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Democracy in Action

It has long been recognized by many eminent sociologists and psychologists that many of the manias that plague Americans in general have arisen because we are taught in the school and church that man has a common spiritual father, that all are equal before the law and possess equal opportunities to advance through an open-class socio-economic system. And yet a great mass of American culture traits, mostly taught thru the home, refute the ideals of our republican democracy as sanctioned by the Christian theology. The character of these traits, which differ from section to section of our land, are not based in logic or knowledge but in fears stemming from the separation of racial and economic groups. In the Southern states this separation is most apparent and finds perpetuation in state-sanctioned violence. In other parts of the country this separation takes on more subtle forms that give the appearance of equality on the surface but which may be as cancerous within as that which the south exposes for all to see. For example, many eating places in Lincoln overspice food or give purposely sloppy service to their occasional Negro patrons, others refuse them service altogether. Many areas of employment are also closed to qualified local Negroes and the written and unwritten restrictive codes of realtors deny freedom in the mode of living.

It is significant, however, that all are not blind, for the spiritual influence of the church and the universal expression afforded in the arts, and in particular music, have their effects on closing the gap between the philosophy of "liberty and justice for all" and the suspicion-breeding demarkation injected by the amoral and anti-democratic elements in our community. The thousands of people that attended the Hub of Harmony concert of April 18th, no doubt left feeling that the message and rhythm of the spiritual expressed something of their own responses to the joys and sorrows of living . . . that they liked them, not because it was Negro music but because they were an expression of the American soul, as is the cowboy or the mountaineer's song. This communication between man and man is one of the strongest forces that will bring about the realization of the spiritual and democratic ideals of brotherhood—not only between segment and segment of our own community, between section and section of our country, but between the nations of the world as well. Democracy begins with the individual.—C.M.G.

Our Children

By Mrs. W. B. Davis.

At a very early age children sometimes show a tendency to dawdle over the simple tasks given them. The "time bank" is one of the best ways of creating interest and stimulating the child to work more speedily. The "time bank" works as follows: Allow the child a certain amount of time on a given task according to his ability to perform it. If fifteen minutes is allowed and the child finishes in ten, a slip of paper with the extra time marked on it is placed in a bank. At the end of a week open the bank, count the hours (if any) and allow the child to choose an activity you will par-

ticipate in together.

As soon as the child discovers that it is more profitable to save time, he will dislike wasting it and spend his leisure more advantageously.

This training should begin as soon as the child is old enough to make disorder. This training will teach him to be neat, economical, and appreciative.

Interracial Frat Opens At Los Angeles College

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). A local chapter of the interracial fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, was chartered last week at the Los Angeles City College. Representing the national group, C. S. Carlson flew to the city to welcome the new Epsilon Chi chapter. James McDaniels is the new unit's president.

The Book Shelf

By Gladys P. Graham

The distinguished attorney, Louis Nizer, who has authored several splendid publications, has achieved a singular triumph in his pithy, current, literary contribution, "Between You and Me."

The attractive, well printed edition, is divided into five relatively compact, parts. Part II, "Looking at the Neighbors," vignettes some 40 internationally known personalities who have played stellar roles in the various phases of the professions in which they have achieved marked success. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late Franklin Delane Roosevelt, Ted Lewis, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Mayor William O'Dwyer, Albert Einstein and Irving Berlin are among the notables high-lighted.

Quite apropos however (with the return of the Brown Bomber from a six weeks' exhibition tour in Europe), is the homage paid Joe Louis, the world's heavyweight champion, in chapter nine. Says Mr. Nizer, "Prize fighting is the most exciting of all sports because it represents the most primitive method of beating an adversary. Now a great champion has contributed something new to an ancient art. Joe Louis is the first shuffling type of champion we have had. He does not rush forward like Dempsey and other aggressive fighters who find themselves tied up in clinches after the first blow has been struck or avoided." The author goes on to cite other splendid qualifications devised by the champion in his inimitable rise to fame.

"Between You and Me," is a bit choppy, and the social-minded legalist has attempted to cover a huge amount of territory in the field of human relations in some short 302 pages.

Be that as it may, this reviewer is of the opinion that the intimate chat with his readers attempted by Mr. Nizer, and his sincere efforts to put across, the necessity of respecting a man for what he has achieved, regardless of what he is or where he comes from, is the vital point in our human relations with our fellows. Ultimately this sense of appreciation enables us to gain a "richer life more consonant with the dignity of human experience." BETWEEN YOU AND ME, by Louis Nizer. Beechurst Press, 302 pages. Price \$3.75.

Students Sing With University Chorus

CHICAGO. (ANP). Five Chicago Negroes are members of the Northwestern University Mixed chorus of the Chicago campus which gave a successful concert April 25 before a packed house at Thorne hall.

The five singers were Mrs. Mayme Grossley, a psychology major; Mrs. Mildred Hawthorne, an education major; Donald Dade, political science; Mrs. Lucretia E. Marshall, physical education, and Joseph W. Sheridan, speech.

Missouri Forms State Civil Rights Group

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ANP).—A last minute resolution introduced by Rep. Josiah Thomas of St. Louis in the Missouri house of representatives was passed last week and established a state civil rights committee.

This group will be known as the "Missouri Equal Rights committee" formed to "investigate and determine how to implement provisions of the 1945 constitution to make the practice of democracy consistent with its pronouncement of equality."

Five members of this committee will be selected by Speaker Murray E. Thompson. This group will be authorized to hold hearings and use services of the legislative research committee on the rights and status of minorities in Missouri. It will report its findings to the house later for legislative action.

Now Look at Churches

Over one-third of our churches reported no baptisms in 1946.

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GOLDS... Basement

"Voice of America" Tells Italians How

Negroes Built Hospitals OKLAHOMA CITY. (ANP).

"Voice of America," the U. S. State department's sponsored broadcast, beamed an overseas program to Italy Sunday to give the people proof that Negroes have opportunities in America. The proof was in the form of how a Negro couple built a \$431,000 U. S. hospital here.

Principal figures in the cast were W. J. Edwards, 55-year-old junk dealer, his 50-year-old wife, and the U. S. government. Edwards had reaped a fortune in the junk business, but when his wife was stricken with a serious illness, he found that the only hospital in the city available to her had only one ward—crowded with five other patients.

He took his wife to the Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minn. Sunday, however, a 105-bed hospital, patterned after the Mayo clinic, was dedicated in the city—the same day on which the Italians voted in their crucial election. The government provided about \$42,000 of the costs for construction. The Edwards paid the rest, and even took up duties as foremen to speed up the work which started 18 months ago.

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