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EDITORIAL

A Favorite Bible Text:

"Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day—that doth speak: behold, it is I."

SUGGESTED TEXT:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."—Psalm, xlii., I.

POLICE PROTECTION

For some unknown reason police have been taken out of the Hayti section of Durham, leaving one of the most thickly populated sections of the city without police protection other than patrol cars that make occasional visits. Because of this fact hoodlums are running rampant again with boisterousness, break-ins, swearing and congestion of the streets to the extent that decent citizens dread going through this particular section for fear of being insulted or injured.

It was thought that the Hayti section of the city would have regular policemen on duty there all the time after several additions had been made to the police force, but it appears that instead of more protection there is less.

Frankly we have never understood just what objection there could be to the placing of half dozen Negro policemen in the Hayti section. There are many cities in the south that have used Negro police to a great advantage, and we see no reason why Durham should hesitate to do so. If states like Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Oklahoma can use colored policemen, we do not believe the heavens would fall if they were used here.

Unfortunately those who object to Negro policemen, which ought to lower the crime rate among Negroes as well as make the streets in the Hayti section fit for decent citizens to walk on, do not have to undergo the abuses of the Hayti hoodlums, who have no respect for themselves or any one else.

The local branch of the Interracial Commission ought to take the matter in hand and use its influence to give the Hayti section the kind of police protection it ought to have. So far as we have been able to see, it has never done any real service, and this problem is a good opportunity for it to do something other than have a "high falutin" meeting.

REAL LEADERSHIP

Thanks to 300 Jewish religious leaders for lending their support to the fight now being made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against Jim Crow tactics now being used in the United States army.

Negro religious leaders, who as a whole, are about the sorriest group there is, when it comes to taking a stand for racial rights, ought to take a cue from the Jewish religious leaders and exercise their position as leaders of America's minority group.

A real leader whether he represents the religious, or industrial side of the race ought to possess enough unselfishness to once in a while forget his own welfare long enough to take a stand for the right and a stand against the wrong. Every Negro religious leader in Durham knows that the mass of Negroes in Durham are oppressed, but few if any of them are interested enough to do anything about it. They know that the fight the NAACP has carried on for the race is a just cause, but we doubt if there are five ministers in the entire city who are financial members, much less willing to do anything that might cause their Sunday collections to run short.

The Jewish religious leaders are to be commended for the fine example they have set, and we trust that our own religious leaders will awaken from their lethargy long enough to take a stand equally as commendable, not only against Jim Crowism in our national defense, but against other evils that retard the progress of the race.

Briefs - - Very Brief

- try to "do the impossible once more."
- Electors in all states cast votes re-electing Roosevelt.
- Ikles scores Lindbergh and Merwin Hart as "native fascists."
- Billy Hampden, baseball star of 1890's died at the age of 74.
- Latin trade urged as way to world export leadership for U. S.
- Unity with Europe in war aims is proclaimed in Tokyo. 1940 retail sales rose 28 per cent below 1929.
- DiMaggio of the Yankees is again batting champion of his league for 1940.
- Super - safe shelter is built for the Pope at Cardinals' order.
- Knudsen asks the tool indus-
- Stimson moves to improve "moral conditions" near the camps.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock
(For The Associated Negro Press)

FAIR WARNING

'Tis Christmas day and joys thereof are spreading like a wild glaze. How curious are the ways of life; how filled with mystery are the ways of God with man! While we here in America are celebrating the Yuletide with glad hearts and joys galore, Europe is bowed beneath its load of eases and sorrows. Bomb-smitten cities are writhing in miseries while disaster stalks forth like one hobgoblin by night to vex unhappy sons of men.

Burns was right when he averred that "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." What is transpiring in Europe today is merely the repetition of an old sordid act in the great drama of national growth and decay. Nations like men come and go as with the breath of the morning. Nations like men are born in weakness, may mighty and perish from the earth in one solemn procession that never ends. As we glance in retrospect at history we get faint glimpses of the outlines of once mighty nations, buried in the tombs of time. It appalls our hearts to think of what they once were and how they came into their mighty estates and today are gone to come no more.

