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DO'S AND DON'TS:



The Ads may say something different, but nothing starts the day off right like a cheery "Good Morning" does. Don't be stingy, give us one.

YOU!



by Ruth Taylor

It's up to you! Whatever the question be, whatever the crucial problem confronting the country today, the solution is up to YOU. For in either a republic or a democracy the power is vested in the individual—that means you! When we speak of national unity, we mean national oneness—a cohesion of all elements into one. YOU ARE THAT ONE!

Through your vote you have the power to effect whatever changes you wish. Your vote is as potent as that of any man in the country. But if you neglect to vote—do not complain of the government that is elected.

Yours is the responsibility. You can't expect cooperation if you are not cooperative. You can't expect fair play unless you are willing to play fair. You can't prate about discrimination if you discriminate against others. You can't whine about taxes and then complain when you don't get the service you expect from the government of your choice.

YOU have to be kind. YOU have to be fair. YOU have to be tolerant. YOU have to work. It all begins and ends with YOU.

Neither industrial disputes nor international problems can be settled from the top. You have to begin with your self. To achieve cooperative action, you yourself must be willing to cooperate in the problems of every day living.

But YOU must stand firm on the ideals in which you believe. YOU must be articulate for the right, and—if you are—YOU can be a power for good in yourself.

What the future holds depends upon you—upon me—upon each and everyone of us as individuals. That is what a republic means. That is what democracy stands for. It is a personal responsibility! It is up to you—and me—and all of us who have pride in our American citizenship—to do our individual best.

OVERTONES

—(by Al Henningburg)

THE UNO BOWS:

The recent decision made by UNO to permit Russia to settle her difficulties with Iran through direct mediation is no surprise to the pessimists of the earth, and no great surprise to the realists. This is likely to repeat itself whenever a small nation finds itself pitted against a powerful nation. The little fellow protests to UNO, which after heated deliberation tells the little fellow to work it out with the big guy.

This story reminds me of a nauseating fight which I saw down in Mobile, Alabama when I was a boy. A black man was permitting a white man to beat him unmercifully, although the Negro was by far the stronger of the two. But the black man wanted to live, and he had seen the officer standing with gun drawn and pointing in his general direction. Since he wanted to live, he lay as quietly as any living flesh could lie while the other fellow kicked him: in the face, in the stomach, in the groins. When it was all over the "law" and the brute went away together, chatting as if all the human deencies had not been invaded.

MAKING A CLEAN BREAST:

One of America's better known popular writers often puts some strange double talk into the mouth of a bishop. Says the bishop to the lady: "Let's make a clean breast of things." According to one famous Hollywood designer, American women are going to do just that with their evening gowns next winter. Already one can imagine the struggle which portly females will put up to carry out this edict, and one can imagine too how many drawing room accidents are already in the making.

ENTIRELY OUT OF FOCUS:

Even the amateur cameraman knows that a picture out of focus is not pleasing either here or hereafter. Well, a few nights ago, in a beautiful high-school auditorium in New York City, I saw a true-to-life picture all out of focus. All of the Negroes who sat on the platform during the commencement exercises in this all-Negro school were volunteers, and all of the whites were paid to be there. Shall we buy a new camera, or just do some repair work on the

LABOR ON GUARD

Louisville (L. R.)—According to the Louisville Courier-Journal, incorporation papers have been filed in Kentucky for "The Mason Dixon Society, Inc." The organization bears the subtitle, "National Association for the Advancement of White People." The front men for the organization is its president, Beecher Hoss of Norwood, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, who for many years has been a representative of industrial firms in that region.

The group's offices, as given by the Courier-Journal, are 625 Scott Street, Covington, Kentucky, and 420 N. Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

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old one?

AND SO THEY SKATED:

Sabra Holbrook, Executive Director of Youth-builders, tells an exciting human-interest story in the forthcoming issue of OPPORTUNITY, Journal of Negro Life. In a northern city, a businessman built a skating rink to which Negro children were denied admittance. The issue was discussed freely for several days in school, then one day several white children accompanied by Negro boys and girls went to the rink—demanded that they be admitted "Oh, no," said the proprietor, "all the customers will walk out if they come in." The white children then entered the rink, canvassed the entire crowd, and discovered that not one person objected. Result: the Negro children were admitted, and both groups have been skating peacefully in that rink ever since.

