

MOB VIOLENCE KNOWS NO RACE, COLOR OR CREED

Mob violence of the most rabid Ku Klux Klan sort broke out in Louisiana last week when angry hunters threatened to kill any man who attempted to stop them from hunting in the North Louisiana parishes of Tensas and Madison. Said the warning which was written in the form of a letter to one of the wealthy oil and cattlemen of Shreveport:

"We are writing this letter as a warning to you so you will know what to expect if you don't let us hunt in Tensas and Madison Parish.

"We are taxpayers of this state and we are going to hunt the game we pay our money to be protected. We were not allowed to hunt in these two parishes the last few years due to your hunting clubs so we organized a club of our own. We have burned a few clubs and killed a few cows to give you a sample of our work.

If we don't get to hunt, we'll burn every club house and barn and kill every cow you have. And if any man tries to stop us we'll kill him and burn his home if we have to shoot him through his window or in his car."

Those are strong words coming from people living in a supposedly law abiding state and will probably be shocking to many leading white people of Louisiana to know that there are living within its borders men who will not hesitate to take the law into their own hands to destroy the property and lives of some of its most outstanding white citizens. Thus they now find that instead of the lives and property of Negroes and poor whites being in jeopardy of mob violence, no home, white or black is safe.

Since 1882 and up to 1951, the state of Louisiana has had

a total of 391 lynchings, 335 Negroes and 56 whites. The record will show that all of the whites lynched have been of the poorer element as is usually the case in most instances of the lynching of white persons in other states. As we have said time and again, mob violence strikes at the weakest and most unprotected point first, then at the next weakest and unprotected. Finally no home or life is safe from its attacks.

So, the wealthy Louisianians who once thought that lynchings were for the most part, things to be feared by Negroes, are now reaping the harvest of their failure to see that protection of the law was equally offered to all races, creeds and colors. The Louisiana state of affairs ought to be carefully studied by officials in other states where the law has a tendency to wink at mob violence so long as it is directed at Negroes.

GAMBLING WITH DESTINY

While American diplomats are fighting with their backs to the wall in an attempt to halt the further spread of communism in Southern Asia, southerners in the United States are fighting with their backs to the wall to halt the spread of democracy in our own country. One thing is certain, both victories cannot be had at one and the same time. For if the spread of democracy in that part of the nation known as the South is halted, there is no possible way to halt the spread of communism in Southern Asia. The victories are interdependent.

This brings us around to the point of saying that the government ought to take a definite stand against all kinds of discrimination in the United States. The policy of trying to appease the South by capitulating to the demands of southerners that the policy of segregation in public schools, federal housing projects, employment and other public institutions be

upheld, only provides more fuel for the burning flames of communism in parts of the world where this nation is attempting to sell democracy.

Right now our own country is reaping the harvest of its bitter stand against the people of China when for so long a time they were not allowed to become citizens in the United States. So disrespectful of the rights of the Chinese people has it been that white men of America and Britain, stationed or living in China, had reached the point where Chinese, charged with offenses against white persons, were even tried in courts composed entirely of white men.

Typical of American and British arrogance were signs posted in public parks of China that read "Chinese and dogs not allowed." So, when the hour of reckoning came and the Chinese people had the choice between democracy and communism they chose the latter, and China with its vast natural resources

and man power was lost to our cause.

Now, while this nation is debating whether or not to even admit Negroes to hospitals supported out of federal funds on a non-segregated basis, to allow them to occupy units on a non-segregated basis in federal housing projects and to enjoy other benefits to be derived from the expenditure of public funds, the Communists are continuing their steady march across Asia, gathering in country after country.

The time of the great decision is now at hand and America must decide whether or not it is going to continue to hold its fifteen million Negroes in economic, political and social bondage or loose them whereby it will be able to point to them as positive proof that under a democracy people of all races, creeds, and colors can live together in peace and on an equal basis. To delay the decision is to gamble with the destiny of civilization and the future of all mankind.

