

THE LEOPARD HASN'T CHANGED ITS SPOTS

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(Continued from yesterday)

A LOOK at Mrs. Sampson's record reveals that she has practiced law for 25 years on Chicago's South Side. Chairman of the Executive Committee of the prominent National Council of Negro Women and reputed to be active in civic affairs, she, together with Walter White, of NAACP, was named to a group of 31 representatives from numerous organizations to take a "round the world tour" under sponsorship of "America's Town Hall of The Air."

Whatever may be the attributes of Mrs. Sampson's legal talents, her concern to quote her statement, for the "pitfalls for our race," was amply shown in an international broadcast when, in Calcutta, world-minded Indian students gave her a rough time of it. It is not quite accurate to say that Mrs. Sampson never pictured the "pitfalls for our race." It must be recorded that it was Mrs. Sampson

who fell into the "pitfall" by evasive, nay, apologetic alibis for American racial discrimination, which Indian students brilliantly exposed for her.

If, then, we may ask, the "pitfalls for our race" are not as the "Kremlin would like to picture them," why didn't Mrs. Sampson expose them before an audience of aware Indian students? Could it be that long established contact has smeared on Mrs. Sampson some of the contemptuous imperialist veneer towards the masses of oppressed peoples, including her own, from which she stems?

It is obvious then that the appointment of Mrs. Edith Sampson is in no wise a "victory" for integration of Negro women in public life. Nor is it a step "offering liberation" to the Negro people.

But it is still necessary to pose the question: Can there be in this period of growing war danger and fascist reaction, integration of Negroes into posts of public leadership that would represent an advance for the Negro liberation movement? Assuredly there can be such appointments. But the pre-conditions for such a victory must be the active democratic intervention of the Negro people and their advanced labor progressive white allies to shape the character of such appointments, which today can be important partial concessions wrung from the incumbent pro-war pro-imperialist Administration.

Such integration can only be won, not in spite of but as part of the growing people's struggle against imperialist war and fascism in our country to reverse the present pro-fascist, pro-war, bipartisan foreign policies of government.

THE TEST for the candidates is a simple one; within such a

context—it is simply that once they achieve such posts, there must be no betrayal of Negro rights.

Let us ask of Mrs. Sampson: Will she fight for peaceful mediation in the present Korean conflict in the General Assembly, for inviting both sides in Korea to the UN meeting? Will she fight for genuine human rights, the basis of which is self-determination in the first place for the oppressed colonial peoples of the earth? Will she allow the Dixiecrat John Sparkman to speak for American "equality and opportunity" without challenge? Does she know, for instance, that between V-J Day and today, American imperialism has provided arms and succeeded in killing over 2,000,000 colored peoples in the dirty wars in Malaya, Viet-Nam and Indo-China, to say nothing of Greece and Korea?

Nor does such struggle to guarantee integration of Negro women into all phases of life begin and end with top public posts. Such integration should ever more militantly be fought for by all sections of the Negro people and their white allies to guarantee integration of Negro women into trade union posts on all levels, into mass organizations of men and women and in community elective posts of all kinds.

A second pre-condition likewise is the leadership and support given in Negro communities to the programs of mass organizations of Negro women.

Only thus can the Negro people and their advanced labor progressive white allies raise Negro women from their degraded level of third class citizenship achieve victories for the Negro liberation struggle today, and save their sons from the degradation of imperialist war and fascism.

Area Bombed Ask Action by UN

A.—A cable to the United Nations organizations of Liaotung Province, Council take immediate steps to halt airplanes. It is in Liaotung Province that incidents have taken place. The Liaotung Trade Union Council, the New Democratic Youth League, the Association and the Liaotung Circles. The message said: "wounded by U. S. planes came the 8,500,000 people of Liaotung these violations of our territory, people and damage to our property. We demand just retribution and stop of aggression from Korea."