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THE NEGRO AND THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW

The Student Worker Council has just called our attention to letter which it has addressed to the president of the Erwin Cotton Mills, protesting the alscharging of two Negro women sweepers, and replacing them with white isoor in order to avoid paying to Negroes the thirty two and one hall cont par nour as required by by law.

Below we are publishing the letter in its entirety in order that our readers may get a full understanding of some of the things we are giong to say in this editorial. The letter is as follows;

Mr. K. P. Lewis President, Erwin Cotton Mills

Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the Student-Worker Council (a local ed to her. group) interested in commun and social problems, and composed of aniversity students and industrial, office and professional workor) it was brought to our attention that the Egwin Cotton Mills had recently discnarged two Neero Women sweepers and was replacing them with white lacor, in order not to pay Negroes the 32 1-2 cents per hour required by law.

It is the conviction of this group that part of our Southen conomic problem can be laid at the door of the policy by which Negroes are kept in economic subjection, and that we shall never have a really heatiny economic situation until all elements of our population are assured a decent standard of living. . We are also ward! convinced that direct economic discrimination against the Negro will necessarily foster race an agonis, and Adisunity and as such will produce social evils. For these reasons we are opposed to stand taken by the Erwin Cott n Mills in relations to the Negro sweepers, and to the argument that 32 1-2 cents is too high a wage for a Negro (even though it is obvious that the Negro was doing the same job for which the Erwin and will now pay white women 32 1-2 an hour.) If, as wages rise in the natural course of time, we continually push Negroes out or 1005 in order to keep them from snaring with white workers the benefit's of such a rise, we can have only a fining Fire so courageously. diseased social order and a great economic burden as a result,

The Council Directed man ecretary to write you expressing out views and asking you to reconsider the action of the Erwin Mills in this matter. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Kerald-Sun, Th. times and The Union. Advocate.

Sincerely yours, (MRS.) BROOKS SPIVEY CREEDY

Secretary, Ine Student-Worker Council of Jurham

Now there is no question about it the Erwin Cotton Mills is fircered and managed up persons of unusual ability.No maustry public and his friends. as large and as far reaching c.uld have been, built by men of mediocre ability, Such does not happen in this competitive age,

However we are wondering if those who control the krwin Cotton Mills are not fully developed on one side of their Judgement, while the ciner side is lacking ordinary development. Certainly it takes no genias to me in the attitude of the officials -sirdes to express her most lasting benefit of not only the the south would be far more poverty stricken than it is.

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The footballbug

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bear us out when we pride-fully say we were the first to

beat the drums for the "school

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him two or three years ago-

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li a culi to Mis. H. C. Yerger of Arkansas, FORWIARD! service is a command to ser- Fred W. Martin, J. E. Shepard, vice, then 1 shan consider my- Durham, W. J. Hale, Nasaville, beit tortunate in having been Edgar G. Brown, Washington, chosen is perpetuate this r. C. Jervay, Wilmington, N octumn under as usual title, as U.; George K. Hunton of the a memoria, and a munument of Interracial Review; James A. evernal good will-to the late "Biliboard" Jackson; Claude A. Floyd J. Calvin, founder and Barnett of the ANP; I. Willis contor of the Calvin News Ser- Cole of Louisville, Ky.; Ceneral a job. At any rate, is is fully its lamentable failure. Winston Foods Co.; Theina Beriackvice.

rusily, perhaps Calvin's read Boozer; Y. Hikida; Harcourt ers would like to know that the Tynes G. James Fleming, Mr. alvin News Service, in ell its and Mrs. George Schuyler; Mr. Mr various ophases, is being con- and alls, h. C. Trenham, tinued and will be improved, and Mrs. A. Philip Randolph; Mrs. Floyd Calvin is the sole Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Ray; owner and director, stepping William Clarke, Cleveland G. nto the shoes of her late hus-Allen, and many others. band. She is being ably assisted BENEFACTOR.

