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The Hour Will Come

As straws show the direction in which the wind is blowing so doth the editorials which appeared in the "Times Dispatch" of Richmond, Va., on November 13, calling for abolishment of the segregation law in the south, show the approaching doom of this unfair and humiliating practice. In referring to the segregation law the Richmond paper had the following to say.

The laws result in closer, interracial contact than would otherwise be the case because where as white and colored passengers usually sit in separate seats, the invariably crowded condition in the aisles of street cars and buses at rush hours throws the races together as never before. Colored passengers who get on crowded cars or buses have to push their way to the rear through a dense mass of white people, and in the case of one-man cars they must force their way back to the front again. It would be preferable if the Negroes were allowed to stand or sit in the car or bus wherever they could find room, thus avoiding the push through the packed aisles.

Those are strong words to come from a southern newspaper concerning a custom that the south has cherished for so many years, but the wisdom contained in them cannot be successfully contradicted by even the most learned student of social problems.

The segregation law, like all other laws of discrimination, is basically wrong and wrong laws like wrong people cannot continue to endure without causing trouble. However desirable they both may appear to be at the time, the hour will come when that part in man which is akin to the Divine will revolt against them continuing wrong.

The reason given by the Times Dispatch is that, undue crowded conditions, defeat the very purpose for which it was enacted—that is the separation of the races. Underneath this reason is one more fundamental and that we think is the revolt in the conscience of thinking white people who are beginning to realize the unfair principles which sustain a law of this kind, and the foolishness of trying to keep the races separated when riding on public carriers when they are getting together on more intimate terms on private carriers and in other ways.

Experts On The Sales Tax

Secretary Morgenthau and Randolph Paul, the latter a tax expert, have thrown a monkey wrench into the machinery of those who want Congress to enact a federal sales tax law. Last Monday these two well informed gentlemen on taxes, income and finance, told the Senate finance committee that federal sales tax is "completely lacking in any relation to ability to pay."

Mr. Morgenthau stated further that the "imposition if a substantial sales tax almost surely would be the signal for widespread demands for higher wages and farm prices which, if allowed, would result in large additional costs to government and increase in the cost of living over and beyond the amount of the tax."

Several weeks ago the Carolina Times emphatically opposed certain Negro pseudo tax experts in these parts because we felt that the sales tax is too intricate a matter to be fully understood by other than those who have had experience and training in that particular field. We are happy to know that our stand on such an important matter was justified and is concurred in by the treasurer of the United States.

Christmas Eve Is Major Date For Music Lovers

CHRISTMAS EVE is one of the most important dates in the history of music. Compositions which have endured through the years have had their premiere on Christmas Eve, and fond and sad memories of bygone days are evoked by recollections of great events in music which occurred on that date.

It was on Christmas Eve that Verdi's "Aida" was presented for the first time, George Marek writes in the December issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. "This was the opera written to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal," he says. "The Khedive of Egypt with the veiled ladies of the harem and half the diplomatic corps of the world attended the first performance."

Parsifal, the great Lenten opera, was first presented outside Bayreuth on a Christmas Eve, he states. "This was the second of two

Over-reaching Is Harmful Effect Of Group Thinking

BY RUTH TAYLOR

ONE OF THE most harmful effects of group thinking is its tendency to create over bearing ambitions within the group itself. That is, the group may start with a good idea, a worthwhile fight for a deserved right, but once this is attained, its members are not content. They have tasted the wine of the power of team work, and they over-reach themselves to go out after privileges. Then, in their search for power, they too often, in turn trample on the rights of others.

Again and again in history has this happened, from the Rule of the Ten in Rome in the year 367 B. C. - and even before - up to the present time. There is nothing so insidious as the intolerance of those who have fought their way to power. They are so concentrated on their own struggle that they have been prone to overlook the fact that other people have to live too.

Up to now one of the great advantages of our republic has been that it was never static long enough for any group to keep control too long. The country was too big, too varied in its resources, to be anything but fluid. Founded upon religious freedom, religious autoeracy has never been allowed a foothold. Not erected upon a class structure, it has not divided into classes - for in each generation men have found their own level as individuals, not as a group or groups. The classic phrase is "three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves."

Lately, however, there has been an increasing tendency to separate into groups, or cliques, governed by ideas. This trend is definitely dangerous - for any group which claims unique revelations or political preferment is a divisive influence aiming at physical, economic or mental domination over others. It is the breeder of dissension and intolerance among our people.

When Americans put the interests of their own group before the interest of America as a whole, they are setting up in our country the breeding grounds for disputes, the like of which have laid waste Europe for centuries. Whether those interests be special concessions for industry or special privileges for labor; whether they be special consideration for any religious group or special favors for any minority, they still spell over reach. There is no group whose record is guiltless in this respect.

