

EDITORIALS

WILL PRESIDENT TRUMAN RUN?

According to news correspondence published in last week's issue of this paper, there is "inside information" that President Truman will not be a candidate for re-election in 1948.

But it seems definitely true that right now the American people are pretty sure they wouldn't want another four years of Truman. At the end of his first year in the White House he has succeeded in establishing the feeling among the majority of Americans that he is doing the best he can.

Nobody hates Truman. On the contrary most people are sympathetic toward him. He is widely regarded as a man who had thrust on him a job he didn't ask for and didn't want.

The people will be tolerant toward him. They will continue to accept his position, but they will not look to him for real dynamic leadership.

ARNALL STANDS UP

Governor Arnall of Georgia has done the right and courageous thing in the dispute among officials of the Democratic party in his state over what to do about the Negro since the Supreme Court of the U. S. has refused to review the Circuit Court of Appeals decision in the King case.

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Meanwhile Governor Laney of Arkansas is heading the forces in his state which are determined to ignore and nullify the legally established rights of Negroes to participate in Arkansas party primaries.

courts, he still insists that the Arkansas Democratic primary is for whites only.

Governor Laney is wrong, and he knows it. If the Negroes of Arkansas will take full advantage of the legal means open, they will ultimately establish their right to the ballot in full.

THOMAS DIXON

The best editorial on the subject of the death of Thomas Dixon was not intended as an editorial at all. It appeared in the "Milestones" column of Time magazine for April 15.

"Died, Thomas Dixon, 82, unrequited southern novelist; in Raleigh, N. C. His best-known work, The Clansman, an idealization of the original Ku Klux Klan as the South's knights in shining armor, became the first million-dollar movie (The Birth of a Nation, 1915). Lawyer, politician, Baptist minister, son of a Klan founder, he capitalized on race prejudice, harped loud and long on white ("Aryan") supremacy, sold over 5,000,000 copies of his 20 novels."

A factual and just statement, the above is a fitting epitaph. Dixon's type are fast disappearing from the scene, and the influence of those who remain or those who rise to take their place is waning.

RACE FRICTION AND JOBS

Henry Wallace said in a recent speech at Tuskegee that when fear of job insecurity is removed there will be racial peace in the United States.

We cannot agree with those philosophers who stick to a purely "economic interpretation of history," or those who argue that economic security is the answer to all the world's ills.

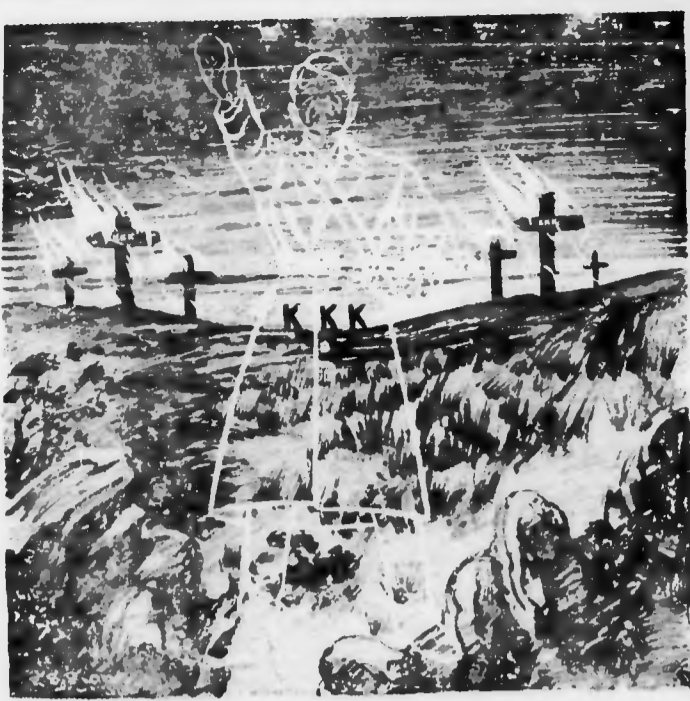
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IT'S EASY TO QUALIFY AS A COMMUNIST

Things have come to a pretty pass in the Land of the Free when a man is branded a Communist and his fitness for office questioned because he stood up and spoken out on behalf of liberty, justice and equality for Americans of every race.

It is quite possible that any Negro nominated to such a responsible position as Justice Harlan has been would be regarded with a jaundiced eye by such as Senator Eastland.



EDITORIAL BUT AMERICAN FASCISM SHALL NEVER DIE



Second Thoughts

By C. L. HALLIBURTON

The first estimates of last week's census were quoted from Arnold Ross, Army Public Affairs Officer, in a column in the New York Times.

"The Army's problem is not only to make the most effective use of manpower. Some of the Army's own experience during the war shows that this problem can be solved."

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At first, only a third of the white leaders said they were unfavorable to the idea of having Negroes in their companies.

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At least as significant as any of the foregoing are the answers to a question asked of the white enlisted men concerning their objection to the presence of Negro soldiers.

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BETWEEN THE LINES

By DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

MY FAVORITE WORRY

As I look back over the years I have been trying to orient my people in the field of the practical arts; and as I see the criticisms leveled at me and my point of view, and as I see the impending troubles that are seen to be visited upon this country in general and the Negroes in particular, I am becoming more and more proud of being called the "Gloomy Dean."

From the first I have only been supremely interested in the precarious economic structure of Negro life. The precariousness of this structure is by no means removed. No answers have yet been found for the fundamental questions propounded 20 years ago, namely, what are we going to do when the lowly white man takes over jobs made by the white man and for the white man?

With industrial training receiving greater and greater emphasis in the field of education for the whites, and with the greater and greater industrialization of the south and nation, it takes no prophesying to see how important the matter of technical education is for Negroes.

One of the major reasons why Negroes do not have a more superior brand of technical schools is the casual demand for these schools. Nor is the argument that the job offerings on the technical level for Negroes too limited, convincingly valued.

Negro leadership must very soon face the fact that unless Negroes are trained to industrially compete with the young whites who are just pouring into our technical schools, we are coming to economic grief.

At the conclusion of World War I the Negro was saved by a break which came by legislation pertaining to immigration. The immigration law saved an ugly situation. Just whether the Negro will get a similar break remains to be seen.

While He talked with them by the way a church whose members hearts are a flame with the holy fervor can and will impress the Community that Christ is risen and will be a friend to all who will open their hearts and let Him in.

Best We Forget. By W. L. GREENE. A short story or editorial piece with a title and author name.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Rev. M. W. Williams. A religious lesson with a title and author name.

THE POCKETBOOK KNOWLEDGE. A collection of practical tips and facts, including 'IT TAKES A CHAMPION MILKER 5 HOURS TO MILK 20 COWS BY HAND' and 'A HANNIBAL OVER-EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT IS A CAUSE OF BALDNESS'.

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