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TO KEEP YOU OUT

by her two daughters, Bernice Aiready lauded __ celebrated. and Dolores, whom you all probemedaled and rausod, George bably know as two very ac-Washington Carver, the humble complashed young musicians. genius who saved the South E. L. Hercules and myself are from economic disaster, assisting. Mrs. Calvin, and all receive the Theodore Rossevelt business matters should be direct Medal on Friday, Oct 27 on which date Carl Sandburg, au-- commentator thor, and Major Gen Frank R

McCoy, retired, will be similarmy opinions shall be expressly my own, and are not intended ly honored. Yes, "the world do to necessarily reflect the opin- move." The second second ion of the owner or other mem It is good to realize that in pers of the star. My humble

recent years Negro genius, strivings shall be directed toand much race talent and brillward the same fear.ess, con ancy, has been given due restructive comment' as Calvin's recognition. It was not so many All in all, my forword is Foryears ago when the only mention of Negroes in the white press "Neither fire, water, nor the related to crime, and his photograph was unifinkable-unless

air we breath is more necessary to us than Friendship." it was a "necktie party" Grateful: How abundantly Dr. Carver's 'spittin' image true this is in time of trial and in The New York Times, and tribulation! I speak now for the his dominance of the news arwidow of Floyd J. Calvin, .she ticle on the Roosevelt Medal, who has passed thru the Restrongly indicates his superior interest to the world of science

Her friends stood by her; Specifically, the Medal is given during her dark hours the light annually to those who have of Friendship streamed from distinguished themselves in cermany doors and made her Path tain fields associated with the less difficult. Friends appeared career of former President from unknown and unexpected Theodore Roosevelt. places. There was active testi-

Opportunities to earn great money of the high esteem in wealth thru employment with which Calvin was held by his His large corporations were repeatwidow fell heir to the rewards edly turned down by Dr. Carwer, who insisted upon remain of his integrity.

And she is grateful! VERY ing at Tuskegee and actually GIVING AWAY his scientific Through this column the desecrets and knowledge for the

of the local cotton must were the prevailing one all along the line, sincere thanks and appreciation South but of the Nation and here last week, a case of mis- infants under one year of age for the many expressions of the world. He often said that she received. God gave him the knowledge Not that we were clowning or over four years of age. Thus, consider this of how to get 285 useful ro- cutting up, but Brother Mike infancy and early childhood She said, "Please consider this of how to get 285 useful ro-, as a grateful personal acknow- ducts from the peanut and 118 ledgement, especially to those from the sweet potato, that he mistoon us for someone from whooping cough. whose tangible experssions re- had no right to sell this knowacknowledgement, especially to ledge Materialists would criticise those whose tangible express- this viewpoint, but how, can you

KELLY MILER

THE ETHICS OF THE WAR NOW RAGING IN EUROPE

The railying cry of the Civil War was furnished by the closing line of Julia Ward Howe's Battle Hymn of the Republic-Someone is holding down the "As He died to make men holy, lid at Howard in the medical let us die to make men free.' school, and despite the efforts President Woodrow W i is o n higher ups, a bad odor is emana ting fro mine place. 'Tis rumor-and to quicken international ed that a special meeting of patriotism by the slogan-A the board was called to sit in War to make The World Safe judgment up on a well known For Democracy. The League of member of the faculty-and he Nations was devised in furtherhimself is reported to have ance of the same idea, We a friend he would be looking for laude his nuble purpose despite aware that his contract will not Churchill has sought moral a be renewed upon its termina-Justification of the cause by comparing the issues certamly with those between the North bites the Washingtonian bard, and the South in the American

Hundreds of them attend the Civil War. But no such undergames played by the Red Skins lying moral distinction is dishere. And last Sunday, the cernible as between freedom Washington gang was enhanced and slavery. In international by a band of loyal Negroes disputes as in personal neounfrom Portsmouth, Va., where ter, each party aims to justify Ace Parker, the great Brooklyn his contention and to reprobate player, roamed the pastures for hat of his adversary. The the local baseball club a year provocative word proceeds the 10. Strange sight to see these blow. Ugly epithets are bandieach contentant weeks to justify

> Shakespheares' aphroism; "Thrice armed is he who has his quarrel just" is abundantly illustrated by the verbal justification of both sides of the quarrel, whether right or wrong, In the prevailing internation- stituted at that date as fixed and well being.

