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THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, the brilliant and dynamic labor leader, has organized a "March on Washington" to protest the practice of discrimination against Negro workers in Defense Industries and their exclusion from them. Organizations reaching every element of Negro life, have joined in the plan and it is expected fifty thousand Negroes will move on Washington. It is the culmination of a long fight made by leading Negroes and their papers throughout the country to save America from herself by forcing utilization of the vast productive labor of the LOYAL TENTH of the nation's population. Partly as a result of the threatened "March on Washington", President Roosevelt has denounced discrimination against Negro workers in Defense Industries and has ordered their employment. Mrs. Roosevelt since she cannot stop it has joined it. Secretaries Stimson and Knox of the War and Navy Departments respectively, have invited Mr. Randolph to Washington for A CONFERENCE. That denotes progress, for it has been but three months when Secretary of War Stimson was asked to ban discrimination in his department, he testily replied that such agitation interferes with National Defense. To this the NAACP, rejoined: "We have just begun to fight".

More power to you, Mr. Randolph. May your tribe increase.

FORD SIGNS UNION SHOP CONTRACT

Last week The Ford Motor Company at Detroit, Michigan, signed a contract with the U. A. W.-CIO Union which included the check off under which the company collects the dues and pays them to the union.

During the recent election in the Ford plant to determine whether the A. F. of L. or the CIO. should be the bargaining agent, each branch of organized labor sought the support of the Negro employees. This vote was the balance of power. It went largely to the CIO. and the CIO. won the election.

Now the CIO. has signed a contract with Ford. And thus comes to a close of industrial strife in a great manufacturing company.

This new relation between Ford and the workers was as sure to come as tomorrow. And while Ford was a great man in the production field his views did not conceive of workers as men. They were things to be ordered and directed as so much force.

Happily, this is now in the past. And just as Ford was foremost in the past in paying the highest wages and selling the cheapest automobile, we believe he will now become the best example and exemplar of relations between employer and worker in the

world.

Congratulations, John L. Lewis and co-workers for the National good. You have been fair to all workers through the passing years. And in that future which stretches out before America, what you say and what you do will mean ultimate victory or defeat.

We congratulate The Ford Motor Company, also. It has made to America and the world a marvelous contribution in mass production, high wages and reasonably good working conditions. Good wishes to all of you.

DR. MARIAN ANDERSON

Temple University last week conferred the degree of Doctor of Music upon Marian Anderson, honoring her for her world-wide reputation and accomplishments in music. And in thus honoring Dr. Anderson they have honored themselves.

Among the Colored People of the United States today, Dr. Marian Anderson is the number one apostle of interracial goodwill.

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Walter D. Cocking, Dean of the School of Education of the University of Georgia, in 1939, suggested that a school be established for both white and Negro students, to be taught largely by professors from the University of Georgia Education Department and where they would practice together an study educational, social, economic, financial and health problems.

Now, a demand has been made upon the Governor of Georgia to dismiss Dr. Cocking because he favors education in its true sense and as it is given in free American communities. The Governor is against Dean Cocking, but he was reelected by the Board of Regents of the University of Georgia by a vote of eight to seven. That vote is the most enlightened vote taken in Georgia in several generations.

The hill billies and hoe toters of Georgia will doubtless force the governor to dismiss Dean Cocking and prove he bows to the wishes of the backward elements of his state. But the incident proves that there is hope for the redemption of Georgia from its long night of ignorance.

And let us not forget to thank Dean Walter Cocking for his fine contribution to American Education in the deep, dark SOUTH.

RUSSIA!

Hitler has invaded Russia. Russia is the present day enigma. Hitler wants the rich Ukraine, indeed must have it, if he is to maintain his hold on Europe.

What can Russia do against the mechanized Germans? Napoleon dictated terms of peace to a Czar of Russia on a river raft more than a century ago, yet the dull, but cunning Muscovite was not conquered and proved that none is invincible. Hitler's problem is but little different from Napoleon's, Nor is Stalin more or less afraid of Hitler than was the Czar of Napoleon's time afraid of him.

