

EDITORIALS

NEGRO REPRESENTATION NEEDED

Recent governors of North Carolina have recognized the right of minorities to representation on boards having to do with affairs affecting the whole population by appointing Negro members to several such boards.

It is time now that Raleigh and other municipalities should follow the example set by the State government and by many non-governmental agencies affected with the general public interest.

Some objection might be raised against the proposal that a Negro member be seated on the school board on the ground that every member of this board is concerned with the education of all children, regardless of race.

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THE NEGRO PRESS MATURES

Nowhere is the progress of the Negro press more impressively reflected than in the fact that more than one Negro newspaper had personal coverage of the Bikini atomic bomb tests for their readers.

Not only have the newspapers come a long way in a quarter of a century, but so have their readers as well. Both the papers and their readers have broadened their outlook, and it is mutually recognized that there are many events outside the realm of strictly "race" news which are of vital importance to those who read the Negro newspapers.

The Negro press measures up in every respect to the best standards of non-daily journals, and its influence within a and without the race is one of the really powerful factors in American life and thought today.

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people become more and more literate in the broad sense of the term, and as the papers themselves maintain a constant march of progress.

ARKANSAS WINS FIRST PRIZE

The official reaction of Arkansas to the issue of Negro participation in Democratic primaries seem to be worse than that of any other state, even Mississippi and South Carolina, since it adds imbecility to meanness.

According to the Negro press the State Supreme Court of benighted Arkansas has upheld an act of the State Legislature specifically barring Negroes from the State Democratic primaries, and implying at the same time that they could be admitted to national elections.

Is it possible that the learned legislators and jurists of Arkansas are unfamiliar with the plain language of the Constitution? The first clause of the 14th Amendment states:

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State in which they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

How the Arkansians think that they can legally bar Negroes from participation in State elections in the face of the U. S. Constitution and of the Supreme Court's ruling that primaries are covered by the Constitutional provisions, is something that only an Arkansian can understand.

As a matter of fact Arkansas legislators and courts have merely postponed admission of qualified Negroes to any and all elections. Federal courts will certainly overrule the State court and declare unconstitutional the act of the Legislature.

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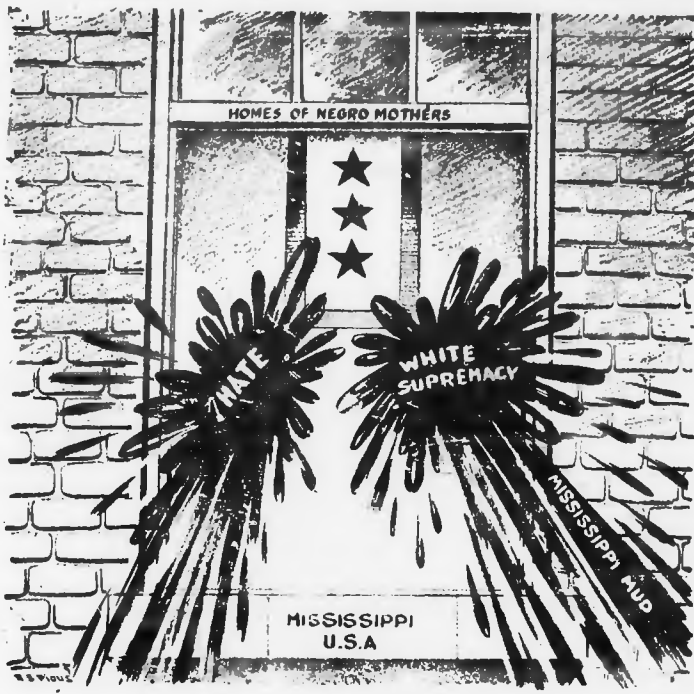
Without any attempt to pass on the merits on either side of the issue one is still forced to the conclusion that the squabbles among the African Methodists which center around Bishop Sims are unseemly for a Christian body.

SHOULD BE A SUCCESS

The campaign for 900 members for the Bloodworth Street Y. M. C. A. should meet with great and prompt success. Raleigh is proud of her new Y. M. C. A., grateful to those alert and public-spirited men who made it possible, and certain of the benefits that will be derived from this already active institution.

The excellent team of solicitors, headed by Dr. M. L. Watts, will probably exceed the quota of 500 without any extension of the time.

