

Tiger Tales.... by THOMPSON

IF YOU CATCH A TIGER AND EAT ITS HEART, NORTHERN CHINESE BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL GAIN THE COURAGE AND STRENGTH OF THE TIGER ITSELF!

TIGER, NOT A WOLF, MENACED LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD IN AN ASIAN VERSION OF THE STORY.

TIGERS CAN NOT ONLY SWIM, BUT ARE VERY GOOD AT IT! THEY DON'T HESITATE TO CROSS RIVERS IN SEARCH OF PREY.

THE TIGER HAS BECOME A VITAL NATIONAL SYMBOL. THE "TIGER IN THE TANK" CAMPAIGN HAS INSPIRED SONGS, JOKES, AND MILLIONS OF TIGER TAILS DANGLING FROM GAS TANKS.

Poverty is Big Business in U.S. On The Home Front News

The outcry against the Labor Department for seeking to ban the importation of Mexican labor for work in the bean fields and orchards is just one more proof of the theory that poverty is big business in America.

The California growers, now playing the baby act with cries of "We'll go broke" if their braceros are taken away, are in fact making profits today that General Motors might envy.

Thanks to braceros picking lettuce and harvesting citrus fruit, the California growers says an Agriculture Department Study, paid just \$315 million for labor in 1963 but reaped \$940 million in gross profits.

Profits came to about 26 percent of receipts, not a difficult margin to maintain if you pay your help a beggarly \$1.05 an hour. The growers' might even be higher if one computes the dollars taken out of the braceros pay envelopes for those "company store" extras.

By slashing the number of Mexican import from 75,000 in 1964 to 2,000 in 1965, the government helped the free enterprise laws of supply and demand to begin operating more normally again, driving agricultural wages up in Arizona from \$1.00 to \$1.25 an hour from \$1.05 to \$1.40 in California.

No doubt further Federal intervention is also needed to improve the lot of our 900, migrant workers and their families who follow the crops up the East Coast from Fla. each year and who float across most of our 50 states. Migrants earn a little as \$1.15 an hour, according to a Labor Department spokesman.

The big growers take the same attitude toward the migrants that they do toward the braceros; the same taken by Mississippi cotton planters down in the Delta country now experiencing their first strikes. Their claim is that they would have to close down if they quit working men and women 12 and 14 hours a day in the fields at skinflint rates.

It is a strange attitude incomprehensible for a nation that boasts the superiority of an agricultural system which produces more crop yield per worker than any other country on earth and contends that it is a shining example of capitalist enterprise.

All of this to be sure is reminiscent of the argument of the anthracite coal owners back in 1901, when they told a Federal panel of inquiry that the mines would close down if a 40-hour week was adopted. In a marvelous appeal, the lawyer for the coal workers, Clarence Darrow, said that if the owners had to make a profit by sending ten year old boys down into the

pits from dawn to dusk they were too inefficient and inhuman to stay in business anyhow.

The miners lost; the 40-hour work week a boost; wages began their steady rise; workers earned more and business began spiraling upward as a result.

Today, agricultural workers are exempted from our \$1.25 minimum wage law, a tragic omission. Anyone earning this princely sum is taking home less than \$2,600 a year after taxes, and living in poverty. It does not seem inappropriate to bring our minimum wage law back into the world of reality, say, up to \$2.00 an hour and apply it to all workers, wherever they toil.

Millions of Americans, white and black, are toiling in the bean fields of Florida or in the hospitals of Detroit in poverty because Congress has failed them. The government can do much in its War on Poverty but a major plank should be to guarantee a decent wage and income to all those who work.

In some cities, up to 85 percent of all Negro job holders are engaged in the hardest, dirtiest, laboring type of jobs and coming home to their families in the slums after a grueling day's work with the least to show for it. The time has come—and I think it won't put any competent businessman in the

SEWING MACHINE CLEANING

It is most important for homemakers who sew to know how to clean and take care of their sewing machines, advises Miss Helen Payne, home economics agent.

