

Hoosiers to hear Kellum Sunday

Members of the South Bend, Ind. Baha'i community, will observe the annual observance of Race Unity Day with a celebration in Rum Village Park, Sunday, June 10.

Principal speaker is David W. Kellum, member of the local Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is of Chicago, and former city editor of the Chicago Daily Defender. He will be introduced by John Charles Bryant, chairman of the program.

Kellum's topic is "The Need of Racial Harmony." The purpose of Race Unity Day is to focus attention on the most challenging issue facing America today--racial prejudice and discrimination and to stress the oneness of mankind.

In a prepared text Kellum says:

"The most challenging issue facing the world today is the recognition that all men are one. America faces this challenge in its racial problems. America has made great progress in securing legal equality for its racial groups, but has yet to achieve true acceptance of the brotherhood of man in the hearts of all of its citizens." Continuing, he points out that "America cannot achieve its greatest destiny as a national or as a world leader until all its people have made not only an outward acceptance of racial equality of the oneness of mankind, but an inner heartfelt conviction of love for their fellowman of whatever race, color or creed."

What we need today, Kellum says, is racial harmony, not racial prejudice. In an age that demands unity for survival, man no longer can afford the price of separation. He calls on blacks as well as whites to "tear down your spite fences and learn to live together."



David W. Kellum