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RESPECT FOR OUR DEAD

Either the city of Durham should close for good the Old City cemetery, located in the northern part of the city, or it should make arrangements to keep the grounds in better shape than they are being kept now. Not only is the manner in which the grounds are kept a reflection on the city, but the colored population, for whom the place was originally set apart, as well.

The law is definite and sure with regards to burial grounds, and it is not going to be as easy to abandon the Old City cemetery as many hope it will. There is the matter of sentiment to be reckoned with, and the righteousness of sentiment that arises in the most distant relatives when there is talk about disturbing their dead. The law recognizes this deep feeling that exists among survivors of those who have passed into the great beyond, and is slow to do anything that would arouse it.

We think however, that until it is definitely decided and arrangements made to abandon the place that the same care given other public burial places should be given the Old City cemetery.

At present many of the tombstones and grave markers have been demolished or pushed over. Others have suffered the ravages of time and need repairing. The grounds have been allowed to go without attention until the place resembles a wilderness rather than a place where civilized people bury their dead.

Because surviving Negro relatives have not enough respect for their dead to keep the place cleared or see to it that it is kept, those living in the immediate vicinity, supported by the usual race prejudice, have no respect for it also, and contribute what they can to destroy the place and make it unsightly.

We think the time has come to take some definite action about this particular cemetery. Either it should be abandoned with respect, and time and place provided for those desirous of removing the remains of their beloved ones, or it should be definitely understood that it is not going to be abandoned. If the latter course is decided on, then funds from public taxes should be appropriated for its upkeep.

FRIENDS IN NEED

A Europe controlled by Communist Russia is no more desired by the United States and Great Britain than a Europe controlled by Nazi Germany. When democratic forms of government get in bed with a communistic form of government the world may rest assured that both have become bedfellows because of need and not because of love for one another.

Great Britain is the main source from which most of the race hatred in the world originated. Germany and other countries where it is now found are novices at the game, and consequently have not learned the art of practicing it without attracting attention. Russia where all races, including the American Negro and other Negro people, are given equal opportunity will never be allowed, without a fight to a finish, to get control of Europe.

So England and America have sordidly maneuvered Russia into the role of pulling their chestnuts out of the fire, until the two democracies can get ready to do so with hands protected by asbestos gloves. It's a nasty game, and they who play it are accustomed to filth. Read the "Rape of Africa" by Lamar Middleton and you will get a close up of European integrity and character. America was too young at the time, but as soon as it had reached the age of puberty it too began to rape everything in raping distance.

We do not think that the democracies where all men are equal—all white men—are going to see Europe controlled by a communistic form of government where all men of all races are equal. We think as soon as Russia completes the role assigned to her that she will be maneuvered or fought out of being a dominant nation in Europe. Should she defeat Germany she will eventually find herself at war against the same people with whom she is now fighting. As soon as the need of Russia is gone, so will be the friendship.

MIGHT AND RIGHT

By Henry Clay Davis
In spite of man's scientific expostulations concerning the origin, function, and eccentricities of this Earth upon which we dwell there cannot abide in the human mind any doubt that it was created by a Being whose omnipotence is far greater than the combined degrees of actual or assumed erudition ever acquired by the human race collectively.

There is no discoverable difference in the Divine construction and subsequent usefulness of Earth's many seas, or its multitude of mountains, or its various rivers, or its countless other manifestations of God's creative genius, and consequently we may safely believe that His Divine scheme included no provision for a difference in the construction and usefulness of human beings whatever may be the color of their skins.

The intangible and incomprehensible forces which govern the function of Divine creations are inviolate to man and have therefore remained constant and impartial down through the ages and when man realized that he could not control, alter, or affect what he calls natural laws he should also have realized that any unjust man-made law designed to favor some humans and punish others would eventually become retroversive to govern the lawmaker in the same measure as was meted out by him, the law of retribution being also inviolate.

The mighty British Empire seems to have been founded and built on the principle and practice of subjugating and despoiling weaker peoples whose hereditary properties containing untold riches in natural resources were seized and exploited, whose customs and traditions were suppressed or changed to serve and convenience of a ruthless and merciless invader, and whose slightest infraction of the selfish and unjust laws imposed upon them was sometimes penalized in a most barbarous manner.

And now the mighty and supercilious Britons, the masters of subterfuge, intrigue, and viciousness, are finding themselves faced with the proof either that might is not always right or that if might is right, it is not solely the privilege and property of the British people. If they have been right in their centuries old practice of employing might in their program of conquest, acquisition, and expansion, they have nothing to fear from the inexorable law of retribution, but if they have not been right all their invocations for Divine mercy and assistance and all the secular material aid able to reach them will be as chaff before the wind.

This world will never be free of devastating wars and their terrible consequences until it is first free of avarice, deceit, and prejudice, and until every human being is willing to accord every other human being the same rights and privileges he reserves for himself. The greatest menace to the security and welfare of any nation is that nation's own citizens who subscribe to policies of despoiling, exploiting, and mistreating people less privileged than themselves. Such citizens invariably incur enemies with whom the nation will eventually have to come to an accounting and not always successfully.

