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"NO ROOM IN THE INN"

News reaches us from Boulder City, Nev., where it is said ten Negroes have been employed at the new Hoover Dam. (er much agitation on the part of the standing Negro leaders and organizations that "Uncle Sam" has no place where these men may lay their weary heads at the close of their daily tasks but that they must travel 29 miles each way every day to their newly acquired work.

"Uncle Sam" has built a new city from the ground up for the workmen on the dam and yet Negroes are not allowed to remain in Boulder City overnight! Even the two Negro boot blacks who shine the shoes of the other workmen must come all the way from Las Vegas every day and bring their lunch with them—22 miles from Las Vegas to Boulder City and seven miles from the City to the dam site.

Some of the Negro workers are ex-service men; men who went "over there", fought, bled and offered their lives that America and the whole world might become more democratic. Yet today in the year of our Lord 1932 in a Government built city no Negro citizen can obtain food, lodging or any other ordinary, civil accommodation. No place for them to lay their heads, "no room in the inn". The poor workers are tired out before they begin their daily tasks at bread-winning.

When we consider conditions like this that can be traced direct to our government, is it any wonder that many Negro Americans have lost all hope in any ultimate justice in America under the present form of government and are inquiring seriously into the soviet government in Russia? A large number of young Negro writers and educators have gone to Russia to study its government and to cultivate its friendship.

It is conditions like the Boulder City that put "strange thoughts" into the Negro's mind politically and is the kind of conditions and practices on which Communism thrives.

Why cannot our own government deal fairly with its subjects? The Hoover administration will have something else to explain to Negro voters before November election.

THE CORVALLIS GAZETTE TIMES

The Advocate acknowledges with deep appreciation the Corvallis Times Gazette which comes to our exchange desk. The six-page paper is well arranged and printed and its editorial and news matter show careful and sane thinking and selection.

CONGRESS

Though the members of congress during the recently ended session gave up a vast amount of time to political scheming, quarreling and useless talk, they actually did enact considerable legislation of moment, often under pressure from the Chief Executive.

They passed a series of measures that began with the moratorium for inter-governmental debts, that included the creation of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, and that ended with the passage of the home loan bank bill with its currency inflation provision.

They put through a new revenue measure designed to raise more than a billion dollars in additional taxes, and an economy bill saving perhaps \$150,000,000 in government expenditures. They passed all the necessary department supply bills, but refused to make most of the promised economies in these.

Two measures long advocated by Senator Norris were passed. These were the "lame duck" resolution to change the constitutional dates for the beginning of congress and the inauguration of the President, and the anti-injunction bill relating to labor disputes.

The growing national discontent with prohibition was reflected in congress by two test votes on the legalization of beer in the senate. On Mar. 14, voting to bring the Beck Lintum repeal resolution to the floor, the house cast 187 wet votes, the largest of its kind since prohibition, as against 227 dry ballots. Two weeks later a similar vote on the O'Connor Hull beer bill was 132 to 216.

Senate wets pinned their hopes to

various bills to legalize beer, and measures by Senator Hiram Bingham and Millard E. Tydings were offered as amendments to the tax bill, and in a final effort to gain modification and increase federal revenues as a rider to the home loan bank bill. The various attempts met failure.

President Hoover vetoed only three important pieces of legislation. These were the bill extending veterans' privileges to hitherto unthought of class-of-formersoldiers and the first es of former soldiers, and the first Garner-Wagner relief bill with its federal loans to individuals, and the bill to shear the President of his power under the flexible provisions of the Smoot-Hawley tariff act.

MR. CAMPBELL'S PASSING

The Advocate chronicles with deep sorrow the passing of one of Portland's well known and substantial citizens in the death of Charles S. Campbell who departed this earthly life on last Wednesday morning.

His death is mourned by the many people who knew him, and who were made happy by his kindness and benevolence.

The deceased had been in ill health for many years yet he remained active until the end came. He was a great lover of beauty, flowers, music, art, and gave generously to help promote a cultivation of taste for them into the lives of many people.

He was very fond of the colored race as he traveled a great deal in the South, and had a sympathetic understanding of their hardships and needs.

Mr. Campbell was the inspiration for many articles contributed to The Advocate by his wife, Myrtle W. Campbell, and the Negro race can feel that they have lost a real friend in his passing.

