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representative.” Why? Because the physical, emotional and intellectual dis- tance between the unique problems confronting Negroes and the representation of predominantly white constituencies would automatically be narrowed.

If enough qualified Negroes were elected to the city council, then the city council could be lifted in short order.

WILLIAM R. MELTON

DAWKINS ON DUBOIS

CONTROVERSY

Tribune:

I would deeply appreciate it if you would correct for your readers an impression which I feel was given in an article carried by your last week in which the Los Angeles NAACP was described as refusing to present Dr. W. E. B. DuBois in a public meeting. In that article it was reported that the National Office had refused to give permission to the Branch to present him.

This is absolutely untrue and gives the false impression. The person who informed your paper, either inadvertently or deliberately, by the impression that the National Office of the NAACP was changing a long held policy with reference to Dr. DuBois, and what is called in the article “the left.”

I wish to state categorically that the National Office has neither endorsed nor rejected any plans that our Branch Board may have for considering relative to Dr. DuBois.

I would also like to refer you to the Constitutional Provisions regarding Communism and the NAACP as to the relationship of the NAACP to the “left.”

I should also state that my record that Communism and Communist sympathizers should not derive any aid or comfort from the fact that some of us who are non-Communist or Anti-Communist are intelligent enough to appreciate the pioneering effort, the brilliant scholarship, and the historical significance of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois.

I am opposed to any and all forms of repressive activities or individuals will always be maintained by our Los Angeles Branch NAACP.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois is one thing upon which we must agree. This does not mean by any stretch of the imagination that we have changed our minds about Communist ideology or that we agree with the current views of Dr. DuBois.

REV. MAURICE A. DAWKINS
President, Los Angeles Branch NAACP

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The report that the National Office has changed the North California branch’s presentation of Dr. DuBois in a lecture in San Francisco, as well as the local branch, is, if it wanted to sponsor such a meeting, was gained by the Francesc press and a member of the local board.

Neither they, nor the story, said anything about the NAACP’s policy of Communism.

It is the NAACP, whose narrowness of the past decade has been unable to accommodate both the admiration for Dr. DuBois’ contribution to our culture and history and differences in opinion on ideology. For ourselves, we have long differed with his views of the feasibility of the various “isms”—Communism, Socialism, etc., but we have never seen any reason, as the NAACP obviously has, to regard him as an unpalatable, a criminal, a traitor, or what-have-you.

"WHITE ONLY" SIGNS ON WESTSIDE

Tribune:

Since most people seem to think that the West Side of the city to be considered a high class, I am wondering what the attributes are that go to make up a high class section or community.

I attended a funeral service at St. Cecilia’s Catholic church Wed-

nesday of last week. The young woman with me observed a va-

 tors running up the street to make inquiries as to price, etc. But when she offered a figure, the bell hop refused to go to the church, and I was halted by a sign which read.

IN OUR MONEY GOING TO THE DOGS?

Where does our money go? Very likely some of it is going to

paws. Fifty-six percent of all American families have some kind of pet. This includes about 25 million dogs, 27 million cats, 15 million parakeets, 6 million canaries, 3 million birds of prey, 25 million tropical fish, 12 million goldfish, 100 thousand monkeys — and, believe it or not, 10 thousand skunks!

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