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A Christmas Prayer for Any Year

IN THIS MOST HOLY and joyous season of the Christian year, it would be most fitting to rededicate ourselves to the spirit of the Golden Rule, remembering that the God-given admonition is to do unto others as we WOULD HAVE others do unto us--not necessarily to do unto others as they actually DO unto us.

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" may seem a just law, but justice without mercy and compassion for the unjust is less than Christ-like. In commemorating the birth of

Him who died in expiation for the sins of the world, let us remember that He asked His Father in Heaven to forgive His enemies because they knew not what they did when they scourged Him and nailed Him to the Cross.

Revenge may be sweet, but it also can be brutalizing, leaving little to choose between the persecutor and the persecuted. Forgiveness, on the other hand, is ennobling and assures its own reward through enrichment of the spirit. As trite as it may sound, love can truly conquer all. Hate can only demean and degrade the hater.

Therefore, at this Christmastime:

"Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding; that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them but that which unites them; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation (or race over race), but of man over his own evils and weaknesses; that the true spirit of this Christmas season--its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith--may live among us; that the blessings of peace be ours--the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence."

Noted Negro Editor Dies

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Florence Murray, 65, editor of "The Negro Handbook," a compendium of facts and figures about the Negro in the United States published biennially since 1942 for use in colleges and universities, has succumbed to injuries suffered when she was struck by an automobile here.

In private life, Miss Murray was Mrs. Florence Shervington, wife of Wilfred S. Shervington. She was born in Alexandria, Va., a daughter of the late Freeman F. H. Murray, a member of the Niagara Movement, out of which grew the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Miss Murray was graduated from Howard University and did graduate study at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. She taught at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., and later was city editor of the Washington Tribune and correspondent of the Chicago Defender. She was at one time an investigator for the New York City Department of Welfare.

British--have returned to key civil service posts in Malawi at Dr. Banda's request. "Why not Africans?" he asks.

In rebuttal, Dr. Banda puts more Africans in the civil administration and police force. But he insists on gradual change and qualified personnel.

Dr. Banda realizes that he must improve economic conditions in Malawi and do it fast. He has plenty of paper plans on his desk. But nothing tangible has developed. This is dangerous for both Dr. Banda and Malawi.

If the overthrow of Tshombe and a take-over in the Congo look like a long-term proposition to the commies, they may well concentrate on Dr. Banda and Malawi for a quick and heady conquest.



AFRICA in Today's World

By CHARLES I. WEST, M.D.

IF AND WHEN the pan-African cohorts of the Chinese Communists succeed in running Premier Moïse Tshombe out of the Congo, their next target most likely will be a former African nationalist firebrand whose name is unfamiliar to most Americans.

Square-jawed and barrel-chested at 62, Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda, Premier of Malawi, is waging a desperate battle for survival with little attention from the rest of the world. According to Seymour Freidin, executive foreign news editor of the New York Herald Tribune, Dr. Banda's tiny West-Central African country is riddled and beset by pro-Red Chinese ex-cabinet ministers and their marauding supporters.

Dr. Banda is trying hard to keep his tortured nation, one of the more recent to gain independence, from coming apart at the seams. He is doing so with a security force of maybe 3,000 to 4,000 operatives from police and army cadres and a fervently loyal youth organization. But it's a tough job.

Malawi is a have-not nation of the first magnitude, even by depressed African standards. Its fewer than 4 million people seeth with discontent in a brew of underprivilege. Their future is equally bleak.

When Malawi was part of the Federation of the Rhodesias, it was called Nyasaland. A small band of British civil servants administered the government. Practically no other Europeans settled in the country. Scratching out a living in Nyasaland was too tough, its resources too limited. Europeans preferred to sink their roots and establish their businesses in other more inviting sections of Africa.

Dr. Banda, who was educated in Great Britain, stayed on in England after receiving his doctor's degree and almost single-handedly waged the battle for Malawi's independence from the crown. He finally got it last July 4. That's when his real troubles began.

