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BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock for ANP.

Traitorizing Truman, Eisenhower Deflated.

Benedict Arnold has hitherto been the arch traitor in American history; but within recent months, there are forces at work conspiring to oust the Revolutionary general from his niche of ill-fame, and insert therein Harry Truman, President of the United States. Led by the enraged and belligerent southern Negro-phobes, the flood gates of invective and disparagement have been lifted and President Truman is being exposed to the merciless barrage of semi-abuse and malignment.

And what for? Just because he dared to advocate full civil rights for the Negro citizens of this country; just because he dared to give these United States a moral face-lifting among the nations; just because he looked over the shoulders of lesser men and saw the dawn of a new day and accepted its challenge. If, as has been alleged, Truman said that he did not "give a damn what southerners said" so long as he was upholding the Constitution of the United States, he lifts himself to heights of moral dignity that lesser breeds cannot comprehend.

Whether this nation knows it or not, it needs a Truman for such a time as this! Truman may be a scape-goat and a fool and a

knave all in one, today; but tomorrow he will stand forth in majestic greatness. If there are those in this country who cannot feel the nation's embarrassment in its international relations because of the vagaries and inconsistencies of the color question, they should be proud that we have a President who can; and the sooner it is realized that such President is a moral asset to the nation and not a liability, the better it is going to be for the nation and the world.

Truman's courageous stand has posited a grave question for the Negroes of this country and that is, How far should they hesitate to go down with a man who dares go down for them? The ugly north like the jittery south is doing its utmost to embarrass Truman, and make of him a traitor for no other reason that he dared to be courageous in the face of titanic challenge.

How unlike Truman is General Eisenhower. This writer has hitherto admired "General Ike" and regarded him as one of the noblest characters of the times. The victorious military halo has bewitched my imagination and I saw in him a kind of sub-saviour. When he was called to the presidency of great Columbia university to succeed that moral and intellectual Titan, the late Nicholas Murray Butler, I had hoped that he would prove himself worthy of the great trust and responsibility.

But if his latest public pronouncement is indicative of his feelings, we have no hesitancy in saying that Columbia university has placed a lesser man in the place of a greater. When Eisenhower makes the spacious statement that "When we pass laws to make people like one another we are going to have trouble," he spoke not as a great statesman and educator but as a ward politician. The simplest of simpletons knows that likes and dislikes cannot be legislated. That is not the object in enacting laws to safeguard the rights of the minority. The Emancipation proclamation did not make whites and Negroes like one another, it was never so designed; but it started the Negro on his journey towards citizenship in this country."

The fair employment practices legislation is not designed to make whites and Negroes like one another; it is designed to eliminate discrimination in employment on account of color. The elimination of segregation was never construed as a means of making whites and Negroes love each other; but rather it could be a means to bringing the better whites and Negroes together so as to mutually improve their relations.

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Sports Scope

By L. Parker

Walcott

Jersey Joe Walcott answered the call for a proposed new YMCA for Negroes in Camden by handing over \$5,000 to the \$200,000 drive. Joe explained that as a kid he never had the chance to join the Boy Scouts or the Y and now that he's in the gravy, he'd like to give today's children in the same fix a chance. The gift from the leading heavyweight contender will go to the erection of the new Hunton YMCA.

Ring Insurance

Answering the problem of recent fatalities in the ring, the Pennsylvania Athletic commission announced the first group insurance plan to provide hospitalization, medical attention including surgery, and even death benefits for all fighters who meet in contests within the commonwealth. They do not have to be Pennsylvanians.

Payments to fighters will be determined by the extent of injuries on a scale to be made by the athletic commission physicians. Death benefits will range from \$500 to \$700.

Campanella

Manager Leo Durocher beams every time he thinks of his rookie catcher, Roy Campanella, just up from the Montreal Royals of the International league.

Although only 26 years old, Campanella has played ball for 11 years with pro teams. He started out with the Baltimore Elites in 1937. In 1942 and 1943 he played in the Mexican league, but returned to the Elites for 1944 and 1945.

