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Civil Rights

There is now a lot of favorable opinion for the President's civil rights program and every thinking American stands behind it because they know that his program will further implement the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Four Freedoms and the United Nations Charter. The fascism of some Americans (in Nebraska as well as the South) is not only undemocratic but unmoral. What the opponents of this legislation do not admit is that the President's program is a necessity if America is to retain her leadership in world affairs. In the struggle in Europe today, the wide breach between American ideals and practices furnishes a never-ending source of propaganda for the Russians, making a persuasive argument for the smaller nations that if they are party to our policies, they may well expect the same treatment which various minorities receive here.

Nationally, the boogaboo of racial stations has prevented much helpful legislation because such laws would help minority

and majority groups equally. From one point of view it is too bad that the tool of punitive laws must be used to see that "these truths" which "we hold to be self-evident" might apply to all citizens of our nation. From another, it indicates how very urgent it is that these changes be effected. Even the fathers of our state recognized these facts when they included certain statutes among the laws of the last century. A good example is found in:

Sec. 20-101: "Civil rights of persons, enumerated. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theaters and other places of amusement, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person."

Peace in our world, our nation, our state and communities rests finally on something very fundamental, a positive attitude toward the individuals of different races, nationalities, religions and political parties. If Americans have sufficiently matured, the Civil Rights Program will pass and all shall embark on an era of shared peace and responsibility. If not, perhaps we are still a bunch of wet-eared kids.—C. G.

Appeal To Fear

One of the things which is making the confusion of the present more confounded is the almost universal appeal to fear. When we want people to do certain things we make them fear not to do them; and when we do not want them to do certain things we make them fear to do them!

I have never felt that democracy had to resort to fear to sustain itself. I believe in democracy because it has done much for me, in spite of its weaknesses and failures. The fact that it took former slaves and made them citizens is quite enough to tie me to democracy forever. If it did this it can do more; it can make of me a full-fledged citizen of this country that my fathers have labored to build and my comrades have died to defend.

But there are those who insist on making democracy live by fear of communism. Protestantism in far too many instances seeks to prosper because of a fear of Catholicism. There is always the subtle religious war between the two faiths, and in the final analysis there is always the appeal to fear.

It has come about that the Ku Klux Klan has its very existence in generated fear. It fears Negro domination; it fears Catholic domination; it fears the genius of the

Jews. The southern demagogue lives and thrives on fear of the Negro which he generates in a hundred ways. Could anything be more preposterous than the belief that 9,000,000 Negroes can take over and rule 30,000,000 whites who have all the money and all the guns and all the ammunitions?

The weak-kneed advocates of white supremacy create the fear that if you grant the Negroes one advantage he will take ten. They fail to make it plain how the Negro can take ten when he cannot take one. Hitler and Mussolini rose to power because they created within the Germans and Italians great fears. It has come about that almost every appeal that is made to the average man, is not to his reason, but to his fears.—Gordon B. Hancock for ANP.



By Kathryne Favors

Negroes were escaping to the North in large numbers by way of the underground railroad. The underground was not exactly a well planned route from the south to the north. Instead it was made up of groups of Christian people, scattered in various places, who wanted to help the Negroes escape their masters and flee to the North. The Quakers were very good about helping the Negro slave escape to the North.

"Effective work was done in the Northwest Territory. Through this section extended numerous routes from Kentucky and Tennessee to Canada. Josiah Henson and Harriet Tubman used these routes in conducting fugitives to freedom. The career of the latter in this hazardous enterprise was unusually romantic. Born a slave in Maryland, but endowed with too much love of freedom not to break the chains which held her, she became in the North the most venturesome worker in the employ of the Underground Railroad. When her co-workers had much fear as to her safety, she dared to go even into the very heart of the South. Once she returned to her old home in Maryland, where she met her master along the road, but easily contrived to prevent him from recognizing her. She did so much to aid the escape of fugitives and to rescue freedmen from slave hunters that the aggrieved owners offered a reward of \$40,000 for her. For these unusual exploits and her service as a spy during the Civil War she became known as the 'Moses' of her people."

After the Negroes arrived in the North, it wasn't as easy as some might think to make their way. However, in spite of all of the extreme difficulties, some free Negroes attained national prominence. One outstanding person was Dr. James McCune Smith, a distinguished graduate in medicine of the University of Glasgow and for years a practitioner in the city of New York. Some nationally known writers were William C. Nell and William Wells Brown. People became so very interested in the progress of the Negro that these men tried to supply the need.

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Sports Scope

By L. Parker

DEATH STALKS THE RING

Sam Baroud's death was ruled accidental by a coroner's jury last week. The jury reported that it found boxing in Illinois to be "of a character so unsavory and disreputable as to warrant wholesale revision of professional boxing regulations and ethics."

The Pennsylvania athletic commission made plans to bar boxers who have been knocked out from fighting for at least 30 days and a similar bill was introduced in the Massachusetts legislature.

"Jersey Joe" Wolcott still thinks he can beat Louis. His last public utterance was, "I figure I'm gonna be the only fella in the history of boxin' to win the title twice and only get it once."

BASKETBALL

This was quite a busy week for basketball fans. One of the most interesting games of the season was played by Boys Town and Northeast High School. The Boys Town team led until the last quarter where the game ended with Northeast 40, Boys Town 32.

BOXING

James Motley, heavyweight, left Alliance last week for Chicago where he will report to Coach Johnny Behr of the Intercity team of the Golden Gloves.

Motley will go to New York

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after a week of training at the Illinois Athletic Club, where he will participate in the annual Intercity Show on Monday, March 22. He will compete with Willie Clemmons of Indianapolis and Willie Champion of Cleveland for the No. 2 assignment.

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