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GOOD FOR DISORDERED NERVES: And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.—Isa. 32:17.

## WHITE AND NEGRO WORKERS

In Birmingham, Alabama, 105 Negro employees of the Birmingham Electric Company, backed by more than 600 white employees, were winners in a strike for higher wages and better working conditions.

The white employees of the company, all members of affiliated unions, are said to have stood by their fellow Negro workers one hundred per cent. This indeed is something new in the south and foretells the dawning of a new day when laboring white and Negro workers will no longer permit themselves to become victims of a nefarious system that keeps both groups in the mercy of heartless employers.

The dispatch says that the strike completely stopped all the streets cars in the city of Birmingham for nearly 48 hours. When the company found that the Negro and white workers were standing together, its officials quickly called for a conference and granted the demands of its Negro employees.

The Birmingham strike ought to set a fine example for Negro and white workers elsewhere in the south, who refuse to cooperate with each other to the disadvantage of both. This matter of economic freedom of the laboring classes in the south cannot be solved so long as there is animosity between white and Negro workers, in stead of listening to the propaganda of one race being better than the other, while the workers in both groups are underpaid, they should organize and seek a better understanding. White and Negro workers in Birmingham have pointed the way, and we predict others will follow.

## ANOTHER MILESTONE

The CAROLINA TIMES passes another milestone this week in its development as a Negro newspaper. Instead of eight pages, as heretofore we present our readers with a 16-page-newspaper which we trust will be in position to serve Negro North Carolina in a bigger and better way.

Right here we wish to extend thanks to our readers, advertisers and friends who have stuck with us through the years. Whatever we have been able to achieve has been attributed to the loyalty, confidence and support of those who have kept an abiding faith in us in spite of many disasters.

A newspaper owes its readers, advertisers and supporters the best it has at all times. It must ever keep before its management the trust and confidence which its readers place in it. Its news and editorials must never become tarnished with selfish motives or a desire to destroy. The CAROLINA TIMES has pitched its tent upon a higher ground than a desire for selfish gain will permit—a ground not understood by ordinary men. The way has been rugged, stormy and sometimes dark, but we have an abiding faith in our ultimate triumph. Hence we refuse to detour, back up or lie down. We will go forward.

## THE DIES COMMITTEE

At last Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has found it possible to indulge in the good old southern custom of pouncing on the Negro for what ails this country. Mr. Dies comes from the state of Texas where kicking a Negro around is relished by a majority of white people who have not yet awoken to the principles of democracy.

It must have been embarrassing to Mr. Dies to learn that a branch of the great Ku Klux Klan, organized several years ago to save America from foreigners Catholics, Jews and Negroes, was tied up with the German-American Bund. The Jersey Klansmen and the Bund held a meeting together last week. Mr. Dies sees in such, the possibility of the all white members of his own investigation committee becoming involved in Un-American activities. So he would drag the Negro who represents the only race in America, from which there has never come a traitor, into the miserable picture of Un-Americans.

The CAROLINA TIMES does not wish to convey the idea that it believes there are no Negro Communists in America. The Negro reacts no differently from other human beings when he is promised relief from the injustices which he suffers in America.

Ignorant Negroes in states like Texas, Mississippi and Georgia who have been denied the rights of education, police protection, the ballot, jobs, equal salaries and other opportunities offered foreigners, we admit, should be fertile fields for Communism or other ins that promises them relief. The remarkable thing is that organizers of these various Un-American activities have been unable to cultivate the Negro more than they have.

We think Mr. Dies attack on the Negro, Much ado about Nothing. His dragging the old bugaboo out of the closet about "social equality" is nothing but tommy-rot, and is intended to arouse the minds of ignorant whites in the south, and detract the minds of other white people away from the traitorous activities of their own people.