Historical records of the gains and subsequent losses of mighty nations and powerful individuals are ample proof that might is far less conducive to peace, prosperity, and understanding among men than are the elements of justice and fair-play.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock

THE THREATLESS WAY

When the march on Washington was called off, there were those who sighed with relief. It is extremely unfortunate that there are those who are implying that the march is an up the sleeve card to be used at some subsequent date, if the objective in defense are not attained, so far as a larger integration of the Negro is concerned.

When President Roosevelt made his statement there was no further place for the murea on Washington. The dramatization of the Negro's dissatisfaction and plight with his defense opportunities is about all that a march could accomplish. The President's deliverance on the matter was far more effective than any march could have been; and so the cause was advanced. But Negroes should be ward of intimating that Roosevelt was "smoked out" as some erroneously imply. Roosevelt needs no "smoking out" on the race question. His stand has been so manly and heroic that "smoking out" tactics are utterly out of place. Moreover, the Roosevelts are the type that will not be "smoked out."

The Roosevelts are fearless and what conviction will not do to a Roosevelt intimidation can not do. For more than eight years Republicans have tried to force him to make a statement for the anti lynch bill, and he has refused to be coerced. He knew that a statement from his would mean nothing but conflict with the Southern constituency of Congress upon whom he must depend for the promulgation of policies the triumph of which will be more beneficial for the Negro cause than any deliverance on the anti lynch pronouncement. Roosevelt would be less than a great statesman to alienate to large part of his support to placate the Negro race who are practically voteless in South.

But Roosevelt has a better way than merely "talking" his interest in the Negro race. He tries to formulate policies that will not work without them and which will be a general blessing in which the Negro must share. Let us beware of the implications of those Negro leaders who always hold the Negro up as a threat. Negroes are not in a position in this country to do much "threatening." The psychology of threats is against the Negro's interests.

Furthermore, there is a question in many minds, whose face was saved when the march on Washington was called off, the administration's or the march sponsors? There have been raised serious questions, as to the number that would have marched. The fundamental question raised as to letting the march drift into the leadership of subversive elements prejudiced many conscientious Negroes against the march tactics. Our communist comrades have a way of "running away with the show" and so caution was in order. Our leadership should be wary about using the Negro as a threat. As a threat the Negro and his best effort are strictly limited. Caution is the word and offers the more effective threatless way.

Vansitart says greatest U. S. aid will be in new A. E. F. President asks more daylight time to save power for defense. William Green supports forced saving for defense workers. Railroads show revenues rise of 30.2 per cent for June.

Will somebody tell the world why Hitler is not in Moscow or Leningrad or Kiev?

What we want to know is why Germany continues to capture the same cities and annihilate the same armies when Russia has so many other cities and armies that might be captured to German advantage.

When Germans captured the son of Stalin they captured the wrong Stalin. The one that is giving the trouble is still at large. The Germans are not going to get far capturing the wrongman.

Foot troubles will cease when poor humans pay less attention to number and more attention to fit.

A hitch in time may also save time. A shortage on information of ten results in a "longage" of argument. Evidences are multiplying that even Hitler has plenty war on his hands.

KEEP HIM THAT WAY!



William Pickens, Spokesman for Cause

BY H. BOARDMAN
For the Associated Negro Press

The first and most lasting impression one receives upon talking with Mr. Pickens is that the defense savings plans is to him a genuine cause. He lives with it, dream it, and is CONVINCED with wholehearted conviction that it is a heaven sent opportunity for a Negro American to help their country and themselves. He glows with fervor as he says, "For our group it is NECESSARY that Hitler should be defeated. We know that a Hitler victory means servitude for all the minority groups and the weaker peoples. This defense savings plans has been devised so that EVERY American may participate in the defense against Hitlerism to what ever extent he is able; and that his participation may be to his own permanent and substantial advantage."

Aw, propaganda! mutters the opposition; but he does not say it aloud in Dean Pickens' hearing. What the dean is saying is no empty lip service due to the job he has undertaken. "It is true," he says, "that the tree of democracy has not reached its maturity in America. It is a slender plant, or slow growth, and the day is still ahead when its wide, strong branches will shelter all mankind. The day is still to come but it will come, if we nourish and train and care for that young growth. The fool says, because it is weak, because it does not yet protect us, let us cut down! The fool, who lets himself be used by those who want mankind to have no Protection save that of their own mailed fists!"

In less figurative language Mr. Pickens went on to say that, what ever the faults of our government may be, it is one of the few remaining on earth which grants the right to protest, the right to demand changes, the right to maintain rights. Quite recently this was illustrated when the exclusion of Negroes from defense industries brought a gigantic wave of protest from Negroes in all parts of our country. Without constraint of any kind they voiced their protest. Without fear they organized to give their swelling indignation form and substance by a mass march upon our seat of government. And the President of the United States recognized the justice of their demand and, "by virtue of the authority in him vested by the constitution," issued an order with arrangements for its strict enforcement, to bring to an end all discrimination in defense industries.

