

OUR GUEST Column
(Edited by VERNA P. HARRIS)



Cornel Wilde

Minorities

By Cornel Wilde Currently starring in the 20th Century-Fox production, "The Homestretch"

Racial discrimination was born and nourished by the lack of knowledge and a true understanding of the characteristics and the problems of other peoples.

If for instance, we knew other racial and religious groups as well as we do our own, much of the discord in our country and throughout the rest of the world would be eliminated.

Each group acquires ideas about other groups, which, more often than not, are entirely lacking in foundation. Malicious and stupid people spread propaganda which others too frequently accept as truth, without taking the trouble to investigate.

In the larger cities there are usually several sections, or little communities, each composed of a preponderance of one nationality or another. One group perhaps will dislike another for some petty reason, and the second group probably has little use for the first most likely for the same cause. The idea takes root and continues to grow until it becomes a mean, ugly monster. However, this hatred and distrust could be dissipated were the two groups to get together and try to understand each other.

History reveals that no one race or religion or nationality has a monopoly on contributions to the sciences, arts and literature. On the other hand, no crime or characteristic is peculiar to any group. Murderers, thieves, and extortionists come from every group, just as do the men who have contributed magnificently to the progress and the welfare of all humanity.

Strangely most people with violent prejudices are unable to advance a logical reason for their detestation. If you ask them why they nurture a dislike for a particular group, the stock answer will be, "I just don't like them, that's all." This is where propaganda feeds itself and extends its vicious tentacles.

Just what do we mean anyway when we label these groups "minorities"? All of us are Americans whether our forefathers came here from Austria, Ireland, Finland or Greece, or whether we were foreign-born and became naturalized citizens. Let's analyze this a bit.

There are 1,237,000 naturalized Germans as compared with 621,975 from England and 138,000 from Denmark. Now would we call the English a minority group to the Germans, and the Danes a minority so far as the English are concerned? There are more Protestants than Catholics in the United States, but would we con-

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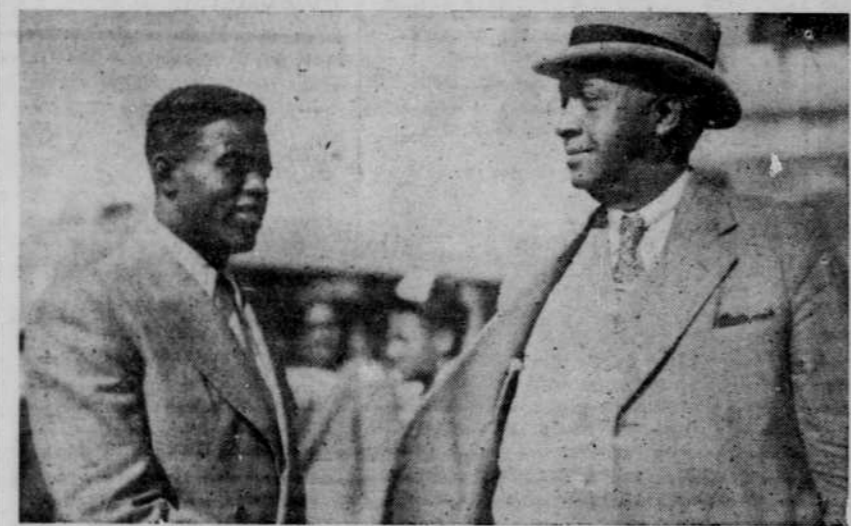
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Robinson May Get Brooklyn Berth In '47



Jackie Robinson being greeted during his recent visit to Omaha by C. C. Galloway, Publisher—Omaha Guide Photo—

Los Angeles, Calif.—Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, a guest at a breakfast given by Jack Benny in Los Angeles last week stated that Jackie Robinson had a good chance of becoming a member of the Brooklyn team. The Dodgers will have two or three other good infielders next year, but Jackie will get the job if he can out play them," Durocher said.

FREDDIE H. WILLIAMS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Freddie H. Williams, 40, 2512 N. Twenty-fifth Street, killed in an automobile accident Saturday on highway 6 near Ashland, was a resident of Omaha five years. He was employed by a local packing house and a World War II veteran. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Pine Bluffs, Ark. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, November 19th from Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. C. C. Reynolds, officiating. Burial at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Edward Strong To Be Weekend Speaker

By G. Anita Hayes

The Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress of which Mrs. G. Anita Hayes is president, working in cooperation with the UPWA-CIO has planned a busy week-end for Edward E. Strong of New York City, National vice president, organizer, and national director of the Congress. Mr. Edward will be in Omaha November 22-23-24. He will begin his schedule on Friday with an interview with Ray Clark over Station WOW at 12:45 p. m.

