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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Ralph J. Bunche Home

AND/OR COMMON
Same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1221 East 40th Place

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Los Angeles

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
29

--- VICINITY OF

STATE California

CODE
06

COUNTY Los Angeles

CODE
037

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

- | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dunbar Hotel Black Cultural and Historical Museum

STREET & NUMBER 4225 South Central Avenue

CITY, TOWN Los Angeles

--- VICINITY OF

STATE California

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Historical-Cultural Monument Number

STREET & NUMBER 1221 East 40th Place

CITY, TOWN Los Angeles

STATE California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historical-Cultural Monument #159

DATE 7-27-76
---FEDERAL ---STATE ---COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Board

CITY, TOWN Los Angeles

STATE California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built circa 1910, the Ralph J. Bunch Home is a simple one-story builder's bungalow with ship lap siding. A single bay window surrounded by a simple gable, and a front porch form the front facade. The home's exterior remains essentially unaltered since Ralph Bunche's occupancy. Interior alterations were made in 1940 when the house was converted to a duplex. Another kitchen and bath were added and a sleeping porch in the rear of the house was closed in to form a bedroom. An additional door was added to the front of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 1221 East 40th Place is significant for its association with Ralph J. Bunche, holder of a Nobel Peace Prize and diplomat of international significance. Ralph Bunche moved into the house with his grandmother, aunts, and uncles, and sister in early 1919. He was 14 years old at the time and a student at Thirtieth Street Intermediate School (now called John Adams Junior High). In the fall of 1919, he entered Jefferson High School from which school he graduated in 1922. He lived in the house until the summer of 1927, (eight years), graduating from three schools during his residence there: Thirtieth Street, Jefferson High, and U.C.L.A. Although he left Los Angeles in August of 1927 to attend Harvard University for his graduate study, he regarded the house at 1221 as his home until his marriage in 1930. The original address of the house was 1221 East 37th Street. The city of Los Angeles changed the street numbers in 1938 and the street was renumbered 40th Place. (There is no longer a 37th Street)

Dr. Bunche was the first Ph.D. in political science of his race in the nation. He became a member of the faculty of Howard University, Washington D.C. in 1928 and established its Department of Political Science. One of his former students is Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts.

During 1938-40 he collaborated with Gunnar Myrdal in the comprehensive study of the American Negro An American Dilemma (1944). (His research, contained in a 600 page memorandum, was published by the University of Chicago in 1973 under the title The Political Status of the Negro in the Age of FDR by Ralph J. Bunche.)

In 1941-42 He was Senior Social Science Analyst (Africa and the Far East) in the Office of the Coordinator of Information, Washington D.C.; in 1942-44 he was in the Africa Section, Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services, becoming Chief of the Africa Section.

In 1944, he was invited to join the State Department, where he successively held a number of important positions including Associate Chief and Acting Chief of the Division of Dependent Area Affairs, Office of Special Political Affairs.

He was a member of the United States delegation to the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in 1944, the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco in 1945, and the First General Assembly of the United Nations in London in 1946.

In 1946, the United Nations requested his services on loan from the U.S. State Department, and he subsequently resigned from the State Department and accepted a permanent post in the United Nations Secretariat.

Dr. Bunche became involved in the Palestine deliberations in 1947. After the death in September 1948 of Count Folke Bernadotte, Dr. Bunche was appointed by the Security Council as Acting United Nations Mediator in Palestine, and in this capacity directed the negotiations at Rhodes and elsewhere (from January to July of 1949) which resulted in the four Armistice Agreements between Israel and the Arab States. For this achievement he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 40' by 145' (approximately 1/8 of an acre)

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1	3 8 4	3 4 0	3 7 6 3 8 0 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C					D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 27, Oakley's Home Tract. (See plat map enclosed)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dunbar Hotel Black Cultural and Historical Museum, Inc.

ORGANIZATION

N.A.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

4225 South Central Avenue

TELEPHONE

232-7355 & 751-7338

CITY OR TOWN

Los Angeles

STATE

California

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Knox M. Ellison

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 1/17/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Walter C. Cole*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 1-22-78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 5-17-78

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Dr. Bunche was Principal Director of the Department of Trusteeship of the United Nations from 1947 to 1954. In January 1955 he was named Under-Secretary. In 1957 his title was expanded to Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs. During his years in the United Nations he was called upon to work in many sensitive areas including the Suez crisis of 1956, problems in the Near East through the years, problems in Africa (the Congo in 1960), established the U.N. Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus in 1964, the India-Pakistan conflict, and others. He was an ardent supporter of human rights, especially in the U.S.A.

He was the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and awards. Among the latter are Phi Beta Kappa, the Nobel Peace Prize of 1950, the Spingarn Medal in 1949 the Four Freedoms Award in 1951, the Peace Award of the Third Order of St. Francis, and others.

Dr. Bunche died December 9, 1971, a few short weeks after resigning his U.N. post because of ill health.

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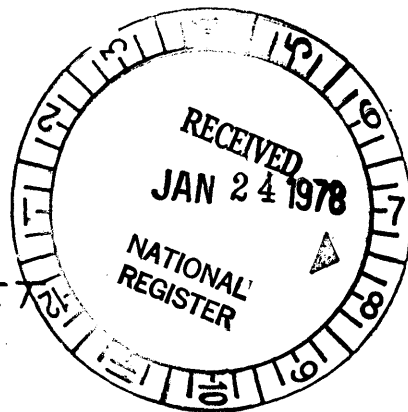
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- By Ralph Bunche: A World View of Race, 1936
French Administration in Togoland and Dahomey, 1934
The Political Status of the Negro in the Age of FDR, 1973
and numerous articles in journals, magazines, and books,
including the Reader's Digest, September 1969 (Autobiographical).
- About Ralph Bunche: Ralph Bunche, U.N. Peacemaker, Peggy Mann 1975
(Other Biographies of Dr. Bunche are unreliable and inaccurate.)
Several articles in a variety of books and magazines:
Proudly We Hail, Chapter 12: "Pathfinder for Peace..Ralph Bunche"
(contains some misinformation) By Vashti Brown, Jack Brown (Hough-
ton Mifflin Co. 1968)
Twelve Citizens of the World by Kenworthy - Doubleday
(See Reader's Guide for many listings in Saturday Evening Post,
American Magazine, Collier's, Reader's Digest, Catholic Digest, etc.)



OAKLEY'S HOME TRACT

BOOK 5 PAGE 18 OF MAPS



THIS IS NOT A SURVEY OF THE LAND BUT IS COMPILED FOR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DATA SHOWN BY OFFICIAL RECORDS