

### LAUNCHING THE ONE WORLD BOOK CLUB



Alphonse Henningburg, Executive Director, signs the prospectus which completes the organization of THE ONE WORLD BOOK CLUB. K. Alik, famous Greek actress, and Mbonu Ojiike, author of "My Africa" (both standing) join Ralph Sues, author of "Shark's Fins and Millet", in studying the program of the Club. THE ONE WORLD BOOK CLUB, which promotes and distributes books about minority groups, is located at 227 West 13th Street, New York City. The prospectus was signed in the studio of E. Segredakis, art dealer.

#### NEW YORK — Announcement

was made here last week by Alphonse Henningburg, Executive Director, of the organization of The One World Book Club, for the promotion and distribution of books touching the life and activities of minority groups in this country. The major purpose of the organization is to encourage the reading of fiction and non-fiction which promotes the basic philosophy of One World of friendliness and understanding. The Club is chartered under the laws of the State of New York, and is incorporated at one hundred thousand dollars.

The first offering of the Club, which is located at 227 West 13th Street, is George Wylie Henderson's new novel JULE, to be published in September. This second novel of Mr. Henderson, which tells the story of a deep-country Negro boy who wanted to amount to something in this world, and who never forgets the teachings of "Ole Miss", his mother, even when facing the temptations of Harlem, has already received enthusiastic advance notices.

In commenting on his new book Henderson said: "I have been conscious of Jule for a number of years, for I have seen many Negro in America. It springs from the soil, from simple realities. But the story of Jule couldn't be told in a vacuum. It had to be a personal story—a story with feeling and human dignity, sometimes shot through with ruthless brutality. But inevitably, it had to be the story of a boy who wanted to be somebody."

"In putting Jule on paper, I must have tried to be the medium through which his story could be told. It wasn't for me to determine its substance and character, nor its causes and effects. It was for me to give it direction and a certain vitality. Beyond that, I did not choose to go. If, then, Jule illuminates some of the basic elements in the character of the Negro in America—his longings, his aspirations, his will to achieve—the purpose for writing Jule has been served."

Gift books of The One World Book Club for the fall include: "One Nation", a text and picture study of eight minorities in this country, and Buel G. Gallagher's "Color and Conscience". Gallagher's study is a challenge to the Christian church to re-examine and to change its attitude on the question of color.

Included among the Club's Advisory Board of twenty persons are: Louis Adamic; Pearl Buck; Henrietta Buckmaster; Edwin R. Embree; Lester B. Granger; Ralph Sues; S. W. Charles E. Johnson; Mbonu Ojiike; Charles H. Wesley; and Roy Wilkins. Joseph R. Wink, president of The One World Book Club, and Abram Kagan, Secretary-Treasurer, represent a combined experience of 45 years in the publishing field. As owners of the International Universities Press, they have established an enviable reputation in the trade and with the reading public. Alphonse Henningburg, lecturer in the School of Education of New York University, and widely known for his lectures in the field of interracial understanding, is vice-president of the corporation and executive Director of the Club.

#### Veterans' Disability

During July the Nebraska Regional office of the Veterans' Administration reduced its backlog of veterans' disability and compensation cases by 30 percent and cut the number of pending cases to the lowest point in more than six months, Ashley Westmoreland, manager, reported today.

"At the close of the month there were 2,236 veterans within our jurisdiction awaiting processing of their pension or compensation claims. This number compares to 3,159 at the close of June, and 6,885 at the close of February." The figures, he said, include both World War I and World War II veterans, but added that the overwhelming number are of World War II. There are now 14,068 veterans of both wars receiving pensions or compensation in Nebraska an increase of 274 over a month ago.

Despite college summer recesses, 12,208 veterans, the highest number of the year, were in VA

training and education programs in Nebraska at the close of July. The total, Westmoreland explained, includes veterans relieving on the job training and compares with 11,808 for a month ago. Vocational rehabilitation cases are not included.

During July, the VA processed 576 loans for Nebraska veterans under the so-called G I bill. The loans averaged \$3,907 of which \$1,847 is guaranteed by the federal government. Loans cleared during the month brought to \$11,882,753 the total borrowed by Nebraska veterans under the G I bill. Of this amount, \$5,842,195 is guaranteed said Westmoreland.

## OUR GUEST Column

Edited by Verna P. Harris

**TODAY THEM, TOMORROW US**  
By Gloster B. Current, newly appointed Director of Branches, NAACP; Executive Secretary, Detroit Branch, NAACP

When the Army evacuated the entire 115,000 people of Japanese blood from the Pacific Coast and herded them into concentration camps, many a Negro throughout the country felt a sense of apprehension always experienced in the face of oppression. Today THEM tomorrow US. For once the precedent had been established of dealing with persons on the basis of race or creed, none of us could consider ourselves safe from future security measures.

I suppose that a similar spirit and feeling of one-new motivated two Jewish high school girls in New York who recently rejected scholastic medals offered to them by the Daughters of the American Revolution. According to the daily papers, Betty Goldberg and Florence Kaufman of Seward Park High School declared they could not accept medals from an organization that discriminated against Negroes.

