EDITORIALS

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Hundreds of thousands of words evoked by his passing have been spoken and written since the death of our great leader stunned the nation last week. The CARO-LINIAN need add little to the flood sincere eulogy or the heartfelt expressions of the grief and the sense of great loss to the nation and the world. All that has been written by those better fitted for the

There is required either a deep fatalism or a great faith in the all-wisdom of Divine Providence not to regard President Roosevelt's death as untimely. Within a few days of the opening of probably the most momentous conference in the world's history, a conference in which he would have been possibly the most important of the leading figures present, his voice is stilled forever. At the threshold of victory in the world's greatest war, the man who more than any other single person made that victory possible is, like Moses, stopped on the threshold.

But like a great leader fallen in battlehis spirit may still animate his followers. In some respects his job was practically done already, or carried to such a point that a successful conclusion is already assured. In others we can hope and expect that his blueprints will be followed by those upon whom his mantle falls.

Roosevelt's place in history is assured. Like Lincoln, he will be more and more appreciated as time goes on. His weaknesses, of which he had an ample share, as do all men, great and small (the bigger the man, the more plainly seen are his flaws), will dwindle in retrospect; his great heart, his compassion, his lofty ideals, his genuine democracy of spirit, his love of freedom, and his hatred of cruelty and suppression-those he will be remembered by.

Already the success of his war leadership would be questioned by few even of his political opponents. The sincerily of the nationwide sorrow at his loss is a tribute such has been paid to few men anywhere and at any time. Few have experienced such opportunities to exercise leadership in such a succession of great crises, and few have possessed in such large measure the regisite qualities called for by the times.

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It is no more than natural that many Americans, and citizens of other countries as well, view our new president with a certain degree of honest skepticism, and even misgiving. It is natural in view of the unusual leadership qualities possessed by the late President,- qualities amply proved by more than twelve years at the helm in one of the stormiest periods of our history. It is natural in view of the unparalleled experience gained by Mr. Roosevelt, and of his wide contact with world figures. It is natural in view of the confidence that not only the American people, but the people of every non-Axis nation, felt in him.

Nonetheless, it should be recognized that the most unfavorable comment that can fairly be made at this time on President Truman is that he is relatively untried and unproved. He deserves the opportunity to establish his fitness for his new and tremendously taxing task. His previous record is short rather than unfavorable: he is relatively unknown rather than weighed and found wanting.

President Truman has announced his intention of following the policies of his predecessor. He has indicated that he will rely on the advice of experts in those the most limited. He has a good patriotic American background. He has a reputation for being a hard worker, a frank and

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THE CITY ELECTION

Interest in the coming city election has remained very low so far. Perhaps it will pick up somewhat, now that candidates other than the incumbents have come out. for commissioner of public safety and for municipal judge. No opposition has yet been announced to the incumbents of the mayor's and public works commissioner's offices, though it is rumored that there may be other candidates.

It is incumbent on every voter who can qualify to make sure he is properly registered. The city election books are separate and distinct from the county books, and those who were qualified to vote in the November county, state and national election are not necessarily on the city books. Unless you are certain, see the registrar of your precinct before sundown April 21, when the books close, Register and vote.

UNFINISHED JOB

There is something ironical about the fact that not enough Negro youth can be recruited to meet the quota of the Tuskegee Army Air Force training school. It is said that barely sufficient candidates could be found to fill the latest class, and the number obtained from all sources, including those already in the armed services, was still short of the desired quota. There is some fear lest the famed 332nd may run short of replacements.

In view of the strenuous efforts made to have the air force opened to Negroes, the honorable treatment accorded our airmen, at least at the front, and their universally acknowledged success, it would be very unfortunate if at any time while the war is still in progress the training program should have to be discontinued or curtailed for lack of candidates.

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According to Pearson, what burned Bilbo up was that some Negroes were guests at the dinner. Naturally the great Mississippian had to use strategy in order to be in a position to defend white supremacy and strike another blow against the menace of social equality. Hence the attempt to sneak in a representative to take down what might be said and done.