Belmont Loan Company Robbed

Harry Belmont, proprietor of the Belmont Loan Co. at 1819 N. Twenty-fourth Street, reported to police that nearly \$200 dollars was taken from a register in the store Friday night.

Consider a German Catholic as a minority to the Dane who, although outnumbered, belongs to a Protestant church? In the last four presidential elections, the Democrats outnumbered the Republicans, but would we catalogue the Republicans as a minority?

These are ridiculous comparisons, of course, but no more so than when we single out a race or a religious group of several millions and stamp them with the detestable brand of "Minority."

World War III Would Be 24 Hr. Affair

ATLANTA, Ga., Special—Bruce Thomas, who was the only American platform personality to be given full accreditation for coverage of the Bikini atom bomb tests, told the Spelman atom bomb tests on Friday that the reporting of the tests was wholly inadequate and frequently misleading. The reason he gave was that many of the reporters wrote from their imaginations rather than the actual occurrence. Mr. Thomas gave a thrilling account of the happenings and told the audience how even after the animals had been destroyed, in some instances their shadows were seen clearly photographed on the decks of the ship when the smoke from the bomb had cleared away. According to the speaker, so terrific and powerful is the atom bomb that in the next wave of righteous indignation which has enabled us to win battles in the past will not stand us in good stead, for with the bomb, another war would probably last not longer than 12 or 24 hours.

To protect the peace of the world, Mr. Thomas believes we should first of all be sound in our thinking and then pin our hopes on the atom bomb along with decency and integrity. He warned of the enemies on the inside as well as the outside and stated that until the gangster peoples can prove they have our brand of decency, we will have to be tough. Praising our way of life he stated, "you have to live in other countries to know how good it is to live in America."

Mr. Thomas described the education of the Japanese children that is taking place under the new leadership of General MacArthur and predicted that the new Japan will be our ally of the future.

Not too hopeful of the situation in China, the speaker was critical of present Chinese leadership. He praised General Marshall and the American ambassador, Dr. John Leighton Stuart.

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Spiegel Hardware Store Burglarized

Richard Spiegel, operator of the Spiegel Hardware Store at 2522 North Twenty-fourth Street reported two money sacks, each containing \$10, were missing from his store. He said a back door of the building had been forced open.

authored a magazine article "Jungle Doctor", which appeared in the May, 1942 issue of the "Reader's Digest".

Collects Curios
His hobby of collecting African objects d'art and curios which collection is now on display at the University of Nebraska. He adds to it from time to time, despite his almost endless routine of attending and administering to the sick in Angola. Dr. McMillan has found time to indulge in a little "lion hunting" and has five "Kings of the jungle" to his credit. Their heads can also be found in the Nebraska museum. Although Africa is noted for huge snakes, Dr. McMillan has not encountered any of them.

In private life, Dr. McMillan is happily married and has three lovely children, the youngest of whom was born in Africa.

Rae Lee Jones' Orch. in Movies

The International Sweethearts of Rhythm, famous all-girl orchestra, have signed to a special booking contract with Associated Booking Corp., joining Lionel Hampton; Louis Armstrong; Andy Kirk; Benny Carter; Ethel Waters; Billie Holiday; June Richmond; Mary Lou Williams; Noble Sissle; Lil Green; John Kirby and other top headline band attractions and entertainment world personalities directed by Joe Glaser, ABC president.

Daniel M. Gray, public relations director and Mrs. Ray Lee Jones, co-owner of the famed all-girl musical attraction, who jointly announced the new ABC booking affiliation, also disclosed plans for a special national advertising and publicity campaign, greatest program yet devised to exploit any major dance band attraction. While in New York to fulfill a

Former Omahan Visits Whitehouse Meets President's Wife

24th and Oklahoma Ave., N. E. Washington, D. C. November 17, 1946

Following are impressions received by a home-town-person who was a guest of Mrs. Truman, wife of the President.

