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Looking Around Harlem

BY DON DELEIGHBUR

NEW YORK — Harlem has for years been trying to catch up with Chicago on one score — the election of a Negro to the U. S. Congress. Chicago's Oscar DePriest, its Arthur W. Mitchell, and now its William L. Dawson have constituted an example of irritation to the Negro Capital of the World which so far has been unable to get to first base in sending a representative from Harlem to Washington.

Harlem tried it once with Hubert T. Delaney, now a judge; it tried it again with the Rev. Lorenzo King. It proposes now to see what can be done from a field of choice including Dr. Channing H. Tobias, the National YMCA bigwig; A. Philip Randolph, organizer of the March on Washington Movement and president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church.

on Washington rally Randolph and Company, staged at Madison Square Garden. At that time, the councilman apparently was not aware of the fact that his membership in the City Council eliminated him automatically from entering the lists for another political office so long as he held the council spot. Nothing came to the Powell program for congress.

Harlem hasn't said what it plans to do about any of the three persons whose names have been bandied about as having congressional aspirations. Powell has been laying his own ground work for over a year with a regular mass meeting on Sunday nights at the Golden Gate Ballroom where his oratory has attracted huge crowds. These meetings have been held, as one of the boys pointed out "on any excuse and at the drop of a hat, Adam dropping the hat, himself, incidentally.

al other district in congressional district from which it would send a Negro to congress, the fact remains that the right kind of political pressure, plus intelligent use of the ballot by the electorate upon instructions from qualified leadership would turn the trick.

Some political seers believe that if Harlem once elected its own congressman, another would soon come from the heavily populated Negro district in Virginia, one would be elected from Detroit's Harlem, and another might possibly be chosen from St. Louis which would thus enable the Negro to establish his own congressional bloc in Washington and one based on race as well as political affiliations.

Detroit has tried for weeks to name a Negro to congress, many thought that behind the decision of Arthur W. Mitchell of Chicago not to run for reelection was the fact that he wanted to become the first Negro since reconstruction to be elected from Virginia where he has bought extensive property and where he plans the life of a country squire in his old days.

One thing, the political pot is brewing up a nice mess of something in Harlem today. It might brew up Harlem's first congressman. Who knows?

Police brutality, the high cost of living, daily press smearing of Harlem, freedom of India, etc., have all been the legitimate excuses for a mass meeting by Dr. Powell. He has just recently returned from a long trip and some believe he was sounding out the attitude of the nation as to his possibility of being in congress before actually entering the lists at home.

While Harlem has five Negro judges, and many other significant positions held by members of the race, it has never attained the unity of political action nor availed itself of the strategical maneuvers its population allows it to press home emphatically the fact that it will not tolerate a situation in which it is not allowed to pick its own representative for congress.

While it is true that Harlem



"EQUAL PROTECTION FOR ALL"

RUTH TAYLOR SAYS

THINK RIGHT

BY RUTH TAYLOR

Before anything can be done, it must be thought. There is nothing that is happening in the world today that did not have its birth in the mind of some man.

Herein lies the hope of the world. What man has made, man can master. What man has done, man can undo. War, hatred and oppression are man made and they can be destroyed by man!

Only the good is divine and eternal. Now when we are in the midst of a long and devastating war, we must, more than ever, think right. Only those who have disciplined their own minds can achieve the freedom that lies in loving recognition of the good in their fellow

men and in a hatred of all evil action or cruelty to anyone — no matter of what race, creed, class or color.

We are most lucid in our darkest moments. Let us clearly face the fact that what has come upon us was of our creating. Liberty was weakened long before the dictators began their deadly attacks upon the sanctity of human kind. It was our own selfish thought that sapped the strength of our democratic way of life. We must wipe a selfish concept of personal, national and international problems from our minds if we are to retain the freedom which is so vital to all of us. We must acknowledge as the right of others the same freedoms we claim for our

selves.

We will have to think courage, to be brave; fidelity, to serve loyally; sympathy, to be kind; patience, to persevere against odds. We will have to give up some of our rights and take on more duties to achieve the desired end to victory over the forces of darkness. We can attain peace and prosperity based upon a sound economic basis, only if we think things through.

To do this we must think VICTORY WITH HONOR AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. "Your mind is a sacred enclosure which nothing can enter except by your permission." Arnold Bennett wrote. Think right — and the end will be right!