and unalterable for all time al controversary the Allies ascome Although these interne sume moral superiority by cretional boundaries had been diting themselves with defense drawn by the blood dipped of the week from the .uthless swored from time immeorial. aggression of their adversary. each culprit was absolved from Had England, and France not former guilt, and to retain his stood by and winked at the rapbooty to the end of days, provi ing of Abyssinia we might be ded those that stole would steal more easily convinced of the no more. It would be embarramsincereity of their avowed aling indeed to require England truistic prelentions. Austria, and France, and even the Unit-Albania and Czechoslovakia suffered the same fate as Po- od States to go too far back into history and to give a moral land, while England and France accounting of how ooked impotently on. When he by their present dominion. The Apostle Paul stood by and consettlement of this day of judg-

omments

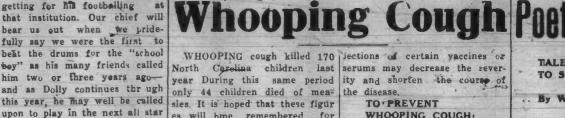
ented to the death of the fir t martyr he reproached himself as guilty as the murderers who stoned Stephen to death. Hitler in his adroit letter to Allies Premier Deladier declaces that he is fighting to right a great wrong while the Allies are fight ng to perpetuate that wrong,

nanimously sympathis the instif cation the Allies in the present strugof one side or the other requires gle. But sympathy is expressed profound study and analysis in the passive rather than in of the Treaty of Versailles in thethe activBe voice. Prosident its vindictive provision. Represent advises the nations to The normal moral judgment observe neutrality in conduct of mankind prone to side with though it cannot be neutral in

the allies in upholding 'n principle the sacredness f intern. tional covenants against the attitude of the Germans ho.

Keep infants away from older

Self preservation is the first athts only as scraps of paper. law of nations, as of the nature. The League of Nations which Whether the United States hall President Wilson ordained as or shall not become involved in the clearing house of interna- a foreign War, of other peoples ional disputes was regarded as making, is not fundamentaly a the moral zero hour and stabliz question of right and wrong, ed the map of the world as conbut of our nations peace, safty



children.

cough vaccine.

tagious diseases ...

upon to play in the next all star es will bme remembered for game at the Polo grounds. And there is the feeling on the part Keep infants out of crowds. from down here in the capital, of the public that whooping contine to shout about cough, while it is annoying and "Dolly." He's all they say he is inconvenient to have, is not a and some more. Pity he isn't serious disease and therefore in the backfield where ne be- does not call, for any unusual precautions or care. This article Advertising man Garvin from is one of a series authorized by the Afro is one of the few we t h e Durham-Orange County have met who seems to realize Medical Society in its effort to what it all is about. Associated reduce infant mortality in this with Brother LaCour, he is a area.

capable team mate. At least Wnooping cough is much re they have an advertising staff fatal han measles, in fact four AF OF L CONFAB BACKS here hard to beat, the other time as deadly. Yet some par- ANTI LYNCH BILL members being Louis White and ents dread measles and do not a young woman whose name pay enough attention to whoop-

CINCINNATI O. ing cough. Of the 170 deaths Support of a Tederal anti lynch Your correspondent was al- from whooping coach in North ing bill and condemnation of mos thrown out of a night spot Carolina last year, 109 were in various forms of racial discrimination, including discrimina taken Identity, it- would seem. and only 4 were in children tory practices against Negro

TALES THEY TOLD TO SCARE US By William Honry Huff ... FOT ANP

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ment met with approval of the

"have nations" which the lion

share of the earth's surface but

was repudiated and bitterly de-

nounced by the 'have not' as-

nations who complained of the

The American people all but

though and conscience. Here is

a tough nut of ethics for the

casuist to crack.

inequitable distribution.

There were wolves out in the thickets:

There were shakes out on the Infants at the age of hills. 4 months with whooring There were the thousands legs and crickets Give the child with whooping

In the haunted window cough as much attention, con-There were footless people walk sideration, and medical care ing as you would if he had meassles or one of the other con-

To the left and to the right; There were headless people talking In the darkness of the night. These are things our arents taught us In the days of long ago And we thought the bocgies sought us

As we travelled to and fro.