If Russia cannot hold the Ukraine, Russia cannot survive within or without the axis orbit. If she holds by force, Germany will speedily succumb. But all this takes time. Germany realizes the vital part Russia will play in the coming years. And until Russia is securely bound, Hitler will not attempt to invade England. Watch Russia!

FIELDS OF GOLD

The wheat yield this year promises to be very large. In our sister states hereabouts and in our own, soon will be seen oceans of "waving gold" in many fields upon hundreds of farms. And as you travel the country side within a radius of one hundred

miles of Omaha, you will see whence comes the food to feed half the world.

And the corn, the tall corn, of Iowa, and other states will be abundant for all normal needs and more. For this we are thankful.

All other edible foods are equally abundant, for which we may gladly utter a prayer and a hope.

THE HERMAN LEWIS CASE

Week after week we have been writing about the Herman Lewis case. We have been saying that his home was entered by Omaha police officers without legal right and while there brutally beat Mr. Lewis. And Richard Jepsen, Police Commissioner has done nothing about it. Because of this, Lewis has been suspended and Chief Olson and Walter Korisko seek to have him dismissed from the fire department of Omaha.

Who sent these officers into that home without a warrant? And after they were inside whither they had pushed their way, why did they assault Lewis immediately after he had called his attorney. The Attorney advised Lewis that the officers could not arrest his housekeeper without a warrant for a misdemeanor, if they had not seen the act committed. Lewis so informed the officers, and when he did so he was brutally assaulted with a sap and a gun butt and his head was split open in several places and blood was splashed over the walls and floor. Not of the officers' home; not of a public place, but of Lewis' own home, where he lived with his two infant children.

Are the officers whom we pay to attend to law enforcement, entering religious and moral fields? Do they think it is their function to regulate morals? What experiences have they had in the field of religion and morals that fit them to regulate private homes without legal process.

We here and now remind the Municipal Judges and the City Commissioners that the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is binding upon them; it is the supreme law of the land and must be respected. Policemen should be instructed accordingly.

DUTY OR RIGHTS?

(by Dr. Charles Stelzle)

Since the birth of the American Republic, we have accepted as supreme the doctrine of "the right of liberty and the pursuit of happiness." In our treatises upon statecraft and sociology the emphasis has been upon the 'rights' of mankind. We have been hearing about the rights of the child, the rights of women, the rights of capital, the rights of labor, civil rights and political rights.

In the Bible, however, there is practically no reference to the rights of man. The emphasis there is upon "duty". When the strong oppress the weak, we immediately cry out that there has been a transgression of rights. The Bible declares that the law of brotherhood has been violated.

Does this mean that we are to do nothing—to simply wait until the oppressor, whoever he may be, sees his duty? Not at all. Whenever an infringement of right, a neglect of duty occurs—it should be brought to the direct attention of the individual, group or nation involved and an opportunity given to correct the commission or omission. If this is not done, steps should be taken to see that it is stopped and the "rights" are upheld and the "duties" enforced.

Human rights will never suffer if human duties be performed. Duty then, and not rights, is the supreme need of the hour. For the doing of one's full duty will carry one farther along than the mere granting of another's rights. Gradually, men are coming to learn this important truth.

Man demands justice, and he is right. But God demands more than justice—His Imperative is Love. And "love is the fulfilling of the law."

A PLEA FOR THE CHILDREN

(by Ruth Taylor)

"Lord, give to men who are old and rougher

The things that little children suffer,  
And let keep bright and undefiled

The young years of the little child."  
John Masefield.

America was founded by earnest men and women who wanted freedom to bring up their families according to the light which was given them—to afford their children better opportunities to grow in strength and wisdom. The principle of true democracy is expressive of this idea—the growth of the family, the collection of families into one state, with the good of the majority the will of the state. Religion throughout the ages has emphasized the family as a unit in its striving toward spiritual aspirations. The basis of virtually all religions is the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The solution of the problems of the world today will be the task of the children who are the men and women of tomorrow. The only real aid that can be given them for their tremendous task is the finest type of education and instruction that is available.