THE SOUTH NOT READY FOR ATOMIC WARFARE

The overwhelming voice vote which the Medical Society of North Carolina cast against admitting Negro physicians into membership shows conclusively that the South is not yet quite ready for an atomic and hydrogen bomb attack which may take place against this country if we become engaged in war against the Communists. The white doctors showed plainly that in event of such many of them would still be running around with "For white only" signs trying to nail them up on hospitals, infirmaries and other places administering to the sick, injured and dying.

The membership of the organization appears to be more concerned with racism than it

is with providing an opportunity for all doctors to meet together to study ways and means by which they can improve the health status of citizens of the state and nation. For some unknown reason the diseases which attack humanity are extremely democratic in their procedure. The king and pauper, white, black, brown, yellow, all are treated with the same respect by cancer, tuberculosis, heart ailments and the like. The white doctors might think this over the next time the question of admitting Negroes to their medical society comes up.

As we see it, the N. C. Medical Society did the members of the Old North State Medical Society a favor by

not admitting them as members unless they are willing to extend them all of the rights pertaining thereto. For without such Negro doctors would lose the respect of the laymen of their race, that of the white physicians and above all their own self-respect. For no man can accept an inferior status from another without surrendering some of his own human dignity.

It is our sincere hope that Negro physicians will forget about the N. C. Medical Society and develop their own Old North State Medical organization to the point where they will have nothing to gain by membership in the white organization.

LOCAL NAACP OBJECTIVES NEEDED

At Winston-Salem the NAACP branch has taken a definite stand against the barring of Negroes from attending the Armed Forces Day luncheon at which Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens is to speak on Wednesday, May 12. In addition to notifying the local committee of its stand in the matter the NAACP has sent telegrams to President Eisenhower and Secretary Stevens with the hope of having the ban removed.

Whether the Winston-Salem NAACP branch succeeds in its efforts or not, it has set

the pace for others of the state, many of which do little or nothing, at the local level, to oppose discrimination within their own respective localities. Here in Durham the Durham branch has officially raised no voice of protest against the inadequate elementary county school, recently erected for Negroes on Fayetteville Road. It has made no outcry against the Bulls baseball team that refuses to use Negro players, nor has it staged any noticeable fight for more and better jobs for the race, as well

as hundreds of other injustices that are carried on against Negroes.

The job of selling the NAACP to the Negro masses would be much easier if each local unit would announce a program that includes some local objective and work toward obtaining it. Certainly such a program would bring home to the masses the great work the organization is doing in a more impressive manner than can be done by always presenting what it is doing elsewhere.

GETTING ALONG

BY LAUREN WHITE

NEW YORK I have never read a book that gripped my attention as completely as "Bursting Bonds" which is the story of the life of the late William Pickens from his birth until 1923. I read it for the first time in 1944 and again about a week ago. Both times, I picked it up to read a few pages, but simply could not put it down until I had finished it, and on this fact, hangs an interesting tale.

Between 1920 and 1942, Mr. Pickens was field secretary for the NAACP. It was during the early part of that period that I first heard him speak from a public platform. It was during that period that I, and countless others like me, became interested in the NAACP. People reasoned that any organization that could have such a gifted and dynamic representative as William Pickens must be worth while.

Mr. Pickens entertained, inspired and informed those who heard him speak. In the 1920's before radios were plentiful, before television existed and before there were so many other forms of diversion, life was often dull in colored communities. So, when a dynamic, informed, interesting personality visited the community, it was an important event. William Pickens' coming to Kansas City

was as important as the Christmas holidays.

However, one night at the Eighth Street Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, I felt my hero was letting me down. In speaking of his book "Bursting Bonds" he said, "Most people who pick up the book to read a few pages, finish it before they put it down. A woman in Seattle, Washington thought she would read a few pages before preparing dinner. When she read a few pages, she decided she wouldn't prepare dinner that night." He went on to recount similar stories, and they seemed such exaggerations that I felt let down by a person that I didn't want to let me down.