How like the mighty empires of today were those of ages past which rose in glory and grandeur and filled the earth with their glamour but now are merely dream-stuff, the casual notes of historian passers-by. The myraid tongues of history tell a story that is at once ominous and tragic. The highway of the ages is wreck-strewn and flanked with the dry bones of a thousand empires that came and went of old!

Where are Anan and Susa of prehistory where first were kindled the fires of civilization which have waxed and waned ten thousand years? Where is Babylonia, with its hanging gardens profuse marvels of ravishing beauty, upon whose tombstone is written the name of Hammurabi the genius and statesman who created the united state of Mesopotamia and laid the foundation of her glory? Where is Assyria with its quadrangular palaces and colossal sculpture whose monarch took the pretentious title "King of the Four Quarters of the World?" Assyria's glory is bound up forever with the names of Sargon and Sennacherib who drew the blueprint for the vaunted glory of Nineveh.

Where is the Far-famed Egypt cradle of Thebes and Memphis and home of the mighty pyramids those mute testimonials and architecture of mass and magnitude? Egypt boasted of a fame-filled filled history when Rome and Greece were wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in the manger of time. And where is Persia with her Cambyse and Cyrus, Xerxes and Darius? History tell us that the laws of the Medes and Persians altered not. Where is Greece the land of immortals and brightest gem in the diadem of time? Where is Rome whose name is a synonym of power and pomp and splendor and conquest? The genius of the Caesars could not save the Eternal City from the wrecks of time.

The once mighty nations, one by one left the summit of their grandeur and glory to rest side by side in the tombs of time. Whatever that something was, which might have been done to save them, was not done and so they perished from the earth. The signs of our own times suggest that the nations of our day are marked for destruction; for the cry is going up from the uttermost parts of the earth "WHAT MUST WE DO TO BE SAVED?" There is only one answer and that is, believe and live the Christ of Christmas. There is no other name under Heaven whereby men and nations can be saved.

Just whether men and nations shall spend all the years of their time trying to climb up "some other" we have no way at present of knowing, but the solemn truth stands astride the pathway of time and warns mankind that it is Jesus or death for the world! And so in this Christmas time it is good for us that we should think on these eternal verities to the

end that we may be saved. Men and nations and races and minority groups may as well be warned, that a Christless future is dark and treacherous and without hope. The formula for the preservation and advancement of mankind was not written by Plato in his New Republic, nor by Bacon in his New Atlantic, nor by Moore in his Utopia, nor by Campanella in his City of the Sun, nor by Karl Marx in the Communist Manifesto and Das Kapital. It was written by Jesus Christ—the Christ of Christmas!

"MARGINS" FOR SAFETY

By Dr. Charles Steizle

The pilot of the big ferry-boat on the North or East River in New York instead of heading straight into the slip, usually takes his boat beyond the ferry slip because he knows that when the propellers are slowed down, the boat will be carried with the tide beyond the pier, and so he runs his boat further into the tide before he allows it to drift.

To those who do not know about the current in the current in the river, this seems like wasteful time and effort. But this is precisely what every successful man is called upon to do in his struggle to win out. He must give more and work harder than merely "enough to get across." He must always allow for the margin of waste and ineffectiveness in every plan.

He can't say that to build a house will cost "so much"—mentioning the exact cost of labor and materials—and then lay aside just enough money to meet these expenses. If he's wise, he'll add about ten percent and prepare for the extra. Some way with running an automobile. It always costs more than the figures given by the salesman.

But it's especially in the bigger things of life that we'll have to think of the "margins." Most men fail in business because they haven't allowed for the extra—the necessary margins for safety. There are always extras about which you cannot know when you start out.

It's the man who is prepared for the "extras" who lands inside the "slip" he doesn't have to waste time trying it over again because he failed in the first attempt—as some careless, thoughtless, or lazy pilot sometimes does, trying to land his ferryboat.

