BETWEEN THE LINES

By DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

#### BROADER FIELD

The loss to North Carolina of President Harold F. Trigg will be keenly felt when sociate director of the Southern Regional Council, with offices in Atlanta, Dr. Trigg has won an enviable record in this state as an educator, a church leader and an inter-racial statesman. The work he has done here has attracted so much attention and approval that those on charge which will afford his gifts a wider field of operation. To the extent that his oppor-tunities for service have been broadened by his acceptance of the new position, his s to North Carolina as such will be compensated.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY: THE LONG VIEW

Those who are really and deeply concerned about the future security of our nation, and who feel that we should be prepared for a future war, even though they hope we and the rest of the world may be able to avoid such a catastrophe, should have constantly before them some facts brought out by conscription for World War II.

They should be extremely concerned with the fact that in some parts of the country rejections of young men who should have been at the peak of physical, mental and emotional fitness ran as high as one third of all those called. They should be moved to do something concrete and effective about the fact that a very large number of the young men oth erwise fit were either rejected or retard ed in their training because they were to all intents and purposes illiterate.

Now one of the points made by those advocating compulsory peacetime military training on a universal basis is that health and educational benefits would thereby be extended to all our military potential. Well and good. But those who so argue must know also that there are cheaper. more natural and more efficient methods of achieving the same results, with the beneficiaries being not simply potentia! soldiers, but the whole population.

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President Truman has proposed a naal health program the purpose which is to make a more adequate health service available to all Americans of every age, creed, color, class, and of both sexes. Let us see what Congress will do with it. military training who stress the health side of that training react to it. Let us see how the state's rights boys react to it.

There will be before Congress a bill to provide substantial Federal aid to cation. The effect of such a bill, if enacted, would be to make more and better educational opportunities available American children and youth of all colors and classes, and of both sexes. It will be interesting to see if such a fundamental and far-reaching measure as this will have the backing of the same people who stress the educational advantages of peacetime compulsory military training for young men. It will be interesting to see if those who believe in state's rights and individ-ual freedom will feel that compulsory peacetime draft is a lesser interference with liberty than Federal grants in aid to education which would improve educational advantages in those areas and for those people needing such improve-

think of the United Staes as a single nation except in terms of what they interpret as military necessity; and even in those terms how many can interpret prepared ness and security broadly and deeply, and with the long view.

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#### PREMATURE

It seems that last week's editorial on the subject of the commissioning of a Negro Marine officer was somewhat premature. For practical purposes the action was almost immediately nullified by placing the new officer on the inactive list, which means that he is in the position of a member of the civilian reserve officer's corps. So it is still true that there is no Newro commissioned oficer on duty with the U S. Marine Corps.

Technically there is no ground for protesting the retirement of Licutenant Branch. The other members of his officer's training class were also placed on inactive status. The war is over. But if there are to be Negro marines in the peacetime Corps, certainly room could have been found for the lone colored man holding a commission. The color line is certainly recognized in the Marine Corps. If race is to be taken into consideration in so many other connections, an exception could well have been made in assigning Lieutenant Branch to active duty.

#### DISAPPOINTING

Many persons who thought they were in a position to know, predicted that with the change of Britain's government there would be a radical change in her imperial policy. It was felt that the Labor government would be much more sympathetic toward India's desire for independence. and that at the very least a new and much better relation between India and the Government would ensue almost immed-

So far the prophets and their followers have been sorely disappointed. The Labor government has adhered almost exactly to the pattern followed by the Churchill group, and set many years ago. That the Indian leaders are surprised and cha grined is evident.

At present disturbances are breakingout in India, and careful and informed observers are predicting that by early spring there may be uprisings in India on a scale and with potentialities for disaster never before reached.

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PEACE NOT YET

Peace has not yet come to the world. China seems to be developing a full fledged civil war—China, of all places, from whose soil bloody conflict has not been absent more than a decade. One would think that in China at least there would hardly be anything that they would from important enough to fight about among themselves.

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But the trouble between the Nationalists and the Communists in China is not simply a local affair. Both Russia and the United States are involved by implication, and worse than that, on opposite sides. The outcome of events in China may have serious bearings on the relations of the Big Three with each other, and thereby on world peace and the success of the new and groping United Nation's organization.

The situation in Java and the Dutch East Indies is also serious. It roots go deep into the whole question of imperialism. A prostrate Empire. Netherlands, which cannot defend its own imperialism, having been flattened by the Nazi brand of ruthless disregard of the rights of the weak, cals on Britain, that bulwark and defender of freedom, to assist her in putting down her own subjects, who, strangely enough, wart some freedom too.

