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### A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

In an interview with a reader and supporter of this newspaper this week we were told of an incident which almost caused us to snigger with fear for the future of America. We shall recite here, as near as possible, the happening just as it was told to us with one purpose in view, that it will cause readers of the Carolina Times who happen to be members of the opposite group to think seriously of their attitude towards the twelve million or more negroes in the United States and others of the race elsewhere.

The story as told to us came from the lips of a very prominent negro lawyer of Durham, and a man who has contributed considerably to the uplift of this community. Not only is he one of Durham's biggest taxpayers, but he is also a successful business man. The story which he related to a representative of this newspaper is as follows:

"I had gone to a nearby city for the purpose of transacting some church business of considerable importance, and after an unusual hard day's work on the matter I was tired out. Since I was compelled to remain in the town for four hours longer to catch a train back home I inquired of one of the members of my own race where I might find a good picture show. I was informed that there was no such place for negroes in this particular town, and that all of the theatres catered to white people only. With no place to go and nothing to do I decided to stroll up the main thoroughfare of the city to while away the time. Unconsciously I halted in front of a theatre and started reading the advertisements of the various pictures which bedecked the front of the playhouse. It took no wise man to tell that the place was 'for white only.'"

"I must have stood in front of this particular playhouse for many ten minutes before I started to move on. Before I could get from in front of the place, up walked a Japanese who nonchalantly tore down his money at the ticket widow. The young woman, without exhibiting any sign of surprise, politely and smilingly handed the Japanese man a ticket and he quickly vanished through the door of the theatre there to enjoy the picture which I had wanted so much to see."

"I shall never forget the feeling which came over me. Before I realized it tears streamed down my cheeks, and I walked sadly away for fear of being seen crying on the street. I thought of the thousands of my own people who had fought, bled and died for America. Like a great panorama, there passed before me millions of back American citizens, both dead and living, who had toiled in mines, farms, ditches, factories, cook-kitchens and elsewhere, to make America a 'decent place in which to live.' Oh God I shuddered when I thought of the Constitution of the United States and the use it makes about the rights of American citizens."

### JAPAN, CHINA AND THE NEGRO PEOPLE

One-fifth of the human race live in China. White militarists in many ages have dreamed the prospect of the consolidation of the 450,000,000 Chinese people into a united nation. Of this prospect, Napoleon warned Europe:

"There lies a sleeping giant. Let him sleep! For when he wakes, he will move the world."

This fear of a united and powerful China is shared today by all the imperialist powers. The despoilers of Africa and Asia are well aware of the deadly menace to imperialism inherent in the struggle of the Chinese people for national emancipation.

It would be impossible to overestimate the importance of China in world politics and in relation to the future of all mankind. It is no exaggeration to say that the emergence of the Chinese people as a free and powerful nation would rock world imperialism, already badly shaken by the defection of Russia from the imperialist camp.

It is this consideration that makes the present conflict in the Far East of vital concern for us, and for all other victims of imperialist oppression. This consideration holds good whether one approaches the question with an understanding of the necessity, for us and for all humanity, of the destruction of the imperialist system, or with the Nationalist desire for the creation of formidable non-white military power as a counter-balance to the armaments of the 'white powers.'

For us the important tactical consideration is that the rise of a free and powerful China inevitably must effect a tremendous change in the relation of forces—in our favor. The Chinese people can attain their national emancipation goal only by a military victory over one of the imperialist powers, or a combination of the imperialists. In either case a Chinese triumph would weaken, if not deal a death blow, to the imperialist system.

That in the circumstances of the present war, such a victory must be gained over a non-white invader does not detract from its potential and political importance. Modern Japan is in the imperialist camp, as shown by its conquest and oppression of the Korean and Formosan peoples, its past seizures of Chinese territory, its present campaign to conquer all China.

