

Racist Threatens Jackie, Minister

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Former baseball star, Jackie Robinson and the Rev. Leon H. Sullivan were sent a crank letter by local hoodlums just before a scheduled NAACP area meeting. The letter read: "We will fix Jackie Robinson if he appears in Philadelphia with any talks on housing and you two may both get shot."

Jackie Robinson told an audience of over 2,000 that he "does not scare easily." Rev. Sullivan was "100 percent with him" on this statement.

Robinson, chairman of the NAACP's 14th Membership Drive, appeared at an NAACP campaign meeting at the Zion Baptist Church. Robinson told about another note he received while he was in Florida. The note asked "What right do you have to express yourself on racial and political issues. We whites have been very good to you?"

He said that he would be less than a man if he was satisfied because he had been given things personally. He stated, "I am still not sure that my three youngsters and other youngsters are going to have their rights."

Then referring to a statement that he had not received awards that he might have received if he had not been so "rational on racial points," Robinson said, "I would rather lose all the awards in the world than my self-respect. My self-respect means a lot more to me than any awards I may get. I will not be satisfied until we are able to get everything our neighbors can get."

He thanked the audience for the support that Philadelphians gave him when he was playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Labor Leader Says We Need Africa Policy

DURHAM—The U. S. Government has no clear-cut policy regarding the emerging, democratic nations of Africa, according to George L. P. Weaver of Washington, assistant to President James B. Carey of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO.

Weaver addressed a forum audience at North Carolina College on "What Africa Means to the Trade Union Movement."

He said the American labor movement has "deep roots abroad in Europe and in Africa."

Interest in Africa on the part of the trade union movement, Weaver said, had developed on two sides. On the first, at a practical level, Africa has the largest storehouse of raw materials and the largest untapped resources of any of the continents. On another side, the future of Africa is important to the ultimate aims and ideas of the labor movement.

The speaker said U. S. propaganda during World War II which was beamed to Africa and Asia and which stressed freedom, democracy, an equality of opportunity had greatly affected the aspirations of peoples in those lands.

"All African nations are now dreaming of freedom and there is much talk of the United States of Africa," Weaver said.

Speaking of the lack of U. S. policy in Africa, Weaver said, "This lack of policy may be explained in part on U. S. reluctance to cut ourselves away from European colonial powers—Britain, France, Belgium, and Sweden."

"Unless America is prepared to face the emerging African nations as equals for the future, we'll lose the race for the loyalty of Africa's millions," Weaver continued.

Weaver emphasized that Africans have grown weary of "colonialism" and are determined to realize their national destinies.

"And the sincerity of the U. S. in its dealings with Africa is being judged by the extent to which America is successful in translating our glorious ideals of democracy, equality, and freedom into day to day realities."

Weaver credited colored citizens in the U. S. "with substituting law for the classic instruments of revolution." "I venture to say that when the history of this generation is written, it will be pointed out that the emerging peoples of the world followed the example of colored citizens in the U. S. in refusing social injustice. This will be the greatest contribution to the progress of democracy in this century."

Freedom is a gift from the past but it is not at all certain that it will be a legacy to the future.

Over Half Of Population is Now Colored; Exodus Of Whites Faster

WASHINGTON — (AP) — According to a recent report, within the next five years, the nation's capital may become an all-Negro city.

John L. McMillan, the unofficial "mayor of Washington," recently reported that "12 years ago, the District of Columbia was 72 per cent white. Now it is 53 per cent Negro and the population is increasing 8 to 10 per cent a year."

McMillan was addressing a citizen council forum on a television program.


He pointed out that since 1945, Washington has had a steadily-increasing Negro population coupled with an exodus of whites to suburban Virginia and Maryland.

McMillan said the integration of schools is the reason for the continuing increase in the Negro population and the exit of the whites.

He added: "Unless school conditions are improved and white people stop leaving, the schools will be 100 per cent Negro in a very short time."

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