THE SINS OF OUR BRETHREN

Sanford Negroes Held For Theft Of Rifles

Sanford, May 8.—(Special)—In Lee County Court this week four young white boys were arraigned before Judge S. Ray Myerly charged with the theft of two rifles and two watches from the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Davenport in Sanford, Easter Sunday morning while the family was at church services.

Three of the youths, all of whom ranged around 15 years of age, waived preliminary hearing. They are Robert Goins, James Masterson, and Hillman Allen who were ordered held under \$500 bond for their appearance at the next term of Superior Court. Goins and Allen are out on bond, but Masterson is still in jail in default of bond.

Malcolm Seymore, the fourth member of the group was turned over to the Jackson Training School, officers as he was on parole from that institution.

Also facing Judge Myerly were three young girls, Alice Kelly, Dorothy and Ruby Richardson, who were caught with the youths at the time. They were charged with aiding and abetting in larceny. They were bound over to the juvenile court for a hearing.

It is not often that we take up our pen to criticize the editorial policy of a journalistic contemporary, because we are acquainted to some extent with the intricate problems of both these duties and are fully aware that the most careful newspaper man from the publisher on down to the printer's devil occasionally misses the bus in the often hurried performance of his duty.

The above clipping, taken from one of our local daily newspapers, under ordinary circumstances, might be interpreted as an error of the hand and not of the heart, were it not for the fact that it is typical of the facists propaganda methods always used to stigmatize the Negro as low and immoral. It is the age-old method of associating the Negro with theft, rape and other crimes of a baser nature. The deed is so foul that even the basest Negro hater must become sickened at its putrid odor. It does not border on yellow journalism, it is the very thing itself.

The CAROLINA TIMES has never condoned crimes committed by Negroes, or any other group, and our record will show that we have always condemned with all our power acts of a vile nature committed by members of the race, as well as those committed by others. It was only last year that this newspaper spent considerable time, energy and money in waging a war against crime among Negroes in this city.

Since that dark and miserable day on the hill of Golgotha when a group of bloodthirsty mobbists seized a Negro and forced him to carry the cross of the lowly Nazarine, the Nordic races of the world have shouldered the darker races with their sins.

Nordic rapist, thieves, murderers and other criminals have been known to blacken their faces in an attempt to thrust upon the shoulders of black men their fiendish acts. Negro servants and underprivileged elements of Negroes have often been hounded incessantly by their white employers into committing murder and other revolting crimes, with the hope that the white instigator, might escape the responsibility of the vile act, should the law overtake him—remember the Hince case.

We think Negroes have enough of their own crimes and criminals to account for, and any attempt to hold them responsible for the crimes of others is unfair and unchristian.

LIGHT & TOUGH

North Carolina has the largest supply of olive known — mostly in deposits near the surface, from which enough magnesium metal could be produced to supply 1,000,000,000 pounds a year for 500 years. How much more is needed?

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Handcock

A few weeks ago this column in an article entitled "Lean Tomorrows" dared warn war prosperous Negroes that this good time has not come to stay; that they had better dig while digging is good. In a later article we warned that the Negro who simply makes good is going to be cast aside once the war is over; and only the Negro who "makes better" is going to stand the storms of competition that will sweep the labor decks of this country.

Of course these warnings were prompted by common sense to people of common sense, in an effort to stave off financial disaster that is stalking even now in the shadows of a national emergency. Negroes are splurging now in a big way. Of course it is to be expected that those who have been impoverished so long will enjoy the elusive delights of an evanescent prosperity; but it is not beside the point to warn them that lean years are ahead.

There are many well intentioned people who will take the warning and flee the economic wrath to come. Others will be lost and consigned to outer economic darkness where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth. Our press and our pulpit and schools could render no greater service than that of keeping the Negro race warned of the impending financial troubles ahead. Many of us remember what happened at the close of World War I, and we rightly fear what may take place at the conclusion of World War II.

panic" — when the 20,000,000 war workers must change jobs; and when 10,000,000 soldiers return we shall have something like 30,000,000 persons looking for jobs. It is not going to hurt Negroes to remember now that the "Negro last to be hired and first to be fired" attitude is not going to be totally outmoded during the current emergency, however much we might wish it so.

Babson speaks in common sense terms and not after some economic theorizings. A fool though wayfaring man ought to be able to see his point namely, that 30,000,000 persons will be seeking jobs in the post war period and we unto that Negro who drinks and sports away the last penny and still greater woes to those who carry to their present good jobs should remember that not only must he get busy but he must see to it that the way is kept open; for there is behind him a long line of Negroes who also must get by.

