Negroes Must Take Lead, Future Lies in Socialism, Says Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, noted author and educator told an audience of more than 1,000 last Wednesday that “the future of the Negro lies not with capitalism but with labor, and the future of both lies with socialism.”

In his lecture at Dunbar High School following a $25 a plate testimonial dinner honoring him, Dr. DuBois stated that a group of willful and irresponsible men, chiefly Americans, but also British and French, have spread the idea around that communism is a dirty word, and Communist are criminals and that socialism is either a mistake or a crime.

He defended Communism as one way of achieving socialism. He reminded his audience that “Communism is not a conspiracy and communist are not criminals. Rates Russian Schools Best

Dr. DuBois said that “the Soviet Union has one of the best systems of free popular education in the world, and the soviet schools lead mankind and show the world new ways of thought and culture.”

The American government has busied itself sending high placed American Negroes abroad to preach that Negroes were securing greater opportunity in America, but, he said in effect, Negroes who achieved wealth and position forgot to fight for those held in capitalist bondage.

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He challenged Negro Americans with the responsibility of taking the lead in the salvation of our civilization.

“But if Negroes are willing to do only what America does, to think as she thinks and say what she says, we are lost,” he added.

“If on the other hand we are determined to reach the highest standards of the world and broaden and lift those standards by developing the best parts of our American Negro culture cleansed by blood and slavery, poverty and insult, we may save the world.”

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Others who spoke were Alderman Sidney A. Jones who represented Dr. DuBois, Samuel Stratton who read a tribute to the speaker, and Prof. Sinclair Drake of Roosevelt university.

Dr. Drake presented a scroll of appreciation to Dr. DuBois signed by a score of professors, historians, sociologists and anthropologists from the University of Chicago, Northwestern and Roosevelt universities.

Truman K. Gibson Sr., headed the Chicago DuBols sponsoring committee; Archie L. Weaver was committee treasurer; and Mrs. Margaret Goss Burroughs was coordinator.