

EDITORIALS

FILIBUSTER NEVER RIGHT

Senator Glen Taylor's filibuster against the draft act, in which he had some assistance from Senator Langer, was bad, we think. In our opinion the filibuster is an indefensible device, and no cause justifies its use.

If the purpose of Senator Taylor and 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 tactics may be defended.

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.

Well up on this list is the aid to education bill. Legislation to assist the needy states in providing better public education has languished now through several sessions of Congress, and again was not enacted.

Nothing satisfactory was done about the housing problem; nothing at all was done about inflation, which continues its upward spiral unchecked.

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.

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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 another party.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Our national anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner," has come in from time to time for various kinds of criticism. It is said that the tune was originally used with a drinking song.

But on certain occasions it is customary to have the Star Spangled Banner sung as the program opens, for after all it is our official national anthem.

Well, what we have been getting at all this time is that a lady from Nebraska or somewhere who soloed the Star Spangled Banner at the opening of the evening session of the Republican convention of June 22 made it sound pretty awful.

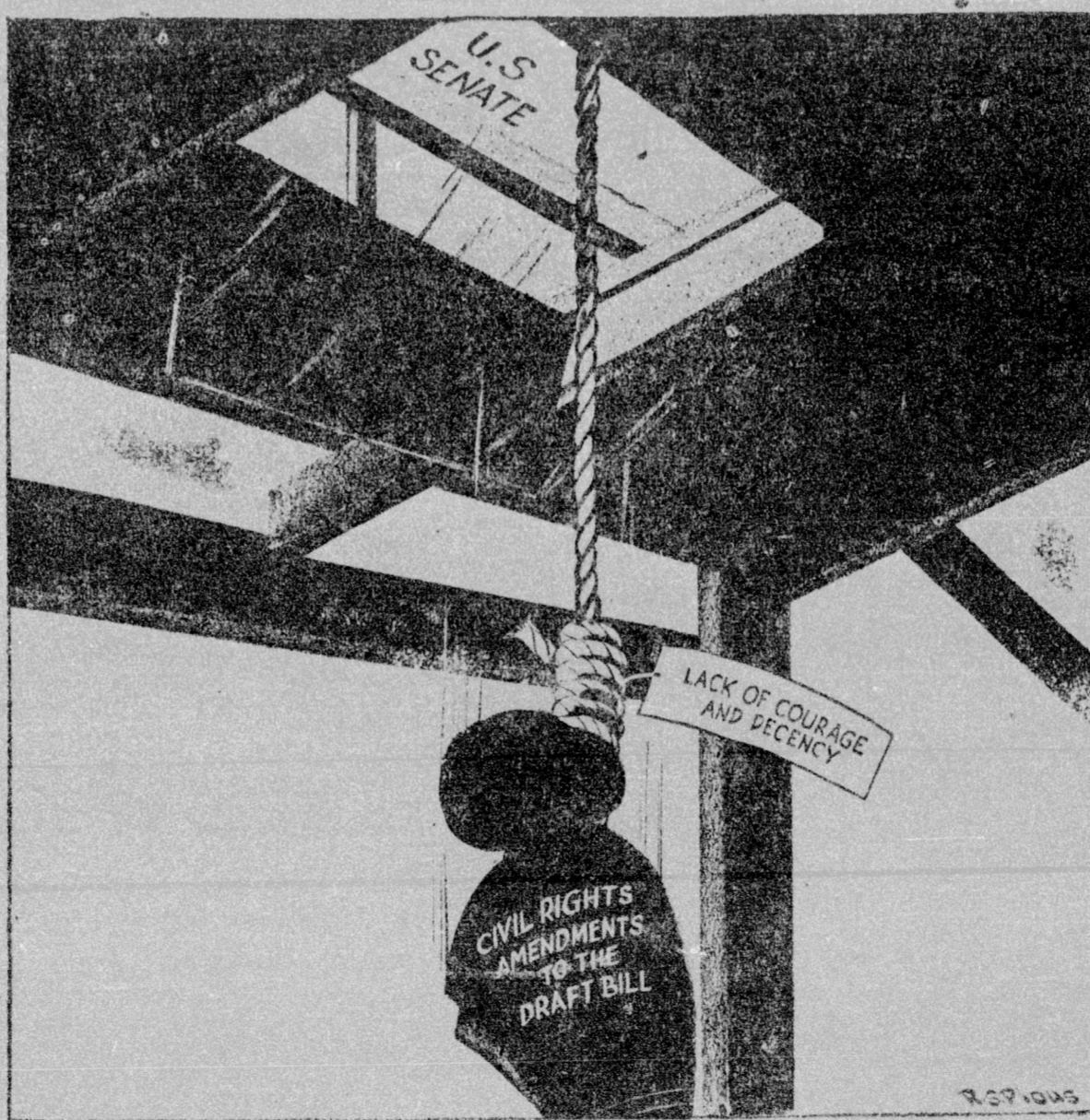
The moral: Local celebrities should confine their singing to their own localities, and not embarrass their friends and agonize the people of the United States by murdering the national anthem over the air as millions listen.