## Do You Know?



Photo, Canadian National Railway  
That at Joe Lake, Algonquin Park, Northern Ontario, there is a deer that meets all the trains and makes friends with the tourists? He has been named Billy and he will answer if called. Billy is very fond of chocolate and the picture above shows him with a little visitor though both Billy and his girl friend are of each other and look to be prepared to jump.

## Last Weeks Two Best Editorials

### PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN?

With the anti-lynching bill being pigeonholed and sidetracked in the Senate by a southern bloc, and so-called northern friends of the Negro trading blood votes with the south for consideration of measures for the latter;

Negroes being barred from government service by every hook and crook because of their color;

The University of Maryland and Michigan University and other state supported schools fighting to bar Negroes from their classrooms despite the fact that Negro taxes are helping to make it possible for these institutions to operate;

The damnable practice of jim crow, segregation and proscription riding high, wide and handsome throughout the land;

Brutal police killing and beating Negroes for any excuse and these same policemen extolled, and when a farce of a trial is held they are not only exonerated but praised for "bravery."

Courts and judges using every legal technicality to prevent a Negro from getting justice where his rights are concerned, especially when a white man is involved.

Negroes prohibited from living in decent neighborhoods and denied the right of making a contract when whites decide to invoke some jim crow covenant;

Negroes denied their civil rights, and accommodations in hotels, restaurants and other public places;

There is certainly no peace or good will in America, much less considering Italy's rape of Ethiopia, Japan's slaughter in China or the butchery in Spain.

The Prince of Peace certainly would hang His head in shame and turn His back on twentieth century Christianity should He make a second visit to earth.

—Washington Tribune

### LET US HAVE THE PURGE

LEADERS of the Republican party representing many sections of the nation heard Vermont Governor George Aiken frankly and emphatically call for a purge of Southern Committeemen, at a confab of the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee at the St. Louis Hotel Coronado. Reports of Gov. Aiken's very timely suggestion proved a signal for an outburst of protests coming from none other than the illustrious limelight seekers and seat-pullers—Robert R. Church, of Memphis, and Perry W. Howard, of Washington, D. C., via Jackson, Miss.

"Bob" evidently "bilked" and lapped his lips like a tiger just up from devouring a lamb as he appeared in the headlines of Negro newspapers, while Perry, in his characteristic manner, erupted over an erroneous idea that the masses of either racial group, to say nothing of

### Calvin's Digest

BY Floyd J. Calvin  
NEW YEAR

The years come and go. A New Year has come. Of the many heterogeneous groups which by "push and pull" "tug of war" find it possible to survive and thus make up this homogeneous Nation the Negro group is at this time surveying the scene and speculating on the events to come.

By this time, however, the group has learned that it has certain definite advantages in its battle to survive, to offset certain disadvantages which are well defined and well known.

First, the Negro group is the most populous of the minority groups. It has the numbers. Second, the Negro group, by outstanding achievements of its individuals, is gaining in respect and prestige in the national life. Third, the Negro group, because of the very space it occupies, is a definite drawback to the advancement of other groups, if other groups attempt to move along without it.

The Negro group finds, however, that it is weak on generalship, on strategy, on maneuvering. This is its greatest weakness, for other groups, with far less numbers; because of their generalship, gain far more of the benefits of life and living. The Negro group finds, too, that its weakness on generalship is due, mainly, to its own failings in the cooperative attitude, one toward the other. The few outstanding organization successes we have are due, quite obviously, to a fine spirit of "teamwork." But that spirit is limited almost strictly to the influence of these few successful organizations—limited to the organization themselves.

Of course our history will explain why we are weak on generalship; but if education means anything, then the rapid growth of education among us should bring larger group results. But so far those larger results are only very slowly being realized.

One good resolution in the New Year for prominent Negroes of the United States is, strangely, a negative one—to resolve to do less to hurt his neighbor. This does not mean, to be sure, that we should let self-aggrandizement run wild, but it does mean to place restraint on jealousy and "the spirit of evil," if possible.