The apologists of imperialist rule for non-white peoples blame the Japanese for fomenting dissatisfaction among the Indonesians. In this they are of course inaccurate. The argument is of a piece with that of southern bourbons who argue that whenever southern Negroes are not entirely happy over everythine some Northerradical agitator has been at work.

One of the outstanding characteristics of the Caucasian is that he is pretty sure that nebedy has much sense but himself. Another is his better that freedom and self determination were invented for himself alone.

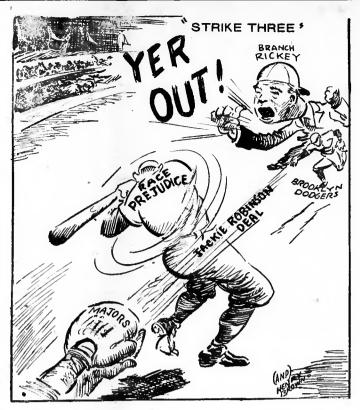
Religion would solve the prholems of the world if the religionists could agree upon what religion tells them to do.

J. Stalin has some Americans staving up late at night to keep the Soviet from taking advantage of the United States.

A nation without his means of defense is a sucker nation and sooner or later some gangster potentate will take it for a ride.

every crisis somebody comes up with the idea that the fate of civilization is being settled for the next ten thousand wars or so.

Life springs its surprises upon unsuspecting victims, thus upsetting their ideas that they have the world by the tail on a downhill pull.





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# Jecond Thoughts

By C. L. HALLIBURTON

For a recent issue of the AFRO-AMERICAN its "Inquiring Reporter" asked the que non, "Would your conscience be troubled if you went fishing on Sunday after church" It reminded me of the weeks-long contriversy in the NEWS and OBSERVER letter column last summer over the question of Sunday fasing. It was really not much of a controversy, after all, as the majority of the letters condemned Sunday fishing out-of hand, and for all you could tell from the language of those letters, practicing the art of the angler or. Sunday is about a grand larcency or second degree burgalary, and a sight worse than mild wife-beating and petty embezzlement.

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ings."

Another Protestant clergyman, and one known to many readers of this newspaper, the Rev. Wendell C. Summerville, was less theological and more philosophical He said, "It depends on the cir-He said, "It depends on the cir-cumstance," and indicated that flashing on Sunday was not neces-scrilly altways wrong. But, he qual-lifed, "I den't recommend it as regular procedure."

A large part of America is dem-nated in its thinking about Sun-day, and about morals in general,

day, and about morals in general, by the Puritan viewpoint. The Puritans harked back to the Old Testament for their code of morals, and even "improved" on I' from the standpoint of severity. On the subject on Sunday observance they took the Fourth Commandment from the Decalogue as

mandment from the Decalogue as their guide, rather than Christ's pronouncement, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

The Puritan tradition, which has persisted among many church leaders and members, is especially strong in the South and certain other parts of the country, and in

Lest We Forget.

rural and small town communities. Where it rules being "good" is often unconsciously or vaguely associated with wearing a long face, and avoiding any pleasures except those which can be enjoyed in secret. Among the soven deadly sins of the Puritan code are drinking of alcoholic liquor in any form or quantity, fishing on Sunday, and saying "damn." Among the highest positive virtues are attending church and looking glum in public.

The narrowness of such a religion unwittingly relegates to a minor position. Some of the fundamental teachings of Jesus, such a 'the Golden Rule, and his "new commandment" which he gave his followers: "That you love one another." That one does not fish on Sunday is more virtuous in such circles than that one does share

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Americans the true picture of our greatest natolnal cancer, racism. Sourcofulness, adaptability and a The American people naively permit race legislation to develop in the majority of the states, thirty—to be exact, and then wonder how good of all, for there will be no to be exact, and then wonder how room for parasites.

Mr. Rankin gets like he is. The Constitution forbids denial or abridgment of the privileges or abridgment of the privileges or all the properties of any citizens by any state for the reasons given as sanctions by Mr. Rankin. The rest of the congressmen, and the sena-sourcefunges and the sena-sourcefunges and the sena-sourcefunges which must be gained by practical which must be gained by practical

A NEGRO IMMORTAL

Booker T. Washington takes his place in the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is thus honored. America is a great country in spite of the many things that can be written against its receord. When a slave can make the long long journey from slave cabin to the Hall of Fame, his country is the largest explanation.