A courageous act. It was on a higher plane of courage than the physical bravery displayed by a life-guard or a fireman or a stretcher-bearer in battle. It was the kind of pioneering courage which is going to change the race relations picture in America. The DAR is in a morally vulnerable position and knows it. A few more of these blows will leave it reeling and gasping for breath.

It isn't hard to figure out why other minorities are standing up and fighting for Negroes more and more. Refugee Jews, as well as those born in this country, have realized in the past ten years how fascists throughout the world think alike, act alike, persecute alike. When Hitler decreed that Jews must ride in segregated trains and trolleys, he wasn't concocting an original idea. He borrowed it from his brothers in Mississippi. When Catholics found themselves in German concentration camps, they must have felt a kinship for Negroes who are railroaded into Dixie chain gangs, lynched in southern states. When a west coast oriental encounters signs forbidding him to enter certain parks and other public facilities, he can't help but grasp the mutual plight of jim-crowed Negroes.

Despite what human beings know in their hearts and minds, however, it is another thing to follow through in day-to-day behavior. The easy way out is to circumvent and detour around the harrassing problems of other minorities. Our job and bread and butter may be at stake. A scholarship might be jeopardized. Our parents or wives or husbands may be unwilling to buck the popular tide. All sorts of pressures and ties are at work to make us conform.

I salute Betty Goldberg and Florence Kaufman for disregard-casting aside a medal which the haughty DAR awarded them as the two students with highest in grades. Their sense of integrity

## World Peace To Be Theme of Community Night Program



The Peace Caravan, which is stationed in Omaha this summer under the National sponsorship of the American Friends Service, will participate on the Community Night Program on the east lawn of Hillside Presbyterian Church, Thursday August 15th.

This program which is sponsored weekly by the Near Northside Branch of the Omaha Young Men's Christian Association and the Community Service Committee of Hill-

side Church, will include a short skit by the young ladies of the caravan, the singing of songs of international origin or theme, and the showing of the motion picture "Suffer Little Children". The motion picture referred to is the most recent production dealing with some of the problems of World Peace. It represents the problem as it affects children.

Pictured above is part of group attending one of the Community Night Programs. Mr. John Butler Executive Secretary of the Near Northside Branch YMCA is pictured operating the motion picture projector as Mr. Booker T. Washington leads the crowd in community singing. The programs are held in the church sanctuary in case of bad weather.

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When the back to college move started this fall you can be certain that the fashion experts are going to develop some kind of Halo Hat suitable for the fall and winter wardrobe.

Whether you are Irish, Negro, English or even Chinese, if you are in America in the early fall, you are going to find it a must that you possess several kinds of Halo Hats for your wardrobe. For in-

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## Adequate Wiring in Home: Key to Electrical Efficiency

HOMEMAKERS interested in getting the most for every dollar spent on electricity, whether for current, lamps, small appliances or larger pieces of electrical equipment, are urged to investigate a too-frequently neglected but vital matter—wiring. Vital, according to electrical engineers, whether you plan to build a new home or simply renovate the present one, because a wiring system designed for future as well as present needs keeps the home modern electrically, pays dividends in actual cash savings, in convenience, comfort and pleasure.

The wiring in most homes today, these specialists emphasize, is so hopelessly inadequate that a voltage drop in excess of 10 per cent is common, and they cite typical examples of what this means in efficiency and economy.

A toaster plugged into a wiring system having a 10 per cent voltage drop takes 31.5 per cent more time to brown a piece of toast and consumes 23.8 per cent more current than when plugged into an adequate wiring system.

A toaster takes 23 per cent more time to reach required cooking temperatures and wastes 19 per cent more current. Prime reason for the sad state of wiring, the engineers explain, is that 65 per cent of America's homes were built before 1926 when few appliances were in service. Homes were wired for lights only and the possible use of an occasional low-wattage appliance. Today many more appliances not only are in use, but here's an additional

fact—present-day versions of 1926 appliances need much more electricity. They need more because, as the engineers stress, they do a better job in less time. Similarly, homes built today, these specialists warn, will be electrically obsolete within a few years unless buyers and builders act now. Technological advances are taking place constantly in the applications of electricity. Ten years from now you may use or want appliances that do not exist today. The engineers are advocating, accordingly, that you wire for today and tomorrow—that you make certain that the wiring system is designed so it can be made to provide for future additions at little or no cost.

To help you determine wiring needs with a minimum of effort, the engineers recommend a simple, non-technical booklet, "The Handbook of Residential Wiring Design", containing diagrams for every room, with suggestions for outlet locations and types of circuits. It is suggested, too, as a guide when you explain to the builder or electrical contractor what you want in electrical service. A copy may be obtained at cost by sending 25 cents to Industry Committee on Interior Wiring Design, Room 2650, 420 Lexington Ave., N. Y. 17, N. Y.

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