

# Local Speakers Offer Solutions For Africa

Recommendations for both a "moral stand" and financial aid, on the part of the United States, were offered as a solution to the African racial rebellion problem, by members of a forum entitled, "Africa—An Invitation to Communism," which aired its views Sunday afternoon at the central YWCA.

Speakers were Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary of the Urban league of Portland, and Professors Allan Edwards and Frank F. Funk, both of Reed college. Moderator was Tom Humphreys, Journal associate editor, and Peter Grantenbein, local Urban league president, announcer.

## Segregation the Rule

Describing the situation, Dr. Edwards pointed out that by means of "apartheid" — a policy of segregation—two and a half million whites, principally British, are holding down 10 million colored people. Dr. Munk said that the chief trouble spots in Africa are North Africa (Arabs), East Kenya and the Union of South Africa.

Forum consensus was that the danger of communism affiliation by colored Africans would be negligible if proper steps toward peaceful settlement were taken now by other nations. It was brought out by Dr. Munk that before the United States could take effective mediatorial action it must assure itself of amiable relations with Great Britain.

## Point 4 Gould Help

Dr. Munk, questioned from the floor, said that it was possible for the United States to remodel its Marshall Plan budget to include financial aid to the Africans.

Berry pointed out that by taking a positive moral stand on the issue we could do our part to settle the problem "without spending another penny." He emphasized the fact that Americans have proved themselves to be quite uninformed on the problem because they hold generally stereotyped ideas which picture Africans as all wearing rings in their noses and being almost totally uneducated.

## School Books Criticized

Berry flailed at Oregon textbooks which have done much to miseducate school children about the general nature of the African Negroes. He advised that in order to effectively take our moral stand, we must give up the "lux-

ury of racism." He observed that Portlanders were in the habit of defining discrimination not as of itself, but in a manner which described only that discrimination practiced nationally and to a scale that was not common to Portland.

Dr. Edwards ventured that the main bone of contention, on the part of the British, was ownership of the naval base, Capetown, South Africa, which would possibly be lost to them once the African Negroes won their political independence.

## Just Want Freedom

Ephraim Layode, Nigerian foreign student at University of Portland, claimed from the floor that what the colored people in Africa really wanted was their independence, and that there was no danger of the communists making inroads as long as they achieved this end. He pictured them as being a better-led and educated group which now must be contended with politically by other nations.

The program was partially broadcast by KOIN Wednesday.

## Frat Club Loses Liquor License

Cancellation of the liquor license for Benny's Frat House — Tuxedo Junction—has caused the owner, Bennie Hamilton, to close his club temporarily. The cancellation of the license came as a result of a raid by Oregon State Liquor agents, September 22.

Five employes of Hamilton's were arrested and eventually found guilty of selling liquor illegally.

Hamilton felt the cancellation an unduly severe penalty for a first offense.

He opened his club to the public June 14 and operated until recently when the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission handed down their cancellation penalty.

## YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES

The year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holliday, 837 N. Stanton street, died November 30, and was buried December 5 at Columbia cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at the Zeller funeral chapel.

The girl was born November 30, 1951. Her parents have resided in Portland for the last few years.

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## Lead in African Discussion



Attempting to offer a solution to the tense racial situation in Africa, Edwin C. Berry, left, of the Portland Urban League, and Reed college Professors Allan Edwards and Dr. Frank Munk, examine map of Africa in preparation to discussion held at the Central YWCA Sunday. (Photo courtesy of Oregon Journal)

## YWCA to Present Annual Program Including Carols

An annual program, "Hang-ing of the Greens," under the sponsorship of the YWCA will begin Monday at the central YWCA with all civic "Y" groups participating. The affair will feature decorating and caroling, which will take place first at the central YWCA and then at various local branches, it was announced by Mrs. Wilson Walker, assistant Y-Teen director.

Tuesday, the Holliday and Boise Y-Teen groups, composed of 7th and 8th grade girls will decorate the lounge and entrance hall of the Williams Avenue YWCA. A caroling session, led by the Holladay group, will follow. The program will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, the Co-ed group, high school boys and girls, will decorate the remainder of the Williams Ave. branch and follow with caroling and a rendition of the nativity. The program, from 7 to 10:30 p.m., will end with the lighting of the Christmas tree. (Continued on page 3)

## Funeral Services Held for Pioneer

Funeral services were held Monday, December 2, at the Colonial Mortuary for Ervin M. Flowers, who died of a heart attack on November 28.

