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CHRISTMAS IN NAME ONLY

Today is Christmas in name only. The spirit of the occasion has been blasted from the face of the earth by men drunk with might and pover, by men who after nearly two thousand years of hearing the doctrine of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill" preached, are still trying to defy Him who was its author. Thus instead of the true Christmas spirit men are bleeding and dying, women and children are being murdered and the tramp of marching armies are heard throughout the world.

Here in America hundreds of thousands of churches have been erected on practically every hillside and in every valley, with their spires pointing upward while mankind continues to look downward where hatred, revenge, deceit, envy, malice and what-not abound. For nearly two thousand years the songs of Zion have been sung, the prayers of the saints have been uttered and the gospel has been preached to men with no avail.

Here in our own country factories, mines, railroads and all known devices are being used to manufacture more engines of destruction with the hope that puny men may be able to establish a permanent peace with the sword. The futility of it all, when closely studied, stamps man lower than the most ravenous beast, in this conquest of blood.

So we shall sing our Christmas carols, our church bells will ring and music will be played in an attempt to drown the blasts of war guns and make ourselves believe that we actually are disciples of the doctrine of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward men."

We refuse to whistle in the dark, we refuse to indulge in the hypocrisy of our time and on this Christmas day dedicate these columns anew to fighting hatred, revenge, deceit, malice and the rest of the hellish traits of men, that the Babe of Bethlehem may be born again in the hearts of those who refuse to accept His doctrine which taught "As ye would that men do to you, do ye even so to them."

ABUSE OF POWER

The attempt of the principal of Hillside High School to coerce the members of his faculty into voting their approval which, he the principal, wrote endorsing the superintendent of the Durham City Schools, does not have the sanction of the thinking Negro citizens of this city. The move itself was uncalled for and carries with it the abuse of executive power, the final reaction of which will abound with damage to the cause of the principal as well as the superintendent.

The unfortunate predicament in which the superintendent of the city schools and the Board of Education find themselves today was brought about solely by the asinine methods of them both, and not by any action on the part of Negro teachers, citizens or pupils attending the city schools. We see no reason why either of them should be dragged into a conglomerated mess that concerns neither of them. The whole affair is by act and deed one of the opposite group and should be allowed to remain within the confines of that group.

Durham is no place for Negro stool-pigeons and any man who practices that pernicious art within the borders of this city or county is certain to reap the grave consequences. The principal of Hillside High School has moved once too often in the wrong direction, and so far as intelligent Negroes of this city are concerned, his usefulness in these parts has reach its bitter end. We think the principal of Hillside High School should resign.

There was a time when a Negro holding such a position had only his white constituency to satisfy to hold his job, regardless of his attitude toward the community or his malfeasance in office. Times have changed and with it have come about changes in the attitude of Negro patrons of schools and citizens in general. A person holding a position that carries with it the responsibility of shaping the destiny of Negro youths should of necessity look to his Negro constituency, as well, for assistance and advice on how to deal with certain problems that are sure to arise within his school from time to time.

The coercion used on the Negro pupils of Hillside High School by the school board and the principal in forcing them to sign the pledge cards that did not concern them, was a wound that might have healed with the passing of time. This last and foolish act of the principal, perpetrated against his faculty and which he insisted that they not divulge, had no stamp of approval of that faculty, as was evidenced by the feadiness with which they promiscuously told it to those they thought might bring an end to the Hitleristic methods under which they have been forced to work at the school.

We think the time has come when Negro parents and citizens of Durham ought to take a hand into the affairs of Hillside High School. We think the Parent-Teachers Association of the school now has a fine opportunity to render a service to pupils of the school and the community that will be constructive. This ought to be done now while conditions are not exactly to the point where the general program of the school will have to be damaged to clean it up.

BETWEEN THE LINES

THE HIGH COST OF RACISM

Little by little censors are letting pass adverse items of news from the far flung battle fronts. At first our losses and difficulties were minimized but more and more within recent weeks the tone of the war dispatches has been serious. The slow advance in Italy and the murderous opposition in the Pacific are beginning to force upon us the grim realization that we are face with a war unto death. Our ranking war officials are warning against over-optimism. The soldiers who are returning wounded from the battle fronts say it is a sordid and bloody business - this business of subduing Germans and Japanese. In recent news accounts it was said that not only were the Japanese doggedly defending their positions in the Pacific but that they were in many instances doing it "Brilliantly."

