a nation-wide interracial social agency for promoting equal economic opportunity.

Observing that Negroes have played a historic role in the development of America as a nation, Mr. Granger said "Negro Americans have shifted from rural homes to such an extent as to become a three-fifths urban population group...this mighty movement which has literally transformed large and small communities in every section of the country has neither solved all of the serious problems of the Negro population nor avoided the creation of new community problems as old ones are resolved."

"The Negro in America" article tells of these problems and the men who are working to solve them, educators, jurists, writers and scientists. It tells also of the "just plain folk" who have worked for the betterment of their fellow-man as well as themselves.

Included in the picture story are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards, Oklahoma City, Okl., who received the National Urban League 1948 Recognition Award for service to humanity. Mr. Edwards has shared his hard-won fortune with others by building and endowing a 195-bed hospital dedicated to the service of all who need medical care, regardless of race or creed. Out of every dollar he earned in the early days as a horse and buggy junk dealer, he put away a few pennies "for bigger things." His success grew until he was able to build the "Edwards Addition" in Oklahoma City—a development of 500 homes for Negroes in moderate circumstances—and finally the hospital.

Also portrayed in the feature are: Jackie Robinson, Marian Anderson, Joe Louis, who got his start through the Detroit Urban League, and Ralph Bunche. The article pictures the late Dr. Charles S. Drew, developer of blood plasma, Judge Francis E. Rivers, Dr. Percy L. Julian, prominent bio-chemist, and Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, the last two

former members of the Urban League family.

"The Negro people of America," the report concludes, "have accomplished many things. Leaders like Ralph Bunche, of the United Nations foresee a bright future. For the achievements of today are the fertile seeds of tomorrow."

NAACP Leader Asks Ohio Democrats to Include Civil Rights in Platform

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ANP).

A demand for the inclusion of civil rights as a plank in the democratic party's 1950 platform was made here last week by Henry J. Richardson, jr., NAACP and American Council for Human and Civil Rights leader.

Addressing the state democratic platform committee at the Clay-pool hotel, Richardson said:



Pictured above are 24 student nurses from Bryan Memorial Hospital after receiving their caps at Grace Methodist church March 5th.

Two of the girls, Ada E. Coffey, front row extreme left, and Martha J. Hammonds, front row extreme right, received THE VOICE Scholarship Awards presented in August as a result of funds raised through the sale of THE VOICE COOK BOOK project.

"The Negro in Marion county represents 18 percent of the total voting strength and 11 percent of the total vote in the state. He merits strong government representation in all elective offices and equal opportunity of employ-

ment in all branches of government.

"The government must guarantee and assure him equal opportunity of employment in public and private utilities, industry and licensed businesses.

"His demands for these constitutional rights are equitable, socially sound and morally strengthening. This challenge is the crucial test and essence of our democracy and must be accepted and met by all political parties."

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