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EDITORIAL

"Jesus answered: 'Thou couldst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivereth Me unto thee hath the greater sin.'"
John 19:11.

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Yugoslavia's revolt against its spineless leaders who would sell the little country down the river to the Hitler gangsters bespeaks the actions of a people who are willing to purchase freedom with their lives. Yugoslavia ought to be an inspiration to suppressed people everywhere, especially those in European and Asiatic nations now being threatened by the Axis powers.

There are a few things in the world more priceless than life itself. An individual, race or nation that has no ideals for which it will die is not worthy of the rights of free men.

Yugoslavia, whether Germany attacks her or not, will emerge from the present conflict a stronger and more united people. She has taught the world that hell hath no fury like that of a humble people once they become aroused.

We think the Yugoslavian revolt is the beginning of the end of the Hitler regime. If this does turn out to be true, it will be a study in irony for future students of history to learn how one of the smallest nations in Europe changed the destiny of one of the greatest monster nations of all times.

THE OLD ORDER DIETH

According to many students of history World War Number two is the direct result of an old social order founded upon the principles that might makes right, the strong has a right to exploit the weak, to the victor goes the spoils, he who pays the fiddler has a right to call the tune, and hundreds of other rules of a fast decaying past.

They tell us that whatever the outcome of the present war that there will emerge a new thought and a new and better social order. A majority of scholars seem to think that this new social order will be more humane in its concept thereby bringing to a majority of the people the fruits of their labor rather than to a selected few.

We cannot agree with these students of history. We do not believe a brawl, whether between individuals or nations, ever settled anything satisfactorily. We do not believe that leaders of nations who are so ruthless as to pump bullets into the bodies of innocent women and children, bomb hospitals and resort to other heinous crimes are capable of producing a code of ethics or laws of government by which, people of different races and creeds can live peacefully.

We do not believe that a peaceful new order can be established with a sword. We do not believe that trained militarists are capable of prescribing for what ails the world.

Whatever movement for good that has to come to the world, whatever real peace it has enjoyed has not been produced at the point of a sword or a gun.

American leaders who are fools enough to spend seventeen billion dollars and more in an attempt to purchase freedom by purchasing armies and battleships are not wise enough to draft a new social order based on the principles of righteousness. European leaders who are so hell bent on showing how powerful they are that they bleed the common people to death to support a war that the average one of them knows not why it is being fought, certainly are not going to change overnight and become social leaders of peace.

We think our white folks have played hell as rulers of the world by messing it up twice in 26 years, and that there will be no new peaceful social order from the present world conflict.

The estimated aggregate group wealth of the American Negro is two billion dollars or exactly one-eighth of the present defense appropriation; one-fortieth of our estimated annual income of eighty billion dollars. The wealth of one of America's wealthy families, the DuPonts, would come nearer to an approximation of our national wealth.

BETWEEN THE LINES

BY DEAN GORDON HANCOCK

TERROR TACTICS; HITLER BUBBLE BURSTING.

Great Britain's valiant stand is proof that terror tactics have their limits. Hitler's terrorism like a scourge of the infernal has swept out temporary existence nation after nation and still others are tottering in the balances of indecision. One of the most encouraging things about a discouraging situation is the slow strides Nazism makes before stern opposition. When terrorism ceases to terrify it is the most impotent of impotent things. When frightfulness ceases to be frightful, it becomes limited as a program and a policy.

Although before this article has been released to the press, Great Britain may be wrapped in sackcloth of capitulation and defeat, I am beginning to wonder if Hitler has not come at last to the end of his gilded dream of world conquest. There are some reasons why I am beginning to doubt the vaunted strength of the German war machine. Had it been as strong as reputed, why did it not overwhelm Britain after the capitulation of France? A nation armed as Hitler made claim for Germany, should not have been exhausted by the attack on France and Poland. The battle of France and Poland should have been in the nature of a "work out" for the great German war machine. But Hitler paused as the channel last summer and is still pausing!

Before an utterly unprepared England there came a pause that is difficult to explain. The flight of the British from Dunkerque showed conclusively that terrorism has its limits. Hitler promised to destroy the entire British army but instead thousands and thousands were returned to as England before which Hitler paused. Nearly a year has passed and all of the British empire has been dalled into service. If Hitler could not take England last summer he cannot take it all. If his war machine was geared and oiled as he boasted why the delay? If he has to pause to refuel so early his reputedly invincible war machine, it was not so "hot" to begin with.

Then, too there are the bombings which he has not followed up. If he did not do to other cities what he did to Coventry there is a reason and this reason is not the tender heartedness of Hitler. How do we account for the fact that after each devastating air bombing of the British Isles, there is a lull instead of a follow up? My guess is Hitler's oil reserves are running low and before these devastating outbreaks there must be a period of conservation.

