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THAT ALL MIGHT SURVIVE

By Ryland Eugene Melford

Never in the modern history of the American Negro has the need for leadership been so apparent as it now is. Lincoln wisely said that "a house divided among itself must fall." The bone of contention among the Negro leaders of our race must be buried, or we as a race of people, already impoverished because of lack of economic nourishment, will find ourselves plunged deeper into the muck of international banditry.

To whom can we as a race of people rely upon in these dark and trying times of international unrest? To whom can we turn to prevent the ephemeral shadows of economic security from loosing themselves from us? And what of the many divergent problems that daily confront the Negro in his pursuits, whether they be acts of pleasure or travail. Is it not true that the pigment of our skins all too often results in the degeneration of years of academic preparation to appease some uncouth gentlemen of industrial or business advantages within our local confines. The writer would mildly suggest that those who direct our policies whether they be international, national, or local in scope look not with disfavor upon men because their skin is tinted brown or black, but rather, majestically seek those who can best produce on the job, whether it be in the field, at the office, in our finest technical laboratories, at the factory, or some menial task.

Of the millions appropriated and now spent by our able Congress, little of these silver ducats have found their way into the pockets of the Negro people. Yet, we represent both consumer and purchaser. I ask, must we shoulder the burden of higher taxes and suffer under the yoke of poverty. In these perilous times the black man is still excluded from holding positions of command and trust in the Navy; the Marine Corps must laugh when the inception of Negro youths within its ranks is mentioned, our army, slowly but surely, rising to meet the armed might of European dictators, still pursues its lily white policies despite the elevation of Brigadier General Davis by Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the several other Negro officers of the regular army recently commissioned. True it is, that our air force may soon be acclaimed the finest in the world and reach a parity with the forces of Adolph Hitler, and yet pitifully weak is the numerical strength of Negro military aviators. When will the doors of West Point, and Annapolis swing open to the hundreds of Negro youths who can match physical, mental and gentlemanly qualities with the cream of any American youth when the bars of racial discrimination are lifted.

No separate unit of aviators at Tuskegee, nor a few select Negro sailors of petty rank, or a Negro General, as well as we might think of him, will appear one-tenth of the nation's loyal citizens. Then too, remember that many, yes very many white brethren who see eye to eye with us are frowning with disfavor at the conditions imposed upon a free black people.

The Negro should heartily endorse and wax eloquently in behalf of any arrangement whereby the editorial policies of our leading journals and the scopes of Negro leaders would develop a homogenous attitude. The Negro's policy must call for national unity and solidarity. Personal gains must be sacrificed. Mass power and power tactics must be employed with ever-increasing successes. A tacit understanding of racial relations would better serve all people that democratic ideals upon which our country is founded might survive. And lastly, let us, a free and loyal people, rise above the situation, and like a conqueror, champion all causes in our behalf within our own ranks.

MILLIKIN AND COMPTON

Millikin and Compton, proponents respectively of the mysteries of the atom and the electron, are seeking to analyse and utilize their power. We hope that when they shall have solved their mysteries, their gifts will not be turned into engines of destruction.

LABOR DAY

Monday was "LABOR DAY" on which workers meet together and play and hear orators. But it has a deeper significance than that. It is set aside and dedicated to the workers of America, without whose contribution in these critical days for mankind, all that we have gained in the long struggle upward will be lost.

A new day is coming for LABOR. It is going to share in the problems of FREE ENTERPRISE and help, along with management, in the solution of the things which trouble our economy and the whole social organization under which we live.

Henry Ford has led the way. He has called upon the leaders of labor in the automobile industry to help work out a plan to prevent unemployment as a result of the curtailment of automobile production during the defense effort.

At last they are learning that labor, capital and management together constitute FREE ENTERPRISE. Henry Ford has gone all the way with organized labor. And labor is very likely to go all the way with him.

OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD CALLS FOR A POST-WAR PEACE FOR ALL MEN

Elsewhere in this issue Oswald Garrison Villard, Grandson of William Lloyd Garrison, The Liberator, lays down certain rules for a just peace after the holocaust of war is done. He wants that peace to include all races and creeds and colors, under conditions which will enable all of them to share in the good things of earth and have the opportunity to fight and win rewards in human society as persons.

His splendid thesis should evoke a response in the breasts of all who love the right everywhere.

THE EDUCATION NUMBER

Watch for our education number, soon to appear, just as the boys and girls are returning to school in their quest for knowledge.

It will seek to help a little as the children go their way from grade to grade. Among them will be found genius, and some of them will one day rise to place and power.

