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## BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock For ANP.

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### The South versus Civilization

Civilization is a social process with world-wide ramifications. It marks the high tide of human achievements and is marked itself by a refinement in human behavior. Christianity has had a decided and marked effect on the civilizing processes the world over, and promises to ultimately emancipate man from those baser passions and impulses that characterize man's inhumanity to man that, as Bobby Burns so aptly said, "makes countless thousands mourn."

Particular civilizations have come and gone with startling frequency, but the general tide of civilization keeps rising and sweeps before it certain outmoded ways and means of life. Slavery met its gradual defeat before the forces of civilization which are now arrayed against racism and the pernicious doctrines thereof; and in like manner race prejudice and discriminations and the evil concomitants thereof, will go down to ultimate and utter defeat before the onrushing tide of civilization.

Time is with civilization. Time is against racism and its kindred prejudices. Evolution, of which civilization is but a phase, is like a great steamroller flattening all before it. To defy it is to be crushed sooner or later!

The white leadership of the south has blundered badly in that it has not faced up to the fact that Time and God and Right are arrayed on the side of the oppressed, of whatsoever persuasion. The subtle planning to permanently subjugate and humiliate the Negro is at cross purposes with God and Time and Right and in this respect is abortive and will in time come to naught.

The present frenzied efforts to the old south to kick against the pricks of moral advancement are pathetic and ludicrous. The white leadership has not kept the south abreast of the improving moral quality of civilization. Lothrop Stoddard wrote his "Revolt Against Civilization" a few years ago, in which he deplored that the criminals were nothing more than revolters against civilization. When the south flaunts defiance at Christianity and throws down the gauntlet to righteousness and swears eternal vengeance against

the friends of Negro advance it does a dangerous thing. It is revolting against civilization.

To allow itself to be maneuvered into such untenable position will go down in history as one of the major tragedies of the century. The white leadership that is responsible for the launching of "Dixiocracy" in an effort to defeat Democracy, is proving itself recreant to a high and holy trust. The south itself deserves a better fate and is being thus consigned to a series of tribulations that will bring woes that will work havoc with the peace and prosperity of the region.

If the leadership of the Dixiecrats were wise, they would see the handwriting on the wall in the way other sections combined to defeat them in their feverish and frantic efforts to prevent the nomination of Truman. We are indeed witnessing one of the major events of history when we see the north and east and west combining their efforts to defeat the south, that is committed to defeating a man for no other reason than that he was proposing to make of democracy a living philosophy of national life instead of a mere dead platitude.

It would be well for the Dixiecrats to know that not only are the several regions of the nation arrayed against them, but civilization itself is against them. All the forces of right and righteousness; all the preachings and teachings of Jesus Christ are against them; the word of God as handed down to Moses from the smoky summits of Sinai are against them; Time in its onward flight is against them.

The old south is about to give up the ghost and what is needed now is not a shot in the arm but someone to lower its head. A new south is crying to be delivered and the stern if subtle opposition that is being manifested against

## Lincoln

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see a real live fellowcrat is to see a Negro enter a restaurant, a hotel, a swimming pool, a skating rink or any other place where the super men or satan infested white supremist believe is only their divine right to enter.

**The world and especially America, is sick to the soul with its plague of discrimination.**

Lincoln was made of better stuff. He did not preach Christianity one minute and practice damnable discrimination the next.

Lincoln spread the gospel of America being a place for all of its citizens to share in its glory and privileges. He dreamed of America of, by and for all people.

In spite of the backward glance, we can still look forward with pride at some of the things that are being done. In almost every field of endeavor, both White and Negroes are excelling, and while interracial relationships are improving, a very great deal remains to be done. It is positively ridiculous to assume that progress or brains is the monopoly of any one group. When the Star Spangled Banner is played, both the white and black keys are used. To eliminate the contribution of any particular people, would turn the clock back so far that the American pattern would be incomplete and we would not be as happy.

Sure, Lincoln would be disappointed at some things, but he would also be proud of many things too. **I cannot help but feel that many times his spirit is guiding our statesmen.** In spite of the hostile congress and the powerful Dixiecrat poisoning, freedom of the individual is still preached. **Lincoln would rise to the occasion and, like Isaiah, would say: "Here as I, send me." He would run the money-changers out of office and the Dixiecrats under ground. He would, once again, issue a proclamation declaring that all men are henceforth free and that any type of discrimination or segregation, caused by race, creed, or religion, would be prosecuted under the law.**

Once again, America would be cleansed and the malignant stench of hypocrisy would no longer pervade our Christian shore. **America could then speak and her voice would be heard—the world would then know that truly free men were speaking, and she would listen.**

**Lincoln would give us that reality—he did it once and now others could do it again!**

the new Dixiocracy by certain elements in the white south is sufficient proof thereof. Henceforth the south must take the defensive against the titanic onslaught that civilization and its liberating influences will launch against it.

The south is like a beleaguered city. The Dixiecrats are not more determined than were the champions of slavery; but slavery passed and so will Dixiocracy, because it is set against civilization.

## Sports Scope

### Dean Cromwell Under Fire

**NEW YORK. (ANP).** Dean Cromwell, head coach of the Olympic track team unpopularity named to this post over protests which claimed the USC coach was not on the Liberal side, again left himself open to criticism last week, according to New York Times sports writer Art Daley.

Cromwell's latest offense followed Barney Ewell's win over Mel Patton. Instead of congratulating Ewell on his victory, Cromwell is reported to have said: "Patton ran like a plow horse." Which prompted New York Post Leonard Cohen to write, "If Patton ran like a plow horse, then Cromwell, his coach, must be a farmer."

Colored members of the Olympic squad are aware of what they are probably being called upon to contend with. Cromwell, before leaving the U.S., already was following the Hitler procedure of ignoring colored winners.

### A Wallcott-Lesnevich Scrap

**BRIGHTON, England. (ANP).** Should the New York Boxing commission and the National Boxing association get their heads together and sanction a bout between Gus Lesnevich, lighthweight king, and Jersey Joe Walcott; or should an elimination series between outstanding heavyweights be held to decide the man who will ascend the heavyweight throne? Gus Lesnevich thinks he and Jersey Joe should slug it out for the title.

The NBA has proposed an elim-

ination tourney among outstanding heavyweights. The New York commission is said to be going along. However, if the New York commission approves the Walcott-Lesnevich bout, the winner would be declared heavyweight champion of New York state. Lesnevich wants it "of the world," and only a NBA approval could get him that title.

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