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Truman Speaks of 'Human Rights'

WASHINGTON. (ANP). In his "State of the Union" message to a joint session of the house and senate Wednesday, President Truman urged that vast legislative body to concentrate its attention upon the things which bind us together in this country and for "comon aspirations for the future welfare and security of the people in the United States."

His first plea was for a greater consideration of human rights. He urged the nation to regard the four freedoms, and emphasized the necessity of every citizen to have the right to vote. He spoke out against discrimination, and favored equal protection under the law for all citizens.

He pointed out the need for equal educational opportunities, for job security and for the economic advancement of all citizens. An adequate national health program was recommended by the chief executive, a more beneficial social security program, more adequate housing, extension of rent control, and a successful veterans' program. Proper use of our national resources and a workable farm program were also suggested.

In elaborating on his domestic policy the President said, "Religious freedom, free speech and freedom of thought are cherished realities in our land. Any denial of human rights is a denial of the basic beliefs of democracy and our regard for the worth of every individual."

"Today, however, some of our citizens are still denied equal opportunity for education, for jobs and economic advancement, and for the expression of their views at the polls. Most serious of all, some are denied equal protection under our laws. Whether discrimination is based on race, or creed, or color, or land of origin, it is utterly contrary to American ideals of democracy."

Letters to the Editor

Want to thank you for sending your paper to us. We enjoy reading it so please find enclosed \$2.00 for your new subscriber.
Winniefred Newton

Dear Editor:

I must say that I am sorry that the Moldens are not included in the contest. They would certainly be my choice for the couple of the year. They seem so at piece and contented with each other at all times. They seem always in harmony and in accord with wishes and desires.

I am sending in my vote for another couple whom I admire very much but I simply thought these two young people were so outstanding that they do deserve to be mentioned.
J. M. Jackson

Lest We Forget

By Basilia Bell.

Do you remember those days long ago when you were a care-free child running and playing with not a care, not a worry? You took no thought of what tomorrow would bring. Just happy and free?

Remember when you broke your toy and you had confidence that either mother or dad could fix it or buy another if it were beyond repair? Those were the sweet days. Remember the day you stuck a nail in your foot, and another time when you were trying to use the hammer and nails as the older ones did, you smashed your finger? Oh, yes, mother could fix that too.

Remember how, while playing in the mud or making pies or walking in the mud and the sticky mud ozzing up between your toes. Oh that was fun. Then in the evening around the old heater or fire place was the story hour. Mother had time then to sit down with you and read or tell you a story. The whole family gathered around and sometimes a story of mother's experience was told. How you marveled at the things she had to do, the conditions under which she had to live. Then sometime a game or two was enjoyed by all. This is the time when the idea of fair play was taught. There was no cheating, no fooling, all pure clean fun; everyone rejoicing with the winner as well as with rejoicing when you lost. Then at the curfew hour the beds were turned down and each little prayer was heard. Each asking in his own simple way for the things his own little heart desired most. And so often ending with "God keep me through the night." God Bless mama, daddy, brothers and sisters and everybody.

Have you gone so far from that bed side prayer that you don't ask any more or do you ask half hearted, believing that maybe you will receive?

When conditions around you are all wrong and you have tried with all your might to set them right why not remember how He heard so many nights and kept you. Today too much is taken for granted you are being kept yet by His hand and you fail to see or realize or to thank him. The rain falls on the just as well as the unjust but there will be a day when the sun won't shine on your side of the fence. The rain will fall on your neighbor and pass you by. So let's go back to the old land mark where we learned to trust and pary the simple way of "Lord Keep me." or Lord Help me." Not my brother or my neighbor but Lord save me. deliver me." Let's go back to believing that God does hear and answer the prayer of the righteous. For he said, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, Pray, turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven. Then the load will be lifted all things will be righted and you can be like that little child happy, free and go along your way singing with joy in your heart."

300 Hear Dorie Miller's Mother at Memorial

PHILADELPHIA. (ANP). Nearly 300 persons filed into Turner hall Sunday to observe Dorie Miller services, which were sponsored by Colonial Knights club.

Mrs. Henrietta Miller, mother of the dead hero who as a mess attendant third class aboard the Battleship Arizona at the time of the infamous sneak attack at Pearl Harbor, downed four Japanese planes, journeyed from he Waco, Tex., home and appeared as the guest speaker.

The Sports Front

By

Howard
"Smoky"
Molden



GIL DOBY, member of the Cleveland baseball club of the American league, is now a member of the all-white (save for him) Paterson Basketball club of the ABL (American Basketball league) . . . Signed to a Harlem club at a time when its members felt the Doby name would pack in hundreds of court-loving fans from the brown belt area of New York, the Jersey money bags have snatched Doby like a brand from the burning from the ranks of the underpaid, to become a high-priced courteer in so-called fast company.