NIBA

In a single gesture, Manhattan college of New York City has excited the admiration of the nation and proved the mettle of Catholic sports. As the regional representatives for the National Intercollegiate Basketball association tourney in Kansas City, the Jaspers were all set to enjoy the reward of an excellent season on the boards. Then the news leaked out that one of the other colleges would not be permitted to enter a full team because tournament rules excluded Negroes.

The director of Athletics of Manhattan College declared that "As a Catholic College, Manhattan will not enter a tournament that draws the color line."

Schools

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triumph for the NAACP forces and other anti-discrimination groups.

The judge's decision declared: "The defendants... are perpetually enjoined and restrained from discriminating against the plaintiffs and any other Negro school child, on account of his race and color, in Surry county, in providing and maintaining school facilities, including buildings, equipment, bus transportation, libraries, and qualified instructional and janitorial personnel, and from paying Negro school teachers in Surry county less salaries, on account of their race and color, than that paid to white teachers and janitors similarly situated."

One half the difference in white and Negro teachers' pay scales must be eliminated by September and fully equalized by September 1949. The court order will also require new school buildings in some communities. The Surry county school board must report on its building plans by September 15, indicating the date construction will be completed.

DARK MERIT

By Kathryn Favors

Out of Old Nebraska

By James C. Olson

Supt., State Historical Society

One of the most significant historic shrines in Nebraska is Scotts Bluff, a huge pile of sandstone which rises out of the North Platte Valley just west of Gering and dominates the entire countryside. Once one of the most important landmarks on the Oregon Trail, it is now the central feature of Scotts Bluff National Monument, an area of over 3,000 acres which has been set aside by the federal government to commemorate the westward migration of the American people.

The bluff was named after Hiram Scott, an early fur trader who lost his life in a frontier tragedy which still is surrounded with mystery.

The tragedy appealed to the imagination of many who moved along the river, and frequent references to the naming of the bluff and the nature of Scott's tragic death are found in the journals of pioneer travelers. Unfortunately for the cause of accurate history, however, no two of these accounts are in agreement. The whole question was gone into by Merrill J. Mattes, an historian with the National Park Service, and his findings were published in *Nebraska History*, July-September, 1945. Briefly, his conclusions regarding the tragedy are as follows:

Hiram Scott, an employee of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, was accompanying a mule train loaded with peltries being taken from the rendezvous at Great Salt Lake to the market at St. Louis. Hostile Indians fell upon the caravan as it was fording the North Platte near Laramie Fork, killing several men and seriously wounding Hiram Scott.

It was important to get the furs out of the Indian country as fast as possible so a bullboat was constructed to float the precious cargo and the wounded Scott down the river. He was accompanied by two mountaineers. Navigation on the Platte was beset with difficulties and the boat had not gone far when it was punctured, swamped and overturned. Everything was lost and the two mountaineers were barely able to drag their rifles and the wounded Scott to shore.

They were now faced with the unpleasant decision of leaving Scott to die and saving themselves or remaining with him and putting themselves at the mercy of

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ALLIANCE

By Bea Motley

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Lotis and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gotez of Sterling, Colo., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Turner. The couples were entertained in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nelson. Many guests were present and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A full house watched the 36 rounds of boxing held at the Municipal Auditorium last Wednesday evening. Jessie Watson and Leon Tricker were among the Omaha fighters contending. James Motley and Burnell Guy of Scottsbluff put on three rounds of exhibition boxing.

Messrs. and Mmes. Al Matthew, Jackie Banks, Mr. McWilliams, Commodore Gowings and Harry and Douglas Harding of Sidney, Neb., were visitors in the city for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snoddy motored to Sidney to visit friends. Thought for today:

Wisdom is knowing what to do next.

Skill is knowing how to do it. Virtue is doing it.

the hostile Indians and starvation. They chose to save themselves and Scott was abandoned to his tragic fate. His remains were found the next year in the vicinity of the great bluff.

The two deserters remain forever anonymous but the memory of Hiram Scott is preserved forever in the name of the great bluff, the national monument, and the city and county of Scottsbluff.

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