Even innate genius cannot avail where circumstances are not propitious. Even color-struck America is a great country and this fact cannot and must not be denied, for such denial is refuted by the achievements of the Negro race since emancipation. The significant thing about Washington's entrance into the Hall of Fame is not the mere fact that he was chosen for such honor; but that he was such an overwhelming choice. Moreover it is doubtful if there is an intelligent person throughout the world who will dispite the wisdom of the choice.

It was said Abraham Lincoln that he was the most gentle memory in history; there is something of the same halo that rests upon the moral brow of Washington. There is about Washington a spiritual charm that begets af ectionate veneration. The Negro race should feel encouraged that color lines break down before the Hall of Fame. As long as written records endure among men, the saga of a son of slavery will be told to the generations of mankind.

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It is not soothing to think on what the race would be without Tuskegee, the brain child of Booker T. Washington. He left as a heritage to mankind not only a lofty philosophy but a tangible expression of such philosophy. He was no mere dreamer and academician. He was a practical dreamer who made his dreams come true and in this he proved a benefactor of mankind. In the last analysis there must be something to a man besides talk. He must have a reesidium of tangibleness that outlives his short day of life and this is not saying that no man can be great unless he leaves a Tuskegue as a legacy to succeeding generations. But when to philosophies we add tangible achievements there is always added justre to majestic lives and living.

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Perhaps the opposition that Wewhington encountered mellows our memory of the great man. He was at times bitterly assailed and at times by those who were not worthy to unloose the latchets of his shoes. But Washington taught the more excellent way of not wasting time replying to hecklers. His very bigness was his surest defense. Then too Wahington not only had a philosophy but he has a strategy the lack of which at the present is seriously handleapping he Negro in his struggle for survival in this country. Washington knew in his time what many of us are just finding out, namely, that claims to citizenship that are unbacked by solid achievement are worthless. He taught that the prime consideration in seeking our rights is to be worthy of them, a fact that it is easy to overlook under the stress of untoward circumstances.

Then, too, Washington chose not to make a frontal attack in the fight for rights. He made the attack through industrial education a flank attack, if you please. He felt that in the content of citizenship as in the rest of the gridiron even as a lighter football team seldom resorts to power plays through a big tough line; but rather turns to forward passes and deceptions.

Of course it was in this sphere that the two schools of thought smong Negroes were founded. There is a school that does not believe in strategy but in power. These spurn the flank attack and brand it as cowardly. This school of thought for better or woras in the ascendancy among Negroes. This position naturally presents a direct challenge to the opposition who are glad to respond in kind. The stubborn opposition offered by certain elements in this country to policy of Negroes to make frontal attacks.

If our attacks are going to be frontal, then we may expect the oposition to be frontal also. Wa

### The Responsibility Of Youth

BY RUTH TAYLOR experience. It will need adaptability, which means an ability to co-

of his conviction. We of the present generation who advocate the frontal attack must also be prepared to pay the price thereof. Hail Booker T. Washington — Negro immortal!

## The Responsibility Of Youth

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Rov. M. W. Williams

tleman from Mississippi. It is brought out in the article Unit only one seventh of the potential vote in Mr. Rankin's district goes to the polls because of poil tux and racial barriers. Yet the congress, with full power under the fifteenth amendment to enforce equal protection of the laws to all American citizens, does not all American citizens, does not opass the "appropriate legislation" authorized in the constitution to enforce the amendment. An act to outlaw jim-crow in the nation's capital. Introduced by some other impressionist congressman, is talked to death by Mr. Rankin. We can hardly asign all the blame to Mr. Rankin for the bad example of jim-crow Washinston when the rest of congress "allows" Mr. Rankin to "talk a bill to death" while they have the votes to pass it.

The life and works of Mr. Rankin and his kind ought to show

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Subject: The Christian and his conomic Relations. Deut. 8:17-18; ake 12:13-21; Luke 18:18-24. Key Verse: "All things come of nee, and of thine own have we wen Thee." I Chronicles 29:14. The actions of Christians in the rily Church commends itself indit, if not in practical everyliving. They sold their prority and pooled it for the good the whole. (Acts 24:147). The of of Stewardship of the Christians is just beginning of be studd and practiced by a small permit of the Christians. Why the turch has been as allow to teach ewardship is rather puzzling, were the Ministers really undersood or have the congregations noted the teachings? We can not