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LISTEN FRIENDS . . .

By Margaret Taylor Goss for ANP

No Minority Problem in USSR

Recently the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship celebrated the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the resumption of U. S.-Soviet diplomatic relations. This should interest us as Negroes because of the fact that anyone who takes the time to read the facts knows that here is one country that we can learn from about solving our present pressing minority groups problem.

Paul Robeson, the great people's artist, shed needed light on how the Soviet Union dealt with this problem when he spoke recently in New York City at the anniversary celebration. I should like to quote for the benefit of interested readers some excerpts from Mr. Robeson's speech.

Paul Robeson said, "In developing our understanding of and closer friendship with the Soviet Union, it is important that we in America try to understand that country's ideals. The one which in my opinion has most significance for us, especially now, is that of democracy among peoples of different race, color, creed and nationality. . . . Democracy among all peoples regardless of race, creed and color or nationality is something that the Soviet people have achieved in practice. And it represents one of the greatest of all achievements of the Soviet Union in its 23 years of history."

America's outstanding singer-actor goes on to say, "This magnificent history of Soviet achievement and complete national integration of minority and former colonial peoples has particular importance for us today. Recently, a writer in the Soviet publication, War and the Working Class, observed that 'the system of colonial enslavement of hundreds of millions of people is an extremely dangerous obstacle in the path of social progress and a bulwark of reactionary tenden-

cies all over the world. The removal of this barrier is an essential condition for the inclusion of vast countries and the peoples inhabiting them, in the general channel of humanity's economic, political and cultural development."

Mr. Robeson further states that there is no possible comparison to be made with the Soviet Union in its treatment of minorities, for they have no minorities in our sense of the word. In that country all people of whatever color or culture enjoy complete equality. We know that this is not true in the United States, either for the Negro or any other minority groups so perhaps we can learn something from the USSR, that is if we are really serious about solving this problem.

Mr. Robeson feels that "the greatest danger at this historic period to the emergence of a peoples' world founded on the equalities, economic, racial, ethnic and political could well be upon our continent." Consider for a moment, the situation in China, in Indonesia and in other places where our policy has been to help the British, French and Chiang Kai Shek governments crush the people's struggle for democracy, freedom and independence.

In South America, millions of Africans are facing unnecessary starvation and the tragic plight of the Jewish people has not yet been solved. "Yet," Mr. Robeson says, "we talk of world peace and security. Reliance upon might, armaments, military bases and atomic bombs will not help us toward that goal. If the United States and the United Nations truly want peace and security, let them fulfill the hopes of the common people everywhere, let them work together to accomplish on a world scale, precisely the kind of democratic association of free people which characterizes the Soviet Union today."

Occupational Therapy Saves Wounded African Soldier

ACCRA, WEST AFR.—(ANP)—Many West African soldiers will owe their lives to the science of occupational therapy.

That conclusion has been reached by Gerald Plange and other journalists from this area during a recent visit to a West African convalescent depot in India.

A wounded West African soldier is not immediately rushed back to West Africa, nor does he spend the whole period of his disability in a base hospital. His journey to a convalescent depot may take two or three months as he moves carefully from one hospital to another.

He finds himself in a totally different atmosphere when he finally arrives at the convalescent base. Unlike an ordinary hospital, he is largely out in the open air, and in place of constant doses of medicine, he finds himself engaging in physical training.

The first thing is to look into

his pay problems, get his "pay-book straightened out and see that family allotments are being paid and collected regularly." This is followed by placing him into his proper physical category for treatment. If he has been wounded in limbs or shoulders or fingers or wrists there are special occupational therapy classes.

These injuries are cured by the patients use of his limbs in making toy animals from wool, weaving mats on boards, flower making, clay modelling, sewing, leatherwork and basket-making. The physical training program is carried out by American instructors under the supervision of qualified British army physical training instructors.

British nursing orderlies supervise the training program under a medical officer. Mrs. Lanning, a Britishe, uns the remedial and occupational therapy section, which has a high score for successful cures.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY for ANP

1. God's power, is the force all of us alike can share, but dynamic possessors of it, today are very rare.
2. It took many scientists to perfect the atomic bomb, but in proportion it will take less real Christians to put Satan and his power on the run.
3. Just as a few men with political power have the reigns of this government at their command, so can a few more Jeremiahs and Pauls bring the kingdom of heaven near at hand.
4. Man's power may prove a champion at holding out for a long while, but it just cannot continue on in arrogance and style.
5. Man must come to understand that outward forces of evil will ignite into flame if the inner man forgets God, and the nations continue to clamor, only for wealth and material gain.
6. Bread alone will not suffice, and diplomatic serenade is tantamount to a fling of dice.
7. Every time mne decide their own issues, to the exclusion of God's laws, they can expect down the road to meet up with flaws.
8. Man must decide to abide by God's form of creation and squarely recognize all races and creeds, or he will find himself wanting, even in his common needs.
9. God, of one blood, created all men, and Christ with His own blood paid their debt of sin . . . so there is nothing left for man to do but to love his neighbor, and to his God be true.
10. God's will could be done on earth, as it is in Heaven, if all men would forget what they think they are, and strive toward

Negroes' Status In Canada Shown

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Political representation rather than im crow appears to be the problem of Canada's 25,000 Negro citizens.