Justice for all, equal in its application, should be our aim as Americans. Before we make a demand, we should figure out if we are asking for a favor or a right - and if we are willing that the same right or favor be granted to everyone. The primary fallacy in logic is arguing from the individual to the group.

We are a government of the people, by the people and for the people. But we can fulfill our destiny as a nation only as the individual citizens, acting not as groups, but as Americans, work for the good of all the people - for all America.

CME Conference

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remarks from Bishop Russell. St. Matthew CME Church is pastored by Rev. J. A. Davis, one of Durham's most energetic ministers, who has served three years as its pastor. Under his leadership, St. Matthew has developed into one of the leading churches of Durham with a membership of approximately 400. This year a \$10,000 pipe organ was installed and the building renovated from top to bottom. The organ and the renovation were paid for in cash. There is no indebtedness against the church.

St. Matthew is a member of the Winston Salem District of the North Carolina Conference. Rev. W. L. Lyles is presiding elder of the district, and is well-known for his untiring efforts and thoroughness of work.

Other presiding elders of the North Carolina Conference are: Rev. J. W. Roberts, the oldest and one of the most beloved ministers in the connection, who is presiding elder of the Asheville District. Rev. H. C. Walker presiding elder of the Charlotte District. Rev. R. L. Fullwood, presiding elder of the Washington District and Rev. H. P. Rogers, presiding elder of the Rocky Mount District.

In connection with the conference, the annual session of the Women's Missionary Society will also be held with Mrs. C. L. Russell, wife of the bishop and supervisor, of the work in the Eighth Episcopal District presiding. Mrs. J. A. Davis, wife of the pastor of St. Matthew is supervisor of the work in the North Carolina Conference.

The remainder of the session will be taken by reports from the various pastors of the Conference and other routine business with the appointments to be read at the Sunday evening service which will begin at 7:30.

Urban League

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together with Julius A. Thomas, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, and other National and local Urban League Secretaries, will meet at Washington to confer with Mr. Green and such Federation officials as he might select.

In making this announcement, the National Urban League points out that while the Urban League is not a labor organization in any sense of the word, it recognizes that the long-time security of Negro workers depends largely upon their membership and activity in the ranks of organized labor. Thus, an important part of the League's program is devoted to workers' education in cooperation with both the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labor.

At its recent Annual Conference held in Chicago, spokesmen for both organized bodies took a prominent part in the public meetings and discussions. Joseph Keenan represented the AF of L at the closed mass meeting, while James Carey, Monroe Sweetland, George Weaver, Walter Hardin, Willard Townsend, and Ferdinand Smith spoke for the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Weds Foreign Girl

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dan, was maid of honor.

Like all weddings there was, of course, the reception afterwards with champagne and refreshments galore. It took the groom almost a year to snag through military red tape in order to get the necessary permission to wed. During the course of time, ration coupons were collected from every direction so the intended Madam could have the required cover charge for enough material to have a real guine "peace time" wedding gown.

Francis Bacon wrote once, "If a man be gracious and considerate, it shows that he is a citizen of the world, and that his heart is no island, cut off from other lands, but part of a vast continent."

America has stood for friendship to the downtrodden peoples of the world ever since its founding. Never must we lose sight of this great part of our destiny. As we, or our ancestors, received an opportunity in America, so must we, as Americans, express our gratitude by giving an opportunity to those who need it, wherever they may live.

Not in the spirit of charity, but in the spirit of brotherhoods and fair play, must we see to it that others have access to the same things we want for ourselves - freedom of speech and religion, freedom from want and fear - irrespective of their color, class or creed.

We can best do this by setting our house in order, by eliminating group generalizations, discriminations, unfair prejudices and old hatreds - in short, by proving to the world that democracy can work in one nation composed of heterogeneous elements, and that therefore, if a since attempt be made to apply its code of justice and freedom for all men, it can succeed in a whole world.

We are demonstrating it in this hemisphere, where education in knowing one another, where a concerted attempt to be good neighbors, has eradicated old prejudices, and is guiding a permanent friendship. We can demonstrate it throughout the world - if we can teach men to understand each other, not distrust each other.

We are learning to work together during the war - men of many nations and many faiths. Let us use this opportunity to learn to understand each other, so that when the guns are stilled, we may with our neighbors' help build the firm foundations of a world in which all men are brothers.

Half A Million Children Of Army Men To Get Care

CAMP BUTNER - There's a yuletide message going out to fathers in the army - a message guaranteed to warm the hearts of the soldier-fathers wherever they are serving their country, declared Captain C. H. Banzhaf director of military personnel here at Camp Butner.

For over a half million children of army men will be better cared for this Christmas than ever before since daddy has been in the army - thanks to Congress and to the extraordinary efforts of the War Department Office of Dependents Benefits under the direction of Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, U. S. A.

