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Race prejudice must go. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good citizenship in time of peace, war and death.

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ANGELO HERNDON'S CASE

THE United States Supreme Court this week upheld the decision of the courts of Georgia sentencing young Angelo Herndon militant labor organizer to 18 to 20 years on the chain gangs of the state. The Supreme Court could not have upheld this decision had the facts in the case been considered rather than the fear of offending this democratic state's pride by reversing the decision. The court had the same facts to consider in this case as in the Scottsboro cases but the mass pressure of the two cases differed. "Scottsboro" is known over the world but not much interest has been exhibited in Herndon's case as should have been because it is more of a labor case.

The hundreds who Herndon organized to march on the Fulton County authorities and demand bread are now on the relief rolls and their martyr has been forgotten. They dare not speak in his behalf or they might be cut off the relief rolls and there may not be another Angelo to lay down his liberty for the cause of the starved workers.

Georgia has a Governor who has aspirations to be President of the United States. Last month he spoke in the state of Nebraska to the farmers trying to start a third political movement that would supplant the late Huey Long's Share the Wealth Party. This man could spend his time studying conditions in his own state and improve them and then start out with his ballyhoo. Using an ancient law to convict a man guilty of saying less radical words than what he uttered to Nebraska farmers, Talmadge still has nerve to parade his virtues before others and ask nomination to the presidency. However nothing will grow out of his speech and it is all probably forgotten by now.

Those defending Herndon ask that all persons interested in seeing justice done to this youth to sign a post card, letter or wire to Governor Eugene Talmadge, Atlanta, Georgia, demanding the release of Herndon.

DIXIELAND GIVING AWAY

THERE are certain things happening in that section of the country called Dixieland, or just plain Dixie, which indicate the stronghold of hate, race prejudice and other handicaps to Dixieland as well as to the Negro, is now seeing the light and making progress. To be specific, Dixieland is now forced to give away to justice and fair play, perhaps not so much through being overmuch in love with so doing, but rather because she is forced to do so.

We read with some delight the big victory for justice and fairplay won by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in that Donald G. Murray, a Negro, has been admitted to the Law department of the University of Maryland. Only the beclouded mind would contend that this is an occurrence of no particular importance to the Negro in particular, and to the cause of Justice in general throughout the nation.

There maybe those who will contend that Maryland is not in the so-called "Deep South," but she borders on the South and the social customs, laws, et cetera of Maryland differ very little from those of other southern states.

Some will claim that only one person is involved in this instance, but they should remember that the victory of one person in the cause of Justice is often taken as a criterion for others who seek Justice. Courts in passing judgement take cognizance of such cases and they have more bearing than a lot of ballyhoo by unthinking people to the contrary.

So the victory in admitting Murray to the University of Maryland will go a long way in the matter of getting equitable educational opportunities in other states, where Negroes are denied their constitutional rights to get an education as other racial elements in the citizenry. The states of Missouri, West Virginia and Virginia particularly, the first two named, should be the next where such a fight is made. Maryland has been forced to do her duty to Donald G. Murray; she can now be forced to do her full duty by other Negro students as well, in all departments of all her schools.

What has been done in the case in question, should, can and ultimately will be done in West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, other border states, and ultimately in the so-called Deep South. It maybe

a bitter pill for the Southland to swallow, but swallowing time has come. Paraphrasing the statement of another we say: THE NATION CANNOT LONG ENDURE WITH ONE ELEMENT OF ITS CITIZENRY ENJOYING FULL CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES WHILE ANOTHER ELEMENT EQUALLY MERITORIOUS IS DENIED IDENTICAL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AND YET SHARE IDENTICAL CITIZENSHIP RESPONSIBILITY!

The most assuring thing of the whole situation in the Maryland case is the attitude expressed by the University faculty (at least reported so), to the effect Donald G. Murray will be accorded every courtesy and attention due any other student, however white. That is as it should be. We hope they mean what they say. If their acts belie their statements, they will stand forth in bold relief as colossal jellyfishes and persons worthy of high seats in the best Annanias club in the world. So Dixieland is giving away.