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EDITORIAL: "Did they sacrifice their sons for this?"



Second Thoughts

By C. L. HALLIBURTON

One day last month gracious Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had a kind word to say in her column, "My Day," for both the National Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Two organized activities which seem to help in this direction have come to my attention lately," Mrs. Roosevelt continues. She names the Urban League and the NAACP.

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influential, socially-minded woman she was then, and her duties with the United Nations Organization have in no way decreased her interest in the American Scene.

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"I am constantly being asked by people who they can help to make this world 'one world'."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. M. W. Williams

Subject: Jesus And True Worship. Deut. 4:15-18; 10:1-4; 10:17-20; 10:28-31; Mark 12:28-34

To understand and appreciate the Jewish nation and their relation to Moses' warnings and exhortations in Deuteronomy, 8 and 11 chapters, it is well to remember that they came up under systems of smelted heathenism, receiving their culture and much of their religion from their surroundings.

will amongst all our neighbors, and secondly to work with all of them to make our communities strong, well-governed entities, since a state or a nation can only be as united and as strong as each individual community can make it.

It would be hard to find a more sane and temperate statement of the lesson all us Americans must learn, yet its sanity and temperance make it more forceful than the rantings in another direction of a bilbo or a talmadge.

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of California is conducting courses for policemen, the purpose of the courses being to instruct the officers in attitudes and techniques which will make them efficient in improving race relations.

"Police officers will see an analogy between the immigrant Negro (from the South) testing his new freedom and a new policeman vested with authority for the first time in his life."

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BETWEEN THE LINES BY DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

GETTING THE RECORDS WRONG

Defeat of the FEPC and the OPA sets forth in bold relief the general calibre of the current congress. If there has been within the last 40 years a congress of such pathetic proportions, this writer does not remember it.

This country is definitely heading for disaster with a in sight. Partisan politics on the one hand and downright politeness on the other are fast inveigling his country into a terrible economic debacle.

The present congress presents one of the strongest arguments for dictatorship yet offered in this country. When the representatives of the people fail the people, then some form of dictatorship becomes inevitable.

Our peace is proving quite as chaotic as the Canada is reported to be guarding its economy against the shock which is sure to follow impending economic collapse in the U. S.

In speaking of the passing of the FEPC one of our prominent eastern dailies falls into a current error when it sees in the FEPC an attempt to legislate against race prejudice.

The proposed anti-lynching bills were never designed to banish prejudice but they were designed to eradicate one of its inhuman effects — lynching.

I have just detrained from a trip north and returning saw how the new arrangement is working. Instead of changing in Washington and "colored people to the next coach" order, everybody kept his seat and what is more important there was no disorder or confusion or excitement as so many interracialists are wont to fear.

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A Poem For The Week

By WILLIAM D. ROBINSON

Writers of poetry are invited to contribute their poems to this column weekly.

SHELLS

Or hides thee from thy brother's needy cry, I wandered aimlessly along the shore Of Life's great sea, where Time forevermore, Ebbs back and forth in an eternal rhyme Of joy and sorrow, earthly, yet sublime.

Upon the sands I saw the empty shells Of all the many creatures of the sea; Some beautiful, some rough like rugged cells; Deserted all. Then came these thoughts to me.

O, thou, my Soul, when thou shalt leave thy shell Besides Life's tossing sea, what shall it tell Of thy spent efforts here, — shall pearl or bone,

Remain to witness for thy little good? The stones of opposition in thy life, — Has love taught thee to transform them to pearls? Have the fierce buffets of the winds of strife Polish to beauty thy rude shells' rough curls?

Is thy shell like the hermit crab's, — a cell Of selfishness in which but one can dwell? Or like the Chambered Nautilus, — a tower, Lifting thee nearer Heaven every hour?

O Soul, learn this: thy shell is but a prison In which thou shalt shrink away and die, If it shuts off from thee the heavenly vision, —

By WILLIAM D. ROBINSON

In a true worship service, men receive light which points out many avenues of service, accompanied with love and enthusiasm with which to undertake to do that service, which we think are tried souls of God get comfort, strength and joy as the preacher, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, speaks words of comfort (Isa. 40:1).

The rich, poor, educated, non-trained young, old, the strong and weak, who resort to Him in the spirit of humility, gratitude and love will receive new life and vigor in a true worship service. Do you receive such when you go to church?