TNEC report says taxation should aid for social aims.

Kauffman sees top effort soon; then "things will begin to roll."

Mehornay says defense will cost \$30,000,000,000 by year-end.

Calvin's Digest

BY L. BAYARD WHITNEY
TUTT'S HAPPY MEDIUM

"GOSPEL TRAIN" by stage veteran J. Homer Tutt, all starting the Home McClendon Players running at St. Martin's Little Theatre in Harlem, might well be considered the story of a man and his message.

That man is J. Homer Tutt, whom more than any living actor playwright knows what is wrong with the Negro theatre. His message, as a technical expression through the medium of the play "GOSPEL TRAIN" discloses the simple method by which the Negro Theatre may be once more revived and vitalized.

This play, dealing with the great American tragedy of our Jim Crow rail road system, is the most picturesque opera ever attempted by Directors Dick Campbell and Muriel Rabe and their McClendon Players. At too long last it strikes the happy medium which skillfully blends excellent entertainment, good acting and cogent preaching.

Mr. Tutt ranks along with the few who realize the powerful propaganda value of comedy; good comedy as opposed to certain modern patterns of brutal realism which too often raised the entertainment value of propaganda plays. "Gospel Train" blasts the Jim Crow rail road system like a lightning bolt.

Here we find folks ways, tragedy, realism, comedy philosophy and contempt so skillfully woven into the action of the play that preaching never gets in the way of entertainment.

That's what the audience pays for ENTERTAINMENT. And in "Gospel Train" the message goes over forcefully just the same.

What does Mr. Tutt think is wrong with the Negro Theatre? He says: "They have simply neglected the simple fundamentals of good entertainment. Also, there has been the failure to show these fundamentals in keeping with the times. The public wants good entertainment, but this almost impossible with our originality. Many of our colored performers, playwrights and producers long for the good old days. Whether or not they fully realize it, what they yearn for is the opportunity to create, to be original."

"The bane of show business in recent years has been slavish imitation. When one good colored show becomes a hit, the white producers follow this up with show after show of the same kind; largely because they think every show like it will

TRYING TO SNEAK IN!



ESSAY

The Debt the Citizen of the City Owes the Farmer:

The debt the city people owe to the farmer is a heavy one. If possible, suppose there were no farmers. Where would civilization be, and where would our food, clothing, and leather for the shoes and other products of the farm come from? Daniel Webster said: "When tillage begins, other arts follow. The Farmers therefore, are the founders of human civilization." How true this is! As far back as anything is recorded farming has played the leading role in life.

The problem of farming is a vital concern of the well-being of the nation. Why not then each and everyone as a whole be cooperative with the farmers more effectively? Think, if the farmers would only organize and cooperate more fully, what they could do to get higher prices for their products. As it is, farmers are less cooperative than any other group or profession.

The number of farmers is large. The variety of farm produce is very great. The environments of farms vary widely. These and other factors make the problem of farming as difficult as it is important. Some people when they sit down to smoke their pipe or cigarette do not realize how much time and effort the farmer, as well as others, put forth to manufacture and make the tobacco from which the cigarette is composed. Some people do not realize how much time the farmer has put forth on his crop, and then go to the market with his produce to get so small a price. Why don't people pay the farm remove? Individuals, as well as merchants can do this.

In Germany, England and other war torn countries, millions of people did and are going to starve because of the lack of food. Why do they lack food? Because the heads of the nations have taken the farmers to fight. They, as well as we, need the farmers.

Truly our debt to the immense number of farmers is very great. Are we going to pay this debt? The next time you eat, smoke those cigarettes and cigars, stop and think of where they come from. Farmers are indispensable in the country as well as in the city. So cooperate with the farmers and help them!

Workers in factory, office, store and farm, together with their families, today own 88 per cent of all life insurance policies in force, their share of ordinary, industrial and group policies or certificates being 117,000,000.

"Persons who seek to excuse the recent increase in traffic accidents in North Carolina on the grounds that national defense activity in various sections of the state has created abnormal traffic situations are kidding themselves," Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, stated this week.

In reply to an inquiry from the National Safety Council, which is making a survey to determine the importance of national defense accidents in the national traffic accident picture, Hocutt said:

"In my opinion, and on the basis of our accident records, the traffic volume resulting from defense activities at Fort Bragg, Camp Davis and other points in the state has been a minor factor in the accident picture in North Carolina.

"As a matter of record, during the first two months of this year there was only one traffic death in North Carolina in which a military vehicle was involved; there were three deaths in motor vehicle accidents involving military personnel but not military vehicles; and there were eight deaths in motor vehicle accidents arising out of defense production."

