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OUR GUEST Column

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The Caribbean

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The Caribbean Sea is the scene of a little-known attempt to grapple with colonial problems on a regional basis which brings encouragement to believers in "one world." Politically, the Caribbean is split into 12 independent countries and the colonies of four empires. Ethnically, the peoples of the world are well represented by Africans, East Indians, American Indians, Chinese, Europeans, Anglo and Latin Americans. The non-self-governing territories contain around 6,000,000 inhabitants and the republics have about 50,000,000.

Geographic obstacles hamper the movement of men and goods on much of the tropical mainland, but on the sea itself another type of handicap is found—the man-made barriers erected on the basis of imperialism, nationalism and other anachronistic belief. These barriers interfere with trade between the islands, with raising standards of living, with improving education, and with the building of a broad-based, inclusive democracy bereft of class, caste, color and religious restrictions. Here seem to converge the by-products of all the economic and political errors made by man in the past five hundred years," said Charles W. Taussig.

The depression of the thirties plus the impact of World War II on the region began to shake some of the once sacrosanct attitudes of colonial officials, the sugar planters, the military, and the middle class, which tries to keep its skirts away from the morass in which the workers and peasants live. Labor parties and unions were organized. Demands for improvements were presented. Riots occurred when desperation led to extreme measures. Labor leaders were jailed. Committees were appointed to investigate, and eventually some action was taken on their recommendations. Greater political participation was granted in the British colonies fairly quickly, war interfered with many of these activities and tossed urgent bread-and-butter problems into the hopper. The leasing of air and naval bases to the United States and the flooding of some of the military and civilian personnel wearing the "white supremacy" chip on their shoulders created serious situations.

The Anglo-American Caribbean Commission, chaired for the United States by Mr. Taussig, was created to try to solve some of these problems. The Commission tackled the pressing war-born troubles and kept at them during the emergency. Annual reports since its organization in 1942 are useful reading to anyone interested in the problems of colonial and other "backward" peoples.

The Commission has now adjusted its activities to times of peace. It has taken the highly significant step of bringing the Dutch and French into the picture. The Commission is now a four-power affair. A Caribbean Research Council is getting down to brass tacks on the long-range needs of the region. Perhaps the most useful arm of the Commission is the West Indian Conference, a forum for the peoples of the area, which has now held two meetings where opinions are fully and freely expressed. The second conference, which the writer was fortunate in attending, made real strides forward in democratic participation. Fifteen colonial entities in the Caribbean were represented, usually by at least one "people's delegate," as contrasted with a colonial official. The complexion of the second assembly was much darker than the first; of the 29 delegates, 23 were natives of the area.

After the destroyer-bases deal in 1940, United States planes took a nose-dive as a result of the ill-considered actions of many continentals. The region still looks askance at our domestic scene and wonders how much longer vicious racism and religious bigotry will prevail. The debate on the promotion of tourism at the West Indian Conference indicated the fear of many of the delegates that tourists would bring their prejudice with them.

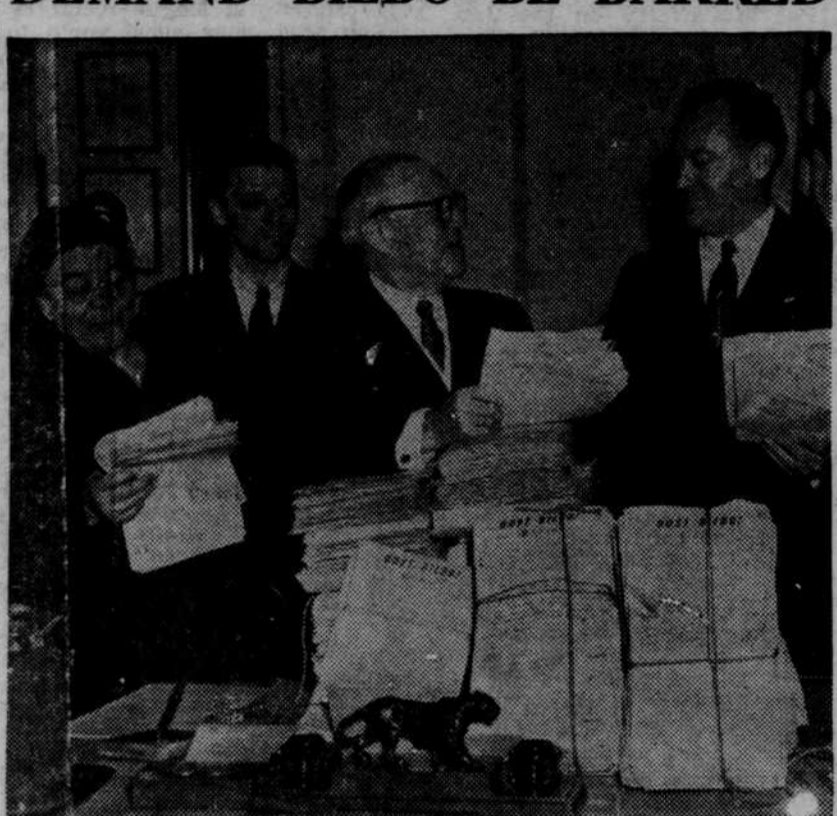
The organization provides a tool with great potentialities. Whether it will be used to tackle some of the more fundamental problems of the region depends primarily on public opinion in the metropolitan countries. Since the abolition of colonialism is one of the most urgent matters on the world's agenda today, all who believe in the widest possible extension of democracy should follow carefully the work of the Caribbean Commission.