March of Events

Omaha, Nebraska, Saturday, September 6, 1941

COMMENTS

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MR. HERBERT GLEED PAYS US A VISIT

Mr. Herbert J. Gleed of Lawrence, Kansas, spent several days in Omaha last week. He took advantage of the short stay here to make a brief round of business conducted by Negroes. He made several suggestions about co-operative effort in business.

Mr. Gleed has been in the Commission business in Kansas for many years and his suggestions are based upon experience.

We were glad to have you, Mr. Gleed. Come again.

IRAN IS CAPTURED BY BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

Great Britain and Russia have captured Iran and her oil, and if they can hold it, Germany will be the loser in the end. Germany must have oil and more oil, hence the race for the oil fields of Iran.

Iran was formerly named Persia. And Persia in the ancient world had her hour of glory and ruled nearly all the world. She gave Cyrus, The Great, to the ancient world and Cambyses, his son. The latter conquered Egypt in the fifth century B. C., five thousand years after Egypt had attained her greatest glory and was declining.

What caused the decline of Persia, history does not clearly record. But her oil may be the means of Hitler's undoing. If so, she did not rise and reign and fall in vain.

Both Great Britain and Russia are to be commended for the swift conquest of Iran and her oil. Once, they beat Hitler to the punch.

THE FRENCH TERRORISTS RIDE AGAIN

The "REIGN OF TERROR" is beginning once again in France and traitors' heads will soon begin to fall.

In 1770 TERRORISTS ruled France and revolution came and for a time, at least, washed away a cruel and ancient caste with its blood. But they rose from that crucible, purged and glorified and chose for the national motto, LIBERTY, EQUALITY, FRATERNITY.

Under Hitler's orders these guarantees have been swept away, and therefore, "TERROR" once more reigns. Its tide will rise, until the Seine shall once more run red with blood; the blood of Frenchmen who have betrayed the people and made the fruits of the Revolution a mockery.

A STUDY IN COLOR

Not very long since we met a white Colored woman; that is, one who is identified with Colored People by exclusion, who has spent many years in the deep South. Often when riding on Jim Crow street cars, white women beckon her to leave the Negro section and sit with the whites. The colored passengers glare at her. Her method of escape from these embarrassments is to take her place in the white section.

All of which indicates how silly color prejudice is. It is a phase of ignorance, and we hope a rapidly passing phase.

GOLFERS

The golfers held the spotlight in Omaha during August. First came the Negro Golfers from the middle west, and later the National Open Golf meet.

Golfers play golf for exercise. Thank you, we get plenty without it, getting this newspaper out each week and trying to make of our plant the best one of its kind in the Middle West.

Henry Armstrong is about to attempt a "comeback." Good luck, Henry.

TWO TEACHERS VISIT OMAHA

Mrs. Carrie J. Gleed, for the past twelve years, has taught in the Department of Home Economics at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, and Mrs. Mozella Smith, Dean of Women in Dillard University, New Orleans, La., have for the past week been visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mahammit, 2116 North 25th Street.

They assure us that a new South is in the making; that better race relations are being developed and that a wider field is opening up for Negro workers throughout the whole economy of the Southland.

We sincerely hope these good things are coming even more rapidly than the most optimistic dreamed a few years ago.

Joe and Marva have "made up." Congratulations!

"There shall be wars and rumors of wars before the end of time" saith the Good Book.

"No man or nation may with justice indict a whole race of People."

A poor man went in to see a lawyer and asked his services in a theft case. He could not pay, but the lawyer agreed to represent him and said: "Alright, John, I will appear for you and see that you get justice." The client replied, "Hold on there, Mr. Butler, that's what I don't want."

FOR DEFENSE

BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

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"Currant" Events

By Frances Lee Barton

KEEP UP WITH YOUR "currant" events as well as with current events. As the various members of the currant family appear on the market or ripen on your own grounds, turn the fruit into jelly or jam, and later on you'll have a barrel of fun.

Apricot and Currant Jam

4 cups (2 lbs.) prepared fruit; 7½ cups (3½ lbs.) sugar; ½ bottle fruit pectin.

To prepare fruit, pit (do not peel) about 1½ pounds fully ripe apricots. Cut in small pieces and crush thoroughly or grind. Crush thoroughly or grind about 1 pound fully ripe red currants. Combine fruits. Measure sugar and prepared fruit into large kettle, mix well, and bring to a full rolling boil over hottest fire. Stir constantly before and while boiling. Boil hard 1 minute. Remove from fire and stir in bottled fruit pectin. Skim; pour quickly. Paraffin hot jam at once. Makes about 11 glasses (6 fluid ounces each).



BY OL HARRINGTON



Don't forget to duck back there Tootsie, some of those branches arekin' a low-