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CHARLES EVANS HUGHES

Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States, has retired from the Supreme Court. History will record him a place beside Marshall.

In the cases decided by the court involving human rights Chief Justice Hughes was always on their side, even when Negroes were involved. And that is a "far cry" from the days when Chief Justice Taney declared: Negroes have no rights which white men are bound to respect" Taney was a slave holder as were other members of the court and they yielded "to a touch of interest".

Chief Justice Hughes labored under no such handicaps. Before he became Chief Justice, he had served about six years as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, had been a member of the World Court, Secretary of State of the United States, Governor of the State of New York and a leader of the American Bar.

Our sincere wish is that the retiring Chief Justice will live for many years and enjoy them in the consciousness that he has served well the highest interests of his fellowmen. And we hope his successor will be able and worthy to wear the mantle the retiring Chief Justice has worn with such honor to his country and his countrymen.

COURTS, NOT POLICE IMPOSE PUNISHMENT

The beating administered sometime ago to Herman Lewis, a city fireman, by the Vice Detail of the Omaha Police Department, while placing him under arrest for an alleged offense, again brings to the fore the question of the rights of the citizen.

According to our reporter, Mr. Lewis was in his home when officers called at his home and told him they wished to question his housekeeper,-Mr. Lewis' wife being ill in the hospital. Under this pretext, they gained entrance to his home. They then stated they desired to take the woman to jail for medical examination. To this Mr. Lewis objected, stating they had no warrant. An argument ensued. According to the officers, Lewis struck at one of them and they had to "crack down" on him in order to subdue him. Mr. Lewis suffered several cuts about the head. He was taken to jail and charged with Vagrancy, Disturbing the Peace and Resisting Arrest. During the trial, the prosecutors filed another charge of Assault and Battery. Judge John W. Battin fined Mr. Lewis \$25.00 on the charge of resisting arrest and \$25.00 on the charge of assault and battery. Mr. Lewis, however, was the only person who showed any signs of having been struck during the encounter.

The Guide again reminds the Police Commissioner that IT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE COURTS TO ADMINISTER PUNISHMENT..

THE NEGRO NEWSPAPER-

In the United States of America where racial separateness is a National creed and shame, periodicals and papers published by white Americans, regard Negroes as objects of ridicule. And nine-tenths of the stories published about them fall within this class. Their readers form their opinions about Negroes from the things they read in such publications. In recent years, the radio has added its great opinion-forming power to the "education" of the public about the Negro.

The general public, therefore, of all races in the country have but one medium through which to get dependable information concerning the Negro,-The Negro Newspaper. In every community where such papers are published, they are read widely by colored people. And more and more white peo ple are reading them. The number of the latter readers should be increased an hundred times over. White people need to know what colored people are thinking, in which direction they are growing and moving, and in what way the majority group can aid them and, therefore, their country, towards a larger liberty and opportunity for them and for all.

Through the weeks and months and years the Negro Newspaper is fighting the battles of the disadvantaged, publishing the only good and encouraging things from week to week, that are said about the groups, churches and agencies and individuals which serve so fully the Negro people. It tells the story of their marriages, the birth of their children, their graduation from the public schools and colleges and universities; the achievements of their after life, the marvelous sacrifices of fathers and mothers for their children; in all the arts of peace; their heroism in war and peace. It is fighting the battle for economic opportunity for the Negro on every front; it is urging justice in the courts; equality of treatment in travel and public places; equal school facilities and equal pay for colored teachers of the children of the race.

No other number of colored men and women of the race have equalled newspaper workers in the extent of their helpful labors and heroic and sub lime sacrifices.

Negro Newspapers have grown in quality and strength through the passing years. They must grow even stronger. And in that growth will be found the answer to many of our problems, both within and without the Negro race.

In this evolution there must come the Negro Daily Newspaper to serve the whole Nation and the various weeklies in their respective communities.

The Negro Press Assiciation, of which this paper is a member, has helped the cause of the Negro Newspaper. The future is bright with promise of better things to come.

THE VALUE OF THE NEGRO PRESS TO ITS COMMUNITY

We are forced to accept the truth that the Negro as one of the racial minority groups of our great American commonwealth, has been placed upon the defensive battle lines of economic and social security. In such a position the Negro alone as a racial group stands with so much of racial animosities and economic and industrial and civic injustices rampant against him. Even in these days of national defense and world threat of war, it is no less so, of our plight in the national recognition.

In view of this truth, there must come to the Negro comunities, a voice potent and intelligent to speak to, and for, and out from the hearts and souls of every Negro community. The pulpit of the churches has done a marvelous job in the past and even today, but

there cometh a new day, and with it the urgency for the recruiting of agencies which will speak further and to a larger number of our every day world. I know of no other way in position to speak with such a voice, than our Negro Community Press. May I dare to say, the Community Negro Press to a large measure, should be so organized that as it speaks through its pages, it speaks as the Official Organ of its Negro Community Life.

Of course I have in mind a Negro Community Press that prints News that is news. News of vital interest to Negro Community Life, that ties in with the national life of which we are an integral part. Again, a Negro Community Press whose editorial columns are expressive and interpretative of vital issues of our civic, economic, industrial and social well being, is the greatest source of community education available to our group. I also think of the Negro Community Press as a militant prosecutor of the rights of our group, before the total community life of the city.

