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- Greater participation of Negroes in political affairs.
- Better housing for Negroes.
- Negro representation in city, county, state and national governments.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES

It is ironical that the North Carolina College, headed by Dr. James E. Shepard, should be the lone school in the state of North Carolina, whose appropriation received no boost at the hands of the present session of the General Assembly.

Dr. Shepard represents the conservative element of Negroes in North Carolina, and it will be remembered that through his influence Raymond Hocutt's suit to force the University of North Carolina to admit Negroes to certain Graduate courses, was dropped before it reached the Supreme court. It will be further remembered that Dr. Shepard has stood against the proposed filing of suits against the state by more progressive Negroes to force it to pay equal teachers' salaries.

We think the present session of the legislature has made a serious blunder in making the North Carolina College for Negroes the lone victim of its pruning activities. It has certainly left Dr. Shepard open to attack at the hands of local members of the N. A. A. C. P., who have demanded all the time that the North Carolina College head was wroth in advocating a pacifist attitude on the question of equalizing the educational appropriations of Whites and Negroes.

Negro progressive leaders of North Carolina may appear to be unmindful of the large differential that exists in the amount of money that the state spends for Negro and White education; but they are not. They may appear satisfied that their liberal arts college is equal to that provided by the state for its White constituency; but they are not.

As long as the legislatures of former years increased the appropriations to Negro schools, it was an easy matter to ignore the dissident and radical elements in the race, and Dr. Shepard and the conservative group had things their own way. However, the N. C. College head is going to have a lot of explaining to do before being able to keep certain Negro elements of the state from pursuing the course followed by Negroes in Virginia, Florida, and other Southern states, where court action has been resorted to.

The \$16,000 spent for additional land, and the \$10,000 spent for law books will not take the place of other facilities that are badly needed. The legislature is using these small appropriations as reason for not boosting the N. C. College appropriation along with increases given the other schools.

We think Dr. Shepard is between two fires. Time, alone, will be able to tell whether he can explain himself out of the very difficult position, in which he was left by the legislature of 1941.

CHARLOTTE POST OFFICE SITUATION

It's very disheartening that the small fry in the Charlotte Post Office affair should have to bear the brunt of the punishment, arising from the alleged violations of the Hatch act by certain employees, both high and low, of the Charlotte post office.

The irony is further evidenced by the statements of high officials of the Department of Justice, who having investigated the case tossed it back to the Post Office Department, and the Civil Service Commission, that in view of the suspension of three minor employees of the Charlotte office, the Postal Department, itself, would have to take action in the matter involving the other accused employees.

What mystifies one about the whole affair is the seemingly improbability of certain higher-ups in the Charlotte set-up to prosecution. The least informed citizen of Charlotte knows of the sordid situation obtaining at the post office; yet, just at the moment when the public was beginning to reaffirm its faith in the Post Office Department, and its Civil Service Commission, another more potent department of our federal government accuses them both of passing the buck, and of failure to prosecute accused employees.

There is only one man who knows the answer to this jigsaw puzzle. Any man in the streets of the Queen City could identify him; however, in this period of urgent defense preparation, it would be, I guess slightly anti-everything in the politician's handbook to question an officer of the U. S. army.

RESPONSE TO GROUP MOVEMENTS

We red-citizen of Charlotte lack something, in contrast with other groups of colored citizens throughout the country, we lack the spirit of cooperative action, the spirit of subjugating our individual actions for the sake of the collective good. In Charlotte it is not the question of our welfare that harasses the so-called leaders; but the question of my welfare. The leaders taking every opportunity for self-aggrandizement, forget the welfare of masses, thereby losing the respect and confidence of the very group from which their leadership is derived.

Our organizations for community betterment suffer from the lack of membership, we yell in agonizing bewilderment.

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BETWEEN THE LINES

BY GORDON B. HANCOCK

OUR GREAT nation is irrevocably committed to belief that the dollar is all mighty! In spite of the fact that Britain's back is to the wall in its desperate attempt to stem the tide of the German legions battering daily at her shores, this country is "taking things easy." The game of politics is being played as shrewdly as in times of peace; labor is bent on battering it advantage even if the safety of the nation is involved in its policies, capital is bent as never before on maintaining fat dividends. Thoughtful and serious students of international questions are unanimous in the assertion that the future of this nation is bound up with the fate of Great Britain. Yet this country is trying to evade the ugly facts and catastrophic implications by "business as usual."

The serene air of our people is rooted in the belief that he who has the dollar need not worry. This is only partly true for we are fast entering a phase of human evolution where even the power of the dollar is limited. We are decidedly over-confident in international matter but in this over confidence may be the factors of our nation's undoing. Athletic coaches of today go to extreme pains to keep over confidence from invading their respective squads. The over confident team is always inviting defeat. It has come about that many a great over confident team is vanquished by a mediocre team playing the under dog role in the game. It is even so with nations—this nation over confidence like a cancer is gnawing at the vitals of the nation.