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.

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.

Former President Herbert Hoover in his speech before the Republican convention called attention to the fact that that party was called into being in the interest of human liberty. It is an ironic turn of affairs that there should be those in the 1948 convention of that party who make it their business to try to obstruct action in the interest of making that liberty more real.



"But The World Must Look To Us For Moral Guidance!"



Second Thoughts

By C. D. HALLIBURTON

The sociologist E. Franklin Frazier and others have called attention to one of the props of segregation which is likely to receive too little attention. It may be noted however, that this prop and its effects are coming in for more and more notice and comment for very little cogitation is necessary to reveal its importance.

Now a vested interest is a powerful motivation. Nobody wants to give up a good thing. If you have it the most natural thing in the world is to hang on to it. If possible you rationalize the explanation for why you don't want a change which would deprive you of your advantage.

It naturally follows that those of the white caste (the vast majority, perhaps) who favor social segregation on some level or other, and those of the Negro caste who benefit economically and socially by it, are to that extent allies, even if unconsciously so.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. M. W. Williams

Subject: Micahs. A Prophet of Levah. I Kings 22:1-6. Printed text: I Kings 22:1-6. 12-19, 26-28. Key Verse: "As Jehovah SAID unto me that will I speak." I Kings 22:14.

Individuals and nations will do well to submit to the revealing will of God, one over plans in the earth, as we shall discover in the study of this lesson. Let us note the background. Saul, David and Solomon ruled Israel as one King until the death of Solomon when taxation and internal strife brought about the division causing Israel and Judah to set up Jehu and Samaria as their respective capitals to be headed by kings of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

Many people go to Church but they have in mind what they want to hear - not especially the will of God. MICAH'S THE TRUE PROPHECY SPEAKS. And Micah said, As Jehovah said unto me, that will I speak." King 22:14. In verse 17 "I saw all Israel scattered as sheep that have no master. This is, Allah meant not only defeat, but his death. It so angered him that he ordered Micah put in prison and left in peace. An awful reward for being faithful to the truth! As Micah was being led to prison he said: "If thou return at all in peace, Jehovah hath not spoken by me." The rest of our lesson text 29-49 gives the details of the death of the prophet.

HEALTH FOR ALL

THE ROAD TO HEALTH RHEUMATIC FEVER

BY JESSE B. RILL, M. D. Director, Chest Clinic At Central Louisville Health Center Louisville - For ANP) Two young patients of mine in their 20's were both victims of rheumatic fever early in their grade-school years. One of them, Jack Baker, is leading a normal life. Working every day, active in social life of the community, but he still guards his health carefully and comes to me regularly for checkups.

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That is the way rheumatic fever sometimes works. Heart disease may develop in almost anyone who gets rheumatic fever, but sometimes the heart injury is so slight that with good care and sensible living, the patient is not seriously handicapped in later life. Jack Baker had always been a healthy, well-nourished child. One day he came home from school with a nosebleed and a slight fever and complained of pains in his knees and elbows. His mother lost no time in getting Jack to bed and calling the doctor. After his examination revealed that Jack had rheumatic fever, the doctor told Mrs. Baker that the good care Jack had received since birth would help him fight the disease. He praised her for calling him the moment she suspected something was seriously wrong.

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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.

There is one thing the Negro in the country can definitely conclude and that is, political parties as such mean little when it comes to guaranteeing his rights. When Israel was in Egypt, a change of dynasties 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.

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.

Just now 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 promising personality. It is sometimes advantageous to be able to choose between evils.

One of the great current dangers among Negroes is to busy themselves criticizing 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 the 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 flagrantly insults their dignity as citizens of this country, there is 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 congress!

cross and easily tired, she thought that those living under more he was "just going through a stage," healthful conditions. However, the child was seriously ill with ten children of wealthy parents also rheumatic fever by the time the get rheumatic fever. doctor was finally called. Jim recovered from the acute stage of the illness. The child was allowed to neglect the child. They must see that their child's rules of good health. Only when get plenty of fresh air and repeated attacks of rheumatic fever. sunbath a well-balanced diet and adequate Mrs. Wilson aware of the serious nature of the disease. small hygienic habits. We do not yet know the exact cause of rheumatic fever, but we against all diseases and help them have found out a great deal about ward off rheumatic fever in the way it acts. Attacks of rheumatic fever. If there is any suspicion of the fever may follow such illnesses as the disease, however, the doctor as sore throat and tonsillitis. Rhe should be called immediately. prevented attacks are common in the (This article is co-sponsored by some person. Children who live in the National Medical Association cold, damp surroundings who do not get enough sleep have a poor diet in the interest of better diet and insufficient clothing are health of the people.) more likely to get rheumatic fever.

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