A Rockingham County homemaker, Mrs. Martha Brown, made a request for a workshop in cleaning and adjusting the machine. Many other home seamstresses joined the group to study cleaning and adjusting procedures.

GARDEN TOUR

Mrs. Laura Hinton's garden was recently judged as the best all-around garden in the Shortwell community of Wake County, reports Mrs. Natalie Wimberly, home economics agent. Mrs. Annie McCullers, garden leader, conducted the tour of gardens which was designed to encourage good family gardens with a good variety and a supply sufficient for family use and for conservation.

CANNING PROJECT

A good jar of food takes no more effort or time to can than a poor jar. And 4-H leaders in Rockingham County are trying to teach their 4-H girls to use methods recommended by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

street—to recognize the humanity and dignity of those who do "menial" work and to pay them a living wage.

Things You Should Know

John Henry CONYERS



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ARTIST'S CONCEPTION ABOVE.

CONTINENTAL FEATURES

MOVE TO ABOLISH "WHITE ONLY" RESTRICTION IN K. OF PYTHIANS

BROOKLYN — A determined, Knights of Pythias, will be undertaken at the forthcoming convention of the Grand Lodge of that fraternal order in the State of New York. The 97th Regular Annual Convention

meets at the Concord Hotel in Kiamasha, New York, this week. The move will be initiated when a resolution, adopted by Advance Lodge No. 150 in New York City, is submitted by Professor Ephraim Cross of the College of the City of New York and Past Chancellor Commander of the Lodge.

OPPOSES EX-MISS. GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT TO U. S. HIGH COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (Dem. Mich.) recently attacked the nomination of former Mississippi Governor, James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. "I oppose his nomination because he is a dedicated and effective segregationist who has consistently used his great legal skills to subvert federal court decisions enforcing the Constitution's guarantees of justice for all. It is incredible to me that the architect of most of the Mississippi laws of the 1950's designed to thwart federal civil rights legislation should now be appointed to the federal court handling most of the crucial civil rights cases in this country. As Coleman stated in June, 1959, 'I am not entitled to be called a moderate,' but instead claimed to be a 'successful segregationist.' His actions during the last few months as attorney for the Mississippi Congressmen fighting the effort to unseat them based on the fact that Negro Americans were denied the right to vote in the 1964 Mississippi Congressional elections, demonstrates he has not changed his position," declared the Michigan Democrat.

Conyers appeared before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee with extensive quotations from the Jackson Clarion-Ledger, largest newspaper in Mississippi, to support his charges. Attacking the "archaic and unjustified tradition allowing Senators complete veto power over the federal appointments in their States," Conyers declared, "If the Mississippi political system will not permit anyone better than J. P. Coleman to be appointed to the Fifth Circuit, it would be far better for that seat to remain vacant. The absence of a vote is far better than a vote to uphold racial segregation."

Coleman ran for re-election as governor in 1963 but was beaten by Governor Paul Johnson in a heated campaign which saw Coleman severely attacked for his support of President Kennedy in 1960. Conyers pointed out that Senators Eastland and Stennis supported the Kennedy-Johnson ticket and "no one has ever claimed they were moderates on the race issue."

HU Launches Foreign Student Leader Project

WASHINGTON—A program to train foreign students enrolled at American colleges to be national leaders in their own countries is underway at Howard University. The program is being presented by the Howard Department of Economics in cooperation with the Institute of International Education. It is being financed by a grant from the Department of State.

Howard is one of 16 universities in the United States chosen by IIE to conduct such a program. The coordinator is Dr. Franck Bayard, instructor in economics. Ten students are enrolled. They represent the countries of Ethiopia, Tanzania, Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Indonesia, and India. The students are receiving instructions in economic development and national planning. Special emphasis is placed on certain aspects of the American economy and social and cultural life.

Many of the cultural, academic, and political resources of Washington are being utilized in the program, said Dr. Bayard. The students are meeting many important personalities and visiting institutions and agencies related to the field of economic planning and national building.

As a part of their training, the students must prepare a research paper on some aspect of nation building in their respective countries or on national planning at a theoretical level, according to Dr. Bayard.

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