

OUR GUEST Column

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A NATION OF MINORITIES
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The story of anti-minority sentiment today is the story of "Divide and Be Conquered." Any nation which indulges itself in selecting minorities for ostracism or persecution in any form will be "conquered" from within; conquered in the sense that its capacity to be internally strong, self-reliant and productive will be destroyed.

With all of its well-known weaknesses, human nature is so constructed that no majority group of people can eliminate a minority or deprive one of its normal rights without serious impairment to the fibre of the MAJORITY'S character.

But in America we do not have so simple a situation as one majority and one minority—WE ARE A NATION OF MINORITIES. The countries of Europe, Asia and Africa have furnished "national" minorities—English, German, Polish, Scandinavian, etc. Almost all of the religious philosophies which have come into being during the ages have furnished us with religious minorities—Catholics, Methodists, Unitarians, Quakers, etc. Differences in material wealth have made minorities out of both the very rich and the very poor. Southern Baptists are a smaller minority than Catholics. Jews are a larger minority than Lutherans. Episcopalians are a smaller minority than trade union members. Negroes are larger minority than Methodists. The Daughters of the American Revolution are a smaller minority than the American Legion.

So "anti-minority sentiment" in this country means the antipathy of one or more minorities for one or more different minorities. A dangerously combustible framework in which to start a conflagration of hatred! For we know that antipathy towards minorities is contagious within the INDIVIDUAL. Dislike for one minority breeds dislike for another. The largest of the hate organizations—the Ku Klux Klan—capitalized on this fact with its three-way campaign against Catholics, Negroes and Jews.

Truly the function, though not the purpose, of anti-minority sentiment is "Divide and Be Conquered." That minority which is today a part of a coalition of minorities which make up a temporary majority may well tomorrow be the persecuted minority.

What are the sources of anti-this and anti-that sentiment? We must look deep for the causes and, regardless of how much or how little members of the minority may themselves contribute to the dislike for it, we must look within the mind of the possessor of anti-minority sentiment for much of the answer.

It is likely that we will find at the core of such sentiment some kind of fear, however vaguely defined; fear of the minority's power or size or intentions or purposes or allegiances—or something! And it is likely that we will often find that this fear is produced by misinformation. Clearly then, one way to combat anti-minority sentiment is to actively provide as much correct information about each minority as possible. It's easy to hate someone you don't know or to fear something you don't understand. It's hard to hate someone

NAT'L NEGRO HEALTH WEEK, MARCH 31-APRIL 7

Hits 'Jim Crow' Medical Care for Vets Union Services

New York, N.Y.—A sharp protest against the edict of Dr. Paul R. Hawley, medical director for the Veterans Administration that Negro units will be established in Veterans hospitals under the care of Negro doctors and nurses was voiced in a telegram March 16 by the NAACP. Hawley also declared, according to newspaper reports, that even in the North, the Veterans Administration would restrict Negro doctors and nurses to Negro patients—a strict Jim Crow arrangement.

"The NAACP unqualifiedly protests such a plan as reported which would make for not only the continuance of racial segregation in veterans hospitals but its extension to areas where non-discrimination is against law and public policy. Dual basis of administering hospital care to taxpayers places undue burden on American attitude on part of Government hospitals further urge decision to use Negro doctors and nurses for care of all patients in Veterans Administration hospitals without regard to race, creed, or color."

At St. John AME Church, 22nd and Willis Ave., Sunday night, March 31st, Devotional Services 7:30 pm. Sermon at 8:00 pm. Rev. F. S. Goodiet, and music by the Men's Chorus of Zion Baptist Church.

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Surgeon of Democracy

CORONET TELLS STORY OF DOCTOR LOUIS WRIGHT

Louis Wright's career is not only a stirring chapter in the history of modern medicine, but a striking example of democratic triumph over prejudice and bigotry.

The article SURGEON OF DEMOCRACY in the April Coronet traces the life of this great doctor and his fight to win recognition for himself and others. Today at his post in Harlem Hospital, Dr. Wright continues to work and to train other young doctors. For most of New York's Negro surgeons have come up under his direction.

