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Discrimination May Cause America To Lose Battle With Communism

WINSTON - SALEM, N. C.—lands, Asia Minor, Africa and India.

(ANP) — Racial discrimination in America may result in the democratic forces losing their battle against Communism.

That was the warning Elmer W. Henderson, national director of the American Council on Human Rights, gave the local chapter of the organization.

Speaking last week at Winston-Salem Teachers college auditorium on the subject, "Human Rights and the World Crisis," Henderson said:

"The world is being divided into two opposite camps: World Communism, led by Russia, and World Democracy, led by the United States. Then there is a vast mass of people outside of these two great aggregations who have not yet made up their minds to which camp they belong.

"Many thoughtful people believe the balance of power is still in the hands of the undecided people who are in general the brown and black skinned people of Southern Asia, The Pacific Is-

"They want to be free, but not necessarily to adopt Communism or Democracy, if there is not real freedom under these ideologies.

"They are saying, if we accept the offer made us by America we may find ourselves in the same situation as those Negro citizens in America who are constantly being segregated and discriminated against in various ways..."

Turning to allegations on discrimination against the Negroes, the speaker said:

"We saw the race question become a dominant issue in the last national and state elections. The Dixiecrat situation was mainly a try for a new Confederacy.

"We are seeing now, in the prelude to the election of next year. There seems to be a feeling that it would be better to go down in defeat than to give all citizens full equality."

Citing fear and silence as the predominant characteristics of the young generation today, he called for new ideas.

"No great social changes were ever wrought in an atmosphere of conformity," he noted.

Curtiss Todd, attorney and president of the local ACHR Chapter, introduced Henderson.

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Delegates to Congress

It is a truism of the early years of Nebraska's territorial history that our delegates to Congress had to spend much of their time defending their seats. Experience Estabrook, elected Oct. 11, 1859, not only was called upon to defend his seat in the House of Representatives, but lost it in the process.

Estabrook, a Democrat, who prior to coming to Nebraska in 1855 as the first territorial attorney general, had lived in Wisconsin where he had been a member of the legislature and attorney general, defeated Samuel G. Daily, Republican, 3,100 to 2,800, a majority of 300 votes. On the strength of this, he was given a certificate of election and took his seat when the first session of the 36th Congress convened, Dec. 5, 1859.

On Feb. 16, 1860, however, Daily filed a memorial contesting the election, and after lengthy deliberation and the hearing of much evidence, the Committee on Elections of the House of Representatives presented a resolution declaring that Daily rather than Estabrook was entitled to the seat as delegates from Nebraska. The House adopted the resolution on May 18, 1860, and Estabrook's brief congressional career came to an end.

The House's action was largely political, although it was contended that Estabrook had received a total of 429 illegal votes, or 129 more than his majority over Daily. There was no evidence that Estabrook or his

friends had perpetrated any fraud. The Committee on Elections simply found that irregular and illegal votes had been cast.

Elections on the frontier were not nearly so carefully regulated as they were in the more settled areas, and in many election contests the question revolved around which candidate had received the greater number of illegal votes. (Daily in this instance was charged with ten illegal votes.)

Despite this defeat, Estabrook did not lose his interest in Nebraska. He returned to Omaha to become one of that city's best known attorneys. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1871 and played an important part in its deliberations. During his later years he became unsuccessfully involved in a celebrated lawsuit growing out of his refusal to pay taxes on real estate owned in Omaha on the grounds that the assessments were illegal because no official plat of the city had ever been prepared and recorded.

He died at his home in Omaha, March 26, 1894.

Nation to Observe Carver Week Jan. 6-8

PITTSBURGH —(ANP)— The eighth annual observance of Carver Week will be celebrated between Jan. 6-8, 1952, with a number of special programs designed to commemorate the life and work of Dr. George Washington Carver. National Achievement Clubs Inc. is sponsoring the observance.

The annual Carver Day luncheon will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton in downtown Pittsburgh. Spacious Trinity Cathedral church will be the scene of the memorial service.

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