

## Along' Celebrity Row

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**NEW YORK**—The two headlined stories out of our town last week were nothing short of shocking. They were sensational and scandalous, exposing two deplorable situations in our city, and Negroes played an important part in both of them.

The first one to break was that of the concentrated raids on the dope peddlers in Harlem, the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn and in the Bronx by the police, in an effort to break up a vicious narcotics syndicate which has preyed upon the school children of these sections for a long time.



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At first, there was a feeling among some folks that the Police Department of New York City was on another witch hunt and selected the heavily populated Negro areas to terrorize, whip heads, and since they must make arrests, force their suspects and victims to admit to crimes of which they were not guilty.

However, it didn't take long for a change of attitude to take place. After a careful digestion of the information and

evidence uncovered by more than 60 detectives, white and colored, men and women, the citizens of color of our fair city were obliged to believe most of the reports. Above all, they realized that dope selling to school children, some of them as young as 12 years old, is shameful, disgraceful and a menace to the health and future of our youth, and so were among the first to demand greater and more intensified action on the part of the city authorities.

Among the shocking evidence uncovered by the intense police investigation is that there are some 30,000 drug addicts in New York City and that at least half of them are teen-agers. A large percentage of the sellers of heroin and morphine are students under 19 years old.

The second story to spread across the headlines was the expose of a "fix" racket in basketball which might have explosive effects in many colleges throughout the country, and might necessitate a stricter set of rules governing not only basketball, but many other sports. Certainly it will bring about drastic changes in college sports and compel the authorities to be more alert for players and other athletes who are not too consistent in their game.

The young man responsible for the expose is 23-year-old Junius Kellogg, the first Negro to play basketball for Manhattan College and who is considered the second best center player in the city, topped only by Sherman White, Long Island University's great colored star.

When Kellogg was approached and refused the "fix" deal to throw a big and important game at Madison Square Garden for a thousand dollars, and reported it to his coach, who in turn reported it to the District Attorney, there was much concern as to what effect the expose would have on the college. Two of the players involved in the deal and other fixed games played last year were students of the college. Kellogg himself was not able to sleep soundly for a few nights.

However, everybody cooperated with the District Attorney's office and when it was all over and the expose revealed, the student body and college authorities praised Kellogg for his courage and honesty. The students gave him a terrific ovation at a party Thursday afternoon on the college campus. They carried him across the campus on their shoulders.

New York City overnight acclaimed Junius Kellogg a symbol of clean and honest sportsmanship.

Mrs. Edith Sampson wound up her affairs at the United Nations Thursday, attended the Phelps-Stokes Fund dinner for Dr. Bunche in the evening and took a plane for Washington that night. She will gladly return to the U.N. if she is needed.

The Phelps-Stokes Fund dinner honoring Dr. Bunche, a trustee of the Foundation, was unique in that it was the third time in its 40 some odd years of existence that it honored anyone. The dinner was held in the Savoy Room of the Savoy Plaza Hotel on West 58th st., and attended by seventy specially invited guests.

Among them were Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America; Charles Dollars, president of the Carnegie Corporation; John D. Rockefeller, III, Liberian Ambassador C. D. B. King, Victor Hoo, Assistant Secretary of the United Nations; Dr. Alain Locke, Howard University; Alonzo G. Moron, Hampton Institute; Rev. Anson Phelps-Stokes, a trustee of the Fund; James Bough, Caribbean section of the U.N.; Walter White, Lester Granger, Rev. John LaFarge, associate editor of "America"; Dr. Max Yergan and Robert C. Weaver. Dr. Channing H. Tobias is director of the Fund and Emory Ross is president. He presided.

Monday, Hilda Haynes, one of our talented young actresses, appeared on "The Goldbergs" television show over WCBS channel in the part of "Louise." Her performance was excellent. She seems to have real television talent and quite fitted for the part, but the only way she might get another chance on the show is for the producers to receive enough letters or cards from the television audience saying how much they enjoyed Miss Haynes' performance.

If you happened to be one of those who saw the show and liked her acting, then you would be doing a good deed if you sat down and sent a letter or a post card to the producer, Mrs. Gertrude Berg, Columbia Broadcasting System, 51 East 42nd st., New York City, telling her you would like to see Miss Haynes in the part. Television is a hard field for one of us to break into, so every little boost will help.

The Committee for the Negro in the Arts gave a three-day exhibit and sale of prints and paintings at the Riverside Museum, Riverside Drive and 103rd st., Friday through Sunday. The occasion was to honor several colored artists.

Despite his sore nose and singed eyebrows and lids, Roy Campanella, Brooklyn ace catcher who barely missed being seriously injured when the hot water heater in his home exploded in his face last week, was on hand at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Brooklyn last week to receive a plaque for his work in promoting interracial understanding presented to him by the Pan Judea Lodge of the B'nai B'rith. No complaint about a sore nose then.

Reports reached us the other



**VISITORS AT SOUTHERN U.**—Getting an insight of American life to carry back to their people was the purpose of the visitors representing four countries who were guests at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. The visit was sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association of Baton

Rouge. Included in the group are (from left) Aston Green, Foreign Policy Association Head; Leslie Arnum, senior editor; Lela Fabelle, Cairo, Egypt; Martin L. Harvey, dean of students; Lelia Afraylat, Morocco; Isabelle Bernardo of Manila, P. I., and Anna Librungnaise of Bankow, Thailand.

day that the New York Yankees Baseball Club, long the object of severe criticism for not having a Negro player in its line-up, has in its chain system four top-flight prospects. They are Frank Barnes, a pitcher, and Elston Howard, a centerfielder, both with the Muskegon Club. With the Bristol Club is Saturnino Escalera, a .397 hitter, and Victor Power, a .334 hitter, with Drummondville in Canada. Wonder when they'll be in Yankee uniforms in the line-up at the Stadium!

James R. Lawson, president of the United African Nationalist Movement, the organization which fought and picketed for a seaport for Ethiopia, received an unusual treat last week when he sat at the conference table at the U.N. as a guest of the Ethiopian delegation. It was the first time that a Negro American who was not a delegate, alternate delegate or attached to the U.N. was allowed to sit at the conference tables. The Korean cease fire proposal was under consideration.

Problems confronting the schools in the upper Manhattan area will comprise the core of the discussion at the second All-Community Educational Conference to be held on the 29th at P.S. 173, Fort Washington ave., and 173rd st. The discussion is under the sponsorship of the Inter-Parent Council of Washington Heights and Inwood.