

EDITORIALS

SENATOR FRANK GRAHAM

Governor W. Kerr Scott produced a real surprise when he appointed Dr. Frank Graham to the Senate to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator Broughton...

Frank Graham is certainly one of the greatest of contemporary North Carolinians, in ability, in character, in simplicity and integrity and in devotion to the ideals of Christianity and Democracy.

The new senator is one of the finest examples in America and the outstanding one in the South of a man who holds the esteem of the people without the slightest taint of demagoguery.

No greater tribute could be paid him by the Negroes of North Carolina than this: almost without exception they would say that if every member of Congress were another Frank Graham they would be content.

The appointment is a credit to Governor Scott, who has again shown his independence, his good judgment and his unorthodox attitude toward the responsibilities of his position.

What is it that makes Dr. Graham great? Above all else, even his demonstrated great abilities in many fields, it is that he can be depended on to do what Frank Graham thinks is right, without belligerence, without bombast, but without fear.

LET THEM GO ON RECORD

There is lamentation in some quarters over what seems to be the unavoidability of a vote in Congress on the veteran pension bill so vigorously sponsored by Congressman Rankin.

little sympathy for the Congressman who wish they could duck the issue because their conscience and common sense would dictate a vote of "no" while expediency might urge them to vote "yes."

The way to defeat Mr. Rankin's unwholesome measure is to vote it down when it comes up. No one should and few would oppose any reasonable measure for taking care of veterans of any of our wars.

NOT LAWS, BUT ENFORCEMENT, REAL TEST

The lower house of the Texas state legislature recently passed an anti-lynching bill. The bill was expected to pass the state senate and receive the signature of the governor...

The bill carries penalties for lynch mobsters of from five years' imprisonment to death, so no one can quarrel with the substance of the law as being too lenient.

The Texan who introduced the bill in his legislature is said to have explained that it would forestall the taking over by Congress of a state responsibility.

