

EDITORIALS

BROADER FIELD

The loss to North Carolina of President Harold F. Trigg will be keenly felt when he leaves to assume his new position as associate director of the Southern Regional Council...

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...

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.

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must know also that there are cheaper, more natural and more efficient methods of achieving the same results, with the beneficiaries being not simply potential soldiers, but the whole population.

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There will be before Congress a bill to provide substantial Federal aid to education. The effect of such a bill, if enacted, would be to make more and better educational opportunities available to American children and youth of all colors and classes, and of both sexes.

Let us see how many Americans can think of the United States as a single nation except in terms of what they interpret as military necessity; and even in those terms, how many can interpret preparedness 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...

Technically there is no ground for protesting the retirement of Lieutenant 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.

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...

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.

At present disturbances are breaking-out 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, and all places, from whose soil bloody conflict has not been absent more than a decade.

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 situation in Java and the Dutch East Indies is also serious. It roots so 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, calls on Britain, that bulwark and defender of freedom, to assist her in putting down her own subjects, who, strangely enough, want some freedom too.

Religion would solve the problems 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.

In 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.



Second Thoughts

By C. L. HALLIBURTON

For a recent issue of the AFRO-AMERICAN its "Inquiring Reporter" asked the question "Would your conscience be troubled if you went fishing on Sunday after church?" It reminded me of the week-long controversy in the NEWS and OBSERVER letter columns last summer over the question of Sunday fishing.

Three of the persons approached by the Inquiring Reporter were clergymen. One was a Roman Catholic priest, who unequivocally expressed the view common in his church that having attended a mass the church member is free to indulge in any kind of recreation which is not in itself wrong or harmful.

Lest We Forget.

By W. L. GREENE

Callers Magazine has released a copy of an article by Walter Daventport for use of the general newspaper circuits of the country. The article, entitled "Big Wind From The South," deals with the antics of one Mr. Rankin, member of congress from Mississippi.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. M. W. Williams

Subject: The Christian and his Economic Relations. Deut. 8:17-18, Luke 12:13-21. "All things come of Thee, and of thine own have we given Thee." I of Thine own have we given Thee." Deut. 10:14. The actions of Christians in the early Church commands itself in spirit, if not in practical everyday living.

It is not important because Moses taught the Children of Israel about their economic responsibility to God long before they entered into the promised land (Palestine) 1500 B. C. (Deut. 8:17, 18). Again in Psalm 50, nearly 1000 B. C. the Psalmist warns them about the sincerity of their offerings to God. Then after their captivity and restoration, Malachi accuses them of the sin of robbing God by bringing to the Temple such things that they were glad to get rid of and were of no cost to them.

Americans the true picture of our greatest national cancer, racism. The American people naively permit race legislation to develop in the majority of the states, thirty-to be exact, and then wonder how Mr. Rankin gets like he is. The Constitution forbids denial or abridgment of the privileges and immunities of any citizens by any state for the reasons given as sanctions by Mr. Rankin. The rest of the congressmen, and the senators too, follow the easy expedient of letting Rankin et al. take the blame for our national failure, when actually all are equally responsible.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

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 record.

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.

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 affectionate veneration.

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.

Perhaps the opposition that Washington encountered mellowed our memory of the great man. He was at times bitterly assailed and at times by those who were not worthy to unloose the latches 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, 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 contest 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 among 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 worse is in the ascendancy among Negroes.

If our attacks are going to be frontal, then we may expect the opposition to be frontal also. Washington thought that a flank attack would be better and so declared himself and paid the price of his conviction. We of the present generation who advocate the frontal attack must also be prepared to pay the price thereof.

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The young people of today are most definite in their demands for "the rights of Youth." They know what they want and they are glib in expressing their desires. They are terribly sure of what is right and wrong, and they go most thoroughly and analytically into everything.

Youth has its responsibility in this life. The young people may grouch about the mistakes and shortcomings of their elders — but are they seizing every opportunity to gain the knowledge that would fit them to do more than their elders? Are they being equipped for the task of making a new world out of devastation that were their fathers after the last war. Their opportunities for education have been greater and therefore, their responsibility is greater.

The strain on the coming generation will be great. Those who take up citizenship in the transition period will require initiative, resourcefulness, adaptability and idealism. They must have the ability to produce something for the good of all, for there will be no room for parasitism.

Youth has before it NOW the task of preparing for the days ahead, and it must prepare by learning how to think things out and think things through. It will need initiative in order to plan constructively. It will need resourcefulness which must be gained by practical

and where will I best? MY fruits? I will say to MY soul, Take this ease, eat, drink, and be merry. There is no preparation for his soul, no relationship of God as the owner of all things, even of his soul. Am I using my gifts to aid my fellow man to live a happier life?

IS MONEY ALL One of the greatest tragedies ever recorded, is that historical event recorded in Luke 18:18-24. The rich ruler regarded his riches as the highest goal in life.

The rich ruler regarded his riches as the highest goal in life. "The love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10). The expression, "Money talks" as some would tell, to many of us it says "Farewell" is one which should give the man or woman who regards money as ALL a serious concern. Shylock, the avicious merchant of Venice, lets the love of money say Farewell to his sense of honor. The rich young ruler who thought that money was all because exceedingly sorrowful. No, money is not all in life. Money on the other hand, can be used when the owner is mindful of his Stewardship to relieve suffering humanity in many ways. This includes the landlord, the capitalist and all who hire.

MEMBERSHIP The term stewardship refers not only to money, but also to our lives. It is the making of life count in service of the Lord. What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? (Ps. 118:12). The Church at this time of the year are making out their budget — Foreign and Home Missions, Expansion programs, Evangelism, Education, Salaries, the general upkeep, etc. The first question (This lesson should prompt) As a Church — My Economic Relations. The second question, as a individual member in the Church — What will I do and give toward helping the Church meet its obligations? On the proper answering and execution of these two major questions hang the Christian's conception of the economic relationships. Failure to do so puts us in a class to repeat the tragic consequences of those whose folly we just studied.