Mr. Flowers was a native Portlander; he attended Holladay grade school and the old East Side high school. He had been employed as a truck driver for the municipal paving plant since 1920.

He was a veteran of WWI and was a member of American Legion Post No. 1, the Urban league, was past president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a member of Bethel AME church.

Mr. Flowers is survived by his widow, Melba, and by his brothers, Ralph and Elmer and a host of friends.

Services were under the auspices of the American Legion Post No. 1. Officiating was the Rev. Jesse Boyd of Bethel AME church assisted by the Rev. L. O. Stone of St. Phillip's Episcopal church.

Mrs. Clifford Dixon was soloist, accompanied by May Lack.

Honorary bearers were: H. Deaseleu, B. Bowens, George Holliday, L. Maddox, A De Michele, R. Blackburn, J. Martin and Steve Nash.

Bearers were: J. E. Palladine, Charles Williams, Tony Berardenellis, Frank Baccellieri Clarence Ivy and Harry Hardy.

Taps were sounded at concluding services held at Willamette National cemetery.

## ALBINA COUNCIL MEETS

The Albina Neighborhood council met Wednesday afternoon to discuss problems concerning pupil and community welfare at Poise elementary school. Discussion was related to functions of the council and how members could contribute most efficiently to the organization.

# Urban League Releases Race Relations Report

Portland's Urban league released its "Balance Sheet on Race Relations" in Portland, termed the assessment of results of its members' efforts during 1952 in the work to which the league is dedicated.

The balance sheet reported that non-white families are now living in 60 of Portland's 61 census tracts. The league saw this as a demonstration that "democratic housing practice is a growing reality, despite the resistance of organized real estate interests and some ill-informed property owners."

The league reported that individuals and some real estate agents have made homes available to minority families in previously restricted areas. It also said that the housing authority of Portland continues a policy of nonsegregation and no acts of violence have occurred.

## Housing Progress Needed

On the debit side, the league sees housing the principal obstacle in advanced race relations, despite the progress shown.

According to the Urban league balance sheet, Negro workers of ability have found employment since 1920 as research chemist, engineer, department store clerk, photostat technician, telephone operator, draftsman, city fireman, state liquor sales clerk and chain grocery store clerk.

They report also that gains have been made or maintained in such jobs as teacher, social worker, medical technician, registered nurse, practical nurse, stenographer, power machine operator, laundry workers, deputy sheriff and police officer.

Much of the help of this job advancement the league attributes to the state's fair employment practice law, although scores of firms have hired non-white workers in other than menial jobs since 1950.

## Individuals Help

Pointing to the effort made in behalf of civil rights ordinance

in 1950 bringing individuals to the front in tending to lessen the "white only" policy among "the better downtown establishments," the league noted that first-class hotels draw no color line, nor do theatres, except one on Union avenue. It also noted that Negro patrons are generally accepted at bowling alleys and other amusement places.

Significant to the report was the fact that children of all races and colors attend school together and are encouraged to share jointly in all school activities. The school system is administered without bias and some Negro teachers are in schools having no Negro students.

The practice of denying Negro students admission to cosmetic therapy schools is ended. Colleges and business and professional schools invite enrollment of non-white students.

The league's balance sheet also gave credit to health and welfare services, churches, press and ra-

dio, Oregon national guard, auto insurance companies and the police for improved race relations.

## Much Progress Lacking

The report still sees much progress to be made in all categories, however. It is discouraged with the church for not assuming the dynamic leadership role in the achievement of inter-racial brotherhood; with the practice still followed by several restaurants, night clubs, dance halls and taverns in turning away Negro patrons; with the nondiligence of the public school officials in the selection of text books and materials to aid racial understanding; and with the failure of many employers to offer nonwhite job seekers equal consideration.

Material concerning race relations can be obtained from the Portland Urban league office located in the McKay building at 3rd avenue and Stark street.

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Included on the league's staff are: E. Shelton Hill, industrial secretary; John Holley, neighborhood secretary; Mrs. Myrtle White, Mrs. Gertrude Rae and Miss Dolores Casanares, clerks.

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