—From the Plaindealer.

DRAMA ART MUSIC

YOURS truly knows of two very fashionable Negro churches in this state where the ministers and their families ride around in fine cars, eat the finest foods, and wear the finest clothes. It is true that the wealthiest Negroes in that particular city do patronize the two churches of which I write, yet it is the wash women who scrub their knuckles to the bone in order that their pastors may live in luxury. The women and men who slave for almost starvation wages in the hot, dusty, tobacco factories, who are ashamed to send their children to school because they cannot afford to dress them in comfortable clothes, nor give them proper food are the ones on whom these parasites of religion prey. As for me, I think it is a damn shame and am going to fight it every chance I get.

There is only one thing worse than white Bourgeois and that is a black one. There are some of us who are preparing to TEACH Workers Education and we often ask ourselves how we are going to get down to the workers level. To those let me say this. Your problem is not how to get down to the level of the working man, but realize that you are there already. People who have lived all their lives in a pseudosocial atmosphere, and are planning to treat the worker with the same contempt that he formerly did is doomed. It is a damnable disgrace that we as Negroes should presume to set ourselves apart and then criticize. We have got to get in the water and fight like hell not only to save our brothers but to save ourselves. Not one of us is invulnerable. In the final reckoning we are not judged as individuals, but as a race. So to those of us who have been swimming in the mud pond and have been "psyching" ourselves into believing that we were in Mr. Astor's private pool, let's come to our senses before it's too late.

You now are wondering what this article has to do with Drama, Art and Music. Isn't life a stage? Aren't we the actors? Don't we sing? Well I for one am advocating the need for a new song. This is not the time for compromise. Of course some of us are going to be crucified by those very individuals whom we are trying to save, but a man who is a leader and has a principle and is not willing to die for it is not fit to live for it. Let's adopt this song as our theme; "Stand aside all you petty Bourgeois and let us the workers pass." Then after we have taken our rightful places in the new social, political and economic order, we can look back on our former "leaders" and in the words of that master fighter Pop Ee, and say, "Pooley" to all of you from all of we."

LIFE in so far as the Negro is concerned is much like the old fashioned melodramas. After the villain has kicked Little Nell all over the place, has broken both her legs, has tied her to the rail road track in the face of an on rushing passenger train, and has even put her Ma and Pa out of their home, this same villain looks lovingly and longingly at Little Nell and sighs; "Oh why don't you have confidence in me?" But Little Nell continues to pipe bravely "No! a Thousand Time No! When every thing looks darkest, in dashes the big strong hero and saves his darling in nick of time, and they live happily ever after.

Now my dear readers (that is if you have read this far), you may ask; "What does such a dumb simile have to do with the Negro? Just this. We as Negroes are playing the role of Little Nell in the real drama which is being enacted daily. We are not only booted all over the stage by ruthless white politicians, but by our very own preachers and business men.

The politician comes to those of us who are permitted to vote and tell us what intelligent people we are; how he cried when poor old Uncle Joe passed away; that Abe Lincoln was the Negro's best friend; that Booker Washington was the ONLY educator; and then to add insult to injury he looks benignly over the audience and says, "I had rather hear you colored people sing your beloved spirituals . . ." "I remember my dear old black mammy . . ." Abe Lincoln . . . "Booker Washington . . ." "Spirituals . . ." "Vote for me . . ." We like fools vote for him. He like the cheap political bag pipe that he is only mocks us.

The Negro preacher has been one of the greatest if not the greatest handicap to us as a race. All of them are exploiters. He has made us hope for pie in the sky by and by, when all the time he has been eating his right here.