Firemen Battle Blaze At Famous Old Hotel Patton

Firemen battled smoke Saturday afternoon caused from an overheated stove which damaged several third floor rooms at the Patton Hotel, 1014 South 11th st. None of the guests were injured. A land mark of the South 13th st. district the Patton Hotel was for many years operated by Mr. and Mrs. Patton, long time local residents. Because of its proximity to the railroad stations, the Patton Hotel for many years has been the home of visiting Sleeping Car porters and Dining Car waiters. Since the death of Mr. Patton, several years ago, Mrs. Patton has carried on the business until recently when the property was leased to other operators.

NAACP. OUTLINES 15-PT. PROGRAM For 80th CONGRESS

500,000 Americans From Every State In Union DEMAND BILBO BE BARRED



Senators Robert F. Wagner, (D., N. Y.) and H. Styles Bridges, (R., N. H.) receive petitions circulated by the Civil Rights Congress, with signatures of 500,000 Americans from every state in the union, demanding that Senator Theodore G. Bilbo be barred. Presentation of the petitions took place January 3rd in Senator Wagner's office before the opening of the 80th Senate. Participating in the ceremony (left to right) Charlotte Bass, editor California Eagle, Milton Kaufman, exec. dir. Civil Rights Congress, Senator Wagner and Senator Bridges.

STATEMENT BY MILTON KAUFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIR. OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONG. ON THE BILBO COMPROMISE

The majority of the American people will rejoice in the unanimous decision of the United States Senate to ask Theodore Bilbo to go home for two months. The rejection of Bilbo is a victory for the people of the area, the whole system of discrimination against racial and religious minorities which plagues our nation. The Civil Rights Congress, which launched the initial campaign to oust Bilbo, applauds the bipartisan character of the temporary ouster, at the same time warning that the millions of our citizens throughout the nation will not stand for Bilbo sneaking in any other door of the Senate now that the front door is temporarily barred.

Signatures continue to pour in on our popular petition, a half million signatures having already been placed in the hands of Senators Bridges and Wagner for presentation to the Senate. We shall not rest until the Senate has positively barred Bilbo and all the political and social ugliness he stands for. The people will be strengthened and encouraged into demanding that the new Congress remain on the path of protecting civil and democratic freedoms and that the rights of labor, of racial, religious, national and political minorities will be safeguarded.

The Civil Rights Congress is pleased with the present results of the campaign it started last summer when it began to collect evidence of the fraud, intimidation and violence to violence to which Bilbo is guilty. Democratic America owes a debt of gratitude to the courageous citizens of Mississippi, mainly Negro, who stood up to Bilbo and dared to challenge his theory and practice of race supremacy and lawlessness.

JOHN G. WINANT ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD WEEK

John G. Winant, former Ambassador to England, reportedly accepted the general chairmanship of the Fourteenth Annual American Brotherhood Week—Feb. 16-23, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The local chapter, headed by Miss N. Austin has been active in promoting inter-faith and inter-racial cooperation in Omaha by promoting special activities, programs, meetings, etc., in cooperation with local church, YWCA, Urban League and USO groups.

CONFESSES BURGLARY

James Young, 45 2102 Grace st., reportedly admitted to police that he burglarized the Nallow Cafe, 2756 Dodge st. three times before his fourth and unsuccessful attempt resulting in his capture. Pleading guilty to a charge of breaking and entering before Dis-

trict Judge Frank Dineen, Friday, Jan. 10, sentencing of Young was deferred.