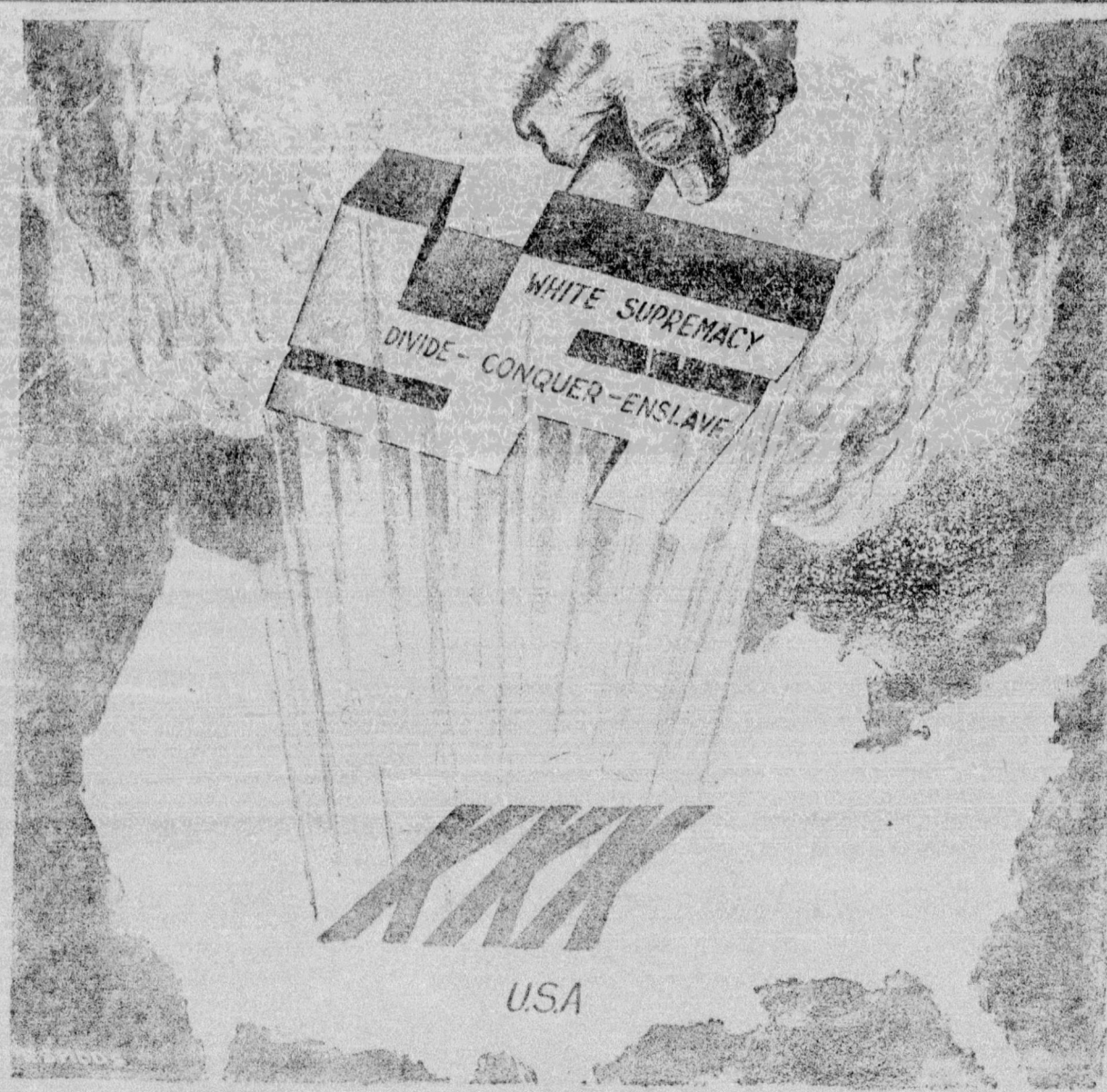
Southern opponents of a federal anti-lynching law often argue that the federal government has no more right to jurisdiction over lynching than over any other felony.

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"STILL OUR MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY"



Second Thoughts

BY C. D. HALLIBURTON

The pattern of discrimination in this country and its southern states is a crazy-quilt pattern. Arkansas is the only southern state in which a Negro attends the state university's medical school...

But, according to Time magazine something has happened recently in Arkansas which tends to vindicate that ancient reputation...

The young and progressive new governor of Arkansas shook his head sadly when the legislature adjourned without passing the anti-lynching and anti-poll tax bills he had proposed.

It is difficult to understand how any and every proposal to advance the Negro toward full and regular citizenship can be made out to be an attempt to bring about what is generally and indignantly referred to as social equality...

Drew Pearson reports that Senator Russell, leader of the recent filibuster, actually went to President Truman to talk over with him as to whether or not his civil rights program was headed in the right direction...

Fear and prejudice apparently cause sensible men to lose their perspective. No remote threat of intermarriage is embodied in measures to remove the threat of lynching or the poll tax as a prerequisite for the ballot.

Furthermore, those who fear intermarriage are usually those who are also vehement in proclaiming the essential inferiority and unattractiveness of the Negro in the eyes and noses of white people.

IN THIS OUR DAY

BY C. A. CRICK, SR. THE ATLANTIC PACT

It would require several volumes of books to catalogue all of the various international alliances, treaties, pacts, and what nots, that nations have formulated for the purpose of "stopping aggressive nations."

The main purpose of the League of Nations was to provide international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security.

At a special Inter-American Conference, held at Buenos Aires in 1938 President Roosevelt implemented his idea of the Pan-Americanization of the Monroe Doctrine by telling the conference that non-American states seeking to commit acts of aggression against us will find a hemisphere wholly prepared to consult together for our mutual safety and our mutual good.

In San Francisco in April, 1945 the final touches were put on the Charter of the United Nations Organization. In part the purposes of the Organization as stated in its Charter, were "to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace."