One of the best proofs of this over confidence is shown in the rather desultory way Negroes are being handled in defense matters and programs. The Negro has in abundance the one thing that a crucial situation demands, and that is loyalty. There can be no victory without loyalty and the greater the loyalty, the greater the assurance of victory without loyalty and the greater the loyalty the greater the assurance of victory. But from the way this program is hesitating about admitting the Negroes to full equality in the defense program, it doubt less feels certain that it can win without them. This may be right and then it may not be.

This is a war and not an election. A candidate does not have the entire vote of the electorate to win the election, but a nation must have the entire support of the citizens to win wars.

Within a year, according to the Newport News Daily Press, there have been more than 20 "explosions" and fires in the defense industries with considerable loss of life and millions in property losses. In spite of the Dies committee and the FBI and the vigilance of conscientious citizens, these "accidents" and "explosions"

are laying a heavy toll on this nation. Strangely enough the most of these industrial "accidents" have happened where the population is deeply tinged with foreign affiliations.

If Uncle Sam wants the wheels to turn and these explosions and accidents to cease, let him call on the hundreds of thousands of loyal Negroes who are standing ready when the manufacturers and the higher-ups in governmental matters, condone sabotage and industrial fifth columnists by trying to play down the pro-hittlerism in our industry, they are frankly pranking with disaster. We all have our pet prejudices and the white man is entitled to his, but when this stand in the way of a country's safety, it is about time we check on our notions and the costliness thereof. Prejudice becomes a luxury under such circumstances, and in war times luxuries must be subordinated to necessities.

When we consider that the increasing frequency of these industrial "accidents" roughly coincides with the probabilities of this nation's help to Great Britain, we have an explanation that should raise some serious questions, chief among them are, can our country give the aid to Britain the emergency demands? Is it sound economic to expand our war industries without guaranteeing the safety of the nation's investments by manning these industries with the most loyal labor that the country affords?

What History Teaches...

PRACTICALLY everything that is happening to us today happened to others in some form thousands of years ago—according to the archeologists who found the records on clay tablets, baked 5,000 years ago, or to the historian who began to write some 2500 years later.

They tell us about sit down strikes, hour labor, salary bonuses, collective bargaining, cost of living, old age pensions, silver standards, crooked politicians, women's rights and in the Bible itself we have the story of Egypt's seven years of plenty, and seven years of depression with "bread lines" and a "food commissioner." During all of these experiences panaceas were suggested to meet the problems of the times. Some of them worked out, but many failed. It's a strange thing that some deluded leaders are today offering the same old quack remedies that were tried and failed the days when they had to be written with pointed sticks instead of with typewriters.

But it is still more remarkable that plans and principles which proved to be basically sound are being disregarded today. We have learned that dictatorships and autocracies are not conducive to the freedom and happiness of whole people, that the character of a nation's greatness is determined by the character of its individual citizens, that no question is ever settled permanently

THE FOREIGN INVASION THAT MUST BE STOPPED



WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHOWS LAWMAKERS WERE ACTIVE

The biggest news of the eighth legislative week was the introduction of the long-expected liquor referendum bill and the passage of the revenue act. The liquor bill calling for a state-wide vote next November 4 on the question of prohibition, was introduced in the House by Representative McGowan of Pender County on Friday, together with a bill to restrict the importation of liquor and wine into the State. The revenue measure, embodying a group of amendments to the continuing 1939 act, was given final passage Thursday, when the House concurred in a batch of minor Senate Amendments. The biennial budget appropriations measure is expected to emerge from Committee this week. The thirty-odd other bills passed during the week, most of them local in nature, included acts creating a Motor Vehicles Department and a State Marketing Authority.

Of the 170 bills introduced during the week, the preponderance of public measures, once more, related to roads, commerce, education and agriculture, plus a goodly sprinkling of municipal and county legislation.

One bill affecting local units would place every county and municipality whose governing body does not notify the Retirement System's board of trustees otherwise by January 1, 1942, under the statewide teachers' and state employees retirement system. This would mean that municipal and county employees would receive pensions, contributing 4% of their salary while the town or county appropriates a near corresponding amount. Another bill would allow municipalities and other political subdivisions of the State to make airport zoning regulations. Other bills would: permit coroners a fee of \$10, instead of \$5, for holding inquest; not require the recordation of right-of-way or easements by telephone, electric or power companies, and make the presence of telephone or power lines equivalent to recordation; permit marriage anywhere in the State under a license issued within the State, regardless of county of issuance—where the register of deeds has affixed his official seal to the license; authorize municipalities to transfer the city treasurer's duties to the city clerk; permit the operation of school buses one day prior to the opening of school; and place local units issuing bonds, other except upon the basis of Justice, that right human relationships are more important than the creation of great organizations, that the source of happiness depends not so much upon what we have as it does upon what we are.

