The Road to Democracy

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It is to a tribute to the Urban League.

Mr. Stevenson, President of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, has had a distinguished career as a scholar, statesman, lawyer, Red Cross administrator and educator. He is a graduate of Princeton University, a former Rhodes scholar and was a member of the U. S. Olympic team. During World War II he directed the American Red Cross program in England. Later he went with the invasion forces to North Africa where he set up Red Cross programs there and in Sicily and Italy. At the close of the war, Mr. Stevenson returned to his law practice until 1946, at which time he was called to the presidency of Oberlin College. He is active in many local, regional and national organizations, and is currently a member of President Truman's Committee on Employment of Veterans and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

The Urban League is an organization that is dedicated to the advancement and development of the Negro race. It works towards the improvement of the living conditions of the Negro, and its programs include education, employment, housing, and civil rights. The Negro race never had better or more effective administrators for its cause.

Because of its educational activities for Negroes, the Urban League has attracted the support of many prominent figures, including President Truman. In fact, President Truman's Committee on Employment of Veterans and Opportunity in the Armed Services is a key part of the administration's efforts to help black veterans find jobs and overcome the barriers of discrimination.

Stevenson's career and his role as an educator and administrator have contributed significantly to the advancement of the Negro race. His leadership and dedication have been instrumental in bringing about positive changes in the lives of countless individuals. As he continues to work towards the betterment of society, his contributions will undoubtedly be remembered and celebrated for generations to come.
I am very happy that his presence here with us brought him his first recovery from his recent illness.

The next day, I saw him dressed in his usual business attire and asked him how he was feeling. He replied that he was much better and that he was eager to return to his work.

"I thought I would take a break from my usual routine," he said. "I decided to go on a short vacation to the mountains. I found the fresh air and natural surroundings very refreshing and it helped me clear my mind."

"I am glad you are feeling better," I said. "It is important to take care of our health and well-being."

"Yes," he agreed. "I will make sure to take care of myself in the future."
I do not feel that it is necessary, maliing the situation is to say that the first step we have been taking toward the elimination of racial discrimination is the one we should take toward the elimination of the problem of race. If we cannot honestly declare that our institutions are based on the principle of equality, we cannot honestly declare that our institutions are based on the principle of democracy.

I wish to see progress made in the right direction. I wish to see progress made in the right direction. I wish to see progress made in the right direction.

And yet, despite the encouraging progress of recent years, we still have a long way to go. We have made much progress, but we must continue to work hard until we have achieved our goal. We must continue to work hard until we have achieved our goal. We must continue to work hard until we have achieved our goal.