Unfortunately the underground operator was discovered and invited to depart. He departed, A bad break, Senator,

BETTER PRESS

It is particularly appropriate at this time that favorable news about the 92nd Division should come out of Italy, A United Press despatch of April 11 specified that the important town of Massa, captured by Fifth Army forces in a renewed offensive on the West Italian front, was occupied by the famed 442nd Infantry, made up of Japanese-Americans, and the 473rd Infantry regiment, a former antiaircraft unit now a part of thet 92nd Division.

That this important assignment should have been entrusted to a unit of the 92nd Division is very good evidence of the confidence felt by the Fifth Army command in this much discussed unit. It may well be that the 473rd will be remembered as being one of the advance units in the beginning of the final offensive against the Nazis in Italy. If the high command has that much confidence in the \$2nd, the American people have no reason to question its worthiness.

And remember. Not only were the \$42nd and the \$473rd given this important assignment. They achieved their objective.

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By C. D. HALLIBURTON

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Although the deplorable, fascistic, undemocratic and unsupport Although the deplorable, fascistic, undemocratic and unsupportable action of Registrar Alex Holman in not permitting to register for voting in Smithfield, N. C., brings into clearer focus the evils which people in high places try to conceal by reference to certain advances in the Old North State, there emerge from among the repercussions to the diabolical attitude some revelations which may give cause to believe that some forces are beginning to grow to wipe from the face of the earth ilk that the Smithfield registrar typescents.

The fact that this violation of constitutional rights was given publicity by and in a newspaper in a small southern town where prejudices are nurtured and traditions, good and bad, are allowed to linger on is strikingly significant. Those who read Lullian Smith's Strange Fruit will recall the excellent portrayal of the editor of a small town newspaper who withholds the news when it has to do with the violation of the rights of political, social and economic technical Newspaper.

of Negroes, at in this Smithfield case the editor of the paper not only But in this Smithfield case the editor of the paper not only carried the story but also commented editorially on the rank injustice involved in the insult to the Negroes and to the Constitution which by his oath he had sworn to uphold before God and man The editor went so far as to expose the timeworn but still workable subterfuge which is employed when white men would disfranchise

Negroes.

It is music to the ear to hear a white person, and probably a white woman, say that "Racial discrimination is on the way out in America and the sooner people generally recognize that fact the better it will be for whites as well as Negroes". (And the editor of the Smithfield paper capitalized that "N".)

The number of such instances is beginning to grow. Recently newspapers in Washington carried the account of a young while woman who declared that she had been attacked and robbed by a woman who declared that she had been attacked and robbed by a Negro, in an isolated section of the city. When the story was investigated the young woman confessed that she had told a lie in order to get even with her husband who had made her angry that morning. In some sections of the country the young woman's confession would have been entirely inadequate to bring back the life of the innocent Negro who would have been lynched because sne would have had revenge on her husband. The husband would have remained alive and the young woman would have presented the

remained alive and the young woman would have repeated the story of her alleged attack at club meetings and would have become a celebrity by murdering an innocent man.

But the remarkable thing was the fact that the newspapers carried the story of the retraction as well as the original fabrication. Similarly, Virginia newspapers have dissipated the fears of many people and saved the reputations and lives of others by exposing the fairy tales planted for the sake of propaganda creating a selfish the interest of one of the interest of one of the groups seems to coincide very definitely with abstract right, and of the other is questionable, or worse, So the Polish question was worrying him doubtless even on the day of his death. The rights of the planter while the Smithfield voting affair is the fact that the Negroes were led by a reputable and well-trained the London Polish government were pretty clear in the abstract but Stalin was there too, and very concrete in the same day many issues involving the Negro must have troubled him.

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This does not wish to say that laws should not come before education. While one cannot legislate good manners one can use legis lation to enforce what one knows to be good manners or as an aid to teaching. But when the basic understanding of the great social problems reaches the small communities and by-ways one knows

Lest We Forget.