SENTENCE SERMONS

By Rev. Frank Clarence Lowry FOR ANP

A man to get from another man what he wants has to call on him; but secretly men try to get around God.

Even as smart as scientists are, God doesn't have to call on them to wipe off His moon or to push His stars.

His sun is so hot and bright, giving light to the moon at night that men in spiritual darkness can offer no excuse for their plight.

He then awakens us in a daze, but Satan still tries to hold him in a mad race.

It is then a man or woman must put on a terrific fight or the old habits of evil will force them back into the night.

A quick decision in Jesus' favor works a charm in such a case and brings joy out of darkness and the Master's warm embrace.

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Three score and ten of anxious years should not be wasted in fields and years, when close of hand a loving Savior begs to bestow His highest favor.

He is whispering now as in days of old and calls to every forsaken soul "come now and let us reason together" and your burdens will be lighter and all things better.

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FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

In the light of the experience of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts with Fair Employment Practices laws there is a lot to be said in favor of the passage of similar legislation by other states.

In general a Fair Employment Practices law simply requires that every person applying for a job must be judged solely on his merits and ability - without respect to his race, religion, color, or national origin.

Religious, social, fraternal, charitable, and educational associations are not regarded as employers, and so subject to the law, if they are not organized for private profit.

national conference to another making high sounding speeches regarding the rights of nations and of mankind, there are all kinds of exploitations and oppressions going on in their respective nations. Moreover, most of those representatives are not raising their little fingers to lighten those wrongs in their own countries.



BETWEEN THE LINES BY DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

CIVIL RIGHTS WILL WIN

He was a super-optimist indeed who even faintly imagined that the civil rights legislation would win a complete victory the first time it met force to face the embittered cohorts of Dixiecracy.

To Truman's credit it must be said that he tried gallantly against dreadful odds to remove the ugly stain upon the fair face of our nation. He must not be damned for the failures of the current congress.

The current congressional debacle has had the effect of unmasking a certain type of hypocrisy at the north in which unsuspecting Negroes have been wont to trust.

The truth that makes men free is marching on and the tide of righteousness cannot be stemmed by the resurgence of the south's slavery spirit exemplified in all that the Dixiecrats and their abettors stand for.

They time slip by and old battles continue to hold until Southern pressure pulls him further from the goal.

1290 cases charging discrimination in employment are being settled each year in the four states where fair employment practices prevail.

Statement by General Omar N. Bradley Chief of Staff, United States Army Army Day, 1949

To Our Fellow Americans:

The Army job in 1949 is no small task. As part of the defense team, we must give the citizens of the United States a full dollar's worth of security for a dollar spent.

We have pledged ourselves to a speedy, effective unity among the Armed Forces. Within our service, we are striving to build a team of mobile divisions trained and ready for instant use in case of emergency.

In all these plans, we are pledged to a constant observance, in the true democratic tradition, of the right and dignity of the individual.

On Army Day, 1949, we of the Army restate these pledges, and invite your interest in the progress we are making in the accomplishment of the missions the people have assigned to us.

Omar N. Bradley

THE ARMY ON THE TEAM FOR DOMESTIC SECURITY

WHETHER we think about security from enemy attack or security from floods, storms and disasters, the Army enters the picture. Relief of the suffering, shelter of the homeless, care of the living has characterized the Army's approach to calamity after calamity.

In the past winter, its disaster force meaning tanks, warrens, bulldozers and scrapers on land and food carriers in the air, carried out the largest rescue operation in U. S. history. Overcoming snow, ice and punishing cold, its veterans fought their way to hundreds of beleaguered citizens and fed millions of starving cattle throughout the western range country.

Years before, the Army's development of roads, canals, communications systems and public works opened these same western plains and mountain areas to traders, prospectors, settlers and farmers.

Words will never embellish the Army's effort at Texas City two years ago, at Bar Harbor in 1947 or the Mississippi Valley in 1927.