Margins for safety and success aren't always expressed in terms of cash—for poise, and decision, and cheerfulness, and mostly character—count for more than money, in "putting things across." That's why many a "poor" man who hasn't much money wins out. It's because his margins for safety consist of resources which money cannot buy.

BRITISH PRESSURE UPON ITALY

THAT BRITISH ARE IN position to inflict severe punishment upon Italy seems established by the ease with which British battle ships bombarded Valona. The "modern" navy of which Mussolini repeatedly boasted has lost control of the Mediterranean, Benito's "Italian lake," but is so badly damaged as to be unable to protect Italian interests in the Adriatic. With a long coast to defend, and dependent upon imports for economic existence, Italy cannot long wage a war against a sea power is strong enough to cut her colonial possessions and threaten attacks upon the Italian coast.

Thus, the end of 1940 finds Great Britain and Italy confronted with serious peril. From the United States a continuously increasing stream of supplies pours into British harbors, to help a brave people when they have their rendezvous with destiny in 1941. To Italy comes little assistance, as the Italians realize they face real war, and the only source of help is Nazi Germany, whose embrace may be as permanent and as distasteful as complete defeat.

PRESSURE COMPELS HITLER TO MOVE

THE BRITISH, under Chamberlain, risked their empire upon the belief that peace was possible with Hitler, but they have surmounted their first grave danger

and fight now, stronger and more hopeful of victory than since the war began. The Italians, under Mussolini, gambled on a short war when France began to tetter, but now find themselves in the front line with little to fight for and no hope of permanent victory regardless of how the war ends.

Germany is expected to launch an early attack upon the British without waiting to see if aerial attacks and U-boat activity can force the British to sue for peace. Hitler can delay no longer. Italy must be relieved somehow, or taken over by Germany. The simpler solution, from the German view, is to beat England because no new era, under Nazi domination can get underway in Europe as long as the British continue to fight. The job must be done before Italy deserts the Axis, either as a result of British attacks or internal dissension.

British successes against Italy, and the prospect of future victories, puts the pressure upon Hitler to act and Der Fuehrer will move.

NEW PICTURES

"Third Finger, Left Hand." In this film, Myrna Loy is teamed with Melvyn Douglass instead of the usual William Powell—she as the lady magazine editor who annexes a husband simply to protect herself from wolves and her publisher's exceedingly jealous wife. It's a sophisticated comedy of not too high quality, moving a little slowly, but with attractive Miss Loy and genial Mr. Douglass, it's bound to please a not too particular audience.

"The Lady in Question"

This is a Hollywood version, very admirably handled too, of a French film about a kindly juror who takes into his home a girl acquitted of murder and the consequent complications. All ends well, however.

Brian Aherne, Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford, Irene Rich and George Coulouris head an able cast.

"Moon Over Burma"

Wish a dash of about everything that has been seen before in pictures of a definitely primitive character, this is a melodrama about life in the Burmese jungle. These are mysterious ghost tigers, sick elephants and inquisitive cobra, a forest fire and a climax it all, a big log jam, not to mention Dorothy Lamour who walks around in her usual scant costume, this time a brief beach ensemble.

Assisting Miss Lamour, one might mention Robert Preston, Preston Foster, Doris Nolan and Albert Basserman.

POWER FOR DEFENSE

"WHEN THERE is a big job to be done, it is logical and sensible to assign it to hands that are willing, ready, able, and experienced," writes S. B. Williams, editor, Electrical World.

That is directly applicable to the problem of electric power for defense. The willing hands in this case are the private utilities. Their experience cannot be questioned. Nor, in the light of statistics, can there be doubt of their ability to meet the demands of defense, even as they continue to maintain their normal, peacetime services to the homes, industries and farms of the country.

At the end of last year, there was more than 40,000,000 kilowatts of generating capacity in this nation, of which 88 per cent was privately owned. By the end of 1942, new installations will bring the total to more than 45,000,000 kilowatts. By way of comparison, Germany, England and France each have less than 9,000,000 kilowatts.

