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THE NEGRO AND THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW

The Student Worker Council has just called our attention to a letter which it has addressed to the president of the Erwin Cotton Mills...

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 going to say in this editorial.

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

Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the Student-Worker Council (a local group) interested in economic and social problems, and composed of university students and industrial, office and professional worker...

It is the conviction of this group that part of our Southern economic problem can be laid at the door of the policy by which Negroes are kept in economic subjection...

The Council directed its secretary to write you expressing our views and asking you to reconsider the action of the Erwin Mills in this matter...

How ever we are wondering if those who control the Erwin Cotton Mills are not fully developed on one side of their judgement...

As has been suggested by the Student-Worker Council, industry cannot continually push the Negroes out of jobs without bringing disaster to itself...

While the evidence points to such an attitude, we do not believe the men who comprise the officials of the local cotton plant concern themselves with such a destructive program...

To call for the suggested national boycott by Negroes of all goods manufactured by the Erwin Cotton Mills is a suggestion we do not like to entertain...

CONTROLLED EDUCATION

At Langston University, the newly installed president quit last week after being on the job only two days. The institution is operated by the state of Oklahoma for its Negro citizens...

The ancient and out of date custom of white educational officials trying to go too far in directing Negro education, instead of leaving it in the hands of qualified Negroes...

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...

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...

Eventually 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 job we believe he could have made a bigger contribution to the school by remaining and fighting...

We trust the action of president Turner is a signal for other Negro school heads throughout the nation to take a definite stand against such high handed methods.

CALVIN'S DIGEST

By L. Baynard Whitney

FORWARD! If a call to service is a command to service, then I must consider myself fortunate in having been chosen to perpetuate this column under its usual title...

Firstly, perhaps Calvin's readers would like to know that the Calvin News Service, in all its various phases, is being continued and will be improved...

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Through this column the desires to express her most sincere thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy which she received.

These friends included: C. C. Spaulding, Durham, Dr. and Mrs. Lane of Lane College,

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Mrs. H. C. Yeger of Arkansas, Fred W. Martin, J. E. Shepard, Durham, W. J. Hale, Nashville, Edgar G. Brown, Washington, I. C. Jervey, Wilmington, N. C., George A. Hutton of the Interracial Review; James A. Barnett of the ANP; I. Willis Cole of Louisville, Ky.; General Foods Co.; Thelma Bousick-Boover; Y. Hikida; Harcourt Tynes G. James Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. George Schuyler; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Trenton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Philip Randolph; Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Kay; William Clarke, Cleveland G. Allen, and many others.

Already lauded, celebrated, benedicated and favored, George Washington Carver, the humble genius who saved the South from economic disaster, will receive the Theodore Roosevelt Medal on Friday, Oct 27 on which date Carl Sandburg, author, and Major Gen Frank R McCoy, retired, will be similarly honored.

It is good to realize that in recent years Negro genius, and much rare talent and brilliancy, has been given due recognition. It was not so many years ago when the only mention of Negroes in the white press related to crime, and his photograph was unimpeachable unless it was a "neekie party."

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CAPITOL COMMENT

For ANP

VALUATION

Someone is holding down the lid at Howard in the medical school, and despite the efforts higher ups a bad odor is emanating from this place. This morning a special meeting of the board was called to sit in judgment upon a well known member of the faculty...

The footballbug certainly bites the Washingtonian hard. Hundreds of them attend the games played by the Red Skins here. And last Sunday, the Washington gang was entertained by a band of loyal Negroes from Portsmouth, Va., where Ace Parker, the great Brooklyn player, roamed the pastures for the local baseball club a year ago.

It is with no little pride that your columnist casts an eye over the dailies these fine days (although the thermometer is beating a nasty 93 here in D. C. right now) and gloats over the rave notices William King of Long Island University is getting for his footballing at that institution.

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KELLY MILLER SAYS

THE ETHICS OF THE WAR NOW RAGING IN EUROPE

The rallying cry of the Civil War was furnished by the closing line of Julia Ward Howe's Battle Hymn of the Republic: "As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free."

"Truce 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.

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and unalterable for all time to come. Although these international boundaries had been drawn by the blood dipped sword from time immemorial, each culprit was absolved from former guilt, and to retain his booty to the end of days, provided those that stole would steal no more.

The American people all but unanimously sympathize with the Allies in the present struggle. But sympathy is expressed in the passive rather than in the active voice.

Self preservation is the first law of nations, as of the nature. Whether the United States shall or shall not become involved in a foreign war, of other peoples making, is not fundamentally a question of right and wrong.

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Charlie Spears 'Em Up

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WHOOPING COUGH

WHOOPING cough killed 170 North Carolina children last year. During this same period only 44 children died of measles.

TO PREVENT WHOOPING COUGH: Keep infants out of crowds. Keep infants away from older children. Immunize infants at the age of 4 months with whooping cough vaccine.

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Poet's Corner

TALES THEY TOLD TO SCARE US

By William Henry Huff For ANP

There were wolves out in the thickets; There were snakes out on the hills; There were the thousands legs and crickets In the haunted window; There were footless people walking

In the darkness of the night; These are things our parents taught us In the days of long ago And we thought the bogies sought us As we travelled to and fro.

War Dept. May Drop J. C.

NEW YORK, Attempts on the part of chiseling employers, to sabotage the Wages and Hours Act, whose new provisions go into effect October 24, by sowing dissension between white and colored workers will be fought by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced here today.

Medal to Carver Recalls Award In 1923

NEW YORK.—When George Washington Carver, the famous scientist at Tuskegee Institute receives the Roosevelt Medal award here Oct. 27 for "distinguished service in the field of science," the event will recall the honor accorded him by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People back in 1923, the same year in which the Roosevelt Award was established.

It was in 1933 that the association awarded Dr. Carver the Spingarn gold medal for the most outstanding achievement of the year by an American of African descent. The award was made at the organization's fourteenth annual conference held in Kansas city, Kansas.

Carver received the 1939 Roosevelt medal, together with two other recipients: Carl Sandburg, the poet and Major General Frank R. McCoy, retired.