A Guide Reader Gives His Views On Politics

Editor Omaha Guide:—

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt should be nominated Republican President in 1936. So said a committee now organizing which is planning to organize 100 Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Republican Clubs throughout the United States. They are offering reasons why he should have the Republican nomination in 1936. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for President, is qualified, has the ability, is a Diplomat, a business man and a Republican. Capable of filling the office of the President of the United States.

First. He is all American, born in Oyster Bay, New York, 48 years ago. He is 100 percent for America and the Constitution of the United States. He was sentenced duty in service from 6 years old school age to 48 years to September 1935. He is a man with a family, having taken a wife at an early age. Reared one daughter and three sons. He was 21 years old when he finished Harvard in 1908 B. A.

Second. In 1908 he gave his services to several business enterprises. He was author of a book 'The Average Man', with his brother he wrote a book 'East of the Sun and West of the Moon' in 1916.

Third. He was soldier commissioned Major 25th Inf. U. S. A. April 20, 1917. At France 1917 with division, First Army A. E. F. (Wounded in Battle) participated in battles at Cantigny, Sessons, Argonne-Muse, and at St. Michiel.

Fourth. He was trustee of the Howard University at Washington, D. C., and one of the heads of the Boy Scouts of America. He was organizer of the American Legion in 1919. Member of Royal Geographical Society of London, England.

Fifth. Prior to his entering as Assistant Secretary of the United States Navy in the year of 1921 he gave valuable service to the Republican party.

Sixth. He was candidate for Republican Governor of New York going up against Tammany politics in 1924 and sacrificing himself for the Republican party.

Seventh. Chairman of the New York states convention in 1927. Explorer to Asia in 1928, 1929 and leader of the James Simpson-Roosevelt-Field museum.

Eighth. Governor of Porto Rico 1929 to 1932.

Ninth. Governor General of the Philippine Island 1932, 1933 serving the people so faithful that the people asked the Democratic Administration to retain him.

Tenth. Since 1933 he was associated with business and has given vigorous service on aiding the return of the Republican party to power in the U. S. Government.

Eleventh. The life of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt of Oyster Bay, New York, He has known nothing but service and duty and having been always around loyal Americanism. Good government. With America Liberty and Freedom also being a son of a wise leader and one of the late presidents of the United States makes him capable of being president of the United States. In following his life very closely we find him walking in the narrow straight paths and fighting for American Liberty and standing 100 percent for the constitution of the United States of America. We can not see why every loyal Republican any many wise Democrats could not stand for a great character for president of the United States.

The committee now informing is asking each individual voter who reads this circular letter and see the great character we are offering the American people for president of the United States. Will deem it a pleasure if they so desire and make a fac-simile typewriter copy and send forth one or more to voters.

You can form a club and head it yourself if you so desire. There is no finance to foster this movement. It is volunteer and free will offered. You are at liberty to send

THE WAY OUT

(By Loren Miller)

(Special to CNA)

NOT FIT TO PRINT

The man from whom I bought the morning paper said that he had made up his mind not to have any more dealings, commercial or social, with Italians in this country. He was pretty angry at Mussolini too and this is no place to put down his remarks; they simply don't fit into a family journal of this kind.

My friend argued that many Italians were supporting the invasion of Ethiopia and he made it profanely plain that he wouldn't risk having anything to do with supporters of a robber war in Africa.

The argument sounds plausible enough, the only trouble is that it plays right into the hands of Mussolini. After all, the Italian dictator and his high-up fascist pals don't intend to do any fighting in Africa.

They're going to leave the dirty work to the Italian workers and farmers. On the other hand, the average resident of Rome isn't mad at the man in the Addis Ababa streets.

Same Tactics

If the war is to be popular, the Italian war lords have got to stir up hatred among Italians for all Ethiopians, a process already well under way. Ethiopia is being painted in Italian papers as a bloodthirsty nation of slaveholders bent on wrecking civilization.

I remember the same business during the World War when the Germans were pointed to as baby-killers and home-wreckers. There was a time when I actually believed that I hated the "Huns" wholesale, although I knew that our German neighbors were nice people.

