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## **EDITORIALS**

### FILIBUSTER NEVER RIGHT

the draft act, in which he had some as- ious admission to make that whenever sistance from Senator Langer, was bad, we think. In our opinion the filibuster is an indefensible device, and no cause justifies its use. Freedom of debate is a Congress can enact nothing but the baruseful and precious right, but the freedom of a minority to obstruct the legitimate action of the majority is an abuse of a very cynical creed: That the forof the principle of freedom. There can be tunes of the party must be placed before no true freedom where a small minority the welfare and needs of the nation. may interfere with the proper exercise of the rights of the majority in a deliverative body. Senators Taylor and Langer something else again.

Senator Langer was to dramatize the issue of the peacetime draft and so call the attention of the citizens to the ramifications of the proposed measure, their hand if they were actually trying to prevent a vote, as southern senators have done time and again when legislation to extend rights and their protection to must be plain to them and to all others that they were using the same tool, and were making it more difficult for the filibuster to be attacked when used against the Negro's rights.

#### CONGRESS

When President Truman lashed out at Congress for its failure to enact many. important items of legislation during the session just closed he echoed the sentiments of many plain citizens regardless of party affiliation. In session from early in January until the middle of June, the Congress, because of failure on the part of one or the other hose, or both, piled up an impressive list of things not done. Among the outstanding legislative tasks never taken up or left unfinished the readers of this newspaper might place first the civil rights measures, proposed by the Democratic President of the United States and part of the Republican platform. But there were other things equally important and possibly more so, not involving the "controversial" matter of assuring equal protection for the Negro in certain of his civil rights, with which Congess only fiddled around. Well up on this list is the aid to education bill. Legislation to assist the needy states in providing better public education has langushed now through several sessions of Congress, and again was not enacted. Instead Congress passed by a big majority a law to take all young men between 19 and 25 out of school for nearly two years, and to encourage 18year-olds to leave school, and it took Congress a relatively short time to pass that law.

does not answer by any means the question as to why Congress didn't do its own part of the job in co-operation with or in spite of the President who belonged to Senator Glen Taylor's filibuster against another party. It would be a pretty serour rather awkward system of government supplies us with a President of one party and a Congress of another, the est necessities in the way of legislation for two years. It would be an admission

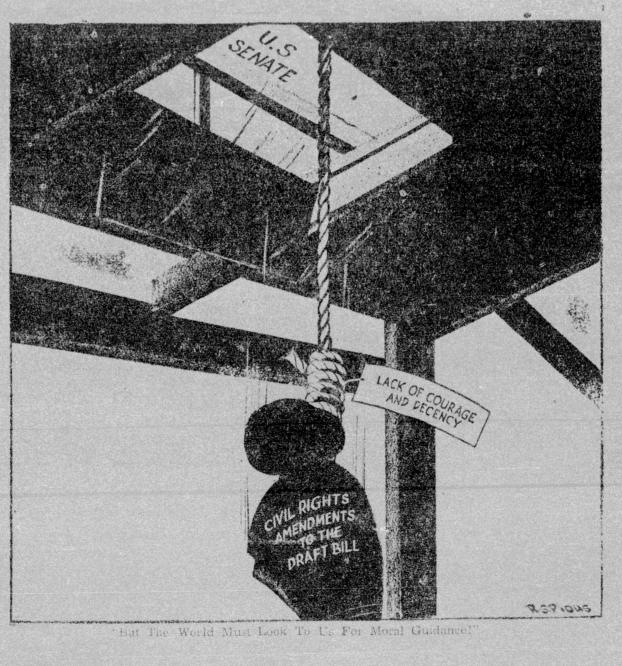
### OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Our national anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner." has come in from time had the perfect right to oppose the draft, to time for various kinds of criticism. It and are millions of citizens who share is said that the tune was originally used their opposition to it; but a filibuster is with a drinking song. The high notes are often regarded as relatively out of the If the purpose of Senator Taylor and reach of ordinary everyday singers. People don't know the words after the first stanza, and one stanza is often regarded as enough. Some say it is not even a pretty song, and "America," or "My tactics may be defended. On the other County 'Tis of Thee," as it is also known, is generally preferred as being simpler. more singable, more tuneful and better known.

But on certain occasions it is customblack citizens was before the Senate, it any to have the Star Spangled Banner sung as the program opens, for after all it is our official national anthem. At each evening session of national political conventions some celebrated or allegedly celebrated singer is presented to warble the controversial song.