We met promptly at nine o'clock in the auditorium of the Temple of Labor located at 14th and Constitution Ave., N. W., one of our beautiful commanding buildings of the Capitol, a huge auditorium seating about 1500 persons. There was a fine group of women representing a large number of states; well dressed and refined, teeming with interest and aggressive in every respect, for the rights of women in every phase of progressive enterprise.

Admission cards, with a shadow picture of the White House in the background, our names thereon, were distributed to the nearly four hundred guests, after which, Mrs. Bethune, our worthy president, gave us a patriotic lift as to our right as citizens and taxpayers to be received as guests in our White House. Instructions as to our line of march, general appearance and conduct.

Promptly at eleven o'clock a. m. we were ushered through the east gate entrance, guards stationed there noted we had our cards. We entered the spacious hallway resplendent with fernery and plants on either side that led to the East Room. This room is remarkable for the lovely chandeliers of crystal three in number. A beautiful large grand piano supported by eagles, large paintings of George Washington and Martha Washington, beautiful drapes over the windows, settees placed appropriately. After observing this room, we were ushered into the Green Room, equally as beautiful. Aides were stationed at each door to supply information we desired.

We passed into the Blue Room. Each room was furnished as one would expect the official home of the nation to be. We were received by Mrs. Truman in the Red Room and we marched single file and presented us to her. She smilingly acknowledged us with an air that made us feel welcome.

To the right of Mrs. Truman, the first lady of the National Council of Negro Women stood a living monument as it were, to progressive womanhood. We entered the State Dining Room with its lovely walls of carved mahogany. Beautiful clusters of candle sticks (six in each cluster) at intervals around the walls of the room. A large double cluster of silver candelistics suspended from the center ceiling, a large portrait of Abraham Lincoln over a beautiful marble mantle.

We proceeded to the Main Front Lobby. There we were awed in silent tribute to a portrait of our departed Commander in Chief, whose efforts in behalf of world fellowship will go down in history as the greatest of all Presidents. Other portraits were there, Taft, Hoover, Wilson, McKinley. We met and shook hands with some of our outstanding leaders in Washington Civic History, Mary Church Terrell, Julia West Hamilton, others too numerous to mention. Mrs. Mae Frank Rhoades (white) a Nebraskan, who lived in Omaha, was affiliated with the board of directors of the Omaha Urban League, a member of the Unitarian Church and engaged in interracial work through her church connection while in Omaha was among the visitors received by Mrs. Truman in our group. Respectively submitted, Dorothy E. Lee, Midway Hall

contract for Manor records, the Sweethearts also completed a ruii length feature film, produced by Associated Producers of Negro Motion Pictures. The celluloid production, as yet untitled, will soon be seen on local movie house screens.

ALABAMA GOV. SPARKS URGES 'ABSOLUTE SEGREGATION' FOR THE NEGRO

MONTGOMERY, Ala., (Global) In a written answer to a list of questions submitted to him by the Associated Press, Gov. Chauncey Sparks declared last week that Negroes can live together peacefully and harmoniously only if they recognize that "absolute segregation" is the "first essential of a workable racial society."

One step in the direction of better Negro-white relations in Ala-

THANKSGIVING DAY

By H. W. Smith

We are on the approach of another day to give thanks and to my way of thinking, we should do every day as we are blessed in many ways. To follow the custom of celebrating the fourth Thursday in November at our homes and churches as did the Pilgrims as Thanksgiving. They thanked God for giving them safe passage across the ocean which enabled them to serve Him the way they wished to. We can be thankful for that and so much more today. We should make all our days days of thanksgiving and praise God for his mercy and His goodness endureth forever to all who serve Him.

hama, he said was the tightening up on voter qualifications designed to "prevent a flood of Negro registration."

GARY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK—"Spotlight on Gary," the National Urban League's first publication on its Community Relations Project, was released officially this week. The text, written by Manet Fowler, newly appointed Public Relations Consultant for the League, pays tribute to Gary, Indiana, as the city with the most outstanding record of accomplishment of any visited by the Project during its first year of operation, 1944-45.

The 32-page publication, with graphic spot-line drawings by Russell Sherman, noted artist, is designed to illustrate the principle of "American Teamwork Works." It is a highly readable treatment of information material presenting Gary's story as one of people and a dream—of American people, in an American town who found a big fear growing that wasn't American at all, and of how they began to kill the fear, to make the Peace work, to help the Dream grow.