If Mr. Dies thinks that the Communists are the originators of "social equality," he should look around him and behold all the "social equality" he sees in his own and other southern states. He might even find the investigation squad in the south to find how many of the southern aristocracy have bastard Negro relatives. He might even find that his ancestors were in "social equality" long before the Dies committee discovered that Communists were teaching it to Negroes.

# Calvin's Digest

BY BERNICE CALVIN

## AMERICAN WHY THE DELAY?

As the Nazis grapple with the remnants of democracy on the European continent, Americans seemingly not yet profiting from mistakes of already German prey are squabbling over such a vital bill as the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription's supporter. Some of us would have our thread bare army of 300,000 to march valiantly against the six year disciplined and experienced goosestepping invaders when the latter strikes its deadly blow. And when it does these patriotic persons hope that while the standing force is on the go, the millions of men necessary will be as dull as happen in the first World War.

They do not seem to understand that a good soldier is at least a year in the making and that with an attack launched we will have no friendly Britain to head the seas clear for our passage and no allied army, desperate thought it was to stop gap the enmesh on land until we get ready. Even beginning this very moment we still would not have a respectable enough army of over 3,000,000 souls before October next year.

And too the quicker the American Negro jumps on the bandwagon of the selective draft supporters the better. For Adolf Hitler states in his Mein Kampf, "The Negro has the brain of an ape." Thus in an America heiling Hitler the black men will be reduced to mere slavery again.

Meanwhile the German menace grows closer and closer as the monster swallows the last bits of Europe. WHAT ARE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

# SCOTT, AN ENGINEER OF MEN

BY W. BAYNARD WHITNEY  
For Calvin's News Service  
"DRUMS OF DESTINY"

Humanity's greatest asset is Experience. The experienced, mellowed resilient leaders of the Negro race constitute its present and future salvation. Those who dare and do for us, dauntless and unafraid, long suffering and tireless, "they are the salt of the earth," a race which has none or few of these is in a bad way, like a forest which has no roots, which must soon wither and be no forest.

People's instinct for self preservation is today terribly keen. Every blessing of civilization is deeply enhanced, and nothing more is ever to be taken for granted. We must guard zealously our every asset.

Although we have lost from the family of Negro leadership such indispensable men as R. R. Moton, James Weldon Johnson and Kelly Miller, our wealth is not diminished. One of our leaders in particular stands forth as an asset consonant with the times, namely, Emmet J. Scott, who heard the drums of destiny in World War I.

## "OUT OF THE CRUCIBLES"

Mr. Scott was an assistant to President Wilson's Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, and was intimately acquainted with the circumstances surrounding Uncle Sam's unfair treatment of the Negro soldier. Years before, Mr. Scott had been secretary to Booker T. Washington, whose philosophy of practical education and living he imbibed. Also Mr. Scott served for many years as secretary, treasurer of Howard University. He is now a director of publicity for the National Republican Committee.

Here, indeed, is a personality who has lived deeply in the hot crucibles of life and has seen much cross burned out of the Negro character. His number is legion, a sterling tribe bent upon the conquest of opportunity. Their lives and accomplishments span several generations; they are mirrors that reflect our progress.

Tardy justice and the world's surging holocaust must not be allowed to blight our vision. Experienced leadership sustains our faith that out of the Crucibles shall emerge lasting Tolerance and Fair Play.

# MILITARY TRAINING

BY HENRY CLAY DAVIS

In most modern homes the children are brought up in accordance with the fancies of doting and ambitious parents who do all they think possible to make their offspring happy but who, nevertheless, through their own lack of information and oversight, often cause their children to miss instruction in the practice of discipline, health care, and kindred fundamentals which every child has the right to know something about.

Many of our youngsters are round shouldered, hollow chested, and fit subjects of tubercular infection only because they have never been trained either at home or at school to sit up straight, expand the chest as frequently as they can think to do so, and walk erectly in order to preclude as far possible any incursion by predatory pulmonary maladies.