> Well, what we have been getting at all this time is that a lady from Nebraska or somewhere who soloed the Star Spanged Banner at the opening of the evening session of the Republican convention of June 22 made it sound pretty awful. It should be added, though, that by no means all the blame rested in the song, That dear lady couldn't sing anything. and the real question is, whoever, if anybody, told her she could?

> The moral: Local celebrites should confine their singing to their own localities, and not embarrass their friends and agonze the peope of the United States by murdering the national anthem over the air as millions listen.





The sociologist E. Franklin Negro rank and file would glade stances more or less completely Frazier and others have called by repudiate that leadership, beyond the effect of competiattention to one of the props which after all is not at their tion from persons in the white of segregation which is likely own choosing, but it is one o o receive too little attention. the hardest things in the world custe engaged in the same field. t may be noted however, that to do. The obvious reason that it is the law of human nature his prop and its effects are the Negro masses would repu- that memopoly (for one's self) aming in for more and more diate it is that it is often used is to be preferred to competinotice and comment, for very not to advance the welfare of tion, and that wherever the httle cogitation is necessary to the group, but only of the in area of competition is narrowed eveal its importance. It is the dividual who enjoys the post- supplying the goods on service vested interest which large tion, and maybe members of it is of benefit to the personeroups of Negroes have in the his family and a few friends, by natural or social conditions im-crow pattern. They make sycophants and too dangerous in that field. It naturally follows that those their living, and many of them rivals. very good living out of it. Now a vested interest is a of the white caste (the vast They owe their position in the powerful metivation. Nobody majority, perhaps) who favor community to it. From it wants to give up a good thing, social segregation on some level they gain not only their in. If you have it the most natural or other, and those of the Nethey gain not only their but their prestige. This thing in the world is to hand gro caste who benefit economi-is gauned not only on to it. If possible you is cally and socially by it, are to within the Negro caste but al- tionalize the explanation for that extent allies, even if unjority group, partly because of which would depri As a result of this situation, If circum the superior financial status of your advantage. many Negroes are often in menthese beneficiaries of segrega- stances are such that your ra- tal conflict over their role, and tion as compared with the rank tionalization won't stand up, their behavior reveals meansis and file of the Negroes, but you may light for your good tencies though a few are pretty ilso because many of these thing, in the open if necessary, hard bailed and cynically out ividuals have conferred on under cover if possible. The for thenteelves. But all are latively fortunate Nearo in point is that you don't give it members of the Negro caste or assume themselves the role. Segregation has tended to figulties, seme of which will spokesmen for and leaders place the Negro business and be noted in subsequent issues of "their people." Often the professional man in many in of this column.

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SOME MICALAHS TODAY

Dr. H. P. Liddan gives such

BETWEEN THE LINES BY DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

#### TRUMAN WAS RIGHT

When President Truman labeled the just adjourned congress as the worst in the history of the nation, he was coming close to the truth. However vociferous the denials, the fact remains the Republicans seemed drunk with power and were more bent on defeating constructive legislation in the interest of party power and prestige than on serving the nation.

Their victory over Truman may prove to be an empty one in the long run, for they have built up a case against the Republican party that can be used to great effect in the coming election. The Republican party has placed the nation at the mercy of the cold-blooded politician. Much-needed legislation has been bypassed in the interest of party politics. Truman's civil rights recommendations have been basely and grossly disregarded and the wishes and interests of Negroes have been thrown to the political winds.

There is one thing the Negro in the country can definitely conclude and that it, political parties as such mean little when it comes to guaranteeing his rights. When Israel was in Egypt, a change of dynastics made no difference in their wretched conditions. So in this country, a change in political administrations makes little or no difference in the conditions of Negroes, nor in the political disabilities from which they suffer. When it comes to the Negro's rights and opportunnities for Negroes, the Democratic and Republican parties are one!

The foregoing explains why this column has for the past 20 years been voting for personalities rather than for parties. In the future as in the recent past we are supporting personalities, for parties make no difference. Personalities do! The gains made by the Negroes under the New Deal of the political and moral Hercules, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, were personality gains. Most of the advantages enjoyed under the New Deal and they were far more numerous than they had ever been-wore wrought by Rooseveit oftimes in spite of the machinations of the Democratic party.