Once you get this national hatred business going, you have laid the basis for popular support for war. Let it go far enough and you lose sight of the real causes of the war, any war.

Soon you drift into the belief that there are natural enmities between people that underly large-scale murder by trained soldiers.

It's A Racket

For the moment the record is fairly straight; there are few who do not understand that the invasion of Ethiopia is a racket, a put-up job by Mussolini and Italian industrialists to cover up conditions at home.

Italy is facing a food shortage, prices are rising, wages are dropping and the people are grumbling. But war will bring a little flurry of prosperity and if the people can be duped on phony patriotism they will forget their grievances for a time.

A campaign of hate directed against all Italian people will only drive them closer to Mussolini and aid him and his war-buddies. That's what he wants.

If we really want to cripple him we ought to put our energies on trying to point out to Italians, here and abroad—many of whom hate fascism—that they have nothing to gain through the success of the African plunder drive. If Mussolini is to be defeated the job will have to be done as much through discontent at home as through defeats on the battlefield.

Watch the Bankers

Ethiopia needs war supplies and there is much to be done in that direction. Collections for the purpose of medical supplies and other aids will help much more than emotional attacks on the ice man who happens to be an Italian and who is probably as hard up as the next man.

It's a safe guess too that American bankers who have \$400,000,000 in investments in Italy will soon be sending faw and finished war materials to Mussolini unless we start a campaign against them mighty soon.

None of these things can be done alone; Negroes will have to put in with other enemies of fascism. If all the anti-war sentiment that exists in the world can be got together the Italian fascists can be defeated.

The easiest thing to do is to hate all Italians indiscriminately. The wisest thing to do is to see the war for what it is and seek means to cripple the Italian war-makers.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster Bay, New York, your good wishes and success, for the nomination of the Republican party and that you are forming a colored Theodore Roosevelt Republican Club to aid him in getting the nomination for the Republican presidency in 1936.

To aid the cause Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to be nominated to be Republican nomination for president, the people have a man that is qualified, have the ability, is a diplomat, a business man and a Republican capable of filling the office of president of the United States.

Success and best wishes. A voter for Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

KELLY MILLER SAYS:

UNION OF AME, AMEZ AND CME DENOMINATIONS

A denomination is a body of Christians united by a common faith and form of worship and discipline. There are over two hundred denominations of Christians differentiated by creed or ritual.

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized by John Wesley in America in 1784. Since then it has split into six separate denominations—three white and three colored. The proposal to unite the three white bodies is now receiving wide discussion.

The AME and the AMEZ denominations split off from the parent body at about the same time and for practically the same reason—race prejudice. The CME was later set apart by the ME church South. There never has been any creedal or ritual difference in these Negro denominations. These three denominations copied their confession faith and form of worship from the Mother Church.

I remember the first time that I saw Dr. Price, President of Livingston College, was in 1881 when he was visiting Washington as a member of a commission to consolidate these denominations. I recall that he expressed the hope that the union would take place as the result of the pending deliberations. For more than fifty years there has been repeated effort to bring about this result, but all without success. There never has been, and is not now, any reason why these denominations should not unite except the practical difficulty of ecclesiastical consolidation. Experience shows that it is exceedingly difficult to have separate church organizations, of the same faith and order, united into one congregation with one set of officers, purely for reasons of ecclesiastical and personal jealousy. Neither congregation is willing to give up its own name, pastor and set of officers. One often finds several struggling congregations of the same denomination in a given community whereas, if they were consolidated into one organization the work of the Master could be carried on with half the expense and thrice the efficiency. But human nature, with its petty jealousies and narrow prepossessions, is a stubborn force which must be reckoned with in all practical dealings. These denominations for many years have been operating in the same field and among the same class of people. Each of them is ambitious to cover the entire Negro race; but the field is very imperfectly covered and too often the work is inefficiently done. Poor congregations and poorly prepared ministers are struggling as best they can in the spirit of rivalry rather than Christian union and cooperation. It is pathetic to go through a small town and see a little AME church on one corner, an AMEZ on the other and a CME on still another, whose combined congregations could barely support a competent minister and carry on up-to-date church activities. If there were any reasonable hope or promise for growth or enlargement in the early future, this wasteful duplication of effort might not be so inexcusable. But for the past thirty or forty years neither of these denominations have very greatly augmented its membership. In the large cities the membership of each denomination is concentrated in a few large churches with little or no promise of church extension. I doubt whether there are many more Negro Methodist in Washington today than there were when I came to the city fifty-five years ago. Whatever increase may have taken place has arisen from immigration rather than by fresh recruits.