While the publication is a tribute to Gary's progress in interracial cooperation, the emphasis is not upon completed accomplishment in this area, but upon the city's courageous change in attitude and its evident determination to continue its healthy growth. An example here is the fact that the Gary school board has only recently announced a non-discrimination policy for all schools, to become effective September 1, '47 after a preparatory period of education this year to meet the change.

Waiter's Key Club

A statement issued by the Waiter's Key Club today, stated that the Club would be forced to cancel many of its activities and donations to worthy causes if the proposed curtailment of slot machine business becomes effective Jan. 1st.

ELKS ENSEMBLE Presents 1st Annual CONCERT



By Dr. Marianna McFadden
The Elks Ensemble was presented in its first annual concert on Monday November 18th at the Elks Hall. The Ensemble consisted of forty voices, all members of Iroquois Lodge No. 92 and Cherokee Temple No. 223 IBPOE of W. A record audience was in attendance and many people were turned away due to the capacity gathering.

NEW YORK, Nov 14th—Republican leaders meeting on November 14th to discuss procedure and legislative program for the Republican dominated 80th Congress were urged by the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People to support their agenda for critical consideration of the passage of Federal legislation needed to guarantee the constitutional rights and safety of 15 million Negroes and members of other minorities in America. The recommendation was outlined in a letter addressed to Senator Wallace H. White (R. Maine) which was forwarded over the signature of Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

In his letter Mr. White declared "may we urge that there be placed on the agenda the following items:

1. Federal anti-lynching legislation to check the current and exceedingly dangerous wave of mob violence. We ask that the Republican Party pledge itself to support of Senator Wayne Morse's proposal to adopt rules on the first day of the new Congress to prevent filibustering in the Senate or the bottling up of legislation in the House Rules Committee. In an event, we urge the Republican Party to go on record to support cloture in the event of a filibuster against the anti-lynching bill or on items 2, 3, and 4 below.

2. Enactment of a Federal Fair Employment Practice Commission to the Department of Justice and other federal agencies to protect the basic civil rights of American citizens when the several states fail, refuse or neglect to guarantee such civil rights.

3. Passage of federal legislation to outlaw the poll tax.

4. Amendment of the Civil Rights Act to give greater power to the Department of Justice and other federal agencies to protect the basic civil rights of American citizens when the several states fail, refuse or neglect to guarantee such civil rights.

5. To deny a seat in the 80th Congress to Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi for his open advocacy of mob violence to prevent Negro citizens from exercising their constitutional right to vote, his admitted membership in the Ku Klux Klan and for his violation of federal statutes prohibiting the acceptance of certain campaign contributions, if investigations now underway by congressional committees prove these charges.

"May we also urge inclusion of provisions for federal aid to education, housing and the extension of social security."

The NAACP recommendations were expected to stimulate significant interest among Republican leaders in view of the traditional non-partisan political nature of the Association whose 555,000 members represent a cross section of political party leanings. Mr. White has consistently warned leaders in both major parties of the profound effect the rapidly growing Negro vote will have in the coming presidential election and in his HERALD-TRIBUNE column of October 18th he stated "There is constant emphasis that the one unequivocal pledge made to Negroes in the 1944 Republican anti-discrimination law. But Negroes know that 118 out of 183 Republican members of the House of Representatives refused or failed to sign a discharge petition to bring the FEPC out of the House Rules Committee. Had only 53 of the 118 signed, the necessary 218 signatures would have brought to the floor of the House the FEPC bill, where it would have passed by a better than 2 to 1 vote."

"How the Negro votes in 1948 will depend in a large measure upon five crucial issues with which the Eightieth Congress will be confronted. If the Senate and House of Representatives continue to play ball with the reactionary Southern Democrats as at the moment there seems to be every likelihood of their doing, any hope by the Republican Party that it will once again have the support of the crucial Negro vote might as well be abandoned. If on the other hand, the Republicans keep to the promises they so eloquently and frequently make to Negroes, the present Negro resentment against the Bilbo-Tammidge-Rankin-Byrnes domination of the Democratic Party may develop into a force strong enough to decide who will occupy the White House and control Congress in 1948."