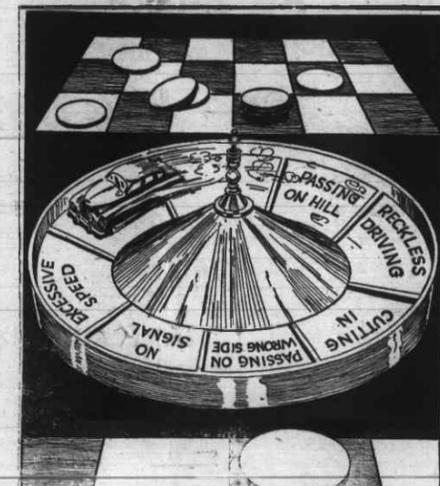
Fifteen years later in the 136th Street Branch of the New York Public Library, I picked up a copy of the book to read a few pages and then attend to some other business. However, I finished the book before attending to the other business. My faith in William Pickens was completely restored.

Brilliant, witty, daring, courageous, studious, inspiring William Pickens has indeed left some challenging footprints on the sands of time. To get a glimpse of his life up to 1923, read a few pages of "Bursting Bonds". No one will need to urge you to finish it.

ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY

North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Indications point to prolonged Senate battle over tax bill. Unfortunately, in an election year, entire shouting appears to be over who should pay the tab, not how big the tab should be.

In other words, while a argument rages who should be "soaked" the worker, small business or big business, no big group in Washington questions the necessity to C. W. Harder soak anybody. Here's a partial list of nations receiving U. S. taxpayer cash.

Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, France, East Germany, West Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Trieste, Britain, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Burma, Formosa, Indo China, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Afghanistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Equador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad, Uruguay, Venezuela, Korea.

Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia says that since World War II, U. S. taxpayers have shelled out \$47.6 billion in foreign aid, or an average of \$5.3 billion per year. Now the Government wants to spend \$5.4 billion on foreign aid for coming year.

2,333,200 or 253,200 more than before Korea. Of course, Senator Byrd is considered very old fashioned, and has been quite a cross for any administration to bear, because he has two bad habits.

One of his habits is constant reminders that the way to save taxes is to cut expenses. The other is an irritating habit of disregarding press conference claims on achieved economies and to dig out the facts so often at variance with what he says. In fact, many hold grave suspicions about the Senator indicating devotion to facts must denote dangerous radical leanings. Almost subversive in fact.

In meantime, U. S. corporations with foreign branches do their best to protect high profit level, with two-pronged attack. One is a drive to abolish tariff protection so they can flood the nation with cheap goods produced in their foreign plants. The second drive is one to get provision in current tax bill permitting them to pay 27% less income tax on profits of their foreign operations over domestic operating profits.

Thus, of all the creatures inhabiting this vast land, only the American bee appears carefree as spring opens blossoms. The American bee can continue to be as busy as a bee, knowing he needs never worry about his over production. Government considers honey a basic farm product, and supports the honey price. This honey accounts for part of the \$6 1/2 billion worth of surplus farm products costing U. S. taxpayers more than half a billion dollars yearly in warehousing costs. The American bee never had it so good. He also knows bees are well represented in Washington, especially in bureaucratic bonnets.

Is This In The Plans To Stop Integration In The Schools?



Spiritual Insight

"MARCHING ORDERS"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND, Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"Many rebuke him that he should hold his peace" Mark 10:48.

We are ever tempted to become ministers of discouragement. Blind Bartemus, out of his deep need and physical handicap, came to Jesus to have his sight restored. There were those who spoke the tragic words of discouragement of the text. The blind man cried for help. And there came words of discouragement out of a gloomy and empty soul.

The crying need of a needy world is encouragement rather than discouragement. He needed a pat on the back. But some hurled words of discouragement in his face. There were those so lacking in understanding, concern and compassion that they tried to smother him under a barrage of discouraging words.

The blind man would not be discouraged. He cried louder and the master restored his sight. Discouraging words—what heartlessness? There are those sad souls among us who never speak words of en-

couragement. Let us not drift into this sad and tragic spiritual state. Let us become ministers of encouragement! There is enough gloom. The world is crying for a little more encouragement!