As the conscription measure nears enactment many parents are foolishly permitting themselves to believe that they had rather see their sons anywhere else in the world except in the Army they might have to go to work and be killed. Such parents would be undoubtedly benefitted if they would take the time to learn a little more about the Army. They would spare themselves much unnecessary worry if they would allow themselves to realize that there has not yet been any war in which every soldier in it was killed. And they could do no harm in accepting the great truth that death, whether on the battle field or on the street corner, is a matter of predetermination in the manner and method of its coming being entirely inconsequential.

Young men in the Army learn above other things, the value and use of co-operation, coordination, and harmony all of which we Negroes need to learn a whole lot about. They learn to take properly for the body and especially the feet which so many of us have trouble with. They are given regular and strenuous physical exercises which tend to develop strong muscles and stronger lungs. They are fed three times a day on health protecting, bone building victuals. They are taught obedience, discipline, and respect for unbiased authority which the youngsters of today know little and care less about. They are taught how to use first-aid in emergencies and they are given some familiarity with topography and the nomenclature of fire arms which they may find useful in subsequent gainful occupations. Then they learn the art of self defense in combat.

In addition to all of this the Army frowns upon egotism and snobbery which so many of us resort to once we get a little money or a job a little above the average. The Army's only social distinction is between the officer personnel and the soldier or enlisted personnel and this difference is essential to the preservation of respect for and the proper use of authority, the maintenance of organization and ideals, and the assurance of uninterrupted co-ordination. In the grade of private the illiterate is the absolute equal of the college graduate so long as they both are privates and any assumed air of superiority is like chaff before the wind.

In view of these facts it would seem that young men would be anxious to acquire the real and practical education available in the Army. Instead of worrying about our sons and kinsmen being drafted into the military service, we Negroes should be more concerned about whether they will be real soldiers or laborers in uniform once they are in the Army. Discipline is a character builder and co-operation is the chief asset of any group of people having a common goal to reach. Both of these things are found in the Army along with other useful informal training and therefore our youth should be encouraged to do its obvious duty to itself, its race, and its country.

# HOW MANY WILL BE IN FIRST DRAFT

WASHINGTON, — (ANP)—

What percentage of Negroes will be included in the first draft, now that congress has passed the conscription bill by which some 900,000 men will be sent to military camps for a year's training? Always a problem, it is expected that a definite percentage will be arrived at so that there will not be a preponderance of Negroes trained in the first batch of trainees.

That there will be some Negroes included in this group is a foregone conclusion, the number to be determined by the war department and the general staff. What position they will occupy and how they will be trained is also in the hands of the war department and the staff.

However, the following are the salient provisions of the bill which goes to the house and then to the president for his signature.

With few exceptions, all men men who have passed their 21st birthday and have not reached their 31st birthday must register. This applies to all citizens of the United States. An unofficial estimate says that some 12,000,000 men will be registered.

Physical fitness plays an important part in the exemptions; college students are expected to be exempted; divinity students especially; most likely the men to be drafted will be those in unimportant jobs of those with no jobs at all. (A large number of Negroes will naturally fall in-

## NAACP PROTESTS BEATING OF NEGRO WHO BOUGHT INFORMATION ABOUT ENLISTMENT

NEW YORK — In a note sent to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson this week, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People launched a vigorous protest over the violent treatment accorded a Negro teacher by officials in a Charlotte, N. C., army recruiting office, when he sought to obtain information about the

enlistment of Negroes in the army. According to the NAACP, a teacher at a local Negro high school in Charlotte, sought to find out why several of his pupils had been denied an opportunity to enlist in the army at the local recruiting station, in the Charlotte, N. C., post office. His refusal to accept the statement that "No more Negroes were being accepted," without further explanation, brought him a severe beating at the hands of the local recruiting men.