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Senate Investigating Committee is not yet through with Sen. Theodore Bilbo (D. Miss.), his alleged deals with war contractors, and his private "dream house" complete with artificial lake.

The committee interrupted by the election campaign, will check into Bilbo's relations with war contractors soon after the election and the Klansman may have to talk fast to explain assertions that he used his Senate office to get contracts for his friends, who in turn remodeled Bilbo's Poplarville Miss. estate as a Christmas present in 1941.

On November 16 the senate campaign expenditures committee ordered public hearings on accusations that Sen. Bilbo won re-election by preventing Negroes from voting in his state. The committee's action came as the movement to bar Bilbo from being sworn in for his new term was gaining momentum in the senate.

The committee will begin hearings in the Bilbo inquiry not later than Dec. 2. Sessions will be held in Jackson, Grenada and Hattiesburg, Miss. that they may be held in accessible to witnesses in all parts of the state.

Affidavits in the hands of the committee charge Bilbo with using his influence to keep Negro voters away from the polls in Hattiesburg, Miss. that they may be held in accessible to witnesses in all parts of the state.

Republicans have made it known that if the evidence warrants action will be taken to prevent Bilbo from being administered the oath of office for his third term when the new congress convenes. This would require a majority vote of the senate. Should he be given the oath, a two-third vote would be required to expel him from the senate.

(The Man) Bilbo who has disgraced the United States for 12 years, will be asked to "step aside" when he presents himself to take the oath of office for a new six-year term beginning January 3. The strategy of trying to expel Bilbo rather than seat him apparently was based on the belief that his conduct has been such as not to warrant his being seated in the first place.

If the request that Bilbo step aside is resisted by southern Democratic Senators, the issue will be decided by a simple majority vote. If the test comes when he appears to take the oath of office, only 29 Republicans, including Senator elect Baldwin, and 32 Democratic holdovers, will be eligible to vote, despite the fact that Republicans will hold down 51 of the 96 seats in the Eightieth Congress. The other newly elected or re-elected Senators will not have been sworn in.

Friends of Bilbo said Bilbo may not be able to attend the opening session of the senate Jan. 3. He has a serious malady of the mouth and has not recovered from a recent automobile accident. But Bilbo's defiance to the committee, from Hattiesburg, Miss., gave no indication that he isn't feeling so well. Informed of the committee action, he snapped: "You can tell them I will be a pall bearer at the funeral of every person who predicts that I will not be seated in the Senate."

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Dining Car Waiters Elect New Officers

At a general executive board meeting of Protective Order of Dining Car Waiters, Local No. 465 officers were elected. The new officers elected are as follows: Mr. Arthur H. Reed, general chairman; Mr. Willis Porter, Jr., secretary-treasurer. More information of this meeting will be given at a later date.

Prominent Surgeon Vacations in States After Fifteen Years in West Africa!



OLD HOME WEEK—For Dr. Aaron McMillan (left) of Angola, West Africa, Harry L. Anderson (center), manager of the Ordinary Department, Atlanta Life Insurance Co., and J. Benjamin Horton Jr. (right), advertising manager of the Louisville Defender, when they met last week at the DEFENDER office. All three hail from Omaha, Nebr.

By STAFF WRITER

Louisville Defender, Louisville, Ky

"It's great to be back in the States on vacation, but I have no intention of giving up my work in Africa," declared Dr. Aaron M. McMillan of Omaha, Nebr., who has spent the past fifteen years in Angola, West Africa.

Year's Leave
Dr. McMillan, who was sent to Africa by the American Board of Foreign Missions, will be in the United States one year and will then return to Angola where he is Medical Director of a 130-bed hospital.

Most of the time during Dr. McMillan's year leave of absence will be devoted to the study of health conditions and methods of public health and disease control used in this country. When he returns to Africa, he expects to institute decided health improvements in his present set-up and to install new supplies and equipment.

Only American Medic
Dr. McMillan is the only American doctor on the staff of the Angola hospital which has an operating staff of 65. Many of the medical assistants are natives, some of whom have gone abroad to study.

Angola, which has a native population of 4 1/2 million and a European population of 54,000 was untouched by the war in Africa. The only news they received came through news reports via radio.

"Jungle Doctor"
Dr. McMillan is a graduate of Meharry Medical College at Nashville and studied for two years in France and Portugal. He also pursued special courses in surgery at the University of Lisbon. He has