It has been said that the advantage of the American school system is the habits it has inculcated in the children—the teaching of children from all sorts of homes that when they enter the class room they are on a basis of equality with every other child in the room—Protestant, Catholic or Jew, Negro, White or Mongolian—that there the only superiority is superiority of brains, of concentration, of willingness to work. They have to learn to get along with other children—which is the best training for getting along with people when they go out into the world. As in life, if they can't keep up—no matter what the reason—they drop back into another class. Rain or shine they are expected to be at school in their appointed places at their appointed time. They learn that there are certain things that one can't get out of—and they learn that alibis do not count.

Hate and prejudice are the alibis of adults—they must not become a habit with children. If a hatred of any group or class is traced back to its source it will prove to be an alibi—for some lack or neglect or laziness. A child who has learned to suffer, though it may lose self confidence and courage may be brought out of its fog—but a child who has learned to hate is scarred for life. Hatred is an acid, corrosive, penetrating—leaving great scars which never again will be normal.

The great tragedy of the persecutions abroad is not so much what those who have been physically hurt by them have endured, great as their sufferings may have been, but what the persecutions have done to the persecutors. How can children trained to hatred, to betrayal to calumny from their earliest days ever become honorable men and women, or citizens of any decent world? The utter damning of the children of the totalitarian states is not only the greatest tragedy of today but the greatest menace to the world of tomorrow.

THE NEGRO FARMER AND AGRICULTURAL PREPAREDNESS

(by Albon L. Holsley, Field Officer AAA for ANP.)

The Negro consumer has a definite stake in the programs in which Negro farmers are so actively participating.

Our government has taken precautionary steps to prevent that spec-

ulation in food products which was so prevalent in the first World war and which so heavily bore down upon the purses of middle class and low income groups.

In announcing the program of the department of agriculture to increase supplies of certain food products, Sec. Claude R. Wickard said:

"Should unwarranted speculation drive prices up to unduly high levels at any time, the supplies in the hands of the government will be released to stabilize prices and maintain them at reasonable levels. Under this ever-normal food program, consumers will be protected and farmers will benefit by selling more products at fairer prices than those that have prevailed during the past few years."

Farmers are requested by Sec. Wickard to increase pork and dairy production and enlarge poultry flocks.

In turn for the farmers' intensive cooperation in this plan, the department will stabilize prices by making purchases in the open market for the next two years "at levels approximately as follows: hogs, \$9 per hundred weight; butter, 31c per pound; chickens, 15c pound and eggs, 22c per dozen."

The 654,000 Negro farm operators in the 10 cotton-producing states are, therefore, an important factor in the development of this program to build up adequate reserves of food.

Negro extension workers, FSA leaders, vocational agriculture teachers and others are emphasizing the importance of the AAA which provides extra payments and inducements for reducing cotton acreages and stepping up the production of food for the family and feed for hogs, cows, chickens and work stock.

E. A. Miller, assistant to director, southern division, AAA, while on a recent tour of the south told Negro farm groups that "food grown on your farms for family use helps to insure the nation's food reserves because such families do not have to tap the supplies which flow through regular trade channels for urban and other non-producing families."

So effective has been the educational work of the AAA and other agencies in showing farmers the advantages of community planning and cooperation for better balanced crops, that such appeals as those of Sec. Wickard find immediate and willing response.

A typical instance is reported by Sanford H. Lee, Negro county agent at Macon, Ga. In speaking of a county-wide drive for building home made brooder houses for baby chicks he says that the local FSA office is helping to finance the projects and that through the interest of the camp commander "material for most of these brooders was donated from the scrap piles at Camp Wheeler."

E. P. Smith, Negro county agent at Ocala, Fla., reports that since the home garden program is so effectively organized in his county, he is now cooperating in the development of a city defense garden program with 26 Negro city families already enrolled.

Of such is the spirit of patriots.

"WHAT NOW, GRADUATE?"

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job, you will be asked for references, especially from the last place where you worked. If your last employer will not recommend you, your chances of getting another job will be much poorer.

It may be you cannot undo all the habits and attitudes learned in the years you have been in school, but you can at least re-examine your philosophy of life, your plan for the future check and double check them, and talk with people who have had experience so that you will be prepared to get and hold that job!