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## BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean G. B. Hancock for ANP

From the standpoint of leadership the white south has come upon evil days. It was primarily this fact that prompted a few weeks ago an article in this column entitled "The Pathetic South." The things that transpired before and during the Democratic convention in Philadelphia lifted the curtain on the current leadership of the white south and reveals a sickening situation that is at once pathetic and tragic.

Demagoguery and reactionism are stalking forth with threatening strides, and unless the better south rises and asserts itself, it is quite conceivable that the anti-Negro south will destroy itself and the nation along with it. The south seems bent on turning back the wheels of time and reliving the fateful days of slavery and reconstruction. The attempt—thanks be, it was an unsuccessful attempt—to crucify President Truman at Philadelphia for no other reason than that he advocated civil rights for Negroes will go down in history as the measure of the south's moral depravity.

After these reactionaries were baffled and beaten in Philadelphia they betook themselves to Birmingham again to "secede." The secession of 1948 will prove quite as abortive as the one in 1860. The south is under world pressure today and cannot escape the day of reckoning. This world pressure is no reason why sane leadership in the south should abdicate, but instead this should inspire a constructive leadership capable of dealing with the issues of the times in realistic fashion.

Suppose Harry Truman is defeated in November, Thomas Dewey will be on the scene and Dewey owes the south nothing because he can be elected without its votes. Dewey is not going to degrade the nation in attempts to appease the incurable rebels of Dixie-land. Public opinion even in this country, even in the south will not stand for but so much Negro-baiting and Negro hating. Already the younger generation of the white south have enough. They are calling for a new deal for the Negroes of the south.

The most hopeful factor in this whole disheartening equation is the great lack of unanimity in the course the current white southern leadership is following. It is by no means a foregone conclusion that the intelligent and Christian and decent white south will desert Truman for his righteous stand. Truman cannot lose! It matters little whether he is elected or is defeated at the November elections. He is bound to emerge the hero of the century. If he is voted down he will become a martyr of righteousness and will be thus immortalized; if he is elected he will receive a vindication that will glorify him to all eternity. Truman, Harry Truman from Missouri, stands forth today as the most majestic figure in world af-

fairs since the passing of the immortal Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Truman cannot lose!

The revolting southerners clarified the doctrine of states' rights so often invoked by southerners in divers political situations. States' rights to the southern politician and demagogue means just one thing and that is the right to segregate, subjugate and humiliate the Negro citizens of the south. The civil rights of Truman meant a limitation on the segregation, subjugation and humiliation of the Negroes of the south. When therefore the southern rebels attempted to use states' rights to counter the civil rights as they pertained to Negroes, they unconsciously revealed to the world what they mean by "states' rights."

Herein lies the tragedy of the situation. In a world struggling to spread the blessings of liberation; proclaiming the doctrines of the brotherhood of man; expending its treasures and its energies to guarantee the semblance of Christianity to the nations in the remotest corners of the earth, the Negro-hating element of the south is trying feverishly and frantically and pathetically to make of the south and nation an incubator wherein may be spawned the wickedness and moral depravity that will in the end destroy the south and the nation.

## Independents Down Reinhardt 8-5 In Comeback

By Virginia Botts

Greetings, Fans. If you've all followed the boys to the diamonds you'll recall that they staged a gigantic comeback against Reinhardt. In fact, some think it was the best game of the season. The final score was 8-5 with the Independents leading.

Thursday the team lost to Goodyear 3-2. This was an exhibition game so it doesn't count against their standing. The outstanding play of the evening was made by Smoky Molden, who vacuumed a ball right into his glove with a flip of his fingers.

"Oots" Butcher did a fine job of catching, too. This was his first game with the boys this year.

The Independents' next game will be at the beginning of the tournament. I haven't the dates of the schedule yet so watch the paper for information.

The Railroad Men's Social Club (RRMSC) girls met the Red Shield nine on Tuesday. The girls lost although they put up a good fight. I'm not acquainted with their center fielder (who throws away her mitt to catch those flies) but she plays good ball. Marguerite Bell holds down shortstop while Loretta McWilliams stops those balls out in right field. Nellie Wilson is on second base and has been playing some real good ball this year. Better luck next year, Girls.



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Syracuse, Nebr., July 26, 1948.

To the Editor of The Voice and anyone whom it may concern Lincoln, Nebraska:

I want to take this opportunity to make my position on the Civil Rights plank in the National Democratic Platform clear. It has been stated that I voted against the Civil Rights plank at the National Convention in Philadelphia. This statement is untrue and without any authority. I voted against the Humphrey amendment, but it carried and was added to the platform. After this was done, the entire Nebraska delegation including myself, voted for the platform which included the Civil Rights plank. The reason that we voted against the Humphrey amendment, was that we knew that if they didn't leave the platform as agreed upon by the platform committee, and which was approved by President Truman, it would cause a split in the party, which would be difficult to mend. Southern Democratic activity has born out our fears. We knew then, as we know now that the loss of those votes will make it difficult to elect President Truman.

Previous to the passage of the Humphrey Amendment the Southern delegations had outwardly shown that they were willing to go along with the original platform. However, with the unnecessary language in the Humphrey amendment, it was sure to do more harm than good. If President Truman is defeated because of this, our platform regardless of what it contains will not be able to help bring about equal rights.

I have a record of eight years as a lawmaker in the senate of Nebraska. I served four years

## Trustee Council Sends Mission to East Africa

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (ANP). A mission left here last week from the United Nations for Ruanda Urundi and Tanganyika. Members chosen by the trustee council were Henri Laurentie, French colonial expert, as chairman; E. W. Chinnery, Australian government anthropologist for New Guinea, and Lin Housheng, alternate Chinese delegate to the council. All are individual experts.

The meeting of the group was held in secret and additional information as to the purpose of the delegation had not been disclosed. However, the Soviet criticism of Tanganyika administration in the Trusteeship council, the Gold Coast riots and recent petitions of native chiefs are said to be contributing factors which require urgent attention.

with Senator John Adams of Omaha, a colored gentleman. I am only too glad to invite anyone who doubts that my beliefs are liberal, to inspect my legislative record. At no time have I ever stated that I was opposed to equal rights. I am for civil rights first, last, and always.

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