These and many other things which HISTORY has taught us today. They may be applied to may be applied to problems facing personal relations, to the labor problem, to national questions, and to international affairs. Therefore, let's stop looking for short cuts and patent remedies, and let's profit by what history taught us thousands of years ago.

the State Board of Health govern bus station sanitation and issue certificates of approval, revocable by the Utilities Commission upon recommendation of the Health Board.

Education bills provide for a \$15,000 appropriation to establish Indian and vocational normal schools; the purchase of free texts with surplus funds from the Textbook Rental Fund; the allocation of an amount equal to 5% of the State gross taxes on intoxicants to the school fund to be used in teaching the effects of alcoholism and narcotism; a commission to study the problems in transition of students from high school to college; and the authorization of city or county units to provide kindergartens.

Other bills introduced included: a "Townsend plan" calling for a \$15 per month pension to everyone over 55; a provision for daylight saving time in the State from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in September; a regulation of unfair sales practices; a uniform partnership act and a bill rewriting the law on limited partnerships; a measure setting forth uniform rules of practice for administrative agencies; a provision for alimony after absolute divorce upon grounds of two years separation; a provision for an election on a constitutional amendment to permit the General Assembly to change the number of solicitor districts without regard to the number of judicial districts; a plan to provide a \$100 per month pension for widows of former Attorney Generals; an exclusion of newsboys under 18 from benefits of unemployment compensation; and a re-writing of the barbering law.

Form Librarian Association In Florida This Week

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Bethune Cookman college was the scene of a state-wide meeting of librarians this week. Responding to the call of Mrs. Marian Cleveland Lancaster, librarian at Bethune Cookman, 100 responded. Plans were laid for conferences and the study of advanced technique and methods. Mrs. Lancaster was elected president of the body.

Mrs. Lancaster came to Bethune Cookman two years ago. In that time she has revolutionized the library system and interested the community as well as the students in the use of books and periodicals available to them. Mrs. Lancaster is a graduate in library science from Hampton institute, class of '30.

Message To The President

BY LANGSTON HUGHES

Mr. President, kindly please, May I have a word with you? There's one thing, for a long time I've been wishing you would do. In your fireside chats on the radio.

I hear you tell the world What you want them to know, And your speeches in general Sound mighty fine, But there's one thing, Mr. President,

That worries my mind. I hear you talking about freedom For the Finn,

The Jew, And the Czechoslovak— But you never seem to mention Us folks, who're black! We're all Americans, Mr. President,

And I've had enough Of putting up with this Jim Crow stuff. I want the self-same rights Other Americans have today. I want to fly a plane Like any other man may.

I don't like this Jim Crow army Or this Jim Crow navy, Or the lily white marines Looking up the gray. We're one tenth of the nation, Mr. President, fourteen million strong.

If you help to keep us down, You're wrong, We work and pay our taxes. Our patriotism's good.

We try to live like Decent Americans, should. That's why as citizens, Mr. President,

We have the right to demand The next time you make a speech, Take an all-out stand And make your meaning Just as clear to me

As you do when talking to These Englishmen across the sea. Since, for our land's defense— If we have to fight— We ought to be together, Black and white. So what I'm asking, Mr. President,

Is to hear you say: No more segregation in the USA And when you mention the Finns, And the Jew,

And the Czechoslovak, Don't forget the fourteen million Here who're black. Such a speech, Mr. President, few me

Would put a whole lot more meaning In Democracy. So the next time you sit down To that radio,

Just like you lambast Hitler Giva Jim Crow a blow— For all I'm asking, Mr. President,

Is to hear you say, No more segregation in the USA. My friends, NO more Segregation in the USA.

By William Henry Huff They told us back in early days That moles once had two sparkling eyes.

But soon they took to naughty ways And thought that they could out-rite us. All other creatures on the globe, This made the others fighting mad And they determined to disrobe The mole of everything he had. One said, let us remove his fur, Another said it would return But since the group didn't concur The mole went on with small concern.

One day, however, nature said For sure, the mole's a naughty hound; I'll make his nose into a spade And make him root beneath the ground.

INCREASE

The volume on sales on the New Bern cooperative swine market continue to increase as hog prices show steady gains, reports P. M. Cox, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

BUY

The Rutherford County terracing unit, now operating full time and many farmers are terracing with their own equipment, says J. J. Hamlin, Jr., assistant farm agent.

FEED

Many of the older residents say that Granville County has more feed on hand this winter than at any time they can remember—reports C. V. Morgan, farm agent.