THE LEARNED STRUGGLE:

The oldest scholarship society in this country is the Phi Beta Kappa, which dates back to 1776. Sometimes you've seen the beautiful gold keys worn by men who know what it was all about when they were in college, and who have been wondering what it's about ever since. These keys are always easy to detect, for it is axiomatic that a holder of a Phi Beta Kappa key NEVER wears a double-breasted suit. Well, there is considerable discussion these days as to whether colleges which deny admission to Negroes should be permitted to open chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. And in very beautiful language those who believe in the myth of the superior race are saying: "Why of course the niggerheads couldn't go to the college with our sons and daughters. Why that would spoil everything." But the chances are that spoiling everything like that would do a powerful amount of good among the learned.

IN THE WORLD OF FASHION:

I had been told that I could meet the prize-winning designers after the show, and I had already drawn a mental image of the Negro boy who took first prize. He would be small, timid, and would shake hands just like a woman. All wrong. The boy who had designed the gown worn by the stunning red-head stood six-feet two, had played football for two years, and he did not shake hands like a woman. Already he has made plans for his own business as soon as he can save enough to get started.

An Open Letter

LET'S FIGHT HARDER

1824 Paseo,
Kansas City, Missouri,
February 1, 1946

The Editor
Omaha GUIDE
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Let's fight harder against the reactionary and Southern Congressmen who are trying to return the U. S. Employment Service to state control.

Walter White wrote NAACP's view to a Congressional committee on January 20, saying in part "In our judgment a unified Nation-wide system of employment offices are urgently needed. On the other hand, to turn these offices to the States during present critical period... would bring only chaos to labor market and great personal hardship and suffering to thousands of working families." CIO and AF of L are also against return the employment service to the states.

Excepting 2 or 3 states, do Race people get more consideration from a federal office or from a state office? Do you know if the states take over the USES the money to run it will still come from Uncle Sam, with the states not putting up a penny? We all know how federal tax money for schools is divided among white and Negro schools by most of the states of the South. Now are we going to turn over more federal tax money to Southern state politicians to run an employment service supposed to help us?

How about agood article on this, asking your readers to write their Congressmen and President Truman to keep the USES federal forever? FEPC is certainly more important, but we should not overlook the USES, too.

Yours truly,
A. Elgerton Wilson.

The Common Defense

INTER-GROUP EDUCATION:

(by Rev. William C. Kernan)

Intergroup education is essentially moral education. For it is constantly seeking to enable men to act charitably and justly toward one another. This is education in the moral realm—or it is nothing.

And moral education for sound intergroup relationships involves the recognition of certain reasonable moral standards which all can accept and in the light of which some things can be labelled definitely right, others just as definitely wrong.

The rise and establishment of Nazism in Europe taught us that there is no escape from this proposition, since it showed us how utterly degenerate life can become when the moral principles are denied which affirm man's dignity, his sacred worth, and the inviolability of his inherent rights.

Yet, we cannot affirm confidently that Nazism is wrong unless we have a reasonable and unquestionable loyalty to a moral standard by which we are able to pronounce judgment upon it.

If there is no such moral standard, how can we say that Nazism is wrong?—how can we say that anything is wrong? How—as Miss Dorothy Thompson has suggested—can we establish a justifiable basis for preventing one group of people within humanity from decreeing that another group is outside humanity and worthy to be treated as we treat other things outside humanity—vermin, for instance?

People who will not recognize moral principles cannot answer these questions convincingly. They cannot build sound, just, and lasting intergroup relations for the simple reason that they have no principles upon which to build them.

Belatedly it is being more generally recognized in this country than it once was that intergroup education must be built upon sound moral principles—the principle of the equality of all men by creation—the principle of the inherent rights of all men by the creative act of God, without respect in any sense whatsoever to race, class, or national origin. This is what we must all know. To these principles we must all be taught to pledge our loyalty. And from these principles must flow the results we desire—sound and just intergroup relations.

Behind The Play

(by Don De-Leighbur)

RICKEY SIGNS WRIGHT AS PITCHER

As predicted here last year, Branch Rickey has signed the second Negro officially to a contract to play with the Brooklyn Dodger farm team Montreal Royals. He's John Wright, the doughty young righthander of the Home stead Grays, who pitched such stirring ball against the National League All-Stars at Ebbets Field last October. Recently discharged from the Navy, Wright is regarded as one of the brightest pitching prospects in Negro baseball. He reports to the Montreal club at Daytona Beach, Florida, March 1, along with Jackie Robinson, and maybe, Roy Campinella, the catcher-outfielder of the Baltimore Elite Giants. Watch for a loud squawk to come from Homestead, Pa., where Cum Posey, who has resisted all efforts so far to integrate Negroes into organized baseball, will speak his piece on this latest instance of "thievery" by Rickey, Sr.