That is part of an over-all picture of the Negro's status in Canada, supplied by a series of articles on Negroes in that country by Ibert G. Barnett, assistant city editor of the Chicago Defender.

"As evidence of how completely Canadian Negroes have been 'overlooked' by the 'tolerant' whites, the survey shows that in the entire dominion there is only one Negro policeman, not a single fireman and no Negroes holding appointive or elective positions in public offices as representatives of city, province or dominion government," Barnett writes.

In his first article Barnett quoted a slap at Canada's treatment of colored citizens by Alistair Stewart, a white liberal of Winnipeg, Manitoba, in his first speech as a member of the Canadian House of Commons.

"Canada is ignoring a golden opportunity when it refuses to allow Negroes who could contribute much to the country's welfare, a fair chance to do so," Stewart said.

Godly living.

11. Jeremiah didn't cry for nothing, ut tried to warn us even now to quit sinning, when he said "Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth . . ." Jer. 23 ad 25.

12. The hour is at hand now for every corner of the nation, to pull itself up in the direction of salvation, and stop mimicking Satan's enchanting tom toms while awaiting our destruction by atomic bombs.

"Me . . . I'm staying in the Army!"

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THERE ARE PLENTY OF REASONS . . . AND HERE THEY ARE!



- 1 "First, I keep my present grade. That means a lot.
- 2 "By reenlisting for 3 years I can pick my own branch of service in the Air, Ground or Service Forces, and can go to any overseas theater I wish.
- 3 "I get my mustering-out pay, even though I'm reenlisting. Also, I get \$50 a year reenlistment bonus for each year I've been in the Army. My dependents receive family allowances for the full term of my enlistment. And I'll be eligible for GI Bill of Rights benefits when I get out of the Army.
- 4 "My food, clothes, quarters, medical and dental care are all supplied to me. And I can learn any of 200 skills or trades in the Army schools.
- 5 "All of us who are reenlisting are going to have from 30 to 90 days' furlough at home with full pay and our travel paid both ways. And we'll have 30 days' furlough every year with pay.
- 6 "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. Added up—reenlistment seems pretty sound to me!"

JANUARY 31, 1946
AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR MEN IN THE ARMY

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BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock

South Carolina Secedes Again
Secessionism still survives in South Carolina. The Palmetto state was the very first to secede from the Union in the 1860's. But in 1945 South Carolina is threatening to secede again and this time not from the Union but from the old traditional "keep-the-Negro-down" south. Reports have it that there are white South Carolinians who are not only supporting the Negro's contention for his rights to vote but who accompany Negroes to the ballot box to see that nothing is done to circumvent this right.

When white southerners are so determined that Negroes shall vote that they are willing to go with them to the ballot box, we are witnessing "strange things today." That these white southerners are South Carolinians is one of the moral miracles of the 20th century. As we were informed some months ago, these same South Carolinians favored letting Negroes vote in the primary; this same group met and made a statement in rebuttal to the shameful legislative attempts to thwart the Negro's rightful contention for political participation. Now these same white are so determined that justice shall be accorded Negroes in their rightful attempts to exercise their rights of suffrage that they accompany Negroes to the ballot box.

Interracialism is reaching a new high in constructive action when it assumes the proportions and momentum now manifest in South Carolina. Things are stirring in the south and although the short time prospects are not assuring, the long time prospects leave abundant room for hope. These latter day secessionists in South Carolina are the hope of the south and nation. Without them the Negro is lost and then the south is lost; and then the nation!

It must be kept definitely in mind that the fight for justice for the Negro is not a fight merely for the Negro. It is a fight for the south and nation. Long live these latter day secessionists in South Carolina! May their numbers increase. The secessionism is a redemptionist movement calculated to save the moral face of

the south no less than its heart.

Little by Little

Little by little Negroes are advancing in their legitimate aspirations toward full integration into the body poitic of this nation. Little by little those forces designed to thwart these aspirations are weakening while those favoring these aspirations are strengthening. It would wreck civilization and democracy to permanently subjugate the Negroes in the United States or the Indians in India. The subjugating nations are strictly on the defensive and it is only a matter of time and their position will be untenable.

Britain is still fighting. Britain dares not cease fighting. Fighting is the life blood of the far-flung British empire. But fighting will in time destroy Britain and if she does not fight, rapid disintegration will set in and final dissolution will become inevitable.

nce the United States can be convinced that we are no longer justified in fighting Britain's imperialistic wars, Britain's strangle hold on India and Ireland and China will be broken forever. The sooner the British empire disintegrates, the sooner will appear prospects of lasting peace. There is no way at present to stave off war if Britain is to keep intact her vast empire. But unfortunately the handwriting is now on the wall, and even the most dull-eyed Britons can read it. Imperialism is a form of isolationism and the survival of mankind depends upon the abolishment of isolationism. Little by little forces of abolishment are at work just as little by little forces are at work for Negro liberation here and elsewhere.

The Negro athlete symbolizes the underlying spirit of the nation. Little by little these Negro athletes are coming into their own. Joe Louis has probably contributed as much to improved race relations as any Negro of this generation. He is the greatest symbol of interracialism. His success has been of the interracial kind, but there would have been no success had he not wrought it with those "million dollar mauls" which we call fists. Now comes Jackie Robinson crashing the major leagues as a ball player. If Jackie can deliver the goods he is going to be a blessing to the cause of better race relations. If Jackie does not deliver, some other Negro will. We are inching along, little by little.

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