The Advocate can offer no greater condolence to the bereaved family than to point them to the Great Master of or destiny who alone has power to heal and whose judgment is just and right.

POLITICAL ACTION

The Advocate hopes that the local Negro political organizations will not wait until November arrives to begin their meetings. There is much to be done at this time so that when the election comes around, all voters may be prepared to cast their ballot intelligently.

"WAY DOWN SOUTH WHERE THE BLUES BEGAN"

W. C. Handy has just sent The Advocate a complimentary copy of his latest composition, "Way Down South Where The Blues Began" This song is a glorification of the Southland both in lyric and hit. It is as dynamic as "St. Louis Blues" but

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The Handy Brothers Music Co., Inc. published the song and their office is at 1595 Broadway, New York City.

THINK IT OVER

The public is now being regaled with the news that \$10,000,000 will have to be raised to conduct the Hoover-Roosevelt battle for the presidency. In 1928 the two parties spent a total of \$16,500,000.

When the politicians of both parties are telling how much money it will take to care for the needy people this winter, it looks like an economic crime to raise \$10,000,000 to be spent by the two parties largely in black-guarding opposing candidates.

Let both parties, if they are sincere in their advertised desires to help the needy, donate their millions of campaign funds for relief work this winter. And let the people vote in a normal manner for their political candidate, free from the high-pressure influence of a \$10,000,000 slush fund.

—E. Hofer & Sons.
Note: The Advocate wishes to add that if the fund is to be spent with the struggling weeklies, we know of no more needy cause than them and the people they support, or rather try to.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION

(From The Galveston BANNER)
Saturday, July 23, will long be remembered in the political history of the State of Texas, if not in the history of the entire country. For more than a decade Negroes have been denied participation in the Democratic primary.

The Republican party remained as he only other alternative, with only he general election to look forward to. The Negro lived only to pay taxes and see the Democratic party ride into power year by year and this party deny him any right to participate in its deliberations, although it was in part supported by the State.

But behind the clouds of despair the sun was shining, and one day some men with nerve attempted to ride the Democratic donkey. The old ass pitched and reared, but men like Nixon, White, ably supported by Grigsby, the lamented DeWalt, and

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On May 2, the United States Supreme Court rendered a decision which revealed that the Democratic party was not a private organization, but a servant of the State, and hence could not reject a qualified voter because of his color. This decision was received as being second only to the Emancipation Proclamation.

Whilst we hold no brief for the Democratic party, being ourselves avowed Republicans, we reserve the right to act as the mouthpiece of the people regardless of their political affiliations. Hence it is our duty to urge those who desire to enlist as Democrats to go to the polls on July 23 and enroll in the party of their choice.

NO NEGROES ON JURY, GETS RE-

TRIAL; RULING'S VALUE

DOUBTFUL

New York City, N. Y. July 28 (CNS). Granting anew trial to Euel Lee, a Negro convicted of murder in Maryland, because there were no Negroes on the jury panel, was characterized by the American Civil Liberties Union as "a nominal victory, the real value of which is yet to be shown by the conduct of this and future trials."

Retrial of Lee, also known as Orphan Jones, was ordered by the Maryland Court of Appeals on July 6, in an unanimous decision which said: "The evidence, with the long unbroken absence of Negroes from the juries selected, seems to show an established practice, confining selections to white men as effectually as if such a restriction were prescribed by statute." In twenty-six years there had been no Negroes on Baltimore county court panels.

The same question was passed on in Texas last spring when a new trial was ordered in the case of a Negro named Harris. This decision was based on a ruling by the United States Supreme Court in 1900 in the Carter case, in which it found that Negroes could not be lawfully excluded from Federal panels, "the A. C. L. U. says, 'but seldom if ever is a Negro accepted for service on a Federal jury. It remains to be seen whether the Maryland court's decision will actually break down the high wall of social discrimination set up by the white race in the Southern states. Considering the close quarters in which jurors usually are compelled to mingle, will it be possible to get a mixed jury in the Euel Jones case? Whatever the answer, the court's decision is important, because it will focus attention upon this fundamental issue."

DR. COCHRAN ILL

The Advocate is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Maybelle Cochran stating that her husband, Dr. A. M. Cochran is in very poor health and failing daily. The Cochrans have moved from Phoenix to San Diego. They formerly resided in Portland where they have many friends who will be sorry to learn of the Doctor's ill health.

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