Of all the things which might be done, we can think of nothing more important than this, of which we might do less.

Press Growth

Last week we checked the newspapers of the country, and found that fifteen carried a full page ad. of local origin. In fact, between the fifteen papers, 25 full page ads. were carried.

The papers were not restricted by locality: one in New York, two in Los Angeles, and one in Miami, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Houston, Atlanta, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Dallas, Louisville and Nashville.

Of these twenty-five full page ads, only one was from a colored concern—in Nashville, Tenn., from a barber shop.

Of the twenty-four white con-

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cerns taking a full page (three took two pages each) in the Negro press there were four department stores, three furniture companies, two drug companies, three clothing stores, one jewelry company, one grocery store, and five food markets.

Here is a cue for local advertising managers of Negro newspapers in 1938. Go after local business, and go after lines mentioned above.

The time is coming when Negro newspapers will be the recognized advertising mediums of the group. Right now many white newspapers, North and South, argue that Negroes read their papers more than they read the Negro papers. But we have three newspaper organizations now with a weekly circulation of over 100,000, and that is ample proof that the Negro press has readers. With further strengthening of the editorial content, and more vigorous civic and economic attitudes, it will finally be impossible for white newspapers to claim THEY represent us, and then our papers will get the business that rightfully goes with the circulation.

### "Race Conscious"

The Hon. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, has sent out a proclamation directing the anti-lynching bill, the Emancipation Day on January 1—the 75th anniversary of the end of slavery. The Grand Exalted Ruler says he wants to see the Elks become more "race conscious." There are several items on the agenda of his organization which require the united support of his members, and perhaps the best way they can come together is under the term of "race."

For instance, the Elks have a Civil Liberties Commission which is active in the fight for passage of the Anti-lynching bill, and for amendment and passage of the Wages-Hours bill, before the Congress. Congratulations to the Elks Ruler on joining the ranks of the "Race Conscious."

### "Optimistic" Spaulding

President C. C. Spaulding of the National Negro Business League has delivered himself of a most "optimistic" statement on the condition of Negro business throughout the country, and on the outlook for this group in business during the New Year. After a tour through many states North and South, and first-hand inspection of some of the most unique and outstanding enterprises, like the Ben Franklin Store in Chicago, and lesser businesses in Memphis, Atlanta, New York, and Philadelphia, the successor to Dr. Booker T. Washington and Dr. R. R. Moton feels that the outlook of Negro business was never more auspicious.

Mr. Spaulding's own enterprises—our largest insurance company and a large and growing bank—are in splendid shape, according to reports from his executives. When Mr. Spaulding is optimistic, the outlook is indeed bright. And there is rarely a time when Mr. Spaulding is not optimistic.

## Fascism And The Negro People

(By Bart Logan)

Secretary of the interior, Harold I. Clegg speaking before the American Civil Liberties Union recently said:

"Where benighted men of our country at one time indulged in a moronic exhibition which disgraced the nation, we now find nations that boast of their civilizations committing deeds of unprovoked violence against their neighbors. And just as it was with Ku Kluxers here, these nations in nightshirts pretend to



believe that they are doing the daily good deed. Invading armies are sent across the borders of other countries that are so weak and helpless as to offer a helpless prey. The Kleanides and the Kleanides now ride bombers, tanks, battlehips and submarines over a field of operations that is international."

Lekes was referring to the savage invasion of Ethiopia by Italy, the Italian and German invasion of Spain and the undeclared war of Japan against China. Thousands of defenseless women and children have died

## THE COLORED WOMAN IN THE CASE

(By William Pickens for ANP)

Often you are not told what is really behind, or at bottom of the lynching. You are simply told that the "Negro was lynched for murder," but you are not told that the so-called murder was really justifiable homicide in an effort to protect his wife or to defend his life after daring to ask for his wages.