RECOMPENSE

By Louise Shaw
(From Good Housekeeping Magazine)

How truly wise, perhaps, it was My dollars were so few, For if my purse were full, then I Would never know if you Had married me for riches, or Because my eyes were blue!

In The News

De Gaullists cowed in French West Africa by fear of reprisals.

Shotwell says British save the world from domination by war.

Rockefeller Foundation to aid young Britons in medical studies.

Manufacturers point to ten-year rise in non-defense spending.

President's stand for all-out aid is widely accepted by press.

Willkie persuades Martin to keep Republican party post.

Wage act exemptions extended for off-the-farm processing.

Nation-wide activity in the steel industry is the greatest ever.

Kovacs defeats Sabin to capture U. S. indoor tennis title.

Wehrle - Sneed are victors in finals of U. S. amateur-pro golf.

Canada rushes two chains of airports leading to Alaska.

Women are advised not to seek jobs in defense industry now.

Centering of defense contracts is criticized by C. B. Davis.

Mercury and antimony ores found in U. S. by Bureau of Mines.

Income tax payers rush to give government a billion in day.

Republican Senators back Byrnes for Supreme Court vacancy.

President opposes rise of farm parity from 75 to 100 per cent.

Hong Kong's defenses now ready for war in the Pacific.

Roosevelt popularity is at all-time high, survey finds.

OPM plans strict rationing of aluminum for civilian use.

The Children's Corner...

The Problem By
NETTIE W. CARRIGAN
For Crusader Press

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Carrigan is assistant librarian at the Carnegie Negro Library, Greensboro. Long ago Mrs. Carrigan saw the need for better poems and better plays for children and the fruits of her efforts to remedy the situation is shown in her Rhymes and Jingles For Children's Hour (Christopher Publishing Company, Boston 1940). She is a graduate of Bennett College.

I wonder what it costs
Little Jackie Frost
To keep his chilly sting the sun
mer through;
So that the scorching sun
Can't even find a one
To melt away the coldness, don't
you?

I'm sure the sun's bright rays
On our long summer days
Could kill Jack Frost, and bury
him so deep
That in the early fall,
He would never hear the call
To come and sting our hands, or
bite our feet.

Well it appears to me
I'll have to let things be;
I can not learn the secret of
Jack Frost.

I do not wish him harm;
I simply am not warm—
My shoes are worn, and my
gloves are lost.

—Nettie W. Carrigan, 1940

More Truth Than Poetry

Mary had a little cold, but wouldn't stay at home, And everywhere that Mary went, the cold was sure to follow.

It wandered into Molly's eyes and filled them full of tears. It jumped from there to Bobby's nose, and thence to Jimmie's ears.

It painted Anna's throat bright red, and swelled poor Jennie's head.

Cora had a fever, and a cough put Jack to bed, The moral of this little tale is very quickly said.

She could have saved a lot of pain with just one day in bed.

A Prayer

PRAY THROUGH!
I was standing at a bank counter waiting for a clerk to come and I picked up a pen and began to print on a blotter in large letters TWO WORDS, which had gripped me like a vice PRAY THROUGH, I kept talking to a friend and printing until I had a big blotter filled from top to bottom.

I transacted my business and went away. Next day my friend came to see me and said he had a striking story to tell me:

"A business man went into the bank soon after you had gone. He was discouraged because of business affairs. As he started to transact his business with the same clerk, over that blotter on which you had written his eyes caught the long column of words: Pray Through—who wrote that? he asked, and upon being told, exclaimed: 'that is the very message I need, I WILL PRAY THROUGH, I have tried to worry through in my own strength and have only mentioned my troubles to GOD; NOW I am going to PRAY the situation through until I get relief.'"

The trouble with most editors, including the writer, is that writings runs faster than thinking.

The gossip of small towns is just about the same as that in large cities, but is more unanimous.

The achievements that adorn human progress have not been the rewards of those who refuse to plan.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

MOVING TO MEET U.S. DEFENSE NEEDS
THE STEEL INDUSTRY PLANS TO SPEND MORE THAN \$22,000,000 FOR PLANT EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT IN 1941

HELPING HAND
IN A SEARCH FOR LEADERS FOR MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE CORPORATIONS WILL SPEND MORE THAN \$2,000,000 THIS YEAR TO ONE YOUNG MAN A "BOOST"

A CHEMICAL COMPANY IS NOW USING AN "ELECTRON MICROSCOPE" INDIVIDUALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT CAN MAGNIFY 100,000 TIMES, AND WILL HELP IN DISCOVERING NEW AND BETTER MATERIALS IN MANY FIELDS.

PORTLAND, OREGON, WAS NAMED ON THE TOPS OF A COIN—THE "FOUNDER'S" "TOSSED" TO SEE WHETHER THE NAME WOULD BE PORTLAND OR BOSTON.