

Catholics Conduct Interracial Conference

NEW YORK — One of the more popular features of the Summer School of Catholic Action held here at Fordham University August 20-25 was the Interracial Conference conducted by the Rev. John A. LaFarge, S. J., Editor-in-Chief of America and long an expert in the interracial field.

By the end of 1943, U. S. production of aluminum was approximately six times greater than it had been in 1939.

PLAIN TALK BY DAN GARDNER

NEGROES GO WILD IN REJOICING ON V-J DAY, ONLY PEOPLE WHO GOT NOTHING FROM VICTORY

V-J Day in New York City, as I presume it was elsewhere, was one of the few national celebrations in which the white man neglected or forgot to keep Negroes separate.

Consequently, the pictures will show Negroes mixed with whites, Chinese, and other racial stocks, yelling their heads off in wild, frenzied enthusiasm as ours over the tremendous victory as ours over the

Japanese had been accomplished with such dramatic suddenness. The fever with which Negroes here in New York greeted V-J Day, the tidal wave of happiness that swept through Harlem and the Negro sections of the Bronx and Brooklyn won't be matched anywhere else.

Let's look at the whole thing candidly and attempt to rationalize. It can be well understood why Chinatown went mad with joy when the Japs had been defeated. The Chinese have their native land at stake. Defeat of the Japanese enemy means freedom for millions enslaved by the conquering hordes of Nippon. It places China back in the running as a world power, no matter how actually weak she is in comparison with the great western nations and with Russia.

All the hphenated American groups, the Indo-American, the Czech, the Yugoslav, the Dane, the Norwegian, the Rumanian, the Belgian, the Dutch, the German-American, the Pole, and even the Filipino had good reason to rejoice. All were either in the "kill" or had a chance to get in on it.

But what did the American Negro get out of the war? During the almost four years of sacrifice, "blood, sweat and tears" both on the actual battlefield and on the home front, the American Negro comes out of World War II with two pockets empty. They are the United States Supreme Court decision outlawing "White Primaries" in the South and the Fair Employment Practice Act passed by the New York State Legislature and applicable only to that state.

THOUSANDS MAY NOW LIVE. It is, of course, apparent to everyone that the American Negro was glad and is still glad that the lives of thousands of American fighting men, white and Negro, have been saved by the sudden cessation of hostilities with Japan.

Still, it is beyond comprehension and spontaneous gaiety and happiness expressed by Negroes on V-J Day. Of course we are American

IRONIC FATE



U. S. Coast Guard Photo.

PHILIPINO boys laboriously scoop up earth in digging grave for one of their family among the crude wooden crosses of a native burial ground. Their ragged clothes are mute evidence of hardships endured under Jap rule, but monthly shipments of 250 bundles of clothing are now being sent to liberated islands by Philippine War Relief, member agency of the National War Fund.

citizens. The good and bad fortunes of our native country affect us all. Victory over Germany, Italy and Japan is a sorry day for all of African descent. We all know that. But deeper in the situation is the fact that we are still without status, more like wards of a rich man who keeps us living in "shacks on the outskirts of his big plantation mansion and allows us to be the day of the actual American slavery, to join in with our rich, infectious laughter and songs and humor.

Leadership busy for selves. Truth is, the American Negro has lost, really he has, about thirty of America's minority groups. Victory over Germany, Italy and Japan really means a return, and a swift one, to his pre-war status because when the white man had his back to the wall, the Negro home-front leadership was so busy getting good jobs for itself, and tooting the horn loudly while doing nothing that the constructive steps that should have been taken died with the thought.

To prove these statements, all one has to do is look at the wholesale drings that are going on in every phase of American business and industry and note who is getting the gate first. It is the same old pattern, "last to be hired, first to be fired."

Implied threats come from certain cities in the South as they did at the end of World War I. Restrictions based on race are as strong today as they ever were and promise to be reinforced by even stronger barriers against Negroes when the old American social system is re-established by the national Democratic administration which, after all, is southern-dominated, southern-controlled, and thoroughly in accord with the basic principles of "southernism."

LABOR GAINS DUBIOUS. And it is difficult to see how much actual gain the Negro made in organized labor. With the "winning full-blast, Negroes were taken into unions in droves, and they were given nearly all types of jobs. But that was during a national emergency.

The cook who saves time by putting sweet potatoes in the oven or kettle without peeling also saves vitamins, say nutritionists of the USDA.

American Negro on V-J Day. We had the opportunity, but, in most cases, we missed the boat. We went out eagerly for "happiness in our time," and now we are in line to reap the bitter fruits of "play in the summer and starve in the winter."

The millions of dollars Negroes earned during this war, if they could be accounted for, would show a disproportionately large chunk of money going down the sewer from needless pleasures, principally whiskey, drinking, taxicab joyriding, cabaret and unaccustomed luxuries. Our national organizations, including the NAACP and the Urban League, were not on the ball in launching countrywide, all-out campaigns to get people to save instead of squandering wartime-earned money.

The church was also derelict in such duties. We seemed more concerned with the fate of the "poor, starving Poles" and the "improvised" Dutch than we did with the thousands of our own people who may well be the first in the bread lines when they form. V-J Day will have to come again for any rejoicing we may want to exhibit over real, concrete and worthwhile gains.

A total of 1,341 of the leading dairymen in North Carolina attended the mastitis-control schools held recently in 15 of the principal milk sheds in the State, report State College specialists.

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