NEY YORK, Attempts on the

part of chiseling employers, to

sabotage the Wages and Hours

into effect October 24, by now-

ing dissension between white

and colored workers will be

When the act enters its se-

cond year of operation, increas

workers in interstate industry,

a large part of them Negro

Act, whose new provisions 'o .

Negroes trooping down o shake ed back and forth by which hands with the preat Parker and he being so danged graci-bis side of the issue and the con down that of his adversary It is_with no little pride that your columnist casts 7.1 eye

over the dailies these dine days (although the thermometer is beating a nasty 93 here in D. C. right now) and gloats over the rave otices William King

cannot continually push the Negroes out of jobs without bringing cisaster to itself. Discharging of two Negro women has not made them more able to consume the commodities of the Erwin Cotton kills, nor the comm dities of other manufacturing concerns Instead it has made them unable to consume either.

While the evidence points to such an attitude, we do not believe the men who comprise the officials of the local, cotton plant con-Q-ne such a destructive program. We are of the opinion that their accention need only be called to the unfairness of the action to The them do the just thing.

to call for the suggested national boycott by Negroes of all g.ods manufactured by the Erwin Cotton Mills is a suggestion we go not like to entertain. In the first place such a movement is impractical, and if not, the cost of getting the idea over to the Negro public is a long and expensive undertaking. We think there is enough fairness left in both races in Durham to do justice in this. particular case without having to resort to extreme methods.

CONTROLLED EDUCATION

At Langston University, the newly installed president quit last week after being on the lob only two days. The institution is operated by the state of Oklahoma for its Negro citizens, and has been somewhat of a political football-for a number of years. Fres. Turner's resignation and the unfavorable publicity that goes with it will do Langston's erstwhile president no harm, but therinstitution much good.

the ancient and out of date custom of white educational officials ying to go too far in directing Negroes, needs to be halted all ong the line. Mr. Turner should be commended for taking a de trying to go too far in directing Negro education, instead of leaving it in the hands of qualified Negroes, needs to be halted all slong the line. Mr. Turner should be commended for taking a definite stand against such high handed methods.

We think the time has come when the education of Negroes ought to be by Negroes. We believe that Negro, school heads ought to be given a free hand in the selection of their teaching personnel, instead of being forced to accept persons merely because they are what white people usually call "good darkies."

In Charlotte, Durham, Raleigh and many other cities there are a number of teachers in Negro schools who are holding their jobs for other reasons than that they are qualified scholastically. The heads of the schools dare not interfere with status quo for fear of losing their own jobs. For quite often these makeshift teachers arg, in the good graces of the educational officials and are dangerous to bother with

Evently Langston's new president was what was in store for him and got out of the picture rather than to remain in it. Since he was not solely dependent on the 10b we believe he could have made a bigger contribution to the school by remaining and fighting. Certainly he would have had an opportunity to expose more of the rotten condition that exists than he had time to discover in

We trust the action of president Turner is a signal for other Neagainst such high handed methods.

ions relieved a heavy load." prove him wrong? These friends included: C. C. This genius of our race Spaulding, Durham, Dr. and dispensable: Humility has at Mrs. Lane of Lane College, last humbled the proud!



to be recognized in internation

OF TROUBLE al law as belligerent rights. WAR is a "properly conduct- These rules are rather for the ed contest of armed public soldier than the civilian, they forces" When differences bet- are enforced in order to alleviween nations con: to the point are and mitigate the cruelties surely can bandy words around. that diplomatic relations case, and misery produced by the Besides being secretary to