The story of Dr. Wright's inspiring achievements begins in 1917, continues Coronet, when the United States entered World War I. Then 26, Wright left his practice in Atlanta to volunteer for the Army. At the time, it was the rule to vaccinate against smallpox by scratching vaccine into the skin. The young Negro doctor observed that this technique involved a large percentage of repeats and one day at Camp Upton he made a revolutionary experiment; he injected vaccine by hypodermic needle under the skin. It worked. "No takes" were virtually eliminated. Today Wright's method is recognized as the best method of vaccination.

His original work on the treatment of skull fractures and brain injuries has made him a leading authority in that field. He invented the brace used in the transportation and handling of patients with neck injuries. His report on the treatment of rupture of the spleen, published in 1939, is a classic, and right now he is making a study of lymphogranuloma, an infection of the glands which has been the subject of little original research in this country.

Wright was guided into medicine by his stepfather, Dr. William Fletcher Penn, a graduate of Yale Medical School, who paid Louis' expenses through Harvard at a period when most Negro students worked as redcaps and Pullman porters to finance themselves through other universities. From Dr. Penn, Wright learned to be intolerant of mediocrity.

Today, at 54, Dr. Wright is a youngish-looking man with a ready smile, easy pose and modest assurance. Some of the older Negro doctors on Harlem's staff think he's tough—tough and unreasonably. Perhaps it's because Wright won't play "race" politics in staff promotions. "I insist on the best man for the job, whether he's white or black, Jew or Catholic, and that's all there is to it," he says.

Like father, like son, not son—but daughters, for both of Dr. Wright's daughters have decided to take up medicine. The elder, Coronet, Jane, who was graduated from Smith College, started her internship at Bellevue last summer, and Barbara, a graduate of Mount Holyoke, enters in April.

Saint Philips Episcopal Church To Dedicate Memorial Windows

On Sunday, March 31, at 11:00 a. m., the Rev. S. G. Sanchez, Rector of Saint Philips' Episcopal Church, will dedicate seven stained glass windows. Five of these windows are memorials to: Millard and Blanche Singleton, given by Dr. Clarence H. and Mrs. Singleton, son and daughter-in-law; J. Dillard Crawford, given by his wife, Charlotte; Elizabeth Buford, given by her son, Harry; Katherine and James Heady, given by James Heady, Sr., husband and father; Hyman and Mary Thompson, given by Mrs. Mary Wiggins, daughter.

The two other windows are given by the Men's Club of the parish. All friends and relatives are urged to be present at the dedication. A hearty welcome awaits all.

NATIONAL BAR ASSN WEEK APRIL 7-13th

Whereas, in accordance with precedent, there has heretofore in previous years been set aside for proclamation of the President, a week known and designated as National Bar Association Week and

Whereas, it is the declared purpose of such a week through the members of the National Bar Association, to emphasize the importance of the continuing, unrelenting fight of the Negro people to bring about the enforcement and procurement of the US Constitution and particularly the 13, 14 and 15 Amendments thereof, through Court action an legislation; and

Whereas, it is deemed appropriate to designate the week of April 7th to April 13, 1946, as National Bar Week because such week includes April 7th to April 9th, 1946, as the anniversary of Appomattox—the surrender of Lee to Grant; and

Whereas, since Appomattox led to the enactment of the 13, 14 and 15 Amendments to US Constitution, it is appropriate each year in its commemoration that the members of the National Bar Association, composed largely of the minority group most benefited by Appomattox, rededicate themselves to the high purposes for which the Civil War was fought, particularly to establish equality and freedom for all citizens of our Country, without regard to race, creed or color;

"POWER OF GOD" COMING TO ST. JOHN APRIL 8TH

"The Power of God", a Christian motion picture filmed in sound is coming to St. John on Monday, April 8 at 8:15 pm. "The Power of God" stresses personal evangelism, demonstrating that the Gospel of Christ is a power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. The setting of the power of God in a little town called Enderle. It may be your town for it tells us a gripping modern story from what christianity is and what it does to the individual. A forceful religious film; it does deal with the problems of modern life and shows how these can be

GRISWOLD SIGNS EASTER SEAL PROCLAMATION



Nebraskans were called upon Thursday by Gov. Dwight Griswold to support the Easter Seal Sale during the period from March 21st to April 21st. The Governor told of the work the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children in securing care and education for handicapped youngsters. The Society derives its funds from the sale of the Seals.

