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"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

## Forces for Brotherhood

By IRVING DILLIARD, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Whether the late George Washington Carver of Tuskegee and the National Conference of Christians and Jews were ever linked together, we do not know. But it is appropriate that they be related now. The National Conference of Christians and Jews works for brotherhood among men and the famous Negro scientist practiced brotherhood. Both receive special attention annually at the forepart of each year.

The Carver birthplace site at Diamond Grove, near Joplin, Mo., has been set aside by the Federal Government for preservation. For this thanks are due in large part to Richard Pilant, former Missourian, and it will probably be due to Mr. Pilant if a replica of the log cabin home is constructed there. The cabin, in which Carver was born in slavery, was torn down, and presumably information about it was lost. Mr. Pilant, however, kept on the trail of data and now has turned up facts as to exact size (it was 16 feet by 16 feet, and 8 feet high), location and general appearance. This is the reward of a man who has spent a great deal of his own time and no little money in advancing the Carver memorial.

Development of a memorial such as that which is slowly taking form at Diamond Grove emphasizes the common virtues of all men. These are virtues which transcend race and religion, virtues that know no color line. The National Conference of Christians and Jews works for a better America and so do individuals who give themselves to such causes as the Carver memorial, down in the Missouri Ozarks.

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## Editorial Comments

### TELL IT TO THE INFANTRY

"With my eyes wide open, I'm dreaming . . ."  
—Line from a popular song.

The nation's hopes are up.

"With resoluteness and firmness America under President Eisenhower has set out to win the peace without involving our country in a third world war. We hope to reduce the drain on our manpower and the strain on our economic system, and to get relief from tension. . ."

These words are from a David Lawrence editorial in U.S. News and World Report and its tone is typical of many other comments in national publications and Oregon newspapers. People seem to be gratified because they sense a "change," even though few seem to know the full meaning of the change. Folks are pleased that Eisenhower is "doing something"; they are not so much concerned about just what.

Maybe they don't want to know. For there is an undertone of desperation in their eagerness to approve the new administration's policies, to be convinced that any change is a good change. Objective criticism of such controversial items as de-neutralization of Formosa or repudiation of "secret" agreement is met testily, shrugged-off like a gadfly conscience. Folks seem to say to themselves, "It's got to be right! It's just got to work!"

The tragedy is that they may be kidding themselves. Wishful-thinking can be fatal. We can lull ourselves with the opiate of false security only to find ourselves in for a rugged awakening.

Reduce the drain on our manpower? That's great! But there's little prospect for this dream to come true when the most powerful man in Congress and perhaps in the U.S., Senator Robert A. Taft, says that if it seems advisable to assist Chiang Kai-shek's forces to land on the mainland "WE WOULD HELP AND SEND TROOPS TO DO IT."

Reduce the strain on our economic system? We're for that! But there's not much chance when the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, Alexander Wiley, wants to send jets and more arms and ammo to Formosa while PRESENT U.S. OUTPUT IS INSUFFICIENT EVEN TO MEET CURRENT COMMITMENTS.

Get relief from tension? What cruel joke is THIS!

Let us have done with euphemisms and do the American people the honor of plain talk, as we have done the Europeans the honor of plain talk. This is no time for pleasant dreams, but for wide-open eyes on the facts.

For the United States—unless we are mistaken—appears to be on the verge of engaging in warlike acts against Red China (blockade of the China coast, possible support to Chiang's invaders), with or without benefit of a formal war declaration, unilaterally perhaps if UN refuses to go along. Armed resistance in Korea was under sanction of United Nations and action was precipitate because of the urgency of the situation; but that has provoked criticism of the President Truman for engaging in war without a declaration by Congress. Now there is plenty of time, time not only for Congress to act, but time also for the people to debate the question of how deeply they want the country to become involved in war with Red China. Belligerent congressmen and senators first should tell it to the people . . . and tell it to the infantry who would have to respond to orders to assist Chiang's army. —From the Oregon Statesman.

### THIS SORT OF THING

Some time ago unpublicized reports seeped out of Korea that a lieutenant in the United States Army, accompanied by three GIs, had beaten and kicked a Korean Christian leader to death. The lieutenant was reported to have been drunk at the time.

Because Dr. Pang, the victim had

died on a Navy ship where he was removed after the attack, the Army took no action to bring the assailant to justice. Finally the Christian-Century demanded that the authorities recognize the seriousness of this case and not allow it to be whitewashed.

An Army court-martial has now been held, witnesses have testified to the unspeakably brutal details, the lieutenant has been found guilty of "assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm"—and has been sentenced to two years at hard labor and dismissal from the Army.

We do not know what legal technicalities or other motivations may have determined so mild a charge and so incredibly light a sentence or what long-held arrogance toward a people looked on as "gooks" may have formed the background to this shocking crime. But we are not surprised at the words of the leading Presbyterian missionary in Korea:

This will be the biggest blow to Christianity in Asia since it was introduced by the first missionaries.

Korean Christians are reported stunned by the sentence. American Christians should be equally stunned by the report that weeks after the crime the victim's family (including a wife driven insane by a Communist beating) were huddled in a Pusan slum and had not even received a call from anyone in the Army—since, as a spokesman explained, "no administrative procedures have been drawn" to handle this sort of thing.

There should be the strongest public protest against the gross mishandling of the case from beginning to end. This is not something from the annals

of Soviet brutality, against which verbal protests beat in vain. It is within the power of aroused public opinion to bring about official recognition of its full seriousness and of America's full responsibility in "this sort of thing."—From Christian Science Monitor.

## Girl Scouts Investiture Held Wednesday Eve

Detroit-Idanha Girl Scouts held an investiture ceremony at the Detroit school Wednesday under the direction of Mrs. Helen Baughn, scout leader.

The following girls were invested: Rebecca Stoll, Mary Witt, Jan Rutherford, Caroline Lady, Patricia Lute, and Donna Stevens.

As entertainment the older scouts directed by Alice Fryer presented a play on the gymnasium stage.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Just a Little "Outdated"

Back in December we sent out our yearly calendar. It listed the last date for renewing drivers' licenses, and things like the dates for registering to vote, when the hunting and fishing seasons open — even suggested you note down the wife's birthday, too.

I figured dates like these were important to keep in mind—and this was a good way to do it. Unfortunately, it now turns out I never really paid close attention to my own calendar!

Not 'til today that is—so here I am not able to drive the car this

weekend until I get my driver's license renewed on Monday!

From where I sit, I guess good advice, like charity, should begin at home. I'm always advising all of you to worry less about your neighbors (what they do, or say, and whether or not they should enjoy a temperate glass of beer) and pay more attention to whether you yourself are doing the right thing. Guess I'll "make a note" to follow my own formula!

Joe Marsh

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