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### Editorial Comment

The approach of hallowe'en brings another yearly problem for fathers, mothers, and civic officials.

Many parents who read this will remember that a few years ago it was quite the practice for teen-agers to celebrate hallowe'en by going on prowls, tearing down fences, soaping windows and generally causing much property damage.

As a result of better cooperation between parents and others in interesting youth along constructive lines there is less of this sort of thing today.

Destruction of property is always unwise not only from the property owner's standpoint, but even more unwise from the youth's standpoint. No good ever comes from habits that are destructive.

The education of a child should always be constructive beginning at an early age. The psychology behind this is excellent—the child is given something to keep it busy yet is taught to be constructive at the same time. By doing this you make the child think. Patience and perseverance are also needed. There is a peace that comes with creative living that cannot be reached through aimless or destructive action.

Unless your child learns thru constructive living to have a positive and helpful attitude toward life he will be greatly handicapped as an adult.

Parents don't let your child be handicapped in this way.

### Guest Column

#### Racial Equality

By Lynwood Parker

The Negro should seek immediately racial equality, because his only chance of obtaining it at all, is now.

He is entitled to it for the simple reason that there never was and never will be any spiritual, intellectual, or physical inequality due to factor of race.

Any inequality, intellectually in comparison to whites in any given area is due to lack of educational opportunity.

Thus, in seeking immediate racial equality the Negro merely seeks that to which he is entitled as a child of God and a citizen of the United States.

Racial equality is this nations greatest social need. It must be sought now, not gradually. If we force 2d class citizenship on any group of people, depriving them of equal education and general social, business and job opportunity, we force downward the basic income, thus forcing down all income.

This call to life is for the union of mankind. It is for a society in which man shall wish for every other man the same chance at the good things of life which he would like his brother to have.

Gradualism is an absurdity. The The opposition of those who don't want the Negro to be recognized as a social equal, assures, unfortunately, that the recognition will come gradually. Gradualism is a device of those who either believe in segregation or actually thrive on it through their economic exploitations. In 1446 it was time for the world to know that the earth was round; in 1946 it is time for the world to know that mankind is free. The time to seek a permanent FEPC law, is now; the time to seek the abolition of restrictive covenants, is now; the time to love God and one another, is now.

### Court To Consider Porter-Brakeman Suit

ST. LOUIS—(ANP)—The suit to enjoin the Frisco railroad from discharging more than 100 Negro employes and replacing them with white union workers was taken under advisement here last Tuesday by Judge Richard M. Duncan of the U. S. district court.

The action followed the completion of a hearing which disclosed that dismissal notices had been sent to Negro employes, who served as brakeman and passenger car cleaners, after the railroad had entered into an agreement with the white Brotherhood of Railway trainman to provide all white crews on its trains. A temporary restraining order was secured by the porter-brakeman to block the dismissals.

Testimony by J. A. Rash of Cleveland, deputy president of

the trainmen's brotherhood, revealed the union has a provision barring Negroes from membership. This provision is said to be in force in all states where such a rule is not prohibited by statute. Cross-examination of Rash brought the admission that he did not know a single Negro member in the brotherhood.

The porter-brakemen contend that they are actually "second class brakemen," although classified as porters. They are doing the same work as white brakemen, but have in addition, the duty of cleaning cars.

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