Just how Roosevelt accomplished so much with so little, will ever remain one of the modern wonders of the political world. The so-called Grand Old Party has just left the bat. It struck out ingloriously. Negroes will go to bat in November. That will be their opportunity to redress the wrongs that the Republican congress has indirectly thrust upon them.

May Negroes forget about the political complexion of congress and concentrate upon the candidates named on the ballots they must cast. There are two avenues open to Negroes, one is to get out the Negro vote and the other is to vote for the most promusing personality. It is sometimes advantageous to be able to choose between evils.

One of the great current dangers among Negroes is to busy themselves criticising our political apathy instead of doing something about it. The privileged Negro must take more time with the fellow in the streets. The average man can be taught to understand what is involved in voting and non-voting but somebody must take the time to teach him. This column has always contended that the burden of enlightening the average man is one the privileged Negro and on the "average" man as our criticism so often assumes.

The "upper crust" Negroes need to come closer to the "average man" of the street if we are to utilize to the fullest our powers to redress the wrongs the recent Republican congress has inflicted upon us. This congress deliberately spat in th face of 13,000,000 Negroes and strengthened the dictum that the Negroes of this country have no rights that white men are bound to respect.

The "incurable" Negro Republicans should take the second thought. But if they wish to continue in power a party that so flainsults their dignity as citizens of this country, there is

Nothing satisfactory was done about the housing problem; nothing at all was done about inflation, which continues its upward spiral unchecked. Other important legislative problems were left dangling. The House of Representatives voted to eiminate most of the unfair taxes on oleomargine, and it looked as though the poor consumer had won a moral victory; but the Senate never enacted the bill.

Speaker Joe Martin of the House of Representatives, in his keynote speech at the Republican convention, tried to defend the record of Congress and place the blame on President Truman for Congress' own failures. His defense sounded very lame, as it inevitably would. Calling on the nation to elect a Republican president so that Congress can do its job

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## THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN

What the Negro could hope for from a real growth of Republicanism in the South may be indicated by the zeal which W. C. Meekins of North Carolina and a gentleman from Texas named scrambled for places on the platform committee of the Republican convention in order to represent the southern Republican Way of Life when the civil rights plank should come up for discussion. No southern white Republican were scheduled for the subcommittee on civil rights, but these two got themselves on it, and showed that they had the same ideas about such things as do the Democrats opposing the President's program. Though the Republican lily-whites have made less overall noise than the Democratic heirs of the Confederacy, they were right in there swinging in favor of the idea that this is a white man's country and that the Republcan party should be a white man's party and act like one. One or both of these two worthy Republicans insisted, in language reminiscent of outstanding Democrats from the more enlightened parts of the South, that "education and persuasion" rather than legislation should be relied on to improve the status of the Negro.

The Negro can expect no more from southern Republicans in power than from southern Democrats. The Negro knows that it is to his advantage that both southern Republicans and southern Democrats, or most of them, be kept in as small a role as possible in national affairs. THE ROAD TO BEALTH

This is sad but true.

Former President Herbert Hoover in his speech before the Republican convention called attention to the fact that that of human liberty. It is an ironic turn of grade-school years. One of them, ped in later life

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## UNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Rev. M. W. Williams

Micalas A Prophet of desire to regain what he thought feel on bread of affiliation until I to note Jehosaphat's reply: "In-I Kines 22:14. Individual and nations will do quice, first, I pray thee, for the by mt." The rest of our lesson

ell to submit to the revealed will Word of Jehovah," Ahab's prophets ary, as we shall discover in the hear - that he would be successdy of this lesson. Lets note the ful in is fight with Syran Jehoshacliground Shui David annd Sol- mhat asked for more proof when on ruled Israel as one King Ahab sends for Micriah, but save atil the death of Solomon when "I bute him" The messengers fuid axation and internal strife Michiah and tells how to say what brought about the division caus- the other products had told Anabi ig Isarel and Judah to set up "Every theng would be in Ahab's en alem and Samurian as their favor - Jehovah will deliver spective capitals to be headed. Ramoth-glical into the hand of y kings of the Northern and the King," We are inclined to say orthorn Kingdoms Ahab, who here what we have observed in reigned over Isroel at this time many charges-calling a preach- public school, in many a family as matried to one of the most er, but the officers and some of weeked women of Bitle times - the congregation - telling bits measurooms in boards and commu lazebell. Anah challenged Elijoh what to say. nd caused the destinction of sev. Many people to to Church but cel bundred prophets of Basi: he they have in mind what they want awad his wife to have Naboth to hear - not especially the true illed so that Ahab could get will of Goo Naboth's vinevord and now we have him expressing contempt for foo's will and the prophet while Micaun defies his prophets and earth unto the that will I speak" or spitousiasm of the hour, but

of Ahab. TWO KINGS MEET

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# RHEUMATIC FEVER

BY JESSE B. PELL. M. D. Louisville -- For ANP)