We have different kinds of days and weeks which we observe in church and school such as Negro History week, NAACP week, Negro Press week and Negro Insurance week, etc.; we need through here a "Negro Clinch Your Job Week." Of course I have been to school some and have read some books; but this warning is prompted by common sense and not learning. Sometime I think that learning gets in the way of the statement of the case; so I am appealing in the name of common sense that Negroes be warned of the difficult days ahead.

The story goes that there very learned men betook themselves on a fishing spree to find surcease from their complicated cogitations with the concomitant vexations of

mind. They took a boat and put out for a day of untroubled fishing bliss. They sailed down a winding river into the bay where they as usual caught to between the lines galley two no fight but revelled in the joys of noble contemplation born of intellectual communion. The boat sprung a leak and water was spurting through in far too copious quantities. A bucket was near at hand and with it the water could easily have been bailed out.

Instead of using the bucket they decided to hold a "consultation" on what was best to do in the promise, for such learned men could never think of the simple expedient of bailing water out of a leaking boat. After much "deliberation," it was decided that the situation could be relieved by boring a hole in the bottom of the boat so the water could run out. They bored the hole and more water gushed in, to their great surprise. With the boat fast sinking they held another consultation and finally decided to bore two more holes beside the first so that the water could run out faster than it would run in.

They bored two additional holes. Some ditch diggers near by had to rescue them.

Let's use common sense! Let's save some of this easy war time money!

"Save your money. Buy bonds. Buy your home; pay for it. Put money in the bank. Educate your children. Read books; go to church. Live on high levels. Eschew gambling, liquor and vice. Think American. Act American. This is your country. Love it. Honor it. Serve it. Aspire to all that is best in America and teach your children that this is their country; they have no other."

PLAIN TALK

BY ELMER A. CARTEE

No less a person than Henry Wallace, Vice President of the United States has asserted that the United Nations must undertake the re-education of Germany after the war so that never again will that country disturb the peace of the world.

This is a highly interesting proposal to say the least. It presupposes that the United States of America and the British Empire will perhaps supply teachers or establish the curricula for the schools and colleges of Germany and Japan.

There will be difficulties of language of course but they can be overcome. But there are other difficulties which might prove embarrassing say for instance when the American or English professor opens his seminar we will say in Berlin or Tokyo and begins to inculcate the great principles of democracy into the minds of the misguided young Aryans of Germany or the stubborn little Mongolians of Japan.

We can imagine the following scene in a classroom:

American Professor: "The idea of a superior race is wrong. Jefferson, the author of the American Declaration of Independence pronounced the only true principle of human relationship. "All men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Student: "Does this include the Hindus and the Negroes too?"

Professor: "This includes every human

being on the face of the earth"

Student: "Is this the policy that the great democracies follow?"

Professor: "Err, Yes. This is the principle which guides them and which must guide you in the future."

Student: "I once read a book by an American called 'The Rising Tide of Color' and if I recall correctly the author advocated the suppression of the aspiration of the colored peoples in India and Africa, even in Japan, as defense for the preservation of white civilization."

Professor: "Thank-you sir."

Student: "Do the Negroes in America have these rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

Professor: "In the main—er—a-yes. Of course there are some maladjustments which still exist but er-a"

Student: "(continuing)"

Professor: "There are some people of the less advanced groups of humanity who are not yet ready for complete equality. But then they will receive it."

Student: "How will they know when they are ready?"

Professor: "We will tell them."

Student: "What does the word 'lynching' mean Professor?"

Professor: "Lynching - er - ahem - means taking a person's life without due process of law by the action of a mob."

Student: "Do they still have lynchings in America?"

Professor: "That is not the subject of today's discussion. We are dealing with principles."

Student: "Is the Negro really equal to the white man?"

Professor: "In a way - er - a - physically I would say there is little difference - but intellectually I believe mental tests and history will show that the Negro is an inferior race."

Student: "(cautiously)"

Then you believe in racial superiority -

Student: "Has the Negro really contributed anything to civilization?"

Professor: "In America quite a few Negroes have distinguished themselves in various fields of endeavor, because of our democratic way of life."

Student: "Are they not mulattos for the most part - mixed bloods?"

Professor: "I would say on the whole, I believe they are."

Student: "Would you advise then further mixture of the races?"

Professor: "The class is dismissed. Tomorrow's discussion will be Freedom of the Press."