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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.

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EDITORIAL OF THE WEEK

By William Pickens for A. N. P.

Sombody better take those war planes away from those Chinese before they hurt each other. They aimed at a Japanese battleships in the river and hit in the heart of their own city, killing Americans, Frenchmen and Englishmen. The Japanese warships are in the Whangpoo and the great Yangtze. It seem? if the Chinese missed the ships, they might at least land in the river and not in the International Settlement or hotels far inland. But what is more interesting is the further evidence of the bias of American newspapers and their anti-Japanese feeling, as shown in their blaming Japan because Americans were killed by Chinese bombs which were badly aimed at the Japanese. The papers reason it is the fault of the Japanese because they had no business being the target of the Chinese—and that since the shots were meant for Japanese, they are to be blamed because those shots killed foreign white people. Presumably, if the shots had only hit the Japanese, everything would have been all right—in our newspapers—and they would have been praising the Chinese for their courage and marksmanship. If the Chinese had been good, all the credit would have gone to China, undoubtedly—but since their aim was bad, the blame goes to Japan. How logical.

The only logic we know so far to match it comes out of Arkansas: some years ago in the riots in Elaine county in that state, the white mob was chasing some Negroes, and some of the Negroes ran and hid in the swamp. When the mob surrounded the swamp and began shooting, a member of the mob shot another member dead by mistake. There, when the six Negroes, wet and wounded, were pulled out of the swamp, they were charged with first degree murder because this white man had been killed by bullets meant for them. They were convicted and all headed for the electric chair. It took a five year fight, the greatest fight of its kind before the Scottsboro cases, to get a reversal of the sentence. The mob evidently reasoned this way: if it had not been for those Negroes, the white mobster would not have been killed by accident by his own fellow-mobsters: therefore, the Negroes were to blame—ergo, guilty. See: if the Chinese had not been trying to kill Japanese, they would not have killed Americans by mistake: therefore the Japanese caused the killing, and therefore the Japanese rather than the Chinese are guilty of the slaughter.

Really, in these days logic is just what one wants it to be like history, anthropology and pseudo-science. Wilful rationalization is substituted for reason, and the mob is stirred. To test the thing out, you just let the Japanese aim some bombs at Chinese and hit a hotel full of Americans instead,—can you imagine you will hear anybody blaming the lucky Chinese for escaping the shells? No but you can imagine our jingoes calling for war with Japan, for being so sinful as to hit Americans even by mistake. Verily, in this world do our passions lead us a race while our intellect leads us an inch. We have built up an anti-Japanese complex; therefore those Japanese—damned if they do and damned if they don't.