This 's a good sign. When our people realize that in the Japanese they have an enemy worthy of their steel, then they will be prepared for ultimate victory, but not one minute before. Already too serious attempts have been made to belittle the Japs instead of fighting them with respect for their military prowess. "Superior fellyings" are strictly limited when Japanese are our foemen. Without casualty lists rapidly mounting and with the stream of returning wounded rising in our hospitals and with our whole economy burdened with war activities, we could well sit down and count the cost of this whole terrible things we are doing. With the most powerful nations all bent under the load of war and with the flower of our youth training for mortal combat, we had better sit down and count the cost. With great advantage could we ponder on the way of it all.

There may be some minor reasons for the hell of war that has broken upon mankind, but there is one major reason that is the racism of Hitler. We may call it by another name, but in the last analysis our war is the first world war of racism. World War I was a war of imperialism; World War II is the first world war of racism. The notion of race superiority is the fundamental notion of Hitler and far too many others.

The notion of race superiority was not born with Hitler. It has been flying around and lying around these many years since the times of Gobineau and Chamberlain or even from the times ofewish ascendancy in Palestine. The very notion has been a dreadful affliction to mankind. Under the Jews the notion prevailed in its most innocuous forms; while under Hitler it reached its most pernicious and iniquitous form and manifestation. Under Hitler racism because not a philosophy but a racket! Hitler will go down in history as the greatest racketeer of racism the world has ever known. But there are little Hitlers in every land and while they are not as powerful they are just as iniquitous and just as dangerous to the good of mankind.

What about this World War of racism? It is very extensive. It is safe to say that hereafter even as at present, all wars will be world wars. There is no nation safe from the hazards and handicaps and discomforts of war. Even the little islands of the no less than the mighty nations must break their backs, while their hearts also break, beneath the heavy burdens war is laying upon the hapless sons of men. Even if we longed as did the scared writer for "wings of a dove to fly away and be at rest," where would we fly to escape the rigors and wrecks of war?

This war is Hitler's war of racism and the united nations are defending themselves against Hitlerism. The defense is the nature of things has to be extensive. This war is extremely intensive. Just as all future wars are going to be world wars so all future wars are going to be all-out wars. Today

we are fighting an all-out war and one of the great difficulties is getting the people to realize that it is an all-out war.

We are fighting with all of us and with everything; and anything less than this is giving comfort to the enemy. From the breast-banded soldiers dying at the front to the undernourished child in his cradle we all are engaged in the fight. It is intensive.

But most serious of all is this war is expensive. Sweat, tears, blood! Billions of treasure and death and suffering untold and heartaches and crushed hopes - these are the price of race war number one of Hitler's making. It is well for us to know that the racism at our doors is just had as that which set Europe on fire which has spread to the uttermost parts of the earth! THE HIGH COST OF RACISM.

PLAIN TALK...

BY ELMER A. CARTER

In the most powerful statement ever issued by that body, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, called upon the millions comprising its membership to bridge the chasms of racial isolation and segregation. Such a statement is a fitting prelude to the observance of Brotherhood Month which is the month of February.

As one looks at the history of the Negro in America, he is struck by the tragic failure of the Negro to follow up his gains. In a thousand instances one can see that it was the Negro himself who quit the fight, compromised the issue, abandoned his principles, just as he was on the verge of winning.

We, particularly those of us who live in the North, should guard ourselves and our communities against surrender to forces of Jim Crow at this time. There will be efforts, as there have always been, to put over Jim Crow schools, Jim Crow hospitals, the Jim Crow institutions of various kinds under misleading names and titles. But if the Negro citizen is so stupid as to accept them, where he doesn't have to accept them by law, then he is unworthy of the full stature of citizenship.

Just now we are marching to victory. We have in our corner the best minds, the best people and some of the most powerful groups in America.

