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Military Might Is Not the Answer

BY MARK HYMAN

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — "The United States had better beware. If we do not change our position in world leadership, the moral forces of the entire world will rise up against us," Dr. Mardecai W. Johnson, president of Howard university, who recently returned from a study tour of Asia and Europe, told the Race Street forum at the Friends Meeting House here Sunday night.

Dr. Johnson lashed out against America for having freed herself from England two hundred years ago because of economic and moral injustices and now endorsing the same today by joining with colony-holding nations in keeping alive the old system of "heartless" imperialism.

To bear out his point, Dr. Johnson cited the millions America was sending to South Africa annually to help develop the mines where 10,000,000 black men are held in a type of concentration camp slavery and economic and self respecting drudgery.

He blamed America for sending arms and planes to the French in Indo-China to aid the French "to maintain a system of economic slavery which the Indonesians are about to throw off." In this same

category Dr. Johnson placed Communist China and India both of which grew tired of the Western heel and threw them off.

"America and the imperialistic nations left the doors wide open for communism," the educator said. By overlooking and ignoring the will of men to be equal and self-respecting and against the policy of centuries of the larger nations to capture the weak and exploit them, communism came as a savior since no other non-communist force ever offered a helping hand, he said.

Dr. Johnson outlined America's chance to combat communism all over the world by taking 25 billion and develop the aborted resources of the colonies and near bankrupt and desperate countries and "bring food and shelter to every human family on the face of the earth."

The speaker said that this would make the present preachings of the communists useless.

The fault lies, Dr. Johnson said, in the Western nations' belief that the march of communism can best be stopped with armed might. He pointed to the failing world moral leadership of America and what damage might be inflicted upon



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the most pronounced difficulties faced by pioneers on the plains was the absence of wood—for building material and for fuel. The substitute for wood in building was the tough prairie sod ("Nebraska marble," the pioneers used to call it). The substitute for wood as fuel was anything that might burn—buffalo and cow chips, sunflowers, weeds, hay, and corn.

The most generally used of all these substitutes — particularly after the buffalo had disappeared and the range cattle industry had moved west—was hay. I discussed its use and the hay-burning stove in an earlier column.

Of other wood substitutes, corn was perhaps the most widely used. Indeed, one of the reasons behind the development of corn production in certain areas was to provide fuel, and the cob-basket became a standard item of kitchen equipment (as in many places it remains today). The stalks also were used for fuel, and in times of extra low prices, the farmer simply fed his stoves corn on the cob.

Another substitute for wood as fuel was the sunflower. Even in the eastern counties there was interest in this form of fuel, and the *Nebraska Herald*, published at Nemaha City, on January 12, 1860, carried a letter from a man suggesting the sunflower as a substitute for wood.

He advocated planting crops of sunflowers for just this purpose, pointing out that it was possible to grow enough sunflowers on an acre to provide fuel enough to cook for an ordinary family for a year, and that two acres would produce enough sunflower stalks to furnish any family with all of its fuel requirements for a year, "if provided with a tight house."

Where wood was available it was used with great care. Brownville, in territorial days, had an ordinance which provided that it was unlawful to sell wood in the city without first having it weighed or measured by the city

the powers by the billions of oppressed people who have not believed in America's leadership.

Bunche Scholarships Created at Oslo Uni.

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Four "Ralph Bunche scholarships" of \$350 each have just been established by the Oslo University for American students interested in studying in Norway during the 1951 summer school session.

The scholarships have been made available by the Association of Electro-Chemical and Electro-Metallurgical Industries of Norway and were named in honor of Dr. Ralph Bunche, recipient of the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize award.

The Oslo summer school has several other scholarships according to an announcement made public by the Norwegian Embassy last week. The Norwegian American Line is offering one full scholarship to the American student whose main interest is in the field of economics. All expenses will be covered, including round-trip from New York to Oslo, room and board, tuition, student and excursion fees.

The summer school, itself, will grant 10 scholarships of \$110 each, covering tuition, student and excursion fees. All awards will be made strictly on a merit basis.

American students who wish to apply for admission to the 1951 summer school will, upon request, be considered for either one of these scholarships.

Fixed fees for the six-week session, covering tuition, room and board, student and excursion fees will total around \$190. An additional \$50 or \$75 will be needed for books, supplies, amusements

marshall and obtaining a certificate of weight or measurement. For this service the marshall was entitled to a fee of 10 cents a load. Those failing to comply were subject to a fine of not to exceed \$3.00.

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and incidentals. Round trip from New York to Oslo arranges from \$360 to \$400.

Students interested in applying for scholarships should write immediately for application forms and descriptive catalog. Address the inquiry to the Oslo Summer School Admission Office, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. Applications must be received before March 15.

South Bend (Ind.) Wins 'Brotherhood Award'

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—(ANP)—The city of South Bend was named last week as the 1951 winner of the community human relations award given each year by the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the opening of annual "Brotherhood Week" observance.

The award, announced by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, NCCJ president, cites the honoree for "outstanding improvement in relations among its religious and racial groups."

Previous winners of the award, established in 1949, were St. Paul, Minn., 1949 and Portland, Ore., in 1950.

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