Such a Negro Press deserves the faithful support of its entire constituency. We shall build a race consciousness only as we follow race leadership, and as we support and maintain to the highest efficiency those instruments of Negro expression whose ideology is, Every man sharing alike under the bill of Civil Rights, regardless of race, color, or creed.

by Dr. Clarence C. Reynolds, Clair Methodist Church.

DEMOCRACY

In the southern states where sentiment is strongest for aid to Britain and the preservation of democracy, injustice toward the Colored minority is most pronounced. Treatment of this minority is not as good as the treatment of the Jews in Italy and slightly better than the treatment of them in Germany.

Indeed, down in that section of the country, being Colored is a badge of degradation. Nazis and Facists are welcome workers in defense plants; they can vote and be voted for; they have the same public accommodations as loyal Americans. From all these the Colored People are generally excluded.

Democracy down there is a mockery. Down there they have laws against intermarriage of the races so that white men may wrong Colored girls without responsibility. They defend lynching and prevent the passage of National Laws to suppress it. But they want England saved. They must preserve "The American Way of Life"

We want to attain the American and English ideal of liberty, but deliver us from "The American Way of Life "down yonder".

ANOTHER RETREAT

Great Britain has retreated from Crete. And we predict she will retreat from the Mediterranian area. And then will come the battle of the British Isles and the Atlantic. And when that stage is reached, America will go in. MARK THIS DOWN IN YOUR BOOK.

LINDBURGH

Charles Lindburgh is a great natural flyer. In that occupation he was a success. His flight across the Atlantic fifteen years ago made him an international figure, universally admired. But as a statesman, he is out of his element. And what he says about international problems have little value, because supported neither by knowledge nor experience. He is quite as much of a Nordic as Hitler and not one whit less prejudiced to people of color than he.

We suggest that Lindburgh 'ile' the old shoemaker, "stick to his last'

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER

The Pittsburgh Courier is carrying on with intelligence and vigor for the rights of the Negro People on a National scale. And the Negro newspapers in their respective communities are making the same fight for Negroes and human rights.

We urge our dynamic contemporary to "carry the battle to the gates" of American race proscription and help us blow them off their rusty hinges.

THEY STRUT THEIR STUFF

Did you ever see a person of limited information and education try to be impressive by the use of "BIG" words, which neither he nor his hearers or readers understood? We have and we have heard them say in childish glee "ain't I strutting my stuff? Do not let him discourage you. Howill grow up someday and be useful in his community.

Coronation Ball, Monday June 9, at Dreamland— Crowning at 10 p. m.

to Our Expected Subscribers

My Dear Reader of The Omaha Guide:

We are happy to anounce to you that we, the Omaha Guide are ready to give you a full newspaper service again. No doubt you remember we had a disastrous fire on December 23, 1939 which destroyed our building inside and put our machinery out of working order. We have remodelled our building and have put our machinery back in good condition. On May 31, 1941 we began serving you again with an 8 page paper, full of local and national up to the minute news, properly edited.

We most certainly want to thank you for your kind consideration, given us during our remodeling period. We are indeed thankful to you for your patience. We do hereby now extend to you an invitation to stop by and see our new \$60,000 newspaper plant. It is without a doubt the showplace of Omaha. When you have visitors in our city, we will be glad for you to bring them in and show them through our plant. I am sure that they will leave Omaha with an expression of appreciation to you. We are indeed anxious to give you the kind of service you want a newspaper to give. Therefore, we ask you to fill out the printed coupon herein at the end of this letter. We will be thankful to you indeed if you will fill out the same and deposit it in the mail. Remember, we want to give you the kind of a paper you want. Unless we know the service you want, we cannot do this. So, please do us this small favor by filling out the printed coupon herein, and mailing same, and thanks a million.

In a few days a representative of our firm will call on you for a friendly chat and for some local news. We will appreciate it very much if you will give them a few moments of your valuable time.

Maybe you would like to write us a letter and tell us more about the

service you want your paper to give this community—more than you can get on the coupon. If so, please feel free to do so and we will appreciate the same. If you would like for someone to call on you to go over this matter with you, please give us a ring WE. 1517.

We are now entering into our 15th year Scholarship Campaign for 6,000 new and renewed subscribers in this area. May we be favored by your filling out the printed Subscription coupon and sending it to us by return mail. Let us get together on the past at some future date. Let us start today on the new subscription account.

The following few lines are something for you to give your serious consideration. Your community newspaper is the only medium you have to call on when an error has been made or when you have been mistreated civically, economically, or criminally. No group of people or organization can correct these community evils as your community newspaper can. So, my friend, let us start today on the new subscription account, so you will be informed of the various activities of your community up-to-date. Remem ber our representative will be perfectly agreeable when he calls in adjusting our past relationship.

Again we wish to thank you for your loyal support in the efforts we are now putting forth for the benefit of the community as a whole and individually. Do you want new avenues of employment opened up to your family? We have the medium which you should be willing to support to do the job. Do you want justice in the law department of your city, county, and state governments? Again, we say, we have the medium by which to get justice. Do you want your civic organizations to function properly in the interest of the whole and not for

the individual? If you do we have the medium to help get it through.

Did you know you are entitled to \$367,000 in new jobs in the city, county and state and from the various political positions that you are taxed to pay, and from the corporatoins which, by right of their franchise, receive your enforced support. We know how to promote an educational program to bring about the desired results to you and yours to get your share of this \$367,000 that is now going into the pockets of other groups, and which rightfully belong to you.

All we need is your loyal support as a subscriber, and your moral support in heping us to educate the rest of the above mentioned concerns—What you are entitled to and what you expect to do about it.

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