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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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KEEP OLYMPICS OUT OF GERMANY

As the time for the Olympics approaches, the campaign to keep them out of Nazi Germany gathers momentum in the United States. In a letter addressed to President Roosevelt, hundreds of prominent Americans, representing 20,000,000 people, wrote, "that as long as a government discriminates and is unfair to racial minority groups, this government cannot show fair play towards athletes, and will certainly discriminate in choosing its candidates for the Olympics."

ITALY'S PAST ATTEMPTS TO CONQUER ETHIOPIA

Italy has had imperialistic designs on Africa since 1880 when both France and Italy had their eyes on Tunis, but France seized Tunis in 1881. In 1887 Italy tried to conquer Ethiopia but failed; tried again in 1889 and annexed Eritrea as a colonial possession; tried again in 1896 and failed. However, in 1891 Italy concluded an agreement with Great Britain whereby the British Government definitely recognized Abyssinia as within the Italian sphere of influence in return for an Italian recognition of British rights in the Upper Nile. During the World War, in order to get Italy to intervene on their side, the Allies promised Italy not only various colonial possessions, but also a zone of influence in Asia Minor and eventually a share in its partition. Italy was also promised virtual control of Albania should such a state be created. Italy, however, emerged from the war sadly disappointed in her colonial ambitions. It was left for Mussolini to complete the plans for Italian aggression and expansion, by concentrating on the conquest of Ethiopia, the last independent state in Africa.

Because of the acute economic difficulties in which fascist Italy finds itself, Mussolini offers the need of a source of raw materials such as cotton, rubber, coffee, metals, etc., as his reason for his African campaign of conquest in spite of the fact that all capitalist countries today suffer from a surplus of cheap labor may also furnish military reinforcements for further conquests.

WINTER CHARITY

The stoppage of all direct Federal relief, now scheduled for December 1, is based on the proposition that all who can work will be put on work relief, and those who cannot, on local and state direct relief. No Federal survey has been made to determine whether state relief will be available before cutting unemployables from Federal relief rolls. However, in one state, Georgia, a test survey of 110 cases closed from the rolls in May showed that not one had been taken care of by other relief provision. Other states now entirely cut from

Federal relief are Alabama, Wyoming, Vermont, Indiana, Nevada, and New Hampshire. Ten percent (government estimate) on relief in the average city are too old, too young, crippled or otherwise unable to work. One category for which no provision at all has been made is 7,400,000 children under 16 years of age on relief rolls in the United States.

MILK AND MEDICINE DENIED TO JEWS IN GERMANY

The most outstanding recent development of the anti-Jewish boycott campaign is that small town pharmacists have ceased to sell medicine to sick persons of the Jewish race. In many places Jewish housewives are not admitted in dairies and bakeries. There are about 50 communities where Jewish children cannot get milk. Among such cities are Magdeburg (30,000 inhabitants), Schwerin (Mecklenburg), Marienwerder (western Prussia), Dessau and Fuerstenwalde (Prussia).

DEPRESSION AND NEGRO YOUTH

(By Dorothy E. Horsley)

We read great editorials, long items of every kind, poems and essays, and just topic headlines, on the depression and its imprint on white youth. But have we as a race wondered what impression it will have on our young boys and girls in the future?

We of course know the almost miraculous progress of your race in the last seventy years, but the strong courageous men and women of yesterday are going fast, many are gone. Those men and women were born to hardships, they seemed to thrive on adversity and depression, they were the pioneers of our race and many were without education.

The youth of today with education free to all, make us wonder on "Commencement Day". There are so few of the Negro youth to take a part, and strange as it seems, of the few who graduate, two thirds are girls.

Do the Negro boys lose courage and wonder of what use is education, when at the best their ambitions must end with a porters humdrum existence, if their parents have not the means and (who has these days) to educate them for a "professional life"? Or, are they just content, figuratively speaking, to set under a tree and look at the sun?

One writer said: "It is the Negro women that have made the race what it is, and her lot in life is doubly hard, for she must be progressive herself, keep a firm hand on her children and literally drag her husband along."

We find the Negro girls working hard to develop themselves in music and art, to educate themselves in business, social welfare, and teaching.

As the Negro has always seemed to thrive in adversity this should be a golden time for education. Work is scarce, jobs that were once allotted to Negroes are given to white, but depression will not last forever, and when the time of prosperity comes again, Negro youth should be ready to take his or her place in the sun.

