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EDITORIAL

THE GOVERNMENT AND STATUS OF THE NEGRO. WHAT?

By M. L. Harris

It causes us to often ponder over the unequal status under which we are made to groan in our effort to adjust ourselves to the principles of democracy which by the constitution of our Government Vouchsafes to all its Citizens equal privileges under the law and guarantees to them life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

A Government guarantees to every citizen previous conditions of servitude. Not one bill presented calling for the Federal Government to step in and do that, which the States, either was powerless to do, or for reasons best known to themselves they would not do.

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By REV. ALBERT KUHN

Our national program of recovery has by no means easy sailing. One of the snags which it hits are the conflicting ambitions of the leaders of labor on one side and of capital on the other.

In Western Pennsylvania violent strikes have developed among the miners in which scores of men have been killed. Many of the mines have had to stand a regular siege.

In Cuba President Grau's student supporters fired upon a crowd of Communists, killing scores, while government troops forced the surrender of 500 officers who had entrenched themselves in a prominent hotel at Havana in defiance of the new government.

Trained investigators representing the Commission have been on the case for some time, according to Mr. Milton, and have gone as fully as possible into every angle of the situation.

Many people find fault with the slaughter of millions of young pigs by the government. Yet, when the market is glutted with hogs and the farmers do not get half of the cost of feeding out of their shipment, who of these critics digs into his pockets and makes up the deficit?

COMMISSION NON LYNCHING STUDY IS BUSY AGAIN

Careful Study Made of Tuscaloosa Situation — Report Promised Public at Early Date

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A careful study of the recent lynchings around Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and of attendant community conditions and attitudes has been made.

The request for the investigation, Mr. Milton stated, was made by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, a Southern agency with headquarters in Atlanta, which felt that action in the case on the part of some responsible Southern group was imperative, since the while South must share in the stigma attaching to such crimes and is responsible for their correction.

The facts revealed by the investigation will be given to the press and otherwise made available to the public, said Mr. Milton, as soon as they can be formulated, in the hope that they may suggest immediate action in the Tuscaloosa cases and also prove ultimately helpful to Alabama and to the South.

The Southern Commission on the Study of Lynching was set up in 1930, made an exhaustive case study of the twenty-one lynchings of that year, and published its findings in a volume of 500 pages.

ICKES KEEPS EYE ON NEGRO EMPLOYMENT IN PUBLIC WORKS

Washington, D. C.—Even though there are many problems facing the Department of the Interior and the Public Works Administration, Secretary Harold L. Ickes is keeping a close watch on the employment of colored men on the various public works projects financed by loans from the federal government.

This assurance was given personally by Secretary Ickes in an interview here Wednesday to Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Secretary Ickes agreed with the N. A. A. C. P. head that this was only the first step and that undoubtedly many employers would seek to bar Negro work men by one trick or another.

WHERE IS THE MONEY TO COME FROM.

"The nation is soon to call upon the public utilities to place huge 'capital' orders for material and machinery in order to revive the 'heavy' industries which are large employers," says an editorial in the Riverside, California, Enterprise.

BE YOUR OWN FIRE INSPECTOR

An article in Safeguarding America Against Fire suggests that each person be his own fire inspector. It is not a difficult job, and requires only a little time plus a little knowledge.

Another ordinary household hazard is gasoline. It is often carelessly stored, in unsafe containers and close to flame. Its use as a household cleaner is simply an invitation to disaster with R. S. V. P. written in the corner.

gade, makes one wonder how they will raise the money for an expansion program."

Elsewhere, the Enterprise speaks of demagogic efforts to "harpoon" the utilities. That describes the situation aptly. They have been attacked, on the one hand, with tax-free, subsidized public competition, and on the other by the assessment of many special taxes which have appreciably raised operating costs and in many instances imperiled the paying of dividends.

That is the position the utilities are in now. They have always been among the first to expand and encourage progress, when community and national interests made it desirable.

GLASS WILL BREAK

Insurance men are celebrating the 66th anniversary of the fourth oldest casualty coverage in the United States—plate glass insurance.

It was first written in Philadelphia, where the vanguard of modern shops, department stores and merchant establishments appeared. Plate glass was then an expensive property, even as now.