# THESE ARE MY JEWELS



# PLANE TALK

BY JAMES L. H. PECK  
(For ANP)

AMERICANS of all hue and hue are gravely concerned about the country's defense program. It strikes close to home because of the probability of compulsory military training and the additional taxes involved. Directly or indirectly, it is going to cost us something. We are not against conscription in its broad sense, but we are wholeheartedly opposed to it—as stated in no uncertain terms last week in its "narrow" sense; by which we mean regimentation of Negro manhood and the concomitant bigotry of the American military. Let us not permit ourselves to be kidded about this defense business. The powers that be have chortled at their success in keeping the race in the dark; they are still trying to make us believe only what they want us to believe, with rapidly diminishing success, thank goodness.

Just what is this "defense" we are paying for? Is it based upon the promise that America will fight only if the country—or the western hemisphere is invaded? If this be the case, we are pursuing very poor military and diplomatic strategy! It is tantamount to granting the Axis our potential enemy—assurance that American soil, not Nazi or Japanese homeland, will be the battlefield. A pre-war admission that our cities and citizenry will suffer the worst air raids, the most casualties. It relegates to the Axis the great advantage of surprise and initiative. It further supplies the enemy with certain advantages in the conducting of all-important propaganda and infiltration campaigns, the "war of nerves." It will be American soldiers who must keep constant vigil; American civilians who will become tense and haggard from fear and waiting, not German people, Italians, or Japanese. In short, we shall say, "Come on over here, if you can. You'll catch the devil when you arrive (but not before)! You let U. S. alone." But decisive victory—in which one force exercises its initiative and imposes its will upon another force to bring about defeat and make the latter force sue for peace—is gained only by offensive action. One cannot impose one's will upon an enemy by sitting out the attack, waiting for him to strike, thus leaving the initiative—time, peace, and method of attack—up to him. A purely defensive psychological attitude is not one conducive to victory either.

No, laddies and gentlemen, this is not the true picture. If we keep colored men out of the air

our American democracy would be in a sorry way indeed. In more accurate, but less definite wording, American defense is based upon the premise that we shall fight the moment "our national interests" are jeopardized, or appear to be jeopardized. When the country proves capable of defending itself and the western hemisphere, it will automatically gain allies. When its military, naval, and air strength become capable of long-distance offensive operations, should the need for such strategy arise, the Axis will "lose interest in U. S. interests." They will have to fear from us same the air raids with which they might threaten us. We have watched weak nations, or those strong nations which were defensively armed, become puppet states gen after the other. It will hardly happen here now. But this is all purely objective; we are speaking as an American citizen, and particularly a Negro citizen—and there is a difference!

## SIDELIGHTS ON SCOTT

BY U. S. POSTON

For Calvin's News Service  
The Republican National Committee is fortunate in having in its employ Dr. Emmet J. Scott, who is serving in the capacity of Educational Director, Negro Division. Dr. Scott has brought to his work a ripe personality, rich in the experience of race relations. His long tenure of service as Secretary, Treasurer to late Booker T. Washington; Secretary of Howard University and special assistant to the Secretary of War, under the late Newton D. Baker, well qualify him to serve in the capacity in which he is now functioning.

Those who have observed the weekly releases coming from his office and appearing in the Negro press, can readily attest to the fitness of his work. It is evident from these releases that Dr. Scott has been painstaking in his extensive research into the economic, social and religious problems as they affect our group. The unique way in which he presents his findings has indeed had a telling effect on the minds of the Negro voters of the nation.

The Democratic National Committee would do well, in taking a leaf from the copybook of the Republican National Committee, by employing a competent Negro to serve in a similar capacity. The Negro press must be congratulated for readily seeing the educational value of these releases, and for publishing them.

Department of Education.  
To Mr. Schuyler's clear reasoning and faithful examples, we respectfully add a few relevant thoughts on the military situation. We have been in this aviation business for 10 years, off and on. In this time we've met many service officers and enlisted men who were, apparently, fair-minded and liberal concerning Negroes in army and navy aviation; we ran into others who were of the same mind as the bureaucratic southern bloc which is maneuvering constantly to keep colored men out of the air