Now is the time for preparedness. The youth of today must be the man and leader of tomorrow, and if the physical man must be, unemployed, the mind can be developed to greater heights.

The 'foreign emigrants' of yesterday, with his insatiable thirst for learning did not despair because opportunity did not immediately knock at his door. Why, then does the Negro youth with his natural aptitude for learning, his mental capacity for knowledge, despair, and lose heart because the depression is with us now? Is there no tomorrow in the archives of Negro youth? Is life just today?

Yes there is a tomorrow, greater by far than was our yesterday. So develop "your talents" Negro youth, for, "To him that hath, shall be given," and when the clouds of depression are lifted, you will be ready to accept the gifts that—Opportunity so sparingly gives.

A BOOK EVERY MONTH

The average novel sells for \$2 in this day of mass production. The price is not considered exorbitant.

The large daily newspapers publish as much reading matter in a daily issue. Even a small town weekly which has 25 columns of reading matter an issue will make twelve books in a year when the advertisements are eliminated.

The next time you pay your subscription to The Omaha Guide bear this in mind, and remember that the news is served regularly in timely doses.

WORLD PEACE HAS ITS PRICE

We read about world peace which seems to be the common goal of mankind if one is able to judge from the speeches and writings of educators, statesmen and others who set out their thoughts for the public enlightenment. Undoubtedly there does exist a strong yearning for peace, almost amounting to a demand on the part of a somewhat disillusioned human race.

In the United States there is no exception. However, here as elsewhere, few seem to understand thoroughly that peace will not descend upon the world unless it is earned by the people of the world who must be ready to pay the price necessary to establish law and maintain order among the nations of the earth.

Without going into any argument about Italys venture

into Ethiopia, it is significant to notice that the League of Nations does not rely upon moral judgment or the pressure of public opinion. Of course, the value of these factors cannot be over-estimated but their potency in preventing the use of force may be doubted. Largely through the leadership of Great Britain, the League has adopted the policy of sanctions against Italy but there is no misunderstanding as to the eventual necessity for the use of force.

Speaking recently, Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of Great Britain, pointed out that sanctions will lead inevitably to a blockade, the brunt of which will fall on the British Navy. He spoke ominously of the test involved, pointing out frankly that he would not agree to the use of the British fleet in a blockade unless he was sure beforehand of the attitude of the United States of America.

While there may be many reasons why the United States should remain aloof from the quarrels of Europe, there seems to be none whatever why this country should not make plain its position in the event that the League of Nations institutes a blockade against an aggressor. Certainly, the United States should not bind itself in advance but in the present case the facts are apparent and there is no reason why this country should not frankly state its attitude towards a League blockade, if one is proposed against Italy.

By remaining silent or permitting its future course to be uncertain, this country would prevent any concerted action in support of the League's position. It would in effect encourage future aggression by a stubborn insistence upon its rights as a neutral trader. If, as a matter of fact, we believe that human life takes precedence over property rights, there should be no hesitation as to our national policy. Moreover, there should be no secrecy about our attitude toward the present or any similar crisis in the future.

A JUDGE CUTS THE FEES

Some of the criticism that is directed against the lawyers and the courts in this country is based upon the inability of the public to comprehend many issues or to understand the work done by lawyers and court officials in certain cases. At the same time, the public is convinced, and rightly so, that very often legal proceedings which are ostensibly instituted for the protection of parties to the litigation, wind up in a distribution of valuable assets in the shape of fees and allowances among the lawyers involved.

What seems to be a recent example of this comes to light in New York City where Federal Judge Alfred C. Coxe, criticized the "vicarious generosity" with stockholders' money and ruled against payments to a "multiplicity" of lawyers and committees in the receivership and reorganization of the Paramount-Public Corporation now known as Paramount Pictures Incorporated.

He states that 53 petitioners including some of the most prominent law firms in New York City filed claims for "services and expenses" amounting to \$3,239,828 in a case which has been in the court for more than two years. The Federal judge allowed only \$1,026,711, disallowing three-fourths of the amount asked for services and two-thirds of the alleged "expense" money. He pointed out that "receivers, trustees and their attorneys are court officials" and "can neither expect nor be paid more than a 'moderate compensation'."

The ruling of the judge will command the respect of practically everyone and should be generally observed throughout the United States.

CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS STARTED

The Democratic State Legislature of Texas has adopted a resolution to exclude Negro members of the party from the 1936 National Convention and to prevent the seating of Negroes. This latest anti-Negro activity has resulted in a campaign to hold a National Negro Congress in Chicago early next year. The Congress has been approved by more than 100 leading citizens of Washington, D. C., six newspapers including the Afro-American and four organizations including the Order of Elks. The following proposals for discussion and action will be taken up:

1. The right of Negroes to jobs at decent living wages.
2. The organization of white and Negro workers into democratically controlled trade unions.
3. Adequate relief and security for everyone.
4. Aid to the farm population for fight against lynching.
5. Complete equality for Negro women.
6. To oppose the war against and the subjugation of the Ethiopian people.

Service the Acid Test

(By R. A. Adams)

There are certain religious cults the members of which give more attention to making proselytes than to real spiritual development. They have very little to say in regard to the many who are outside of all of the churches and are making no efforts in the interest of the conversion and reformation of these outsiders.

These misguided zealots fail to see the urgent need for social reform, or to hear the cry of the destitute and the distressed. The cause of the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the destitute make no effective appeal to them. To them it little matters if "The world is dying for a

little bit of love."

One of the cults has spent millions of dollars for propaganda, and still is spending to win others to their views. And in all of these things they stress their creeds, their beliefs, their religious persuasions, more than the necessity for correct living. These people are advised to read Matthew 25:21-46, and understand that in the judgment praise or condemnation will depend on what has been one's attitude toward his fellow man and his service to humanity. This passage containing the words of Jesus gives us to understand that in finality, service is to be the acid test of one's interest in his fellows and his devotion to the cause of the Master.

SERMONETTE

(By Arthur B. Rhinow)

In a recent address by the Hon. Charles S. Golden, judge of the county court of Queens County, New York, the speaker called attention to the world's fair that is to be held in New York in 1939. It was a stirring as well as thoughtful presentation of an engaging subject, and one of his remarks will probably linger long in the minds of his hearers.

"Millions will visit the fair, coming from all parts of the world," he said, "and we wonder what impressions they will take away."

We cannot help becoming very serious when we ask ourselves that question. Of course, they will be impressed with the exposition itself, which promises to be a highly interesting microcosm, a compendium of past achievements and modern miracles, and the men in charge of the undertaking will, no doubt, endeavor to make it surpass anything of the kind that has gone before.

They will also take with them impressions of the metropolis, great New York, with its heights and depths, the canyons of a mighty business center, the harbor, schools and churches. But not the least of all will they be impressed with the character of the people who live there. Not every one will be so impressed, to be sure, but certainly the visitors who are able to judge values with the poise of a broad culture.

Nothing is so interesting to man as man. If underneath urban polish and splendid achievement they detect selfishness and sordidness, the fair picture of the exposition they take with them will be marred. It would be a pity if they told their neighbors at home: "It is a great fair in a great city, but the people there live small lives."

Character counts the most. All the money can build or buy, all our lofty dreams materialized in arch and spire, all the flashes of intellectual fire, are of minor importance when compared with the building of character; they at best but subordinate that higher purpose. What we are influenced, through mysterious psychic channels, our fellowmen far more than what we say or even do.

Deeds Versus Creeds

(By R. A. Adams)

Still there are those who fetish make Of creeds, of tenets, for whose sake

They on the altar offer all, And in obeisance lowly fall; Yet, what the world most sorely needs Is not "thumb-worn" and "stilted creeds"; But honest, helpful, noble deeds.

Well to express what we believe, And unto this in honor cleave, But, in the Word it hath been said, That "without works, all faith is dead," And human welfare loudly pleads, "The world needs less of lofty creeds, But more of noble, helpful deeds".

Laugh this off: Big Business would like to reform itself!

Children who dislike school seldom know what a good time they are having.

The best way to keep government out of business is to keep business out of politics.



THE WINNER

You never win. Never was a truer statement made when one considers the evils of organized gambling. The odds in the numbers game are 500 to 1 against the players and if he ACCIDENTALLY wins, it merely furnishes encouragement for him to continue until he loses his mythical advantage. The shameful numbers and policy games which flourish among certain classes of our people will always be a source of misery and degradation until the more intelligent and moral elements among us stamp them out. Ministers, club women and social workers should fight this moral cancer.