It is pathetic to say that these churches are waning rather than waxing as a potent religious and social factor in the life of the race. There is need of fresh impulse and incentive. This it seems, might be brought about by the union of the three bodies into one solid phalanx of Christian endeavor. Where there are no doctrinal differences, nothing but ecclesiastical pride and jealousy can keep denominations apart. Naturally enough, each church has a number of ambitious men for the higher orders and is zealous to retain its traditional name. Consolidation means devising a new name, reduction in the number of Bishops and general officers. No candidate wants the door of hope shut in his face by consolidation. The consolidation of denominational schools, colleges and other properties ought not to occasion any insuperable difficulty.

This is a strategic moment for such consolidation to take place. It so happens that there are a number of vacancies on the bench in the three bodies and funds are not sufficient to pay the full staff of general officers. Should these denominations be willing to forego any further election of Bishops or general officers for the next two or three General Conferences, the number would naturally reduce itself to the requirements of the Consolidated Church and funds would be adequate for proper compensation.

By effecting such union at this time, Negro Methodist would present to their white co-religionists a noble example in Christian brotherhood and unity. The three white Methodist bodies are tied up in a tangle over what to do with the Negro membership in their household of faith. They confess their lack of the sufficiency of grace to assimilate them into one Christian fellowship with themselves and are confronted with embarrassment of setting them apart in a semi-separate ecclesiastical body. The white Christian is perfectly willing to accept the colored member on the basis of brotherhood but not of fellowship. It is reserved for the Negro Methodist to point out the way of Christian union among all peoples of the same faith and order. Let us hope that this long deferred consolidation will speedily be brought to pass. When this has been accomplished, the colored members of the Mother Methodist Episcopal Church, however they may be adjusted in the mean time by the exegonies or race prejudice within the parent body, will in all probability find it easy and agreeable to unite with their colored brethren in consolidated Negro Methodism.

Ideally, all Methodist should unite in one body without regard to race or color, but the practical will precede the ideal. The Negro must become one with himself before he can reasonably hope to become one with his white brethren.

Who Are the Barbarians?

By R. A. Adams (For the Literary Service Bureau) As an excuse for its rape of Ethiopia Italy makes the contention that these black people are uncivilized, they are savage, are barbarians, and it is necessary to force civilization on them. But facts discredit this contention. The emperor of Ethiopia has proved himself to be one of the most cultured men in the world. He has made every effort and offered every honorable concession in order to maintain peace. His language has been as temperate as it has been cultured. And these "barbarian" natives have been easily restrained by their emperor when otherwise they would have massacred the Italians in Africa long ago.

In contrast, Mussolini has openly boasted of his intention to invade the territory of a peaceable and unarmed nation and force his will on them. His airplanes have bombarded defenceless cities, destroyed hospitals, killed non-combatants, including women and children, and the warfare against these people is ruthless in the extreme. Under these circumstances it is not difficult to determine who are the barbarians.

For these depredations Italy has merited and received the condemnation of the civilized world and Ethiopia has been acquitted of blame. And this verdict sustains the contention that Italians are barbarians rather than Ethiopians.

A New York chemist while seeking a pure dry cleaning fluid by chance discovered a process for making ordinary gasoline virtually fireproof.

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