COMMON FRONTIERS with hostile Tanganyika and Portuguese Mozambique present stra-

tegic horrors with which Dr. Banda must cope. In troubled Tanganyika, which has since joined with communist-tainted Zanzibar to become Tanzania, a pan-African "unity" organization supported by Red Chinese cash and influence demanded Dr. Banda's head when he insisted on keeping the rail line to Mozambique open.

Dr. Banda's reason for doing so was logical. Had he closed the rail line, landlocked Malawi would be cut off from the Mozambique seaports and any possibility of export trade. But the Tanganyikans claimed Dr. Banda had affronted "Africanism" by doing business with Portuguese colonialists. Some members of the Malawi government openly agreed.

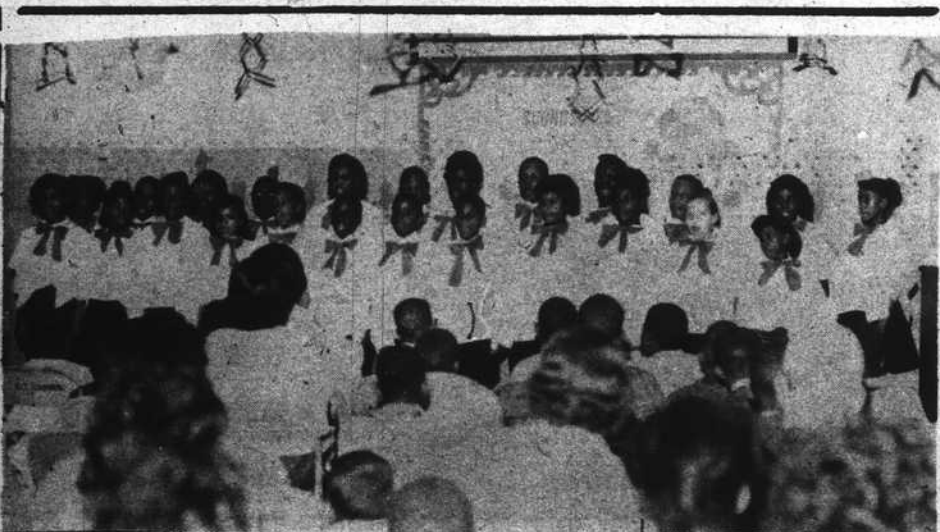
The premier reacted quickly to this charge, taking his critics totally by surprise. He dismissed or forced the resignation of six of his eight most important cabinet ministers. One of them, Foreign Minister W. K. Chiume, was singled out for special attack.

Dr. Banda told his new parliament that Chiume was in cahoots with the Red Chinese. He thundered that if Chiume could get rid of him and have Malawi recognize Communist China, the new regime would be immediately rewarded with a \$50 million "assistance loan" from Peking. Dr. Banda broadly hinted that a considerable portion of the "loan" would be earmarked for the personal use of Chiume and his co-conspirators.

DISCLOSURE of the alleged plot, coupled with charges of "avarice and cowardice", sent Chiume and the other anti-Banda ministers into a hurried flight out of the country. But it did little to relieve the political tension within Malawi.

Chiume, who wound up in the Tanganyikan capital of Dar es Salaam, turned out to be less of a threat to Dr. Banda than youngish Henry Chipembere, ex-Minister of Education. Chipembere's clandestine anti-Banda propaganda has been so intense that the fiery prime minister has demanded he be returned to the capital city of Blantyre "alive if possible; if not alive, then any other way!"

Chipembere agitates for an all-African Malawi, free of all white influence. He harps on the tender point that a sizeable number of Europeans--reportedly more than 900, many of them



CARSON CHORUS--Shown above is Kit Carson School mixed chorus as it appeared during recent Christmas program of Carson PTA. Group is directed by Mrs. Lorraine Hall. (See story)

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