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SCOTTSBORO

On April 19, 1931, William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, writing to the DAILY WORKER, New York City, said:

"I have just seen a copy of the Daily Worker for April 16 and noted the fight which the workers are making through the International Labor Defense to prevent the judicial massacre of Negro youth in Alabama.

"Enclosed is a small check for that cause. Please send it to the I.L.D. in enclosed stamped envelope.

"The promptness with which the white workers have moved toward defending these helpless and innocent Negro boys, sons of black workers, is significant and prophetic. The only ultimate salvation for the Negro and white workers is in their united defense, one for the other. Other causes and movements may do a good work, but all other causes are good only as preliminaries to that consummation. The one objective for final security is the absolute and unqualified unity and cooperation of ALL WORKERS, of all the exploited masses, across all race and color lines and all other lines.

"This is one occasion for every Negro who has intelligence enough to read to send aid to you and the I.L.D." Mr. Pickens' statements are so true and reasonable that all we could say would only be by way of endorsement. yansika K. DN E s TAOIN SHRD L Down in Alabama today while you and we are moving about in freedom, nine Negro youths ranging in age from 14 to 21 are being tried by a jury of all whites in a court room surrounded by armed guardsmen. And they say it will be a fair trial in an atmosphere which requires the calling out of U. S. guardsmen!

Although the trial is in progress, the cases having been remanded by the United States Supreme Court for retrial, there is great need for additional funds to pay the expenses of the defense. All who read these lines are requested to send their utmost to the International Labor Defense at its local headquarters, 245 1/2 Alder street or to the national, 56 E. 11th St., Room 420, New York City.

Let it not be said that the Negro is not willing to help fight for his own life and freedom.

HARD TO BREAK AWAY

If card playing, gossiping, and balls are not staged in heaven, there will be many a good church member up, or down there, who will not know what to do or how to spend his or her spare time. So much time is occupied down here with such things that it will be mighty hard to break away from the habit.

EATING US ALIVE

The publisher of the Chicago Tribune recently made an address over the radio carrying the vivid title of "Tax Eaters, Tax Eaters and Tax Eaters."

The first, of course, consists of government officials, the second of government and its activities—and the third, of the poor taxpayers. The suggestion is not so far-fetched as it may seem. We're reaching a point where the tax eaters are about to swallow everything we've got.

Keep that title in mind when you meditate upon government. It describes a situation which you, as a voter and a taxpayer, have allowed to develop—and which you must do your part in putting an end to, unless you and all your possessions are to be entirely digested by the bureaucrat.

MAKING IT CLEAR

Mother: "Darling, you didn't get in until 7 o'clock this morning; I guess I am a little old-fashioned, but you're only 17, and I do like to know where you are."

Daughter: "Sure, mother dear; I had dinner with a nice young man whose name I don't remember, and when he reached the blotto stage, I went with another guy to half a dozen places. I don't know where they are, because we went in a taxi and then we went to a funny little point in a basement and had breakfast. It's all right, isn't it mother?"

Mother: "Of course, darling; it is only that I like to know where you are when you're out."

"RISING TIDE OF COLOR"

Some few years ago when Lothrop

"RACKET"

(By Trezvant W. Anderson for ANP)

SYNOPSIS

THE STORY THIS FAR: Washington, D. C., like all metropolitan cities has its rackets, protected vice and its vice lords and racket barons. "Numbers", "Policy", Night Clubs and Bootlegging flourished with Buck White and Joe French the chief moguls of the baronial clan and Al Freeman and Harry Brooks seeking by every means to dethrone them.

One of the bright spots in Washington's night life was the Alcolona club which was owned and operated by White and French. It was understood that it was "protected" and for many months it had run unmolested. As the revelry was at its height one evening, government men swept into the place suddenly but this did not mean anything to Buck and Joe as they knew that there was no liquor in the place. A search of the place, however, revealed a case of liquor and "G" men also informed them as to the identity of their "protectors". Joe and Buck were arrested but later released on bond and the gay night club was padlocked. Somebody had snitched on them and had planted the liquor. In fact, according to the two racketeers they had been framed, but by whom? They would find out.

Freed on bail they set out to find who had framed them. In New York, Olive Lester, glamorous show girl, sweetheart of Joe French made plans to go to Washington where she was billed for the week at the Rialto, "The Spectator", a quiet mysterious newspaper man studies the drama of underworld Washington life—NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

INSTALLMENT FIVE

Though it seemed that Buck White and Joe French could be connected up with that affair, for was it not a gang killing? And hadn't Harry Brooks been muscling in on the White-French "numbers" rackets in a big way lately? Sure, he had, and it was common knowledge, but he'd be darned if he could put Buck and Joe in on this Brooks murder. Somehow, he just couldn't feel that way. But, there was also that chance that they were, but also and anon that young high school kid kept flashing through his mind. He could not forget him.