That word of encouragement lifts the needy soul. There are needy souls all around you. Let us guard against the habit of speaking discouraging words. Speak words of encouragement in the home. A housewife said the other day, when she cooks her fine meal she likes a word of encouragement. Husbands and wives speak that word of encouragement. It makes the struggles and burdens lighter. It turns the drudgery into a joyous deed of loving service.

Children speak a word of encouragement to mother and father. Let us strive to become ministers of encouragement so that we may add to the joy, beauty, and health of life. Your word of encouragement may be a life-saver to a struggling needy soul.

Usually there is something wrong with the person who is a

chronic speaker of words of discouragement. Thus, be careful and watch yourself lest you drift unknowingly to become a "gloomy Gus". Let us guard against this undesirable habit. Why? For it will make you unhappy as well as others. The one who habitually speaks discouraging things may show an empty, lonely, insecure and a loveless soul.

So watch lest you become a broadcasting station of gloom, despair, and discouragement. Let's add to the world's happiness by speaking that encouraging word to a needy soul. Let us become boosters for the good and the beautiful in life.

Your encouraging word is like a seed of happiness planted in the soul. It will bring forth an abundance of light, health, hope, joy and love. Let us scatter our little words of encouragement wherever we go and we shall have a rich harvest of joyous and abundant life.

A world of weary, lonely, beaten, heavy-laden people need encouragement rather than discouragement.

STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK

This is a tribute to a young woman we have never met. She is a relative of a dear friend, and we have followed every development in her story.

This young wife is twenty-eight years old, has three young children and has been living for the day when her husband would finish dental school and open his office. Toward this goal she has worked diligently.

One day last winter, she was standing on a corner waiting for the traffic light to change, when a car mounted the sidewalk and ran into her, inflicting such serious injury that it was necessary to amputate her left foot. The spirit of many a young person would have been weighted down with the thought of such a loss. But her first reaction was to express the hope that this new complication in their lives would not interfere with her husband's finishing his dental course. Her next concern was for the driver of the car, who happened to be a young Mexican boy. In her section of the country, Mexicans are victims of considerable prejudice.

Throughout the ordeal of surgery and constant pain, she has remained cheerful to a point where her family often felt that she was playing a part and would one day break down. Such a reaction might well have developed, for no matter how strong the conscious desire to bear up under adversity, there often comes a time when even the indomitable spirit suffers a temporary setback. But not once has this young woman, who had been so active and so fond of dancing, expressed anything but concern over the trouble to which she has had to put the whole family.

And, whenever any of her relatives put on a doleful face, she chides them, saying "After all, isn't it fortunate it didn't happen to my head?"

This young mother has maintained her cheerful attitude and even while still in the hospital, was planning for her return home, and was figuring out how she could be as self-sufficient as possible. She is home now, and only regrets that she cannot yet take on her full household responsibilities. Her latest brief communication contains the

cheerful notes: "I'm so happy. The Doctor says I can soon be fitted for my dancing foot." and "Isn't it wonderful to belong to such a big, warm, friendly family as ours?"

There are people who say today's women aren't as good as grandmas—that today's female is made out of a synthetic material. To that we say "Bosh" and offer as exhibit A, this plucky gal from California whom we have never met face to face, but hope to some day.

UNITED NATIONS NOTES

By JAMES R. LAWSON (Accredited UN Correspondent)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. HEROIN...the UN Commission on Narcotics unanimously decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that all governments be called upon to prohibit the use of heroin. The action was based on a resolution adopted last year by the World Health Organization which stated that "heroin is not irreplaceable for medical practice."

TOBACCO...The Food and Agriculture organization reported that there is a very close correlation between the use of tobacco and national income levels. The F.O.A.'s news bulletin of agriculture statistics and economics stated that the per person consumption of cigarettes in the United States last year was an estimated 12 percent higher than the 1947-49 average.

WORK CAMPS...Forty international camp leaders from the world's major geographical regions have completed a two-week youth institute, sponsored by UNESCO, on the technical and educational problem in the

operation of the volunteer camps. The Institute, held in West Germany, decided to concentrate on slum clearance. It was reported that 900 camps are in operation now and that new ones will be opened soon in Hong Kong, Brazil, Spain and sections of North and West Africa.

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