Congress recently amended the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 to increase the amounts to sent to army wives with children and to certain other dependents. The ODB, an activity of the Army Service Forces, was charged with the huge task of converting the family allowances accounts from the old to the new amounts.

Whether or not it was to be a white Christmas, General Gilbert decided that it was to be a secure one. He galvanized his great war agency into 24-hours-a-day action. In only 15 working days, 454,738 accounts had been converted, and checks in the new amounts will be mailed early in December. These were virtually all the ODB accounts set up for army wives with children only. Accounts involving other dependents are now being converted.

Family allowances for Class B-1 dependents, which included parents, brothers, and sisters who rely on the soldier for their chief support, and for Class B dependents, who are parents, brothers and sisters who rely on the soldier for



PERSONALS...

BY MRS. IDA L. McNEILL

The Usher Board of Evans Metropolitan Church presented the church with venetian blinds for the door of the main auditorium.

The Usher Board of the St. Luke AME Church met at the home of Mrs. Shipman on Chatham St. The usual business was discussed with the President presiding. After which delicious refreshments were served.

William Earl Paige has been inducted into the armed service. He is stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland.

Miss Vivian Washington spent Thanksgiving in New York City.

Pvt. Willie Chester McNeill has been called to the army. He is stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

James David McNeill, S. S. spent his furlough at home on College Heights visiting his father and other relatives. He is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill. with the Navy.

Albert Lamb Stiles of U. S. N. T. S. Bainbridge Maryland, was the recent guest of his wife Mrs. Carrie G. Brown Lamb at their home on 9 Hasletie Loop Washington Square. Mr. Lamb began his basic training September 9th. Before being inducted into the Navy he was a Civil Service worker at Hospital Number 2, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Sgt. John D. McNeill who is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky is in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. Jennie McNeill of College Heights.

10 PER CENT EVERY PAY DAY IN WAR BONDS

their chief support, and for divorced wives to whom alimony is payable are also being reviewed and converted. These require special judgement and therefore take longer to process.

"I wish to commend the ODB employees, General Gilbert said. Many of them worked many extra hours to accomplish this job of converting active Class A family allowances accounts. I am sure they will feel a sense of satisfaction in knowing that their efforts will mean a Merrier Christmas in thousands of soldiers' homes this year.

U. S. Army Feeds Soldiers On Little Over 4c Pound

CAMP BUTNER - It costs the United States Army an average of a little over four cents a pound to feed soldiers at Camp Butner rich G. I. bread baked by service men at the post bakery, according to a report just issued by Major William Van Arman, food supervisor.

The report, covering the operation of the Camp Butner bakery, shows that over 144 tons of flour are used in an average month's operation.

The bakery here is one of the Quartermaster bakeries constructed at the various training camps in the southeast to insure that the soldiers in training have sufficient bread without putting too great a load on the commercial bakeries serving civilians. The enlisted men in charge of each plant are graduates of the Bakers and Cook Schools established at certain posts to train bakers and cooks for the army. Students attending these schools are from military personnel and each must be recommended by his commanding officer before entering the schools. Some are taken from the post as apprentice bakers.

The report for the month shows that the Camp Butner bakery used 259,900 pounds of flour and produced 406,027

"You Can't Take It With You" Some Fun

DURHAM - The North Carolina College Players, directed by Miss Val Dora Turner, inaugurated the college's play season here last Friday night with the Hart and Kaufman comedy sensation, "You Can't Take It With You."

Presented in the college's B. N. Duke Auditorium with an all-student cast, the play was enthusiastically received. Success of the entire cast in convincing ly interpreting the former stage and screen success was demonstrated repeatedly in the handling of difficult, laugh-provoking lines.

Individual acting honors went to Miss Harriette Amey, Durham senior, who portrayed Penelope Sycamore.

Stellar individual performances were also given by Floye Brown, Gary, Indiana, as Donald; Thelma McDaniel, Rock Hill, S. C., as Gay Wellington; Woods Morgan, Charlotte, as Boris Kolenkoff; Carter Smith and Ruth Spaulding, Durham, as the young lovers and John Gilchrist, also of Durham, as Martin Vanderhof were impressive.

pounds of bread, or 140 pounds of bread for every 100 pounds of flour used, at a cost of four and three tenths cents per pound of bread produced. Army bread is baked in two pound loaves while the ordinary commercial loaf weighs about a pound.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD DO TODAY -



One day we will awake to look upon a brighter world. This war will be safely tucked away in history books and the kids who wrote it will be home again looking for a fresh start—a job! Today you owe it to yourself to invest your war-worker income wisely — to salvage and perpetuate employment opportunities in the post-war job competition for your children.

Now is a good time to talk with your local North Carolina Mutual underwriter.

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