LEONARD HAWKINS New Sports Columnist

Leonard Hawkins, boxing coach, city recreation department, joined the Omaha Guide as Sports Staff Columnist. Mr. Hawkins, a former light and middleweight boxer in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area is currently training local young boxing aspirants for Golden Gloves try-outs. Mr. Hawkins also has ably assisted Mrs. William Feibles, director, Logan Fontenelle Recreation Center, in development of recreational programs, and has cooperated with Mr. John Butler, executive secretary, North Side Branch, YMCA with teenage programs.

TO BE ELECTROCUTED SECOND TIME

According to a recent ruling of the Supreme Court, the State of Louisiana may make a second attempt to electrocute 17-year old Willie Francis, the Negro lad, who last May, when convicted of a holdup murder, escaped the fate of the death chair when a mechanical effect prevented his death as he sat strapped in the portable machine. The ruling of the Supreme Court ended the nationwide controversy, precipitated by mechanical failure of the electric chair, when the thrown switch would have sent the 17 year old Louisiana Negro lad to his death.

THREE OMAHANS HELD ON WHISKEY TRANSPORT CHARGES

Federal agents in cooperation with State Highway Patrolmen discovered 50 cases of whiskey in a trailer attached to the car of three Omahans arrested near Nebraska City. Identified as occupants of the car were Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Way, 504 South 21st av. and Mr. George H. McDavis, 3019 Corby st. The trio, held for the Federal Alcohol Tax unit have been released on bond.

SELLS WIFE FOR \$100

It seems as if the mill of life never stops turning and as it revolves its spins stories of various natures from all corners of the globe as witnessed by the setting free of a man sentenced to five years imprisonment by the Allahabad High Court of Allahabad, India for sale of his wife to a matchmaker for the sum of approximately one hundred dollars, with the wife, apparently showing no signs of disapproval of her sale. Court evidence revealed that the mother of the daughter sold for one hundred dollars, protested to police, but that the daughter was willing to be sold to her husband's friend, and continued to live with him.

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Veteran's Wife Enjoys Pool Therapy



While her husband was overseas, Mrs. Coleman was stricken by polio. She is receiving treatment at the Tuskegee Institute Polio Center. Care of polio patients by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its chapters is made possible by support of the March of Dimes, January 15-30.

New FEPC Bill Drafted

WASHINGTON—A draft of a new bill for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission, revised in the light of wartime and postwar experience, has been prepared for consideration by the new Congress. This was announced by Rev. Allen Knight Chalmers and A. Philip Randolph, co-chair-

NAACP YOUTH GROUP HEAD PROTESTS SPORTS SLANDER

NEW YORK—Ruby Hurley, NAACP Youth secretary, joined with prominent liberals and a host of sports fans throughout the nation in condemning the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro mouthings of Coach E. V. Shelton of the University of Wyoming casters during the recent game with Nat Holman's CCNY aggregation. The CCNY faculty athletic committee had already announced its severance of relations with Wyoming, while Coach Holman went even further by stating that City College will have nothing to do with any team that Shelton may be associated with in the future.

NAACP REPORTS Growth in South

NEW YORK—Eight new branches were chartered by NAACP National Board at its January meeting, according to an announcement issued by Gloster B. Current, director of branches. Branches were chartered in Gould, Arkansas; Washington County, Ohio; Lexington, Mississippi; Lebanon, Tennessee; Warren County, Virginia; Gochland County, Virginia; Caroline County, Maryland and Henrico County, Virginia.

FINED \$25 - COSTS

Richard L. Clark, 44 2230 Burdette st., was fined \$25 and costs in Central Police Court Monday morning as keeper of a disorderly house at 1812 North 24th st. Six inmates were arrested and fined \$1 each. Two of the inmates were charged with vagrancy.

TO SERVE 18 MO. SENTENCE

James M. Curley, 72-year-old former Boston mayor, and veteran of a half a century of politics, lost to the United States Court of Appeals, when his conviction was affirmed by that body. Curley was sentenced in Federal Court last February to serve an 18 month sentence and fined one thousand dollars for alleged activities in obtaining war contracts for clients.

SLUGGED AND DOBBED

Robert Adams, 2504 1/2 North 24th st., was slugged and robbed early Sunday of \$18. The 57 year old robbery victim reported to police that the holdup occurred at 30th and Lake sts. but was unable to give a clear description of his assailant. Mr. Adams received treatment at Doctor's hospital for head injuries.