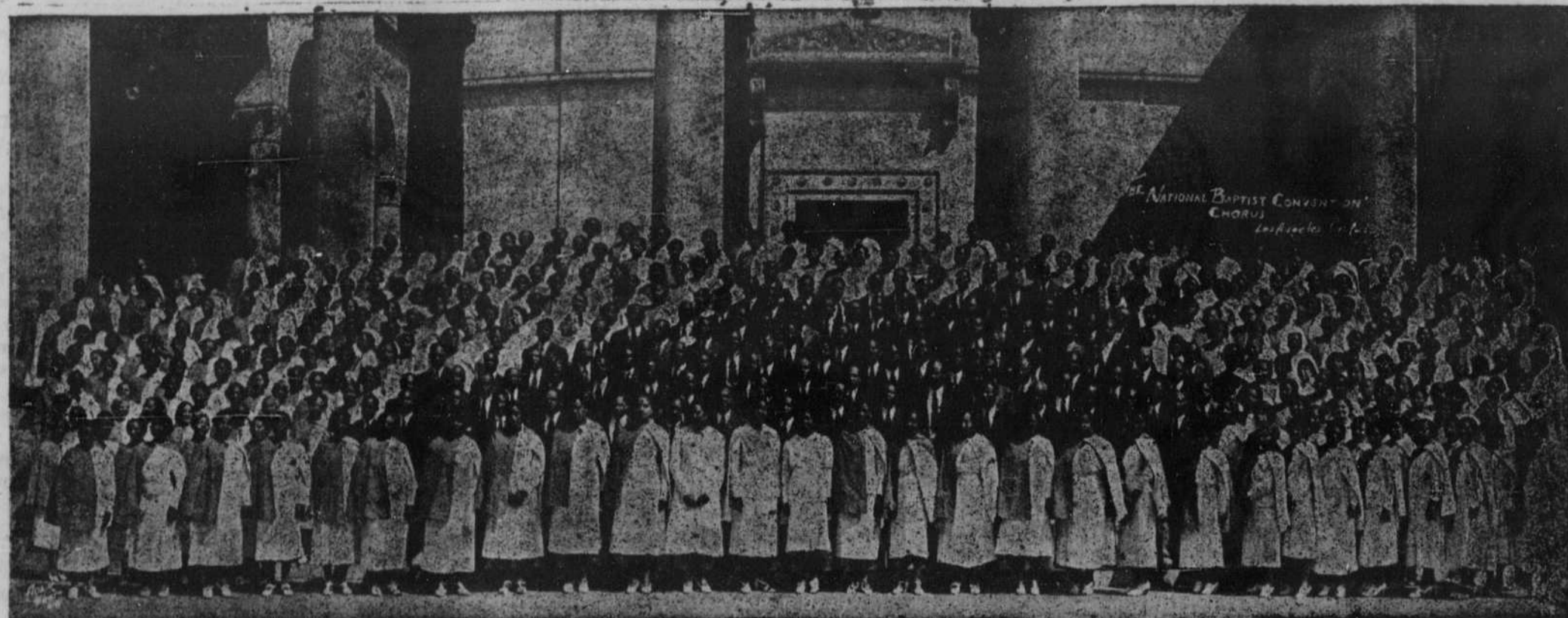
Backbone of Credit

The stock fire insurance industry was established and has been maintained on the principle that adequate profits must be made in order to protect the policyholder—and that, at the same time, the cost of insurance to the public must be progressively reduced. These two purposes may seem at odds, but the industry has shown that they can be achieved. The financial position of the companies has been strengthened and the cost of stock fire insurance is today 40 per cent less on the average than it was in 1900. In other words, the industry has found ways and means of reducing the cost of doing business and it has invariably shared the savings with policyholders. For three quarters of a century, the industry has fought on behalf of fire prevention and fire protection, and success has followed. The entire country has been included in an elaborate system whereby cities, towns and villages are inspected and graded in the light of hazards. The cumulative effect of these activities has been to save the country billions of dollars—in reduced insurance premiums, lower fire loss, and other indirect costs that are an inescapable part of fire waste.

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Mammoth National Baptist Convention Chorus



When the National Baptist Convention, Inc., meets at Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 8 to 13, in what is expected to be the greatest gathering the body has ever held, it will be entertained by one of the largest and best trained musical groups ever to function at a convention. The mammoth 400 voice choir has as its director Mozell Te Outley. Edna Hammet Porter is organist. Dr. L. K. Williams is president of the convention, the largest church body among Negroes in the world.

Economic Review

Not since 1917 has a major nation declared war. Yet in the intervening years there have been a number of far reaching sanguinary conflicts. What might be termed Mars' modern technique does not require a formal declaration of war—armies are mobilized, soldiers and civilians are slaughtered, cities are devastated and governments change even while, officially speaking, actual war does not exist.

Italy's Ethiopian campaign, for example, war was not declared—but the result of the invasion was to eliminate the Ethiopian monarchy and make the country into an Italian colony governed by the Italian Military. Russia and France have not declared war on the Spanish insurgents, nor have Germany and Italy broken off relations with the Spanish Government—yet it is no secret that Franco's cause has been kept alive with the aid of German and Italian troops and equipment, while the Government forces would have collapsed long since had it not been for Russian airplanes and armaments and French military experts. Today in the Far East the world is again witnessing a war without a declaration of war that is of utmost significance not only to the nations involved, but to the Western World as well.

Japan has gone to the limit in recent years to build up her army and navy. For a small country, she has an amazing military machine, far superior to that of the Chinese—though China herself has made progress in unifying and strengthening the country. China's greatest weakness has always been the corruption of her local governments—as Oswald Garrison Villard has written, "The purchasing of Chinese statesmen and generals is Japan's long suit; it has advanced her and her policy of conquest far more rapidly than have her rifles and cannons." The central, Nanking government has usually proven unable to control the superabundant local war lords—each with his own interest at heart and each suspicious of the others. The situation as it exists in China, is as if each American state governor had a private army which he could use for any purpose he wishes, even to the extreme of fighting the armies of neighboring governors.

As a consequence, plus Japan's far more efficient and modern war machines, it is believed certain that the Japanese will encounter relatively little trouble in conquering the north provinces. She will take over cities and accomplish destruction on a vast scale, and probably replace present local governments with puppet Chinese governments controlled by the Japanese, as she did in Manchuria. But in the long run, Japan's chances of success are dubious. China is a tremendous country, with the largest population in the world. Not since the dawn of history has it been permanently conquered—over a period of many years, the invaders inter-

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

Sometimes I wish I had a secretary or somebody to do my figurin' and maybe show me how I can keep afloat, and also spend more than I make, like Uncle Sambo and other geezers.

And the reason I am thinkin' about such a thing is because I see in the papers where they are gonna hire another flock of secretaries down there on the Potomac. So I reckon the figurin' there, it must be gettin' heavier and more complicated, 'cause this new bunch of secretaries are to be 10 thousand dollar a year babies. That is 60 thousand for 6 secretaries, and any secretary who gets 10 thousand, he will need a couple personal assistants and a half a dozen stenographers. I have a friend out in Berkeley, Calif., who runs a Secretaries' College, and if his politics happen to be O.K., I can see how his business will pick up.

