



## Dr. Bunche Honored in Oslo

OSLO, Norway. (ANP). Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, winner of the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize, met two kings during the past week in Europe.

Dr. Bunche came to Norway to receive the Nobel award, the world's greatest prize for achievement. He has met King Haakon of Norway, and in Copenhagen, Denmark, King Frederik IX of that nation.

While overseas Dr. Bunche, who won his prize for his work as United Nations mediator in the Palestine situation during 1949, also delivered lectures at various European universities including the University of Oslo and Copenhagen university.

In Oslo, King Haakon, Crown Prince Olav and other members of the royal family looked on as Gunnar Jahn, chairman of the Nobel committee, presented him a gold medal, a diploma, and a check for \$31,674.

This check is tax-free in the United States and in Norway. Dr. Bunche was one of eight persons receiving Nobel awards worth nearly \$200,000. He received his award before an overflowing auditorium at the University of Oslo, and the other winners received their awards at ceremonies in Stockholm, Sweden.

In his acceptance address, Dr. Bunche praised the men who helped him during his trying days of the Palestine mediation. He had special praise for Count Folke Bernadotte, his predecessor at the mediation post.

He told his audience he was "overwhelmed" with this honor. He said in part:

"May there be in our time a world of peace in which we, the people, make full use of the possibilities which are in us, a world of freedom and equality among all men. . . .

"I am appreciative beyond the puny power of man. There are men who stand beyond who are also honored today."

Of Count Bernadotte, he said: "May we long revere his memory."

He closed his talk by saying, "May there be in our time, at long last, full peace."

At the University of Oslo, the Nobel winner delivered the traditional Nobel lecture. Speaking at Festival hall, the university's largest auditorium, Dr. Bunche averred that the United Nations offered the world a key to peace.

He denounced the propaganda and cold war between the East and the West. He declared:

"The words used by statesmen in our day no longer have a common meaning. Words, in a constant flow of propaganda—itsself an instrument of war—are employed to confuse, mislead and debase the common man."

Of the UN he said: "If today we speak of peace we also speak of the United Nations. In this era, peace and the UN have become inseparable. If the UN cannot insure peace, there will be none."

"If war should come, it will be only because the UN has failed. But the UN need not fail. Surely every man of reason must work and pray to that end it will not fail."

In an interview in Copenhagen, Denmark, he told reporters that the banning of the atomic bomb in itself is not a stepping stone toward peace. . . .

When Dr. Bunche, who is now director of the UN trusteeship division, received his Nobel Peace

## Mrs. L. Thomas Taken By Death

Mrs. Lennie "Dilly" Thomas, 58, died suddenly Friday in San Diego, California, where she had lived since leaving Lincoln about 12 years ago. She was born in Lincoln and lived here until her marriage to Dempsey Thomas. She then moved to Minneapolis and later to Omaha.

She is survived by her husband, Dempsey, mother, Mrs. Allie Hardin of the home in San Diego, one sister, Mrs. Alva Brison, Long Beach, California; three brothers, Hugh Mason, Omaha, Claude Mason, New Jersey, and Joseph Mason, Wyoming. Mrs. Trago McWilliams, Sr., Lincoln, is an aunt. Mrs. Jessie Freeman, Omaha, also an aunt, left Saturday for San Diego and was in attendance at the funeral which was held on Monday. Mrs. Hardin will return to Nebraska and make her home in Omaha with her sister, Mrs. Freeman.

## Julian Pays \$40 Per Day Protection

CHICAGO.—It is costing Dr. Percy Julian, noted research chemist, \$40 a day to protect a new home in the community of Oak Park which has been threatened by bigoted arsonists and vandals. This represents the cost of private guards which the Julians have been forced to hire.

Prize, guests included the Parliamentary Committee of Norway, prominent Norwegian leaders, noted Americans, and American Negroes. . . .

Dr. Bunche is the 42nd person to win this coveted award, originated by Dr. Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite. The first awards were made Dec. 10, 1901. . . . Upon receiving his award, Dr. Bunche received one of the greatest ovations ever given any person anywhere. The audience stood up and cheered him for several minutes before the UN leader could speak and be heard.

## Minister Starts Work at Church

STAFFORD, Conn. — Except for a printed program, the white congregation of the Staffordville Congregational church, today greeted its new minister, the Rev. Roland T. Heacock, a Negro, without any fuss.

But, the fifty-six-year-old World War II chaplain, noting a flock of strange faces, said in his sermon:

"It is a sad commentary on the state of democracy and Christianity that when an obscure, untalented Negro minister takes over the pastorate of a tiny rural Connecticut church, that it is big news. Why should it be big news?"

"Why shouldn't we, human beings, just accept one another regardless of the color of our skin or our eyes, if we are decent and worthy?"

"And why, may I ask, is not the Christian religion in the forefront practicing this simple, elemental precept we so loudly proclaim—the work and dignity of human personality?"

"The plain truth is, and I take this opportunity of saying so, so that reporters may report it, the plain truth is that the Christian church should hang its head in shame at its snobbery, racism and class consciousness. . . ."

The slim, slender, gray-haired minister's inaugural sermon in his new post here met with approval from the 100 or so in his congregation, including the oldest member, Mrs. Ida Walbridge, eighty-two-year-old mother of the church's deacon, Hiram Walbridge.