GA. LEGISLATURE CONVENES

The Georgia Legislature opened its session of 1947 on Monday Jan. 13, to settle the dispute about the Governor's seat. There are two aspirants.

CHILDREN! We Want Your Pictures

Don't forget our invitation to have your pictures taken FREE and published in this newspaper. Remind your parents it costs them nothing!

We are having Woltz Studios, of Des Moines, Iowa, nationally known children's photographers, take your pictures expressly for publication in a new feature titled "CITIZENS of TOMORROW."

Remind your parents that nothing need be subscribed to: There are no strings of any kind! Every youngster in this trading area is eligible. There is no age limit. Extra prints may be obtained by arranging with the studio representative when the pose for publication is selected, but this, too, is entirely up to your parents.

Clippings of these pictures will become treasured mementos of childhood, so be sure to call on our photographer at the Northside Branch of the YWCA, 22nd and Grant Sts., where we have arranged to set up the studio. We do not want a single local youngster to be disappointed. Appointments are NOT necessary, but one of your parents or another adult must accompany you.

Here is a suggestion on how to get your picture taken promptly. Go to the Northside Branch, YWCA, 22nd and Grant Streets, during the days mentioned below and if your last name begins with any of the letters between:

- "A" and "H" Visit Photographer Friday, Jan. 17
- "I" and "M" Visit Photographer Saturday, Jan. 18
- "N" and "Z" Visit Photographer Monday, Jan. 20.

The above suggestion is not compulsory but your parents' cooperation will be appreciated.

Four New Members To NAACP Board

SPINGARN RE-ELECTED NAACP PRESIDENT

NEW YORK—Arthur B. Spingarn of New York was re-elected President of the NAACP at its first meeting in 1947 by the organization's board of directors. Dr. Louis T. Wright, also of New York, was re-elected board chairman. Mary White Ovington was again elected Treasurer of the Association, and Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, of New York's Broadway Tabernacle, was elected as Assistant Treasurer.

Vice presidents re-elected for 1947 were Mary McLeod Bethune, Nannie H. Burroughs, Godfrey Lowell Cabot, Hon. Arthur Capper, Hon. Harry E. Davis, Bishop John A. Gregg, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Dr. William Lloyd James, Hon. Ira W. Jaynes, Isadore Martin, T. G. Nutter, Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Sr., A. Philip Randolph and Oswald Garrison Villard.

Parents Magazine Rapped by NAACP

NEW YORK—Sharp issue was taken today with Parents Magazine by Walter White, executive secretary, NAACP, for its award of a medal to "Song of the South," Walt Disney's film of the Uncle Remus stories. Mr. White, in his telegram, stated:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is shocked by the award of the January Parents Magazine medal to 'Song of the South,' which glorifies racial stereotypes and virtually justifies slavery by picturing it as an idyllic system. One of the chief causes of racial friction in this country is the half-truths and untruths which are planted in the unsuspecting minds of young peoples which in later years causes the perpetuation of dangerous and divisive prejudices. Award of medal by a publication so highly respected and circulated as Parents Magazine, which many of us have read for years, is not in keeping, in our opinion, with the high standards which it has always maintained. The movie critic, too, in general, have given the picture rather unenthusiastic reviews due to its idealization of the 'charm' of a feudal slave-holding era.

NAACP TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

The local branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Sunday, 3:30 p. m. Jan. 19. All members and friends are urged to attend.

RENT CONTROL SHOULD BE KEPT IN FODCE

The Senate, determined that the entire rent control program, should not be abolished, disagreed with the House of Representatives sharply as Chairman Walcott (Rep., Mich.) of the House Banking Committee, related that "present indications" were, that rent controls should be kept in force after July 1, but with amendments which would erase "inequities."

Mr. Jack Winters, director of the Mayfair Fashion Guild announced that the best dressed in America have been selected as a result of an American woman.

Orville Jones Appointed Permanent Postal Clerk

Orville Jones Jr. 2865 Maple st., recently received his permanent appointment as a postal clerk. Mr. Jones was reported as the only Negro among the 36 new appointees. Recently married to the former Agnes Montgomery, Mr. Jones, a former captain in the United States Army, saw overseas service. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, the former captain is a product of the local schools, and is active in civic and social affairs of the community. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Jones Sr., well known residents of the city. Mr. Jones' sister, Miss Rowena Jones, graduate social worker and well known member of Omaha's young social set.