Pictured is the Governor signing the Seal Sale proclamation as W. O. Swanson, president of the Society looks on.

solved by the Word of God spoken at the right time in the right way by plain christians. You will have to see "The Power of God" to really appreciate the story it has to tell. Everyone who has seen the power of God given away with its true to life gripping drama imprinted in their minds.

The Power of God is truly one of the great Christian films that has been produced in our day. It is being acclaimed wherever ever it is shown. If you fail to see it you will have missed one of the rarest treats in movies in many a month. Prepare to see "The Power of God" on Monday, April 8th at St. John AME Church and also prepare to enjoy one of the finest Christian pictures in sound you have seen for some time.

INVENTE OF INFLUENZA VACCINE

Princeton, N. J.—Soundphoto—No military genius in all history has ever won a more noteworthy battle than this unassuming man, who has demonstrated that the test tube, too, is mightier than the sword. He is Dr. Wendell M. Stan-

DEFENSE PLANS DRAWN

For Tennessee Riot Victims

Nashville, Tenn.—Plans for the legal defense of the 100 Negroes arrested and charged with offenses in connection with the Columbia, Tenn. riot of February 26-28 were being perfected last week by attorneys of the NAACP headed by Z. Alexander Looby, of this city and Maurice Weaver of Chattanooga.

Meanwhile the NAACP office in New York moved to mobilize nationwide support of the riot victims through the formation of a national committee of colored and white citizens which will publicize the case, raise money for the expensive court fight, and press for the punishment of officials responsible for the shooting and vandalism and violation of civil rights in Columbia.

Mrs. Roosevelt Heads Committee
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Channing H. Tobias will serve as co chairmen of a national committee. It was announced by Walter White who is in personal charge of the case for the NAACP. Mrs. Roosevelt telegraphed her consent from Tucson, Ariz.

There are two aspects to this case. White said, both of which are of the greatest importance. One is the adequate legal defense of those who have been arrested and charged with crime. This is the first consideration. These innocent persons, terrorized by a mob and the threat of a lynching merely retired to their section of Columbia to avoid any trouble. Their district was invaded, their homes and businesses were ransacked and wrecked, and scores of them were threatened and beaten at the point of machine guns in the hands of raiding state troopers.

It is of the very first importance that these innocent people be freed and that nothing take precedence over securing their liberty on these fantastic charges. The second important feature of this case is the arousing of public opinion through mass meetings and protests to bring the guilty parties to justice and to prevent the recurrence at Columbia from becoming the pattern to be used by other communities throughout the nation. We expect, through the national committee now being formed, through the 1200 branches of the NAACP and through cooperation with other organizations to carry out this important task but without forgetting that the main issue to the colored people in Columbia is that those who have been arrested shall be free.

Mass Meetings Arranged
White said that series of mass meetings is being arranged in 15 key cities, with smaller gatherings scattered in a score of other cities where the case will be publicized by speakers from the NAACP National office and others.

White spoke March 21 to an overflow mass meeting at Ebenezer AME Church in Detroit. Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel of the NAACP who will supervise the entire legal defense, spoke on the Columbia case at a mass meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. The case also was spread before delegates to a 5 state NAACP regional conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 23, by Miss Ella J. Baker, director of branches and Miss Lucille E. Black, of the NY office of the Association.

Oliver Harrington, who was a war correspondent for the Pittsburgh Courier in Europe, has been engaged by the NAACP to head

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up a special publicity project on the Columbia case.

FBI to investigate
White and Marshall conferred March 18 with Atty. Gen. Tom Clark in Washington and secured a promise from him that an exhaustive investigation would be made by the FBI. A conference was requested with President Truman but his secretaries referred the request to the Department of Justice.

Atty. Looby, who is a member of the NAACP national legal committee with offices here, emphasized that the NAACP is the only organization authorized by the defendants to represent them legally and that funds collected by the NAACP will be used for their legal defense and for publicizing the case. Contributions to the defense fund should be sent to the NAACP, 20 West 40th St., New York 18, N. Y. Checks can be made payable to NAACP or to Mary White Ovington, Treasurer.