Today, underwriters count this insurance as one of their best services in the public. However, numerous difficulties beset them, especially racketeering.

Among the many non-racket hazards which threaten the safety of plate glass, according to the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, are wind and hail storms, cold contraction, heat expansion, jarring, falling on display, burglars, explosions, window dressing and cleaning, settling of buildings, street fights, riot and civil commotion, stones thrown by children, stones or other objects thrown up by automobile tires, warped window frames, heat from radiators placed too near to glass, persons leaning against windows or show cases, articles dropped on show cases, black paint glass exposed to sun, etc.

The insurer's business is to replace this broken glass. Many municipalities have ordinances compelling its replacement within a specified time for the safety of children. The insurance companies are to be congratulated on this anniversary.

BUILDING BOOM GETS STARTED

Figures show that the long awaited residential construction boom is beginning to make itself felt. During the first half of August, construction of this type, as reported to F. W. Dodge Corporation, totaled \$10,876,000 as against \$8,812,300 for the same period last year—a gain of 23 per cent.

BACK TO THE FARM!

National interest has been aroused in a suggestion made a short time ago by Editor Walter P. McGuire of the Southside Virginia News, Petersburg, Virginia; the suggestion being that farm boys keep on the farm.

NEGRO RECOVERY GROUP PLANS DETERMINED BATTLE FOR NEGRO RIGHTS

WASHINGTON — (CNS) — The battle cry of more than three million Negroes was sounded Wednesday, when John P. Davis, executive secretary of the Joint Committee on National Recovery, declared at a banquet given by the Committee at the White House Hotel that "the work of Negro organizations united in the effort to free black labor from economic slavery will not be done until real dollars find their way into the pockets of black workers, and hungry Negro men and women no longer wander the streets jobless."

Mr. Davis spoke at the banquet attended by officially designated representatives of fifteen major national organizations who have joined in the work of the Joint Committee on National Recovery to secure a square deal for Negro labor.

The following organizations were reported by Dr. George E. Haynes, executive secretary of the Race Relations Department of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Chairman of the Joint Committee to have become members of the Joint Committee: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Independent and Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.; Department of Race Relations—Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, National Catholic Interracial Federation, National Negro Bar Association, Negro Industrial League, National Negro Business League, National Technical Association, National Board of the Y. W. C. A., Public Affairs Committee, and the Women's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention.

Prominent guests present at the banquet included: Miss Anderson, head of the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, Mr. Lambert Heinger, Member of the Industrial Advisory Board of the N. R. A.; Miss Mary Va Kleck, director of Industrial studies of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York; Mr. Arthur Holden, president of the New York Urban League; Mr. C. C. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; President Mordecai Johnson of Howard University, Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dean Kelly Miller of Howard University, Mr. Charles E. Mitchell, former United States Minister to Liberia, Dean Charles H. Houston of Howard University Law School, Mr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of Schools of this city, Miss Frances Williams of the staff of the National Board of the YWCA; Dr. Clark Foreman, advisor to Secretary of Interior Ickes on the Economic status of Negroes; Miss Mabel Byrd of the Bureau of Research and Planning of the National Recovery Administration; Mr. Frank Coe of Brookins Institute, Miss Elizabeth Eastman of the National Board of the YWCA; A. Phillip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; and Mr. Channing Tobias of the National YMCA.

Other speakers at the banquet were: Miss Van Kleck, Mr. C. C. Spaulding, Mr. Walter White, Miss Anderson, Dr. Mordecai Johnson and Dr. Robert C. Weaver, technical advisor to the Joint Committee.

Committee Sessions Held During Day

Business sessions of the Joint Committee were held at the White House during the day and after the banquet. Complete plans for securing fair treatment of Negro workers and protecting the interests of Negro consuming groups were discussed and approved by the Committee.

sound one. How much unemployment has been caused by the trek from farm to city is problematical—but it would make an impressive total. These young men, for the most part, are untrained and inexperienced and unfitted for factory work. They rarely find jobs above the common labor level. They are the first to be dismissed when times get hard—and the last to be taken back when recovery starts.