Mr. Roose

Franklin Delano Roosevelt made two significant contributions to our way of thinking about public policy in the United States. He gave us a technique of political and social experimentation with-in the formwork of the existing laws and traditions independ us to challenge our worst enemy fear.

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depression fooked for handous and got them On the other hand many privileged persons and corporations protected in their status by existing laws hogged privileges which they were supposed to share with their tenants man In the advised programs of mergers and consolidations many corporations discontinued needed public services merely to increase agreems of profit. But the amount of good far outweighed these wills coming out of the New Deal.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Rev. M. W. Williams

Key verse. Righteousness ex-

are designed to teach God's purposes toward Israel and His ways of dealing with her to accomplish them II, to many, may seem reund about, but who is wise enough to understend God's ways? It is only by patient furst, oreclience stid faith m individuals that He can accomplish for nations and races His purpose Moses in this lesson, is an outstanding dilustration. The Hebra w nation in Egypt under remote taskimasters and a king His purpose Moses in this lesson, is an outstanding illustration. The Hebra mation in Egypt under crited taskmasters and a king which knew not Joseph nor his descendants, bad, and were mokening their stay there dimest unbearable. They like all of us must do or have done in times of sore distress, cried unto God and He sent Moses who had been miraculously saved 80 years awo, as their leader. After a long struggle with Pharaoh his majicians and the terrible plaques, Moses emerged victorious and tel stread across the Red Sen. Down there in the wilderness of

Sin with more than six hundred thousand men and comen, so re-cently out it slavers, not knowing how to live together, quarreting with lowes and among themselves, the leader had a job on his brinds to keep the o'spic true to God. They we about to work him dow without desired results

motives fore pure and ideals sound.

Jethro, Mossel father-in-law, given in the first part of the printed text of teday's Jesson (Exodus 18/19-24) serves as an illustration. Read it A great Jesson for church leaders - preachers especially - Division of blabo, in church work. How many churches are suffering and the minister nearly work of down and not nuch accomplished Let the superintendent of the Church School manage his chool; the mission workers do their job; the BTU Jeaders and other officers of the church function All under the wisterful and auding hand of the spiritual leaders — the minister. It is a big manification with the suggestions. Sometimes it's the salvation of the Jeader's health and the building the properties of the church function that can take suggestions. Sometimes it's the salvation of the Jeader's health and the building the properties of the church. Use the talent posibilities

the leader, receiving from God the instructions for the people and in the same chapter—seventh and eighth verses—there the dehath spiken we will do." How on the Negro because of his posses, which could be ston of the one thing that all constructions of the one that the one of the one thing that all constructions of the one of the soil, where the same all of the wild might exist between cousins, white, could capitalize to the soil, where the might exist between cousins, white, could capitalize to the soil, where the might exist between cousins, and the soil capitalize to the soil, where the might exist between cousins, and the without the soil capitalize to the soil where the soil of the

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While it is lamentable that Mr. Holman assumed such a biased attitude in performing what he declared to be the duties of his office, his deleliction brought to light a champion of the right, a defender of the just, an unselflish leader who knows how to lead—all in a little rown where prejudices and hatreds are all too freall in a little town where prejudices and hatreds are all too frequently preserved with loving care. And in all probability as a result of the good work done by those pioncers in behalf of the good, the nd the beautiful others may be caused to see the light

DO YOU AGREE?

Plain Talk By Dan Gardner

THE QUESTION OF ANTI-SEMITISM AMONG NEGROES

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Act. Semitism is a delicate accepted in the proper in fact, the term has become almost explosive and unmentionable. From of being identified as a "devibiliter" or an anti-Semite bas all but banned frank discussion of the matter, and one would book for matter, and one would book for emany days before be found a professional Neero leader willing publication of the same time, bring "diffications of the same time, bring "diffications" of more served in the professional variables. The same time bring and the same

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based on economic dealings; it stems from certain practices that stam in the poorer neighborhoods