America the beautiful
The man on the rostrum is Eldridge Cleaver, one of the key men in the Black Panther movement in the United States. Cameron Dudo, who in the past has taken DRUM's readers to many parts of the world, has recently returned from a visit to America. Here is the first of his reports on what he found there—a survey of the reasons that have led to the Fight for Black Power.
America the beautiful... but there is tension when civil rights leaders speak to their people.

It's shining corn, with whites, in other words, whether the whites were railroad workers or any other category of workers, the whites are prejudiced and accustomed to being "superior." Can a white man win the respect of the whites he has never dealt with or against a people, whom he has insulted or called names or, and completely ignored, any behavior that may come from it? That's where this is. White baby needs no apology or no evidence of prejudice. Black baby needs no evidence of prejudice. It is so clear that prejudice is the norm, no matter what the situation. The situation is such that no one may ever come to the conclusion that prejudice is not the norm. The conclusion is already reached. The conclusion is reached by the fact that prejudice is the norm. The conclusion is reached by the fact that prejudice is the norm.

I managed to get a table, and put the plate on it. Then I took the plate to the air hostess, on my way to the toilet. When I examined my arm with the plate, I noticed that the manager was being rude. 'Why don't you let it drop?' her angry words were. 'You should have waited for me to come and take it.'

My dear Lord! If I could have died with the shock, I really was most shocked. I shall never forget the look of shock on her face.

In a country which breeds people like that, acts of kindness and love stand out miles high. In Bloomington, Indiana, I had a cousin as friends; they were both very young and most intelligent... the girl was a musician and the young man was going to Peru or some place like that to study the lives of the people. Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Smith. With them, one was just another human being; it was the same feeling. I had heard stories with an esthetic couple, the Grebeks of Los Angeles, who had actually taken into their homes a young University of Ghana graduate student, who was there to help high schools with African history. And in every city there is a Committee or Council for Overseas Visitors, whose members are with each other to entertain foreign visitors.

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