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Between The Lines

BY DEAN GORDON B. HANDCOCK FOR ANP

'A Good Way Too'

This nation of ours is in a frenzy of excitement over the bids of Communism for world mastery. It is a bid that should fill every liberty loving soul with dire apprehensions. It is a bid that should be resisted unto the death.

We have tried the "billion dollar way" of stemming the tide of Communism and the results have not been too salutary. We have the "atomic bomb way" as our trump card and last resort. But it is just as well for the country to know that the "Supreme Court way" is a good way too! When the supreme court rules unanimously that the little curtain on the railroad diners is illegal and that it subjects Negroes to an inconvenience and embarrassment unknown and unfelt by other passengers paying the same prices, we are stabbing not alone at segregation and discrimination on account of race and color, we are stabbing at Communism in ways far more effective than the mere spending of our interminable billions.

More Communism can be "ruled off" by such Supreme Court decisions such as have been recently rendered, than can be "brought off" by our billions. Just as an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of curse so an ounce of "show me" democracy is worth a ton of "tell me" democracy. The hope of the situation that is at times critical in this country is that we are gradually getting the powers that be to face up to this brutal but inevitable fact. The real tragedy of the South today is that wherever the Supreme Court our highest tribunal, rules in favor of democracy and justice, there is an element of the old South ready to search out ways and means of defeating the purposes of law and order.

When will the South stop kicking against the pricks of the laws that white men have made. The South should remember that however repugnant it may feel toward eating in the same room with Negroes, the said Negroes are what they are because the South made them that way. The South and nation are the creators and the Negroes are their creatures. Whatever there

may be of offense in the premise, it must be laid at the doors of the South and nation.

There are some Negroes who can meet the situation with a fulsome regard for the social amenities involved. There are others who cannot even as there are whites who cannot. But the same opportunities that have prepared some Negroes for the full exercise of the new-found liberty, will prepare all and it is therefore incumbent upon the South to accept not evade the significant decisions. That will be a good way too to defeat Communism!

Grad Gets Ph.D At Iowa State; To Teach There

AMES, Ia. (ANP). A young graduate of Tuskegee institute, Cecille Annette Hoover, 23, last week was awarded a Ph. D. by Iowa State college, and then given a job as a member of the college faculty.

Dr. Hoover was the only Negro graduate of a class of 1,200 to be awarded a doctorate. She earned her degree in nutrition, and minored in chemistry and anatomy. Before coming to Iowa State she studied at Tuskegee where she earned a B.S. in home economics and an M.S. in chemistry.

She will begin her teaching career as a regular member of the faculty, as an instructor and a research expert in September. While earning her Ph.D. during the past school year she did some teaching at Iowa, also.

Miss Hoover through her excellent scholastic achievements has been elected a member of several honor societies, and she has studied under a number of fellowships.

She is a member of Sigma Xi, a group of graduate students who have published research papers and demonstrated outstanding research ability; Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society of students at land grant colleges; Iota Sigma Pi, graduate women in chemistry; Sigma Delta Epsilon, graduate women in science; Beta Kappa Chi, national chemistry honor society, Alpha Kappa Mu, Negro honorary society.



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Among the many associations formed in the eastern states in 1849, for the purpose of going overland to California and exploiting the newly-discovered gold fields was the Charlestown Mining company, organized in Charlestown, Va. Unlike many such associations—which were merely aggregations of travelling companions—the Charlestown company was a closely-knit business enterprise, whose members were to operate as a unit in the gold fields as well as make the trip together.

The activities of this company recently have been brought to light through the publication by Yale University Press of the overland journal kept by Vincent Geiger and Wakeman Bryarly, two of the company's principal associates. This journal is particularly valuable because Geiger and Bryarly, both of whom had served as officers in the Mexican war, were keen observers who wrote with enthusiasm and interest about what they saw. (All too many of the overland journals, I might say, are merely humdrum records of mileage and weather.)

As was true of most of the gold seekers who went overland to California, the Charlestown Mining company followed the famous Platte Valley route across what later was to become the state of Nebraska. The journal, therefore, has particularly interest for present-day Nebraskans.

The Charlestown company left St. Joseph, Mo., Thursday morning, May 10, 1849. They arrived at Fort Kearny, May 28, having completed the "shake-down" portion of the long journey to California. As many others did when reaching the fort on the Platte, they streamlined their outfit to meet conditions as they found them, rather than as they thought they might be.

The journal records: "Drove up to the Fort, and succeeded in selling some flour, bacon, etc. We abandoned a great deal of plun-

Jim Crow Draft Law—No, Says Southern White
CHICAGO. (ANP). Although in Washington, D. C., Senator Russell of Georgia termed the Jim Crow draft amendment one to preserve the culture and character of the democratic white South, all southerners do not agree with him.

In the issue of the Chicago Sun-Times of Friday, June 23, 1950, one southern white wrote the following letter:

"Senator Russell sponsored a draft bill amendment that would have required assignment to one's "own race" where requested. The senator called it a "true civil rights move because it protects the rights of an individual to select his own associates when he is under military compulsion."

"During four years in the navy I didn't object to serving with Negroes, but I sure would have welcomed deliverance from pompous lily-white jerks with black hearts. —A SOUTHERNER."

der, such as picks, hobbles and every article calculated to retard our march."

Geiger, who was keeping the journal at this time, also noted: "All the buildings at the Fort are made a sods taken from the prairie, and look comfortable, remind me much of a Mexican Rancho."

From Fort Kearny they made their way to Fort Laramie, using the Lower California crossing near the present town of Brule. The company arrived at Fort Laramie on June 14.



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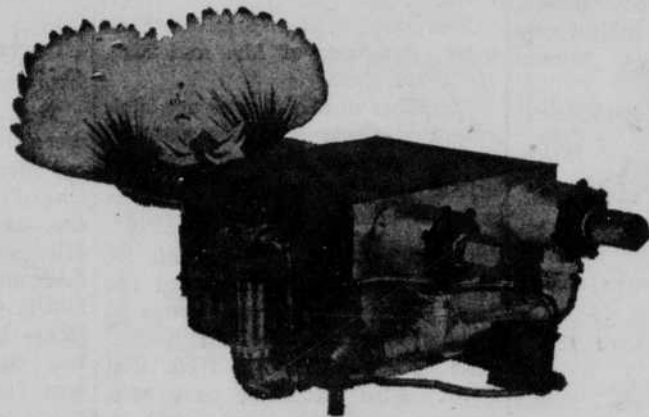
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