KID GAVILAN, sturdy Cuban welterweight contender for Ray Robinson's crown, signed to meet tough GENE BURTON, New York entrant in the 147-pound sweep-stacks, for a 10-round contest that will be held on Jan. 12 at the St. Nicholas arena . . . Burton, unbeaten thruout 1947, was good enough to whip poker-faced IKE WILLIAMS, world's lightweight monarch, in a non-title affair and soundly thrashed highly touted BERNIE DOCUSEN, Louisiana boxing-cutey.

LLOYD MARSHALL was stricken with virus-pneumonia forcing him to again cancel his Jan. 9 date with the brownskin southpaw toughie, BERT LYTELL, also from the coast, in what was to have been the Madison Square Garden semi-windup attraction to Olle Tandberg and Joe Maxim.

Joe Louis, tells newsmen: "My arm has been feeling pins and needles since the Jersey Walcott fight. Could it be neuritis?"

The Returns Of the Contest

Be sure and send in your votes or your candidates.

Best Dressed Woman
Mrs. Mary Green
Mrs. Agnese Adams
Mrs. B. McDaniels

Best Dressed Man
Mr. Eddie Keys
Mr. Herschel Burden
Mr. Gilbert Hubbard, jr.

Couple of the Year
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson
Rev. and Mrs. Trago McWilliams
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lewis

All American Boy
Richard Holcomb
Albert Bowen
Billy Rutherford

Miss "Voice" of 1947
Joyce Williams
Betty Wilson
Jeanne Malone

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Dark Merit

By Kathyne Favors

Dear Readers:

Often I like to deviate from the regular chronological order of Negro history to bring you other information which I find from time to time.

Following is a quotation from Booker T. Washington's book, "The Story of the Negro:"

"When the average European or American white man thinks or writes of the Negroes he considers them as one race and attributes to them certain traits which are supposed to be equally common to all groups and to all localities. This is a mistaken view and may be likened to an attempt to class all of the Aryan peoples as a homogeneous race, having common features and traits. In fact the Negroes of the world, just as the Aryans, are scattered over a great area, live in different environments and have varied and opposite mental and physical peculiarities. Indeed, the Negro races of the world differ from each other even more widely than the different branches of the Aryan stock. In Africa, for example, the Negroes are distributed over the territory of much great extent and of greater physical diversity than is true of the Aryan races of Europe. They also differ more than Aryan races in general appearance, in stature, physiognomy, and mental and moral constitution. Hence, to speak of all Negroes in Africa as one race, having common characteristics, is as misleading and is an unscientific as if we should consider all Europeans and Americans as of one race, and attribute to all of them the same traits."

Following is a list of a few of the materials which the white man gave to some of the black men of Africa for African slaves:

French brandy or rum	Men's shirts
Iron bars	Dutch knives
Brass kettles	Coarse laces
Earthen cans	Crystal beads
Glass buttons	Olive oil
Brass rings or bracelets	Red cotton
Gunpowder	Narrow bands of silk
Old sheets	Axes
Red caps	Chintz

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William Butler Yeats

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Holiday Newscasts

By Mrs. A. L. Terrell.

Ennis, Texas

The Senior Choir of St. Paul Baptist Church presented a Christmas Pageant entitled "The Child of Prophecy" on December 21 at 8 p. m. All attendents enjoyed it very much.

There were many out-of-town visitors who enjoyed the holidays, with relatives and friends in Ennis. Among them were Mrs. Arquilla Nellum, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, who visited her mother, Mrs. Nancy Lister. Mr. Isiah Hopkins, of Los Angeles California was also the guest of Mrs. Lister.

Mrs. Ruby Taylor of Conroe, Texas was house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Terrell.

The following persons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson on Saturday December 21: Mistresses Willoby and Taylor of Dallas, Mrs. Ruby Taylor of Conroe, Texas, Mrs. Mary Walker and daughter, Miss Arletha Walker who is a student of Prairie View College, Hempstead, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Sr. were dinner guests on the following occasions; Christmas Day, hostess, Mistresses Willoby and Taylor of Dallas; New Year's Day by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Jr. Mrs. Katie Huckaby and Mrs. Postell spent a few days in Houston but was called home suddenly due to the illness of their uncle.

Mrs. Nannie Aikens and daughter spent the holidays with Mrs. Aikens niece, Mrs. Beatrice Coleman, of Houston, Texas.

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