

EDITORIALS

SUPREME COURT HEWS TO LINE

The decision of the State Supreme Court, the effect of which is to grant Wilbert Johnson and Charles Primus, Jr., a new trial in the charge of rape against a white woman, is one which may be applauded as in the interest of justice.

In capital cases particularly every precaution should be taken to guarantee that no injustice is visited against the accused; and more especially should these precautions operate when a Negro is under accusation of rape of a white woman.

No defense is offered here for rapists; it is unquestionable that rape is one of the most heinous and least defensible crimes in the catalogue.

For some years North Carolina has been moving toward a more rational attitude in such cases. Lynching has been practically eliminated.

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One of the real weaknesses of the Democratic Party is that a large proportion of its nominal membership in Congress from the South is hardly more Democratic than Senator Taft, insofar as subscribing to the fundamental and basic principles of the party is concerned.

Very many of these Congressmen are Democrats in the sense of being against William Tecumseh Sherman; but they are not for the policies of Roosevelt or Truman or other party leaders.

Speaker Rayburn may be kidding himself and the titular southern Democrats, but to everyone else his pronouncement is just so much hooey.

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the House, for they know that such propaganda won't hurt the Republicans any in the elections this year in those states outside the Solid South.

WE'LL WAIT

The change of position by the Daughters of the American Revolution in permitting the Tuskegee Choir's appearance in Constitution Hall for the Negro College Fund may be only for this special occasion, so it is too early for hurrahs.

Mrs. Talmadge's reaction to Representative Luce's letter about the use of the hall bodes no good and does not necessarily show any change of heart.

The CAROLINIAN hopes the DAR has really changed, and wishes to be the first to felicitate that organization on a real change of front.

A TRAGEDY OF NEGLIGENCE

The terrible death by suffocation of four inmates of the Scotland Neck jail serves to re-emphasize a type of dangerous and criminal negligence which recurs from time to time.

Not so long ago some children perished in a fire when the mother left them locked in while she went on a short errand. It can happen in homes as well as in jails.

No place into which human beings can be locked is absolutely proof against the hazard of fire or other emergencies.

Negro individuals and groups in New York City seem especially addicted to organizing mass meetings, launching movements and promoting rallies.

UNINVITED

The usual pattern was being followed recently when a New York group launched a movement to aid the CIO in organizing the South.

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Second Thoughts

By C. L. HALLIBURTON

The Afro-American community editorially under the title "The Many Cooks," on the fact that another (temporary) organization, in addition to the NAACP which is already in the field, is soliciting funds to carry on a fight for the defendants in the Columbia, Tennessee, outrage.

There is no doubt that the Columbia defendants need all the help they can get. It is a crucially important case, and it is natural that all who are aware of the situation should be anxious that no stone be left un-

I do not hold with those who say that Negroes have a unique or peculiar propensity for disagreement and division. It isn't so. It is a human and not a racial trait.

Lest We Forget.

By W. L. GREENE

In this column, for over two years now we have tried to call attention to the necessity of organization among the forces working to extend and preserve American democracy.

The Civil Rights Congress shall in comprehensive and militant fashion carry out the objectives and program here adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. M. W. Williams

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From this passage—Luke 8:51-56 it seems to me that the Christian Church with its thousands of members can draw a great lesson on love, forbearance and patience.

something about all of this wickedness of men who are rejecting Christ by denying human personality even the common decency of holding his head up and living like men in a world of plenty?

BETWEEN THE LINES

By DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

THE NAACP LIMITED

An observant American strolling down London's Regent Street struck by the "Lad" following the company name. This association means that stockholders of those concerns are limited to their liabilities for the company's obligations.

This timely suggests the caption of this release as we could easily write "NAACP Limited," meaning that just as these business concerns are limited in their financial obligation, so the N. A. A. C. P. is limited in its power to control the destinies of the Negro race.

A few weeks ago I was in St. Louis and the great Daisy Lampkin was directing the NAACP campaign. A few years ago I had the privilege of working with this great woman here in Richmond.

The almost tragic thing is that year after year we have to "campaign" for members for the NAACP, an organization whose support should be a part of every Negro's religion.

Well may the NAACP feature its appeal with the recent supreme court decision on the question of suffrage. But it is just as well for Negroes to know that supreme court decisions cannot save the interracial situation in this country.

Here in Richmond we have 65,000 Negroes with less than 2,000 votes. Here the Negroes are relatively free to exercise the suffrage but their indifference has become one of the political enigmas of the century.

What is true of Negroes in Richmond and Virginia is too generally true wherever Negroes have voting privileges. The NAACP is strictly limited when Negroes do not take the fullest advantages of its hard-won victories.

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The NAACP cannot help the situation made by the Negro's refusal to take available jobs until they can find others better. The NAACP cannot save the economic situation if Negroes refuse to become interested in vocational and technical education.

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The National Education Association's conference on veterans' education says that the colleges and universities are faced with the necessity of seeking federal aid for expansion of teaching and administrative personnel.

Minnesota's non-on-the-job training plan for lawyers who went to law school is winning praise. Plan: Licensed attorneys can hire a vet lawyer and give him office space.

VA loan officials are concerned over the possibility that homes built under that veterans' housing program might go to civilians because of over pricing which will prevent VA appraisers from granting VA loans.

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