BELLIGERENTS are prohi-TION publishes instructions for the government of its armies in bited to use poisoned arms to the field and the navy on "the poison an enmey or to kill or high seas. These instructions wound an enemy who having are known as the military laws, laid down arms, or having no of a nation. Ordinarily the belli longer means of defense has

gerents are independent na- surrendered at discretion. tions, however it is not absolu-TO DECEMBE THAT NO tely necessary that both parties QUARTER WILL BE CIVEN should b e acknowledged by or to make improper use of a other nations as an independent flag of truce is also prohibited or sovereign state. Thus The as well as to make improper use Confiderate states in our Civil of the enemy's uniform and

war were not acknowledged by any nation yet the United States and the world at large TREACHEROUSLY individuals accorded them belligerent rights, belonging to the hostile nation PARDON ME for mentioning or army or to compel the nabelligerent rights without an ex- tionals of the hostile party to

planation. Rules which are ob-served and enforced on if e field by the parties and at sea by the battle force have come the belligerent's service before in the belligerent's service before by the battle force have come the belligerent's service before in the belligerent's service before in the belligerent's service before in the belligerent's service before

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on. All hands are turning out ly islated from young children, Car Porters. to Murray's newly decorated there is very little chance of casino for the litterbug events. their developing the disease.

Howard university's freshman This is rarely possible, so the Howard university well known insurance man who has an eye them during early infancy. This for such things, is tops when it comes to feminine pulchritude. month by hypodermic injections We wouldn't know, we have no (shots) of a vaccine at weekly way of telling. Miner Teachers intervals. This procedure will college ain't so bad either, bud. immunize_from 85 to 95 of That clever manipulator of children. The immunity will wordage, Marguerite Martin, last about five years. (past the who columns Trivis, for ANP danger age). It is not harmful, seems destined to go places. She does not cause any serious ac

tion. be prevented by proper are. The sick should be kept in doors on bad days and in the sunshine shine when the weather is good and kept away from other child in the Y. Only busy people find ren, who should be guarded time to do things. against exposure. The patient's T. Arnold Hill, of the Nationmeals should be nourishing; they

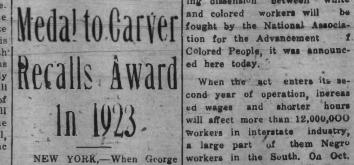
should be given frequently and the commencement of the war in small amounts. Very young is likewise forbidden. infants should be watched con--It would carry us too far stantly in order to prevent afield to further follow the vaflous laws of war in he chocking. Any evidence of fever h e should call for immediate ex-f the mination by a physician. When ield. However a few of the chief rules are summarized cases are diagnosed early, inabove. But war itself has been al Urban league, sis a frequent well summarized in three words

International law permits the of anoffending state or its sub-jects without war this is called trere was one. At the Union-"Redress Without War." So Miner footbar game the other taking by force the property

employees, neceived a ous vote of approval from the American Federation of Labor's fifty ninth annual con-How can this problem be me+?

vention meeting here October

Both resolutions were intro-The dance season is with us only by contact with a person duced on the convention floor wh has or who is developing by A. Philip Randolph, president here as well as the football sea-cough. If infants are kept strict-tof the Brotherhood of Sleeping



Washington Carver, the fam- 24 these employees will have Once the disease has developed, many of the deaths can ous scientist at Tuskegee In- their wages increaseed from stitute receives the Roosevelt 25 to 30 cents an hour. The Medal award here Oct. 27 for regular work week will be re-"distinguished service in the reduced from 44 to 42 hours. field of science," the event It will be mandatory for emwill recall the honor a corded ployers to pay for all overtime him by the National Assiciation in cash. for the Advancement of Color- In a memorandum sent out

ed People back in 1923, the to all branches of the organizasame year in which the Roose- tion in North Carolina and velt Award was established.

sociation awarded Dr. Carver for evidences of discrimination the Spingarn gold medal for by employers who will attempt the most outstanding achievement of the year by an 'Ameri can of Affican decent." The former the increased wage.

aaward was made at the oronce enjoyed an assignment with ganization's fourteenth annual one of the alphabetical agencies. onference held in Kansas city, stance in particular. With the George Goodman, local urban Kansas.

Carver received the 1939 Sandburg, the poet and Major

tired.

Wirginia, the NAIACP warned It was in 1933 that the av its members to be on 'he alert to supplant Negro workers with whites, rather than pay the The tobacco workers in these two state were citel as an in-

coming of stricter application of the act through the streng-Roosevelt medal, together with thening of its enforcement e two other recipients: Carl cy, Association, officials employers in the tobacco in-General Frank R. McCoy, re- dustry will need to be watched - Athlet carefully.