

NO OATH

It is hoped and expected that the proposal will be defeated which would require an oath on the part of teachers and students in state colleges that they are not members of the Communist party.

We believe that the danger that Communism will make any headway in this country is very remote. There may be grounds for great vigilance to keep Communists out of important and strategic places in our government service or any other places from which they might act as spies for the benefit of the Soviet state.

The idea of keeping Communists out of our schools is evidently based on the principle that they could spread communism to young people not already subscribers to its creed.

To require of loyal American students teachers an oath of the nature proposed would be something like a gratuitous insult to their intelligence and their honor, and an indirect reflection on the merit of the American Way.

Fear of Communism in our institutions of learning is an admission, conscious or unconscious, of the imperfections of Democracy in action.

THE FORGOTTEN MEN — AND WOMEN

A feature news story by Gil Billings appearing in the Raleigh Times of a few days ago again pointed up an item on North Carolina's record of which none of us can be proud.

"During 1948 North Carolina, which ranks forty-sixth among the states in old age assistance, contributed 66 cents a day to its indigent aged."

That paragraph should always be printed alongside the publicity given to North Carolina's treasury surplus. It should be added as a postscript to the news items showing the size of North Carolina's payments into the Internal Revenue collections of 1948.

THE LARGER CONSIDERATION

Soon after the lower house of the General Assembly voted to abolish the state's

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automobile inspection system the announcement came from the National Safety Council that North Carolina ranked second among the states in 1948 in reduction of traffic deaths, with a decline since 1947 of more than 25 per cent.

If this is so it would be tragic to scrap automobile inspection. It is doubtful that the people of the state really wish to return to a system, or lack of system, which will cost more in life and limb and property damage.

It should not be ignored, moreover, that any plan for the saving of lives on our highways is worth some inconvenience to all. A few hours of every motorist's time once or twice a year is a small consideration as weighed against the misery and suffering and waste attendant on a high rate of motor accidents, fatal and non-fatal.

JOE RETIRES GRACEFULLY

Many Americans, and especially Negro Americans, felt a sense of relief and gratification at the news that Joe Louis had finally resigned as heavyweight boxing champion and retired from competition undefeated.

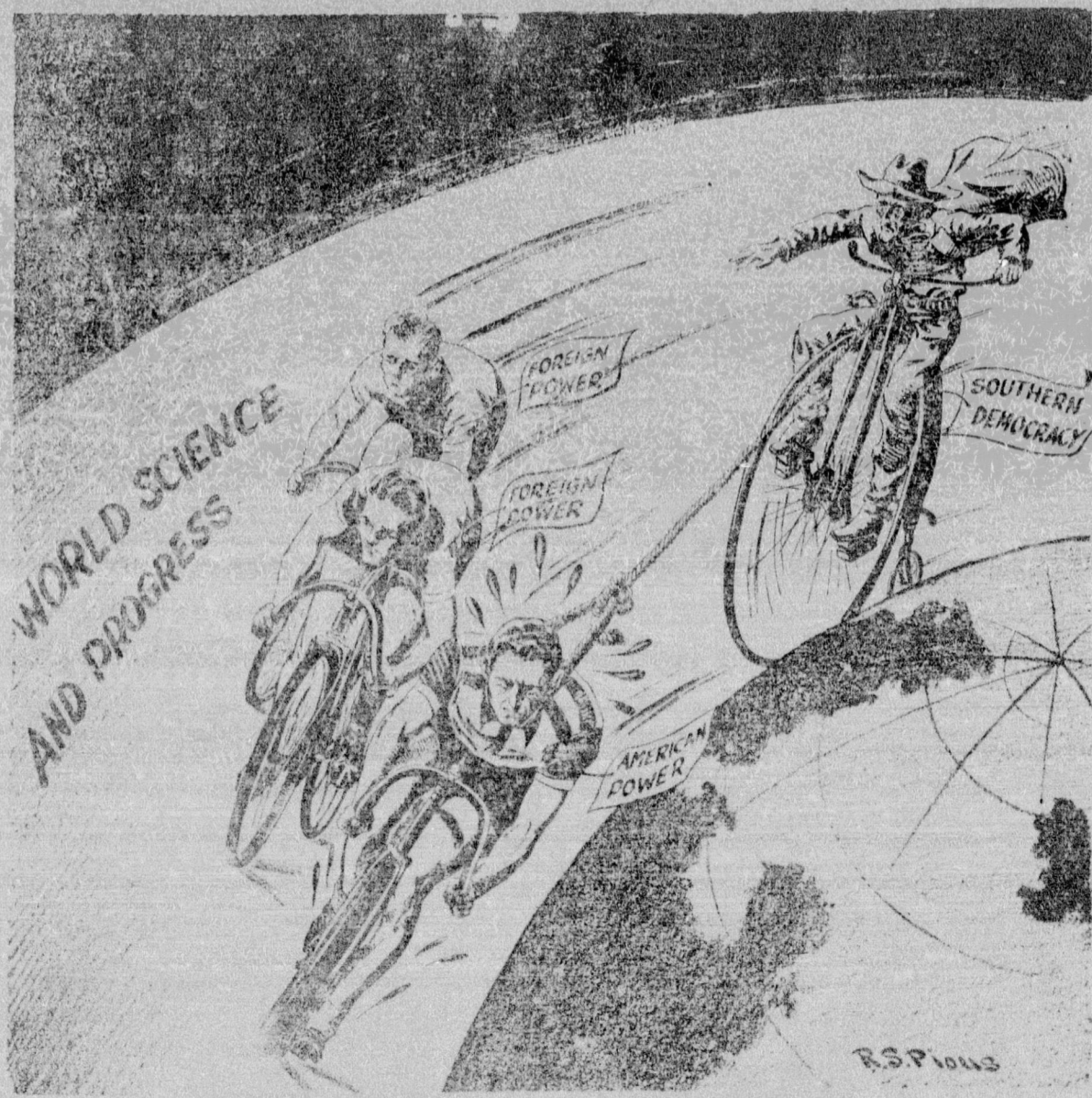
No one in the history of the ring has had a better basis for retiring from competition with honor. And as he steps down, all can wish him well without the necessity of bestowing pity on a once great who became a has-been.