And if I owned an acre or a lot down there within 100 miles of Wash., D. C., I would hang onto it for the time is comin', when they will need more land to build buildings for secretaries.

Yours, with the low down, JO SERRA

marry with the Chinese and are virtually swallowed by the immense country. China has more than half a billion people as against Japan's 75 million.

Furthermore, it seems inconceivable that Japan will be permitted by other powers to advance unhindered into China. Russia is strongly anti-Japanese and will, if matters go far enough, throw her resources to the side of China. And if it came down to a Russo-Japanese war, most military experts think the bear would win.

England will attempt to limit Japan's conquest in the interest of her own trade, and so, in all probability, will the United States and France. And lastly, it is a question whether Japan's financial resources are sufficient to stand a long struggle—today more than fifty per cent of her government's budget is earmarked for the army and navy, and she has a soaring national debt.

So here is another grave threat to worldpeace—the gravest, perhaps that has yet appeared. Whether war is actually declared is only of theoretical importance—to all intents and purposes of a major war is now underway in the Far East, and interests directly affecting every nation in the world of many years, the invaders inter-

Negroes Ordered to Vote Against Unions in Cafeteria Chain

New York, Aug. 26 (ANP)—Negro employees of the Horn and Hardart company, operator of a chain of automats and cafeterias against which a strike is now in progress, were told to vote against the unions in the poll conducted by the State Labor Relations board on July 16th, it was declared Tuesday at the board's hearing.

This evidence was submitted by two American Federation of Labor unions which asked that result of the election be set aside. A majority vote was cast against the Cafeteria Workers and the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' unions in the balloting.

Manning Johnson, business agent of the Cafeteria Workers' union, testified he attended a meeting of the colored Relief association, a company sick benefit organization, at which every one was urged by a Mr. Charlton, the president, to vote against the union because (it was controlled by racketeers.) Workers were told "they would be kicked out of the automats and replaced by white workers" unless they voted against the union and were also told that "the Hart and Hardart management was looking to colored workers to remain loyal and not bite the hand that fed them," Johnson said.

Peter Lucas, white automat employee, said he helped distribute identification cards to be used by employees in the election and two company managers tried to intimidate him and other workers.

An Echo From My Den

By S. E. Gilbert

As I sit here in my den, with pen in hand, meditating as it were, there comes to my mind a question that many have asked me to write upon. "What should be the relationship of the church to the people?" In writing upon such a question I realize that all eyes will be upon my comments, some to praise and others to criticize any view. Yet, I am desirous to have all know and henceforth that the old den dweller writes his mind with regards only for justice and right. In beginning, may I say that under Divine Leadership and through the various activities of the church, the Negro has received his greatest inspiration and assistance in his marvelous progress and advancement.

The Negro should continue to hold faith and confidence in God and the church, as set out in the life example and teachings of Jesus.

The power of the gospel is supremely needed in a time like this. I, therefore, recommend that the relationship of the church and ministry to the people should be of renewed courage, and uncompromising con-

viction to preach an economical and social gospel as well as a spiritual gospel, for the salvation of the whole man. I further recommend the church should engage themselves to hold week day schools, and institutions to instruct church members to develop a consciousness of race conditions and the best means of meeting them for general welfare.

The churches should take the lead in working out an adequate technique for comprehending social or economic problems affecting our group and groups whose economic solution working with non-christian of our problems does not compromise the fundamental principles of the Christian church.

As I pen my last paragraph, I am hoping that every red-blooded minister will please notice and weigh my opinion. A new imperative now faces the church for greater consideration and challenging incentives for saving the youth for the church. The church must rearrange her program and machinery to be more youth centered in her operations.

The boys and girls of today will be the church of tomorrow therefore, it is necessary that the church build and carry on a program that will bring the youth through its portals.

NOTE:—Each week your correspondent takes his pen in hand and writes on local issues as he sees it. Written comments on these Echoes will be welcomed. Just address your letters to "An Echo From My Den" Omaha Guide, 2418 Grant Street, Omaha, Neb.

A Business Week survey shows that business activity averaged 10 per cent higher in the first six months of 1937 than in the same period last year.

Steel production rose 35 per cent; automobile production 12 per cent; residential construction 51 per cent; lumber production 8 per cent; electric power output 13 per cent; factory payrolls 25 per cent and factory employment 13 per cent.

Farm prices rose 18 per cent; construction costs zoomed 13 per cent; and department store prices slipped 7 per cent. Stocks averaged 1 1/2 per cent higher and bonds 2 per cent higher.

White, Negro Die Together in Prison

Florence, Oriz., Aug. 26 (PFS)—The dawn of Friday the 13th brought death to a white and a colored man in the gas chamber of Arizona State Prison, Bert Anderson, 53, white slayer of a 28 year old ranch hand in a Prescott pool hall, and Ernest Pettow, colored, who killed his common law wife, were strapped in adjoining chairs for the double execution.

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