That is the way rhoumatic fever good care Jack had received since (Director, Chest Clinic At Central sometimes works Heart disease birth would help him fight the dis-Louisville Health Center may develop in almost anyone who care. He praised her for calling him gets rheumatic fever, but sometimes the moment she suspected some-Two young patients of mine in the heart injury is so slight that thing was seriously wrong. After

stram is dangerous.

HEALTH FOR ALL

party was called into being in the interest their 20's were both victims of with good care and sensible living. Jack had recovered. Mrs. Baker rheumatic fever early in their the patient is not serieusly handcap- continued to follow the doctor's advice carefully, taught Jack the im affairs that there should be those in the life Working every day, active in healing well-nourished child. One personal cleanliness, protection Jack Baker, is leading a normal Jack Baker had always been a portance of extra rest, good food. 1948 convention of that party who make social life of the community, but day he came nome from school against colds and sore throats, genhe still guards his health carefully with a noschleed and a slight fover eral rules of health that were of

MICAIAH THE TRUE

PROPHET SPEAKS

And Miceiah said. As Jehocan

Eing 22:14. In verse 17 "I saw

it their business to try to obstruct action and comes to me regularly for and complained of pains in his special importance to him. in the interest of making that liberty checkups. Jim Wilson, the second knees and clows. His mother lost Mrs. Wilson, on the other hand, patient, is known as a 'heart in- no time in getting Jack to bed and had dismissed Jim's acong muscles. valid." His attacks of rheumatic calling the doctor. and joints as "growing pains." When fever damared his heart so badly. After his examination revealed he lost his appointe and became

simply no help and no hope for the situation. It certainly could not have been worse under the Democrats who at least had a President who was forthright in his approach to our problems. The number one consideration for the Negro voters of this nation is personalities not parties. Truman was right. It was the worst

cross and easily fired, she thoughts than those living under more was "just going through a stage," healthful conditions. However of-The child was seriously ili with ten children of wealthy parents also rhoumatic fever by the time the get rheamatic fever.

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doctor was finally called. Jim nor- Rh umatic fever can aftack at rowly escaped death. Despite the any age But it is mainly a problem foctor's warning, once Jim recov- of the school-age child and this puts cred from the acute stage of the ill- serious responsibility on the parand - I Kings 221-43. Printed was a part of his territory, pro- return in peace An awful reward ness, he was allowed to neglect the cuts. They must see that their chiltext I Kings 22:5-9, 13-13, 26-28 perced to Jehosaphat, King of Ju- for being faithful to the truth! As Larte rules of good health. Only aren get plenty of fresh air and Key Verse: "As Jehovah Soith, Gal to go up and help him ways. Micriah was being led to prison, repeated attacks of rheumatic fever subshine a well-balanced diet adefor being faithful to the trutht As Laste rules of good health. Only dren get plenty of fresh air and ate me that will 1 speak. -- was against Syria. It is significant the said: "If thou return at all in made Mrs. Wilson aware of the ser- quate clothing and form good perpeace. Jehovah hath not spoken iousness of the disease sonal hygienic habits

We do not vet know the exact. This will build up their resistance text 29.40 gives the details of cause of rheumatic fever, but we against all diseases and help them of God, our own plans to the con- 4000 told him what he wanted to tor Ahab if he had listened and have found out a great deal about ward off rheumatic fever in par-Abab's death. How much better the way it acts. Attacks of rheuma- ticular. If there is any suspicion of the fever may follow such illnesses the disease, however, the doctor

as sore throat and tonsilitis. Re- should be called immediately. prefed attacks are common in the This article is co-sponsored by client application of the Micsame person. Children who live in the National Medical association atah's in various stations of file cold damp surroundings who do and the National Tuberculosis assothat we quote him: "The simple not get enough sleep have a poor didion in the interest of better courage which refuses to acquiesce diet and insufficient clothing are health of the people.) to what is wrong, or to say that more likely to get the unable fever