The utility industry's gross installed capacity is close to 50 per cent above demand. Not only is power for defense assured by this capacity, but it is further guaranteed by interconnection and integration of the principal systems. Interconnection and interconnection were started 40 years ago by the utilities, and have been brought to the highest peak of development in this country. The private utilities employ 275,000 people, every one of whom is fully trained in some job necessary to producing and distributing power.

That gives an idea of the excellent position the utility industry is in today. Yet, there is a danger. To quote Mr. Williams again, "The government, by dis-

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integration proceedings to interfere with the management of these systems, can seriously impair their operations at a time all the skill and resources of the existing organizations are needed, not to mention \$400,000,000 a year they pay government in taxes. In other words, the worst menace to an adequate power supply is the possibility of more political meddling—more legislative experiments in the power field—and more political inspired, tax-exempt, tax built, socialized power projects.

INEXORABLE FACTS
ECONOMIC theory, no matter how finely spun, becomes rubbish when it collides with certain hard facts inherent in human nature. If it a fact, for example, that the average man will not enter upon an undertaking of any nature unless he sees promise of direct benefit to himself, or to someone or something in which he has a vital interest. At this moment, the banks of the nation are suffering from lack of loan demands. Individuals and businesses are not committing themselves to future obligations. You can call it fear, or whatever you wish. But whatever you call it, the fact remains that except for government induced activity, enterprise is not going ahead.

Guy Emerson, Vice president of the Bankers Trust Company, of New York, forcibly pointed out the dangers into which this country has drifted as a result of letting too much theory obscure the dictates of common sense, when he observed: "The inexorable fact will sooner or later become manifest that only a confident, creative, risk taking business and industrial group will create and maintain the kind of economic America that both business and government want, either

now or after the defense era is over."

By using the vast reservoirs of every industry, we can relieve the growing threat of a crushing public debt. But it will be used only if the private citizen is given some assurance that he can go ahead, borrow money and proceed with a definite program of expenditure without the handicaps of too many legislative and regulatory penalties which promote loss rather than profit.

Business, if backed by a friendly government, intent on easing the "rough spots" instead of making them rougher, can do a real production job. But as long as it is artificially hampered by inimical officialism, maximum production cannot be secured.

\$117,500,000,000 WORTH OF SECURITY

LIFE INSURANCE in force in this country recently touched its all-time peak of \$117,500,000,000. And during the first half of 1940, the lapse rate was the lowest ever recorded for a similar period.

That gives you an idea of what the American people think of the life insurance industry. They regard a life insurance policy as something to be kept at all costs. They won't impair its value by borrowing, or abandon it for cash value until dire necessity makes that absolutely unavoidable. And on top of that, they steadily increase their ownership of life insurance as rapidly as financial circumstances permit.

This is indicative of two things. First, it shows our desire for earned social security. Second, it shows faith in an institution of outstanding solvency and safety. 1916.

Fiddlers Convention Will Be State-Wide

OLD TIME FIDDLERS
Old King Cole and his Fiddlers three

We all know made musical history Today as you know, we have no king, But to our fiddlers, our praises let's bring! An old time convention let's all enjoy, Come any fiddler man, woman or boy.

Durham, instead of Old King Cole, sends for you Come! bring your fiddle—show what you can do! The night of January ninth makes a good date Come all o' you—See how you can rattle.

Of course we have prizes for those who are best And what good entertainment for all the rest!

So if you are a fiddler, come, please do And bring your friends to applaud for you. You know the place, date, and the reason If you are a fiddler and don't come—it's treason!

Danes want to sell thirty-seven vessels to the United States.

Railway taxes averaged \$1,107,000 daily in 1940, or \$768.75 per minute.

Taxes paid by Class I railroads in 1940 totaled \$405,000,000, the greatest amount in any one year on record.

Earnings of railroad employees in 1940 averaged \$1,900 or nearly double the amount received in 1916.

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