Indian Speaker At Douglas Forum: Mudgal Struck Back at Black "Reds" Who Tried to Heckle Him

Declaring that birth control should be universally practiced if wars of necessity must be eliminated, J. C. Mudgal, editor of the Negro World, in a scholarly manner, made a deep impression on an audience of both white and colored people who gathered at the Howland Studio, 1660 Fulton street, last Sunday afternoon when he spoke on the subject of "Birth Control or War and Peace" under the auspices of the Frederick Douglass Interracial Forum.

He said that war is of two kinds, one a war of greed and the other a war of necessity. The former arises out of exploitation of weaker people and the latter out of rapid increase in population in a limited geographic territory.

Continuing, he declared, that in order to bring about an enduring peace we must eliminate the causes, not just preach and pray for peace. The exploitation must cease both within and, without, that is, both nationally and internationally. The imperialists should withdraw in time from the countries they are exploiting.

He closed by saying that to eliminate wars of necessity an intelligent birth control should be universally practiced.

After the presentation of the subject the meeting was thrown open for questions and discussions. At this point it became so heated that it was only with great tact that Rothschild Francis, who acted as chairman, was able to control the audience.

Many of them who expressed themselves as Communists, vigorously denounced the theory advocated by the speaker, and suggested instead a change of the present economic system. They were unanimous in their opinion that wars will cease, if the capitalistic system of government were destroyed.

Mr. Mudgal struck back when the floor was given him to reply and after condemning the tactics used by the Communist group said that he was neither a capitalist, Communist, Liberal nor Socialist, but an "intelligent free-lance." He said that he refused to subscribe wholly to the theories of any particular group, for in doing so he would compromise himself intellectually, thereby losing much of that mental alertness which is necessary if one must survive in this age of heartless competition.

The Frederick Douglass Interracial Forum meets every first and third Sunday at the studio, and the officers are Frederick L. Makei, president; Rothschild Francis, secretary; Lillian Makei, assistant secretary.