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EDITORIALS

BETWEEN THE LINES

by Dean Gordon B. Hancock for ANP

Turkey or Bologna?

The outstanding fact in the realm of race relations, is the liberal thinking that is taking place among the younger generation of whites! With fairness and with candor, they are inclining to think matters through; and in this we have abundant reason for hope. The conviction is becoming more overwhelming that within the near future the young whites are going to call the young Negroes into conclave solemn, and there around the table, interracial matters are going to be subjected to acute discussion. If the young Negroes can "talk turkey," that is going to be a happy day; but if they talk "bologna," the tide of discussion will be against them and their cause will suffer great retardation.

The man who does "factual thinking" talks turkey, and he who does "wishful thinking" talks bologna. For instance, when Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, there were those who contended that Haile Selassie's tribal cohorts had a chance. It was contended that Ethiopia's survival dated from ancient days and that the Italian legions could not defeat the courageous armies of Ethiopia. That was Bologna. Enthusiasm and courage are no matches for scientific equipment. That nothing except defeat would come to the tribal armies of Selassie was clear to all those who appreciated the powers of science that are being daily multiplied.

Again when Japan invaded China, everybody saw a "reborn China" withstanding the invading hordes of the Mikado. Every skirmish gave occasion to extol the bravery of the Chinese and the brutality of the Japanese became the little brown Huns with fiendish passions for blood and booty. Every bomb that the Japanese dropped killed "defenseless women and children," and invariably fell upon hospitals, etc. Japan, they said, was internally disorganized and China would in the end swallow Japan and the Japanese victory was minimized and every Chinese advance was magnified. That was Bologna. The fact is Japan is conquering her in an economic way. Japan is doing what Great Britain and the United States and France taught her to do. They are international saints and Japan is the international sinner. Now our marines are banding up in China to "protect" our interests etc. As cleverly as war was ever worked up, we are working up a war with Japan because Japan is stealing our stuff.

When Russia went communist, the press of the world did more "wishful thinking" and more Bologna talking. The opinion was widespread that communism would soon collapse, but there are more signs of collapse among the so called democratic nations. The world said so because it wished it so when the downfall of communism was predicted.

More Bologna. When Hitler and Mussolini formed a compact and announced the Rome Berlin axis, the democracies belittled the alliance, and forthwith predicted that within a short time the compact would be dissolved, either from the duplicity of Hitler or the hypocrisy of Mussolini. That was Bologna. The fact is Hitler and Mussolini are in a good way to dominate the world. And if the democracies are saved, communist Russia must save them. That is turkey. The much maligned and misrepresented Soviet Russia holds the most strategic place today of any nation of Europe, if not indeed of the world. That is turkey.

Statistics are constantly uncovering ugly facts within the Negro race. For instance, they show a higher incidence of crime among Negroes, and a higher incidence of syphilis. Within recent weeks, much has been said about the high illegitimacy among Negroes. Many Negroes will rise in holy wrath to dispute the facts. That is bologna.

Negroes who are segregated and aggravated and exploited and subjugated and dominated and repudiated and are expected to have more crime and illegitimacy and syphilis. That is turkey. The Negro's higher incidence of crime does not prove that the Negro is more criminal; the higher incidence of syphilis and illegitimacy does not prove the Negro more immoral. That is turkey. To make it appear that Negroes without a chance can equal the whites with a chance is Bologna!

Shall we talk turkey, or shall we talk bologna. That's the question!

RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Our faith in freedom is based on the belief that every human soul has its own sovereign rights—rights that are not merely granted by society but are an essential of the human character. Since society is nothing apart from the men and women of which it is fashioned, it can never ignore this right of freedom without courting its own destruction.

Yet this freedom is not the freedom for men to do as they please. Even in primitive society this freedom is denied, and the complex demands of civilization deny it in a thousand ways. When men agree to live together for the sake of work or happiness, they set limits to their behavior and agree to live beneath a code and law.

Yet the right of freedom remains. It is a right not to natural but to spiritual freedom. Its most vital doctrine is that men have the right to think as they please.

Man as a member of society has duties rather than rights. As an individual his rights are supreme. The problem of society is to appoint to each man his duties while scrupulously protecting his rights. For in the right of man to think as he pleases lies the only hope for endurance and perfection of society.

WHAT A FRUIT!

Who will again doubt the benevolence of science? No grower, barterer or lover of watermelon will, at least.

Whether fruit, vegetable or herb, the watermelon has always had a host of friends. People like berries, grape fruit, peaches and cantaloupe, but their attachment to the watermelon is something deeper and more enduring.

One thing only the watermelon was thought to lack. It is beautiful; it is luscious; it is satisfying. Its outer shell of somber green, inner lining of white, its luscious red contrasting irresistibly with the rich mahogany of its ripened seeds, are as satisfying to

the painter as its full flavored sweetness to the epicure.