Sugar Ray Robinson feuding with Mike Jacobs, has opened his own office in West 46th St., and has five people working there. Boys on the Street think Ray is going a bit too far trying to go heads on against the czar of boxing promoters. With Mike, Ray can't lose; in a huff and off to himself, he'll have a rough deal. The dean of sprinters, Noarwood (Barney) Ewell, who won the National AAU indoor 60 yard and outdoor 100 meter titles, the indoor broad jump crown and who has equalled the 100 meter record of 10.3 seconds, will toe the line Saturday night at the Garden for the Milrose AA Games. Barney holds jointly or alone the world indoor 60 yard title, IC-4A and 220 broad jump records and the record for being one of the best liked athletes around today. Dave Albritton of Dayton, Ohio, meanwhile, is also in active com-

petition and is the only 1936 Olympic champion still on the line. He'll be in the games Saturday. Dave who was a high jump star in the Berlin Olympics, has carried on longer than any of his contemporaries who made that trip back in 1936. Last winter in the Garden he cleared 6 feet 4 inches, and also tied for first place in the National AAU outdoor championships at Randalls Island. In this same stadium in the Olympic tryouts in 1936, Dave set a world record of 6 feet 9 3/4 inches, which he jointly holds with Cornelius Johnson.

Dr. J. B. Martin, of Chicago, President of the Negro American League writes that he was hardly in accord with the statements made by Commissioner A. B. "Happy" Chandler at Dallas, Texas, January 20, when the Commissioner said, "These conferences, at the request of the Negro League Presidents were with a view toward organizing the Negro Leagues on a more sound basis," and that he (Chandler) would like to see the time come when all baseball would be under one head. However, the Negro League head refuted two statements made at the same time by Mr. Chandler to the effect that, the Negro Leagues favor keeping their own boys after their leagues were on a more sound basis, and that they would expect Negro players to "stay in their own class."

Dr. Martin, since reading the statement, has been trying to determine what was meant by the later phrase: "Stay in their own class." Moreover, he said, that at a conference with the Commissioner in his Cincinnati office a few days ago, there was no mention of the Negro Leagues wanting to hold their players if they had a chance to advance, but our chief objective in the Commissioner's office, was to foster plans to place the Negro Leagues in organized baseball in order that our players would have a greater opportunity for advancement.

Cleve Abbott, Ross C. Owen, and Capt. R. S. Darnaby were the Tuskegee Institute representatives at the 50th annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn., at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis. Herman Taylor and Raymond Jones are the outstanding amateur boxers of the Bronx. They represent the Bronx Community Center with Tris Cobin, former North Carolina State athletic luminary as director.

Hy Turoum of the Daily news, turned in a nice tribute to Jackie Robinson the other night over Jocko Maxwell's WWRL sportscaster. He said: "The signing of Jackie Robinson was a great step toward real democracy and long overdue. Maybe he won't be the Brooklyn Dodger's short stop because Brooklyn has Pee Wee Reese and Stan Rojek, and a half dozen other smart shortstops around, but I think he'll eventually star as a second sacker at Ebbetts Field. He has speed, a fine competitive spirit and a sharp batting eye." The New York Gotham's take on the Trenton Tigers in an American Basketball League game at the St. Nicholas Sunday night. Fourteen members of the Wiley Wildcats, the national collegiate championship seven, have been voted awards by the Texas school. From Marshall, Texas, comes the information that Jerry Keyes, sensational freshman guard of the Wiley eleven, has left for Chicago to fight as a heavyweight in the Golden Gloves tournament. Willie Cheatum, lightweight from Phila., goes into domestic relations court in Newark, I hear, on Feb. 13, to face charges of desertion by his wife, Mrs. Earnestine Cheatum. That 6 ft. 1 and 3-4 inches jumped by Paul Robeson, Jr., of Cornell in the West Point Relays may auger well for the lad as a consistent point getter for the Ithaca institution. Remember: the winner of the Servo-Cochrane welterweight title fight this Friday night at the Garden must fight Ray Robinson on March 24 for the championship before risking the title against anyone, including a return match with the loser. It'll be almost 2-1 that Servo wins the crown and Servo has never drawn a color line as yet.

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