We have Phillip Murray of the CIO. We have Pearl S. Buck and Lillian Smith and Clare Luce and Eleanor Roosevelt, and a host of others who respect the Negro and who are anxious that he secure his rights under the Constitution. Never before in the history of the Negro in America has he received such favorable publicity. In a full-page advertisement in all of the great American dailies, a fine portrait of the late George Carver was reproduced as an example of an outstanding American. Beverly Brass and Cooper likewise, in a full page ad in the most influential magazines, told the story of a colored employee. In last week's Life, a double spread two-page ad carried the lovely features of Lena Horne and the happy smile of Fats Waller. Magazines that formerly carried only stories of the Negro in an inferior role as a clown or faithful clod, are telling the story of the heroism of the Negro behind the guns of ships at sea or in the swamps of the Southwest Pacific.

We have a long way to go. But there are more colored men and women working side by side with the white men and women at semi-skilled and highly skilled occupations than ever before in history and they are getting along-joining unions together, playing together. There are Negro graduate engineers in deep research, as Jeff Davis with the Bell Aircraft in Buffalo. There are Negro chemists gazing into the fascinating world of the dan-

ing atoms and Negro physicists delving into the dark mysteries of electronics. In the great Sperry Gyroscope Corporation, Negro engineers are doing research where a few months ago a Negro couldn't wash the windows. And colored girls by the hundreds, fashion and delicate instruments of giant bombers and deadly sky fighters.

In the meantime, colleges hitherto closed to Negroes are opening their doors. Swarthmore is an example and the magnificent Catholic College for women, at New Rochelle, New York. A hundred youth organizations in schools and colleges are accepting the Negro and planning and working for his complete integration in to American life.

We are winning the fight. The road is long and hard but we are winning.

In New York qualified colored teachers are on the faculties of great universities, City College and New York University and Hunter. Colored men are motormen and guards and dispatchers on the subways as well as change-makers. It is not uncommon either to see them on the street cars as motormen and on the buses as chauffeurs.

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING

The annual shareholders' meeting of the Mutual Building and Loan Association will be held Tuesday, January 11, 1944, at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, 112 W. Parrish Street, Durham, North Carolina.

All shareholders are urged to be present.

R. L. McDougald,
Secretary.



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Fogel's Military Store



Above the clangor of the midnight bells one might hear the ringing of another Bell whose chimes mean "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." In your pursuit of happiness during 1944 we wish for you the fullest measure of attainment.

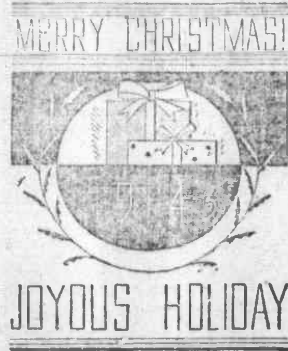
Eckerd's Drug Company



The top of the world to you, folks! And now listen! We're going to give you still better service in 1944. Think we can? We've got a record to beat, but just watch us. This is our New Year's pledge to old customers, to new and potential.

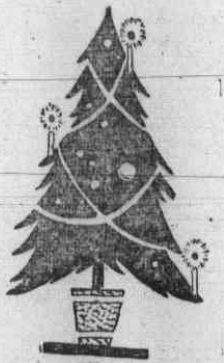
Service Tailoring Company

Smith's Fish Market



The future? Your guess is as good ours - but, if our wishes count for anything, there is a lot of health and happiness in store for you in 1944.

FIRST FED. LOAN ASS'N



WE WISH ALL OF OUR FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

MARILYN'S



To Give Our New Year Message Extra Force We're Backing It Up With A Soldier, Sailor And Marine. es, Here's Wishing You A Great Wonderful New Year.

ASIA CAFE

Nicknames

So closely identified are the following individuals with great movements in North Carolina that the nicknames given these men are of real significance.

Father of the Common Schools—Archibald D. Murphey, so-called because of the plan he presented to the Legislature in 1817 for the establishment of the state-supported schools. —Governor Robert B. Glenn, who in 1905-1909 led the campaign for state-wide prohibition.

The Pride of Cape Fear—Cornelius Harnett, leading patriot during the struggle for independence of the patriotic Cape Fear region.



May this Christmas Be One of Happiness and Contentment

Globe Jewelry Co.

A JOYOUS Christmas

In the true friendly spirit that dominates the entire world at this glad time, we extend our wishes for a delightful Yuletide Season and a successful New Year.

We sincerely hope that the pleasure we have had in serving you in the past has been mutual, and we wish to take this occasion to thank you for all past favors.



Palace Barber Shop