But still it was supposed to fall short of the ideal. For even those most addicted to its consumption never gave it credit for being nourishing.

Here is where science proves its benevolence. Experts have discovered that watermelons are clock full of four kinds of vitamins. Any fruit, or whatever a watermelon is, that boasts of one vitamin can get by with the dietitians. But four of them! What a fruit!

That reminds us, the first watermelons ought to be along soon.

HOT

Upon the current phase of the weather (remember the weather?) we may comment unequivocally. Mopping a brow which, if not fevered, at least has the appearance of it, we declaim from our editorial rooftop that it's hot. It is an opinion we hold without condition, subject to defense with every drop of ink in our typewriter.

The sun has returned with what is popularly referred to as a vengeance; the rains have lost their cooling powers; the breezes, such as they are, merely buffet the hot air from one place to another. Man has reacted in the normal way, and begun to wilt too. (Women have begun to wilt also, no doubt, but won't admit it.) Children, on the other hand, have sought the logical alternative and gone swimming.

Having pined audibly for the sun and summer, we can hardly object to this advance agent of the season and remain consistent. Moreover, it will certainly get worse before it gets better. But whatever it gets, the immemorial right of all of us to be dissatisfied with what we have—whether it be the weather or something else—will remain unchanged.

THE STORY OF THE FLAG

The United States flag dates back to June 14, 1777. On that June day 162 years ago, Congress passed a resolution providing the present arrangement of stars and stripes. As states have been added to the union, the 13 original white stars have become 48. It is a glorious constellation of free commonwealths, every one of which has fine institutions and a good chance for progress and development.

The flags of many nations show little variety of design. The flag of France, for instance consists of three solid stripes of blue, white and red, running up and down. It has stirred French valor on a thousand fields of battle, but as an aesthetic picture, it is not so fine.

The United States flag with its narrow red and white stripes, its white stars on a blue field, has a beautiful variety and contrast of color. Those bright shining stars in the blue ground might be taken as a symbol of the canopy of heaven, suggesting the ideals that have been created by the founders of our country, and which it is our duty to maintain.

A hat may fool men, but the ladies know by your tame and timid spirit that you are the bald kind.

A HISTORIC DECISION

The historic Supreme Court decision of March 27, which held in the words of Justice Stone, that there is no constitutional immunity "from income taxation of officers or employees of the national or a state government or their instrumentalities," apparently removes all legal obstacles in the way of a reform that has long been advocated.

It has been generally believed that it would be unconstitutional for any branch of government to tax the work-

ers of another, and it has been argued that an amendment to the constitution would be necessary to make that possible. This decision in deciding that the federal government and the states would not hamper or burden each other by extending their taxing power to government workers, now makes that argument completely invalid.

The president of the United States other high government officials, business leaders, newspapers, and a large number of economists have all pointed to the unfairness of tax freedom for government workers. In a great many cases these workers receive higher salaries than they would be paid for comparable work in private business. During recent years especially, thousands upon thousands of additional persons have been placed on the public payrolls, and a good proportion of them receive salaries ranging from \$5,000 to \$12,000 a year. Certainly there is no justice or reason in permitting these people to go tax free—while persons in private industry with incomes as low as \$1,000 are taxed to maintain them.

There are about 3,800,000 persons now employed by the government. A large number of them of course, have salaries which fall below the exemptions allowed in the income tax laws. But many enjoy salaries above those limits and they should be taxed precisely as anyone else in the same bracket is taxed. This will bring in substantial additional revenue to government—and at the same time it should have an excellent moral effect on the government officials and employees who control the spending.

THE SILENT PARTNER

Reassuring speeches by public officials designed to soothe the "nerves" of the "business man" and grease the wheels of industry are all very fine. But the country needs more than a lot of reassured business men. It needs business. For example, it does not good to "reassure" utility managements in one breath, and in the next make public grants to build competing electric plants to put the utilities out of business. Under such circumstances, private management is helpless to expand and increase employment.

The investor holds the trump. It is his money that makes jobs and builds new plants. He is the silent partner to whom the politician must appeal with deeds, not words. As Wendell L. Willkie, President of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, said in commenting on Secretary Hopkins' address at Des Moines, Iowa: "The investor will be glad to note Mr. Hopkins' statement that the government should limit its sphere of competitive operations, but he will also ask for specific agreements by the government to that effect."

The investor is the senior partner in American industry and he is not easily fooled. He does not part with his money until he is reasonably certain of a return, and the sooner the politicians learn this fact, the quicker we will have recovery.

Son: What is the race problem, Daddy?

Dad: Picking the winners, Son.

"The names for spending have changed several times in the past three years, but the multiplication table has remained the same for centuries."—Raymond Moley.

If he blames his wife, he is lying. The man whose wife is a handicap to him is ashamed to admit it.

A college diploma is nice, but wouldn't it be cheaper if daughter learned to smoke, drink and pet at home?