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## BETWEEN THE LINES

BY DEAN GORDON B. HANCOCK FOR ANP.

When President Truman labeled the just adjourned congress as the worst in the history of the nation, he was coming close to the truth. However vociferous the denials, the fact remains the Republicans seemed drunk with power and were more bent on defeating constructive legislation in the interest of party power and prestige than on serving the nation.

Their victory over Truman may prove to be an empty one in the long run, for they have built up a case against the Republican party that can be used to great effect in the coming election. The Republican party has placed the nation at the mercy of the cold-blooded politician. Much-needed legislation has been by-passed in the interest of party politics. Truman's civil rights recommendations have been basely and grossly disregarded and the wishes and interests of Negroes have been thrown to the political winds.

There is one thing the Negro in the country can definitely conclude and that is, political parties as such mean little when it comes to guaranteeing his rights. When Israel was in Egypt, a change of dynasties made no difference in their wretched conditions. So in this country, a change in political administrations makes little or no difference in the conditions of Negroes, nor in the political disabilities from which they suffer. When it comes to the Negro's rights and opportunities for Negroes, the Democratic and Republican parties are one!

The foregoing explains why this column has for the past 20 years been voting for personalities rather than for parties. In the future as in the recent past we are supporting personalities,

for parties make no difference. Personalities do! The gains made by the Negroes under the New Deal of the political and moral Hercules, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, were personality gains. Most of the advantages enjoyed under the New Deal—and they were far more numerous than they had ever been—were wrought by Roosevelt oftentimes in spite of the machinations of the Democratic party.

Just how Roosevelt accomplished so much with so little, will ever remain one of the modern wonders of the political world. The so-called Grand Old Party has just left the bat. It struck out ingloriously. Negroes will go to bat in November. That will be their opportunity to redress the wrongs that the Republican congress has indirectly thrust upon them.

May Negroes forget about the political complexion of congress and concentrate upon the conditions named on the ballots they must cast. There are two avenues open to Negroes, one is to get out the Negro vote and the other is to vote for the most promising political personality. It is sometimes advantageous to be able to choose between evils.

One of the great current dangers among Negroes is to busy themselves criticising our political apathy instead of doing something about it. The privileged Negro must take more time with the fellow in the streets. The average man can be taught to understand what is involved in voting and non-voting but somebody must take the time to teach him. This column has always contended that the burden of enlightening the average man is on the privileged Negro and not on the "average" man as our criticism so often assumes.

and unions engaged in interstate commerce.

6. Federal intervention in lynching cases.

7. Removal in law of all discriminations against oriental peoples.

8. Permission by law for the people of Puerto Rico to vote on their future political status.

9. Citizenship and civil government for the peoples of the Pacific islands under U. S. control.

10. Fairer procedures for all federal civilian employes charged with disloyalty.

11. Admission to the United States of all persons engaged in activities associated with the United Nations, regardless of political views.

12. Adherence to the United States to international conventions submitted by the United Nations for freedom of international communications and the extension of human rights.

## GOP Given Civil Rights Planks For Platform

PHILADELPHIA. (ANP). Civil rights planks, proposed by the American Civil Liberties union, were presented to the resolutions committee of the republican national convention Tuesday. William J. Woolston, Philadelphia attorney, acted as representative of the union.

The 12 specific recommendations cover:

1. Abolition of poll taxes in federal elections.

2. Political freedom for labor unions equally with employers' associations.

3. Opposition to the outlawry of the communist party or special discriminations in law against it.

4. Abolition of segregation in the armed forces, the federal civil service and in contracting agencies working for the federal government.

5. A national fair employment practice law covering employers

## Sunday School Lesson

BY REV. K. E. HANDY

Subject: Micaiah—A prophet of Israel.

Lesson Text: I King's 22:5-9, 13-18, 26-28.

Golden Text: "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak." I Kings 22:14.

### The Lesson

Micaiah was a prophet of Samaria. He was that prophet which foretold the defeat and death of Ahab. He was true to God in a very hard time and under difficult circumstances. He was to see the ten tribes of Israel turn from God to the worship of idols; and go to prison on bread and water rather than bow to Baal.

During the time of Micaiah's prophesy, Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was a fairly good king, but sinner in forming an alliance with Ahab by having his son marry Ahab's daughter.

This unholy alliance led to the two kings assembling their armies to fight Ramath-Gilead as partners. Such partnerships, either in marriage or business, are absolutely forbidden by the word of God. Just before the battle was joined, the two kings decided to consult a prophet to see how the battle would fare. Ahab called 400 prophets of Baal. They said "Go, the battle will be successful for you." Jehoshaphat was not satisfied and wanted yet another prophet. Then one lone prophet of God was called, and this man, Micaiah, gave the true prophesy and was jailed for it.

God's word was fulfilled to the last word, for Ahab was slain, even though he wore a disguise. Micaiah lived in such close fellowship with God that God had showed him all of this in advance.

I, for one, believe there is a the voice of "gentle stillness," but we need to be on guard against many voices. God's voice always calls us to take up the cross and stand alone. It summons to the straight gate and narrow way.

### Letters to the Editors

We often hear it said that there is little the individual citizens can do when great affairs are to be decided.

With a choice made in the republican party and one soon to be made in the democratic party, we must increase our awareness of the fact that the hope and aspirations of free men depend largely on the choices we make in the coming election.

I for one, believe there is a great deal you and I as individuals, can do about it. It is the duty of every red-blooded American to go to the polls in November and vote. It is our responsibility to know for whom we cast our ballots.

White as well as Negro leaders have sacrificed personal aims, ambitions and careers with the determinations that universal respect for American people—without regard to race, color or creed—shall be achieved. Therefore, we cannot fail them. They are fighting for you

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## LABOR



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John L. Lewis won another victory for his coal miners when he continued to press for the \$100 a month pension plan for those miners who worked in the mines for twenty years. Mr. John Lewis was persistent in his demands for fairness as to who was to serve on the board to study his proposals.

The miners gained a \$100 a month pension plan for service of twenty years, a \$1 a day pay increase and better health and safety conditions.

Mr. Lewis has been proven to be a stalwart leader for the rights and privileges of labor.

There are about 2,800 different languages spoken throughout the world: 270 million people speak English, 488 million speak a variation of Chinese and 166 million speak Russian and its dialects.

and me and they need our support.

Even though we may enjoy better opportunities than our forebears, we are grossly aware of the limitations placed on us.

"This is to urge you fellow Nebraskans to preserve every single vote and use it to the best advantage this fall."

Joseph Greene.

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