In the meantime, it has been learned that another organization has been hurriedly formed in Washington, D. C. and is seeking a fund of \$20,000 to cover the cost of field organization work and a money raising campaign.

N. N. I. A. LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE CONTEST
Richmond, Va.—(C)—National Negro Insurance Association has extended its nationwide building contest through May 11th, according to C. L. Townes, director of publicity.

Planned as a forerunner to the 1946 observance of National Negro Insurance Week, the contest opened to all except employees of any insurance company or agency too. It has been streamlined and simplified so that anyone can enter. 30 prizes totaling \$1,000 in US Bonds are being offered just for completing this sentence in 25 additional words or less. "People should buy Life Insurance because

First prize will be a \$500 bond. Second prize a \$200 Roosevelt Bond and the third prize a \$100 bond. A \$25 bond is being awarded for the best entry submitted in each state. Member companies will give away a useful souvenir to every entry.

JOE LOUIS ACCEPTS AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN
Chicago (C) Joe Louis as an expression of his personal interest and support of the Negro veterans' efforts to organize on a nationwide scale, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the National Veterans' Conference For Organization and Action, in Chicago Ill., April 6-7.

He will appear as main speaker of the evening, April 6th at DuSable High School, 49th and State Street.

SENATE COMMITTEE GETS ENDORSEMENT OF HASTIE

Washington, D. C.—Endorsement of Judge William H. Hastie to be Governor of the Virgin Islands was received by Senator Abe Murdock, chairman of the Sub-Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs, from Walter White of the NAACP on behalf of the organization. The telegram read: "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on behalf of its national office and 1200 branches, youth councils and college chapters, strongly recommends favorable action by your committee on nomination of William H. Hastie as Governor of the Virgin Islands. It is superfluous to speak of Judge Hastie's distinguished legal and administrative public record or on his unimpeachable character and courage. Speedy confirmation by the Senate will make the United States government and the Virgin Islands in particular fortunate in having so distinguished and intelligently loyal an administrator."

WOLCOTT-BIVINS IN REPEAT BATTLE IN MAY

Cleveland—(C)—The Wolcott-Bivins match which drew over \$50,000 here two weeks ago, is expected to draw twice as much when it goes outdoor in May, according to promoter Larry Atkins.

"CHATTER-BOX" ON THE MEND

Miss Doris Ann McGill, 2724 Lake Street, is up and able to resume operation recently. She is well known as the writer of the popular "Chatter-Box" column appearing weekly in the Omaha Guide.

WHY AND WHEREFOR OF APPLIANCE SHORTAGES EXPLAINED

To assist the public in understanding the why and wherefor of the appliance shortages, President H. G. Carlson of the Nebraska-Electrical Council gives the following report: A spot check of 34 leading producers of refrigerators, washers, radios, ranges, and ironers, just completed by Civilian Production Administration, reveals no excessive inventories being withheld from the market. Over half a million units of all types were in inventory at the end of December. One large range manufacturer made 3,000 and had only 700 on hand. A leading ironer manufacturer had but 150 on hand out of 2,000 made. Nine firms made 157,000 washers and had 20,000 on hand. Six refrigerator companies made 173,000 boxes and had but 7,000 in inventory. Spread out over thousand of dealers, this just doesn't go far. Many thought the manufacturers were deliberately holding back because of the excess profits tax, which expired the first of the year, but this doesn't bear out that theory.

AMBASSADOR FROM IRAN

Washington, D. C., Soundphoto—Husein Ala, the Ambassador from Iran, held prolonged conference with Loy Henderson, Director of the Near Eastern Affairs Division of the State Department. He had received instructions from his government on bringing the case of Russia's continued occupation of his country. Photo shows L. R. Loy Henderson and Ambassador.

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N. Y. STATE ASSEMBLY UNIVERSITY STUDY BILL BILL PROVIDING NO BIAS

Albany, NY—(C)—The Assembly unanimously passed this week the Ives-Feinberg bill establishing a 16 man commission to study the need of a state university. Also voted on was the appropriation of \$100,000 after Assembly Leader Ives stated that there was no question that the commission would recommend creation of the new bias free institution.

We have got to have a university he added.

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