Mr. Heacock, who for seventeen years was pastor of a large Negro parish in Springfield, Mass., and has served as itinerim minister recently at the nearby Stafford Springs Congregational church, preached on "The Vision and the Answer."

Last Tuesday, in accepting the call to the church, Mr. Heacock, recovering from an eye disability which had threatened to send him into retirement, expressed joy over "the great honor conferred upon me."

## 5,000 Delegates Attend White House Conference

The fifth White House Conference called to consider the well being of the nation's children was held in Washington, D. C., December 3-7.

More than 5,000 delegates from every state in the nation took part in the working conference held in the National Guard Armory in the nation's capitol.

## Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown Dies in Korea

TOKYO. — Heroic efforts to rescue Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown, a colored aviator, behind enemy lines in Korea, was revealed by the Navy Saturday.

The downed pilot, Ensign Brown, could not be rescued and died before he could be extricated from his plane. His next of kin, Mrs. Daisy Pearl Brown, his wife, T-116 Robertson Place, Hattiesburg, Miss., has been notified.

Brown was the first colored officer in the Navy in any way to lose his life. He was the first colored naval aviator in the history of the Navy. Another colored aviator has just been graduated from the Naval Training Station at Pensacola, Florida.

Ensign Brown was a former enlisted man in the Navy. He was a graduate of Eureka high school in Hattiesburg. After enlisting in the Navy he was sent to Ohio State university under the V-5 program, a college training program for qualified high school graduates to become line officers of the Navy.

At the end of World war II, after he had completed two years at Ohio State, he went into the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps and completed his education at Ohio State. He selected aviation after graduation and was sent to the Pensacola Naval Air Station for training. After additional training at Jacksonville Air Station, he received his wings in 1949.

Five hundred of the delegates were young people who participated in the conference for the first time. Over 250 international observers from 41 foreign countries were also present.

The purpose of the conference was to consider "how we can develop in children the mental, emotional and spiritual qualities essential to individual happiness and to responsible citizenship and what physical, economic and social conditions are deemed necessary to this development."

After two years of intensive nation-wide preparation representing the work of 100,000 lay citizens and 15,000 specialists and consultants, the findings on the status of children and youth in the nation were laid before the conference.

The conference was divided into 30 information panels to hear the reports and into 35 work shops to consider the problems in more detailed and intensive study.

From 75 to 150 delegates assigned to each work shop on the basis of interest and professional experience, studied particular problems, made findings and recommendations to five broad sections of the conference which then were presented to the entire delegation in a plenary session at the end of the conference.

Ninety recommendations voted upon by the conference delegates included the abolition of racial segregation in education, federal aid for public schools, minimum job standards, extension of old age and survivor's insurance benefits, more public housing, increased non-commercial TV educational programs, and the elimination of all types of racial and religious segregation.

The strongest appeal of the conference was to the government to abolish segregation in the District of Columbia.

Many Negro delegates were refused hotel accommodations despite the protests and activity of a Washington voluntary housing and hospitality committee to secure equal accommodations for all delegates. The youth delegates had gone on record in a preliminary meeting in August as opposed to discrimination and were housed in barracks at Fort Meyer, Va., without discrimination.

As one of their last acts, the conference voted to give the National Committee power to establish a follow-up program. The Missouri Conference will also set up a structure to follow-up and implement the national objectives. A Kansas City White House Conference, as a follow-up is to be held early in 1951.

Among unconfirmed reports was the rumor that a dark complexioned U.N. delegate from India was turned away from the Hay-Adams Hotel when he was mistaken for a Negro.

President Harry S. Truman, spoke at a general session of the conference and said the three most important things in starting young people on the road to useful and honorable citizenship were the home in which children are loved and understood, good teachers in the first grades of school and religious training when children are young.



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Happy the heart that looks to home with friends and loved ones gay... to light the tree and sing the songs for a wonderful Christmas Day!

We thank God for Christmas, we thank God for Him who came into the world as the greatest Christmas gift that the world has ever known. May this Christmas be a most happy occasion for all human beings, is our prayer and wish.

It is in this thought that we find the joy of Christmas, for this gift of love heightens, deepens and lengthens all of our relationships. It is a message that love shall never lose its own. It is the joy that comes in the thought that we may always possess the child-like heart. It is the exaltation of knowing that God cared enough for a war-torn, weary, defeated old world so that in the darkest night there shone a star, and Wise Men following it found their hopes fulfilled in the beauty of a family scene. Shepherds on a hillside heard a heavenly chorus of "Peace on earth, good will toward men", and hastening to Bethlehem found Him who, in turn, becomes the Shepherd and the

Saviour of all life. It does not seem strange to surround the birth of Christ with an angel chorus, a heavenly light, and wandering strangers from afar, for, in Christ, the heart of God is revealed and it is the heart of love. Here is a message of joy that never grows old. So accept this gift of love and know the joy that comes from belonging to the family of those of the Christmas fellowship.

Christmas is the joy of friendship. One of the finest things in regard to this celebration is that we do take time to send a card of greetings to our friends and we enjoy receiving the friendship cards. This is as it should be for Christmas is the eternal symbol and reality of the friendship of God let lose in the world through the radiant personality of Jesus.

Be joyous this day in the light of this gift beyond price and make room in your heart for the friendship of Christ.

—The Voice Staff.