Well, in Florida a little while ago, they lynched two Negro boys right under the governor's nose, and I never learned the truth back of the motive for the lynching until I came south, and perhaps never would have learned it through any word written from Florida. But I met a man who knows me, and whom I have known for over thirty yrs. and who was right there where the lynching took place, and he told me what he would not dare write even to me,—lest in some accidental way he should be betrayed. I know you marvel at such fear, but when you consider what happens to those two boys, you will not wonder that no other person of that barbarous community would dare tell what the boys were really lynched for. Really I cannot tell even the southern interracial commission the name of this man: for he would have no protection whatever and he occupies a position which would render him immediately vulnerable. Those who know me, will just have to take my word for it, for whatever they think my word is worth. And this man who finally spoke what he dared not write or even publicly tell, is no ignomina. He is one of the best educated men of the south.

You read in the papers that two youths, 18 or 19 years old the papers said, were lynched in northern Florida, because one of them cut a policeman who was questioning them about a robbery. Well, in the first place, I find, the report that they were 18 years and 19 years old, was made by the white press just to cover up the horrible truth that the boys were only 14 and 16 years old, mere kids. And instead of having cut a policeman for questioning them, which must have seemed strange to you in the first place, they had simply found the policeman with a colored woman in whom the boy was interested, in the woman's room,—and the two boys gave the cop a devil of a beating and one of them struck back at the fighting officer with his knife, cutting him slightly. The policeman was off duty, as you can see, at the time.

And why did they lynch the boys,—why the other policeman and their pals make up a small mob and take the boys out of police lock-up and kill them? Just To Keep The Case From Coming Into Court Where These Boys Could Tell What It Was Really All About in other words, they decided to destroy the evidence, so that no court case would be necessary. And then because one of the boys' fathers, knowing the truth, was acting as if he wanted to do something about it, they were go to put him out of the way and he had to flee to the west. The last heard of him, the colored people of an Alabama town were contacting him in a freight yard and giving him food in his box car, to help him on his way to oblivion in the west.

The only FINAL REMEDY thinkable is that colored people should have their full political rights, their full quota of votes, so as to help determine who the officer of law shall be. One race will not protect another; no race can protect another in its vital needs. Those southern senators are right who assert that the anti-lynching bill would have all the votes it now has in Congress if the Negro of the north was as voters as the Negro of the South. That is true, but that is no argument against the bill. That is an argument for democratic government. A people who cannot share in political and government power, cannot protect themselves,—and the unprotected will be preyed upon the lower elements of the dominant group or race or class. Meanwhile some of the oppressed will keep on striking back and dying for it,—until organized decency can make a better society.

horrible deaths in the ruins of their homes destroyed by fascist bombs. Hitler has crushed the trade unions, persecuted the Jews and deprived the people of Germany of all religious liberty. Fascism has brought degradation and misery to the people of Italy, Germany and Japan and is working to enslave the weaker nations of the world.

The wars now raging in Europe and Asia are not merely headlines to be read and forgotten. The conquest of Ethiopia, the invasion of Spain and China is of vital concern to all Americans and particularly the Negro people. If the fascists are not stopped no country will be safe. Victory for fascism anywhere in the world is a victory for the American fascists, the thirty leagues of forces who are now seeking to take away from the American people the democratic rights won in the American Revolution, the Civil War and through years of hard struggle.

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oppression and suffering means. The big plantation owners and the industrial interests have organized well to keep the Negroes in an inferior position, deprive them of all rights as American citizens and to poison the minds of white workers against them. A few years ago the Negro organizations were weak and passive, jim-crowism was dominant in the labor movement, almost no one but Communists advocated militant struggles for Negro rights and the uniting of Negro and white workers against their common exploiters. Today organizations like the NAACP are strong and militant, the National Negro Congress has united the Negro people behind a program of struggle and the CIO has organized nearly five million Negro and white workers on a basis of equality. Many victories have already been won as the freeing of four of the Scottsboro boys, and advances made for the right to vote and serve on juries. The

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