# Be a Hero for a Better World



"Peace is no mere matter of men fighting or not fighting. Peace, to have meaning for many who have known only suffering in both peace and war, must be translated into bread or rice, shelter, health, and education, as well as freedom and human dignity - a steadily better life."

## Ralph Bunche (1904-1971)

Ralph Johnson Bunche was an African-American diplomat who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 – he was the first person of color ever to receive this award. In the 1930s, Ralph Bunche was a college professor and wrote about racism in America, before he was chosen for President Roosevelt's unofficial "Black Cabinet," which helped advise the President about issues affecting black Americans. During World War II, he advised the State Department about strategic military affairs in Africa, and then went to work for the newly formed United Nations.

Dr. Bunche worked for the UN for the rest of his life. His toughest assignment came in the late 1940s, when he worked for several years to help negotiate a peace agreement between Arabs and Jews fighting in Palestine. In 1949 when an armistice agreement was signed, Ralph Bunche returned to America as a hero. The next year he received the Nobel Peace Prize for this achievement. Ralph Bunche received many other honors, including the Medal of Freedom in 1963, and a number of places have been named after him, including the Ralph Bunche Park, across the street from the United Nations.

### Ralph Bunche was born on August 7, 1904 in Detroit, Michigan

#### Be A Hero For A Better World!

- 1. Find out more about this hero
- 2. Pledge to help end hunger (iaahp.net)
- 3. Hold an event to raise awareness about the problem of world hunger
- 4. Contribute to an organization working to end hunger

#### **Organizations Helping End Hunger**

- Alliance To End Hunger (alliancetoendhunger.org)
- America's Second Harvest (secondharvest.org)
- End Hunger Network (endhunger.com)
- Food For All (foodforall.org)
- Oxfam America (oxfamamerica.org)
- World Hunger Year (worldhungeryear.org)
- The Hunger Site (hungersite.org)

Free Online: EndHungerBook.com

#### For more information: www.betterworldheroes.com/bunche.htm

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