ANOTHER CHAPTER

Ralph Bunche received signal recognition and won respect for himself and the race he represents when he succeeded the assassinated Count Bernadotte as mediator in the Jewish-Arab affair.

Still a young man, Bunche may well be on his way to higher places in the diplomatic service of the nation and the world. His expert handling of an extremely difficult and discouraging situation has revealed talent of a high order, ability of the kind that is sorely needed and will continue to be needed in international affairs for many a day.

An achievement such as Mr. Bunche's must certainly give the lie to many of the racial myths and misconceptions still alive, though with a waning vitality, in the American creed.



By Eliminating The Filibuster, America Eliminates A Handicap To Progress



Second Thoughts

BY C. D. HALLIBURTON

We are used to filibusters in the United States Senate. For a good many years now the filibuster has been used to block a vote of the Senate on some legislation which would improve, especially the status of the Negro as a citizen in the South.

and anti-civil rights colleagues the honor of opposing the filibuster aimed at preventing any change in the rules which would make it possible to bring debate to a close within a reasonable time.

According to the daily press Senator George denied that he was filibustering. He said he had never intended in the act of making his long career in the Senate.

Senator George's opinions are worthy of respect, but Senator George's remarks were beside the point. The point at issue was a motion to change the rules so that it would be possible for a two-thirds majority to get the President's proposal before the Senate.

So the senator's oratory was undisturbed, and the senator's cause was a bad one. He failed to offer a single reason why the rules change recommended by the committee should not be adopted.

THE ROAD TO HEALTH

THE CHEST X-RAY BY W. RODERIC BROWN, M. D., Pittsboro, Pa.

When Mary Gordon first visited my office a few years ago, we were complete strangers. She and her husband were newcomers to our town, having moved from another state when Mr. Gordon got a good job in the vicinity.

"No, Mrs. Gordon," I told her, "the chest X-ray is part of a complete physical examination. Besides, a chest X-ray is only one step in searching out tuberculosis. There are a number of additional tests and examinations that are made before a definite diagnosis of tuberculosis is possible."

"The woman looked at my X-ray machine curiously. 'Then what is the point in getting a chest X-ray, doctor?' she asked. 'We could consider the X-ray a very alert detective,' I told her. 'You see, Mrs. Gordon, when tuberculosis first attacks a person, there are no findings that we can see plainly with the naked eye.

or detect with a stethoscope. But the destructive work of tuberculosis germs can be detected by the sharp eye of the X-ray.'

"But you spoke of additional tests, doctor," she said. "Well, you see, shadows that show up in the X-ray can mean a number of things, illnesses other than tuberculosis, or old scars in the lung that have healed. But they might also mean active tuberculosis, and we make the other tests so that we can either rule out tuberculosis or confirm that a patient has it. When the X-ray points out suspicious shadows in the lungs, it is up to us doctors to find out what those shadows mean."

When Mrs. Gordon came back to my office a few nights later, I told her that her chest X-ray was clear. With the task of moving and getting settled in a new town, she had neglected to eat properly and to rest sufficiently.

With the proper diet and sufficient sleep and rest, Mrs. Gordon was seen in good physical condition. But because of what she learned in my office she now makes regular appointments with me for checkups and always tells me that she is coming for her physical examination and her CHEST X-RAY.

When tuberculosis is detected in an early stage, measures can be taken to help the person get well while he still has the best chance of cure. And the X-ray is one of the doctor's most helpful means of finding tuberculosis early.

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HERE AND THERE

(BY ANP)

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The alumni of Storer College (the 82-year-old institution in Harper's Ferry, West Va.) has launched an all-out drive to lift the alma mater up by its financial bootstraps.

Nominations for one of the best public relations men in the country, our old friend Ernie Johnson of New York.

Nominations for damn foolishness, year of World War II who left their National Service Life Insurance policy lapse. And who else will insure you for ten grand but your Uncle Sam — at the same low cost!