What would Hitler say to that? What we Americans say is, cheers for democracy! And while we are cheering, let us give one for this appointment of Dean William Pickens in the treasury department, another manifestation of that same democracy. His full title, let it be recorded here once and for all, is "Principal Defense Securities Promotion Specialist on the Defense Savings Staff of the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury. Hereinafter he will be known as staff assistant a designation chosen by himself and in keeping with his character. His work may be described with equal simplicity. He goes about the country wherever called for, so far as that is humanly possible, speak at meetings held to put the defense program before the people. His own part is to explain in his own graphic, humorous and crystal-clear language all of the defense savings plan, from 10 cents stamp to \$10,000 bond, the purpose and the use of these investments, to the national and to the individual. Aside from his own enthusiastic belief in the defense savings plan, there are other reasons why the appointment of Dean Pickens is peculiarly appropriate. One of these is the fact that he is a popular speaker with white as well as Negro audience. Already requests are coming in from white communities where he has spoken before asking for Dean Pickens for their leading speaker at mass meetings held to acquaint the public with the defense program. And when colored groups feature him at their own local assemblies, a large section of the audience is apt to be white.

In other words, this appointment is a happy example of the right man for the place. Dean Pickens knows his people. He understands their lives and their needs and he can give to them and to their white neighbors, in his own persuasive way, the philosophical and practical reasons for supporting the defense savings plans.

Marriage Offers No Escape Under Present Draft Law

Registrants with the selective service boards who get married on the eve of their induction or after being ordered to report for physical examination will do so at their own risk, according to a bulletin received by Alamance's two boards today from General J. Van Metis, state draft director.

Local boards reported that they have had a few instances in which men got married after they were ordered to report for examination and then asked to be placed in class 3. Under the new regulation no consideration would be given deferment of such cases unless the registrant had indicated on his questionnaire or by supplementary information that he was engaged and gave the date of the approaching wedding. There might be other conditions, the bulletin said, which would obviously temper the modification of policy, such as proof that the wife was pregnant, or conclusive evidence of absolute dependence wherein the wife would suffer undue hardship if compelled to live on the registrant's income as a soldier.

Thinking Aloud

With the realignment of powers in Europe there has arisen among many of our people a sense of confusion, fostered and augmented whenever possible by those who are trying to divide the nation, and who wish to veil the real issue involved. If we listened to them, we would believe that we were forced to take either the road to the left or the road to the right.

This is not the case. It is not a choice between the pagan bestiality of the Nazi-Fascist regimes and the godless bestiality of the Communist overlords. The blood guilt lies on both, and the foulness of their deeds offends the nostrils of Americans in usual degree.

As a people we learned our lesson in the era of gang wars. We know that we cannot sit idly by and let two mobs kill each other off, while we go on rocking serenely and saying, "God's riddance to bad rubbish." We have got to get up and clear out both gangs, and common sense tells us that we have to begin with the begin with the one whose gun is pointing our way.

The policies of our government have not changed overnight. We still as a nation are against all of the totalitarian ideologies which enslave human beings and make a mockery of all the principles we reverse. But we are a practical people, and we have to tackle jobs in the order of their immediacy. We know that our present task is to rearm speedily and well to rush aid to Britain in this her God given hour of opportunity before Armageddon, and to prepare for the worst while we earnestly pray for the best.

While we use this providential minute of respite before the storm to strengthen the bulwarks of our defense, we must not jump to false conclusions or be led astray in false judgments. Thru the trying hours ahead, while the rain of epithets—"Nazi"—"Red"—"Nazi"—"Red"—fall upon our ears, we must stand firm, looking beyond the scaremonger to the shadowy figure prompting him. If we keep in mind that these miscreants now so bitterly assailing each other were brothers in blood such a short time ago, united in their task of scuttling the ship of democracy, we can see them in the proper perspective and go on as individuals, as a people, and as a nation, doing the task we know we have to do. This is still America. This is still our democracy. The principles upon which our nation was governed have not been changed by the new line up in Europe.

"Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways, Baulking the end half won for an instant dole of praise. Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen. Who are neither children nor Gods, but men in a world of men!"

YOU SAID IT

IT'S ALL IN THE STATE MIND

If you think you are beaten,— you are.
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you like to win, but you think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost.
For out in the world you'll find Success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of mind.

Full many a race is lost Ere ever a step was run; And many a coward fails Ere ever his work's begun. Think big and your deeds will grow, Think small and you'll fall behind, Think that you can—and you will;

It's all in the state of mind. If you think you're outclassed you are; You've got to think high to rise; You've got to be sure of yourself before You ever can win a prize. Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man, But sooner or later the man who wins Is The Fellow Who Thinks He Can

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. What is the reason for buying a Defense Bond?
A. To keep America free. To show your faith and pride in your country. To warn foreign dictators that the United States is the strongest country in the world.