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No Attempt to Justify

It may well be said that the University of Nebraska is taking the lead in the fight to erase racial discrimination in conference athletics. The fight started a few years ago. Students began to speak their opinions in class groups before members of the faculty. I recall that in one of my speech classes as many as five speeches were given denouncing the practice and how the student body could work together for its elimination.

I believe that now with the forming of a permanent committee from five of the Big Six conference universities an understanding will be reached and the Negro will be given his just rights as a citizen.

I can think of many individual Negroes who have quietly and efficiently made important places for themselves, not because they were Negroes but because they were individuals with a contribution to make to American institutions. How many persons have been denied this privilege because of the practice of barring Negro athletics in the Big Six conference may never be known.

I am sure we voice the sentiment of all Negro America by saying that we enjoy the confidence and good will of those who have been chosen to lead the fight on this vital racial issue.

We have faith in Nebraska and the Big Six.

It was gratifying to note that not one of the representatives made an attempt to justify the present practice, but simply recognized the stupidity of the whole thing and was determined to put forth every effort in its elimination. For this stand, we extend hearty congratulations.

Guest Editorial

(Continued from last week.)

By **Obbie Brown.**

We in America believe that all government should represent the best thoughts and efforts of the governed. Under this type of government we believe that human rights should reign supreme. We believe that there are no second rate citizens, that a man's skin color, religious beliefs, and race stands as no barrier to his success or well being. We believe in equality, justice, the four freedoms and an impartial creator.

Too often we find too little courage to support our convictions. Hence, these fundamental beliefs that are so very essential to our democracy are taken for granted. Our sincere beliefs and convictions necessarily suggest a responsibility

equal to and a function of these beliefs and convictions. Our "Common Sense" seem to suggest the easiest way out, that is, letting time evolve the solutions to our problems. This greatest of all human weaknesses, procrastination, is robbing us of our fondest dreams and unduly delaying the democracy of our ideal. It is this procrastination and common sense that has twice necessitated taking up arms to preserve our way of life.

Opportunities for personal gain, an evil not inherent in democracy itself, produce too great a strain on the character and integrity of the wouldbe leaders of men. Our "Common Sense" suggest the accepting of material goods at the expense of those who would be served. Hence, races, religious groups, and creeds have been played upon, denied and persecuted for the sake of personal gain. The founders when laying the foundations upon which this great nation was to be built stood guard against such weaknesses. They were building a democracy. When we ignore these fundamental principles, we are tearing down a democracy.

The greatest challenge to democracy is not Russian communism but the failure to resume the responsibility necessary to its own perpetuation.

A democracy that will tolerate racial, religious, and color barriers, is sure to lose moral force in world affairs. Can three-fourths of the world's population believe in a democracy that makes second rate citizens of people of color?

(To be continued.)

Our Children

BY **MRS. W. B. DAVIS**

Know Your Child Through His Play

Play is the mirror of a young child's life. Watch and discover a great deal about your child, his nature and his needs. Mimi spanked the doll. She hit her hard. "You can't eat with dirty hands. You'll wash them. You know what will happen? You'll get very sick." With a final slap, she set the doll down hard, upon the bench and concluded, "You'll get three double-deck ammonia and you'll go to heaven and you'll be sorry." Jane stood nearby and watched. Her soft young face cast off its fascinated, anxious expression as she blurted out, "You're a bad mommy, Mimi. I'm a mommy who likes her baby." She wrapped a cloth about her worn doll, nuzzled her and held her close as she walked off. Each little girl was five years old and in kindergarten. They were playing and their play had meaning to the adults who observed them engaging in it. We constantly search for magic lens with which to see the inner lives of our children. And we respond to the stories of Mark Twain, Kenneth Grahame and Katherine Mansfield whose genius recaptures some of the child's feelings. Yet all around us our own children daily show us the stories of themselves in their play. We have only to look carefully to find meaning in it.

Play is a mirror of a young child's life. In it he shows the world story of himself, what he thinks and feels about his family. His expressions of ideas, the way he handles children, toys and materials reflect his ever-changing personality. In play the natural idiom of all children, he spontaneously unfolds his abilities, ambitions, fears, feelings about his family and social attitudes.

The Sports Front

By

Howard

"Smoky"

Molden



Louis Ready for Walcott

POMPTON LAKES, N. J. (ANP).—Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, is literally straining at the bit for his Dec. 5 title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott in Madison Square Garden here. In three two-round matches with sparring mates, Joe displayed excellent form, and guessed his present weight to be about 214 pounds.

"I'm in excellent condition," he told reporters. "My condition today is better than it was for either the Conn or Mauriello fights last year, principally because I've got those two fights under my belt. I needed them to sharpen me and get me used to the ring again."

Colorado U. Bans Racial Clauses

BOULDER, Col. (ANP)—Professional and honorary fraternities must remove all clauses that discriminate against racial minorities or face revocation of charters, the board of regents of the University of Colorado ruled last week.

The groups were given five years to comply, but meanwhile no new charter will be granted any organization with such a clause, said the board. The decision followed a report by the ethnic minorities committee headed by Dean Edward C. King of the law school.

The report said Blue Key, a men's national honorary group, had sought to obtain a charter altho its constitution stipulated that "all members shall be male citizens of the Caucasian race."

Activities

BY **MRS. PANSY BEARD.**

Monday evening a group of ladies were organized under the title of the Urban League Guild. The purpose is to acquaint the newcomers with the Urban League Activities and the community at large.

Mrs. Pansy Beard was chosen president and Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, secretary.

A committee was appointed by the president, Mrs. Beard, to seek other members who would be interested in the organization.

Wm. Valentine field worker from the national office of the Urban League was in charge of the meeting.

Saturday evening the Urban League was host to student council representatives from the Big Six Conference universities who were directing their fight against "racial Discrimination," in conference athletics. A buffet lunch was served.

The Independents played a basket ball game on Wednesday.

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