That collective sigh of relief you hear comes from all of us because Joe Louis has really retired. One of the greatest sports tragedies of all time would have been for Joe to have been defeated in the ring by a combination of old age and some opponent who couldn't have carried the champ's waterpail in his heyday.

If the filibuster gag isn't established, you can kiss the civil rights program good-bye. Personally, we think you can kiss most of its good bye anyway, eh, if we don't get a whole lot madder about it than we are.

And another thing we can quit kidding ourselves about, as long as we persist in asking for things because we are "ruled" we are going to get "ruled" rewards. STOP BEING NEGROES AND BE AMERICANS — PERIOD.

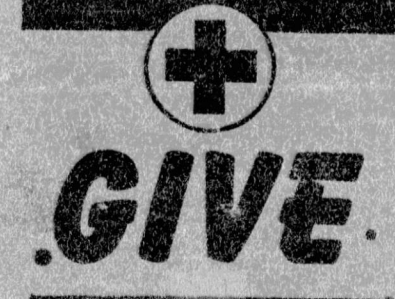
The important thing about Ralph Bunche's success is not that he is a product of Afro-America who made good in the other fellow's game — no, that while interesting isn't the sitty-gritty. What really matters is that he had the determination and the guts to PREPARE HIMSELF for the opportunity, despite all the handicaps, about which we wince too much, that go with that preparation.

Joe Albright to International day assembly at Wakeforever State College: "Only the courageous can be of service to humanity now. Leadership by the vacillating and the double talking must be destroyed, or we are lost!"

Remember what this column said about civil rights: don't expect the President to win his fight all by himself. Keep telling your congressman and senators that you want civil rights legislation—NOW.

Attention to all do-gooders: don't talk about brotherhood so much, but live it; one example is worth a thousand sermons. Joined the NAACP yet?

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BETWEEN THE LINES BY DEAN B HANCOCK FOR ANP

SHALL NEGROES EXPLOIT THEIR MISERY?

The Lighthouse and Informer of Columbia South Carolina, earned recently a stimulating editorial relating to the NAACP's plan of exhibiting Mrs. Mallard whose husband was recently lynched in Georgia. Sharp exceptions were taken to the plan and it was recorded as exploiting the misery of Negroes for financial gain.

Unfortunately for the NAACP Negroes for some reason, have not falled financially to its standards to make exploitation our miseries unnecessary. It is one of the saddest commentaries on the vaunted progress of the Negro race, that resort must from time to time be had to what appears like this self same exploitation of our miseries.

This exploitation was understandable 25 years ago in a way it is not today. There is some good reason — and we should soon discover it — why twelve million Negroes do not give the NAACP the support it so justly deserves. That such vital organization has to resort to revival tactics to get money through various local campaigns easily constitutes one of the tragic symptoms in the moral body of the Negro race.

It is in this matter that I find myself in sharp disagreement with my esteemed editor of the Lighthouse-Informer. The disagreement is not such a fundamental one after all, for whereas the Lighthouse editor deprecates and condemns the exploitation of our misery, this writer rather condones this exploitation exploring the while its pressing necessity. In other words so long as Negroes have not yet been taught to adequately support the NAACP we feel it better to secure by even distasteful methods the necessary support than to curtail its severely needed activities.

For some months this writer has been wanting to write the NAACP higher ups regarding a kindred matter which was to be proposed with considerable difference that border on regret. More than once we have wanted to see Isaac Woodson's terrible misfortune exploited both for financial and propagandist reason. Young Woodson, as many will remember, was the young Negro soldier whose eyes were beaten out by the police of Batesburg, S. C.

There is no good reason why decent whites would want to cover for these brutish creatures who are a real menace to the neck of civilization and a shackle to our nation that is bidding for world leadership. Suppose Isaac Woodson could travel over the nation many times carrying a placard reading MY EYES WERE BEATEN OUT BY THE POLICE OF BATESBURG, S. C.

In other words this writer believes the time has come when Negroes, being faced with the fury of a few desperate Dixcrats, should let the world know what is happening to them! Hush is not the word but Proclaim is the word! Negroes must not be parties to their own humiliations by soft-peddling the atrocities of the southern mobs. The sooner the south is made sick of its disgracers the better!

SENTENCE SERMON

SWITCHING TO CALVARY

There is one wise switch a man can make which neither his life nor purse will break; it is a switch to Calvary. Calvary once was red with blood, but it proved an all-sufficient flood.

Men sin, sick and vile and with bodily pain have been washed and cleansed of every stain.

Calvary's crimson blood has brightened many a face and saved countless burdened souls from sorrow and disgrace.

Forgotten men and women almost hopeless and undone have been turned from downward paths and new lives begun.

Men can never be stronger, braver, until they meet this wonderful Savior.

Yes, there can be no switch in any direction that will give a man or woman so high a conception as a switch to Calvary.

It can change a man once helpless before a bottle and make him perfectly safe behind a throttle.

Creatures who once sold their bodies to sin, can switch to Calvary and be made clean.

Their thoughts can be raised from low to high, and from Calvary's mountain still soar beyond the sky.

The sad predicament that comes to men who fail to switch to Calvary is that they remain in spiritual darkness and the Kingdom of Heaven never see.

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