The apartment where he now sat was on a corner, and one window, on the south side of the room overlooked the Rialto theatre, where pretty Olive Lester was appearing the very next week. Beside the theatre, with only an alley dividing the two buildings, was

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NEGRO HEALTH

On the call of the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service issued for November 4, 1932 in the Conference Room of the U. S. Public Health Service, thirty persons representing twenty-one National, state and local agencies met and arranged the 1933 National Negro Health Week observance program.

The dates April 2 (tomorrow) to April 9 were selected as the most fitting for the national program.

The objective set for this year is stated in the following significant lines: "Health First; More than ever, CARRY ON!" It was the consensus of opinion expressed by the members of the conference that attention this year should be directed to the most comprehensive and effective measures which can be employed to meet the unusual conditions of work and welfare now obtaining throughout the nation.

These measures include the most practicable measures for the greatest number of people, with special provision for the protection of the health of the children of the community.

Dr. DeNorval Unthank has undertaken again this year to promote a community health program in observance of this important movement and it is imperative that he have the wholehearted cooperation of all to make it a success.

How long do you think we can continue sending you your paper without a payment from you? We must pay every week for the paper. Won't you help us by remitting promptly?

"This & That"

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

Happy, Yes. Sidney A. Jones, writing in his column, "As Some See It", in the Bee, says:

A writer generally writes for the love of it, and is happier when following his line. . . .

That's why I'm happy whenever I'm writing. And it also explains why I was glad to read the current issue of the Gary American. For in it they used "This and That", making it the second paper to do so. Of course, many other papers may have used it but I won't see their "exchanges" until on Monday night—and this is written on Sunday.

Just seeing it in that one paper tho' the first week it was sent out nationally, is quite a contrast with my efforts of a few years ago. At that time it took me eight long months of continual writing from one paper to another before I could get a single one to use "Digesting the News".

Incidentally, the Gary American was the fourth paper to use "Digesting the News" and the contacts I made there are exceedingly valuable now. Frank Marshall Davis was then with the Gary American. Now he is managing editor of the Atlanta Daily World, and the SNS string of forty-odd papers, and uses practically all of my weekly features.

Chauncey Townsend, now of Los Angeles, was also connected with the Gary American in those early days. And from this contact my writings have been introduced and given wide publicity in southern California.

Each week I shall describe and explain the cooperation received from the publishers and editors as I record their use of this personal column.

Albon L. Halsey, president of the N. C. M. A. Stores, Inc., New York writes:

"I am glad that you are extending your activities and widening your range of weekly readers. Your opinion is always constructive, and I share the opinions of Dr. Jackson and of 'Billboard' Jackson with respect to the great future you have in the field of journalism."

Thanks to Muri H. DeFoe of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune for sending me a supply of "reprints" on the article he recently wrote after visiting me in company with Frank D. Fitzgerald, Michigan's Secretary of State. Now I can let each of my cooperating publishers read the sentiments of a prominent white Michigan editor.

From San Jose, California, A. L. Batchelor of the Rosierucian Brotherhood writes:

"Your article entitled 'paid in Full', released February 27th, is wonderful, and I certainly hope this article is brought to the attention of many persons who will be influenced and will see the need of releasing one who has completed and paid in full his debt to society."

A little tragedy! A little over a year ago, a Tennessee reader, offered me the use of their country home, for the balance of my life, in which I could read and write to my heart's content. A letter arrives during the week and while the correspondent escaped the tornado, they did not escape losing thousands of dollars, their life's earnings, in a bank crash. My heart goes out to those good people in their misfortune.

Interesting reading: All about radium in the April Short Wave Craft magazine. Tuskegee's building achievements in the March Southern Workman. Carlyle House, publishers of

LESTERGRAMS

RALPH L. LESTER

RAINY WEATHER

Four consecutive rainy days are responsible for this.

Some things to do on rainy days—write letters to relative and friends, read over your Scrap Book, or add to it; read the Family Bible. It is still the World's best seller. It contains stories of Mystery, Love, Tragedy, Comedy, Adventure, etc.

Look out of your windows and observe the wonders of creation. They are ever present.

Plan for your future. Without plans there is no success.

Rest that tired, worn body of yours. If it were a machine, it would receive good care. You could get another machine.

Re-arrange things. The change will do you good.

Make a few telephone calls. You might cheer one who is depressed.

Read the news. It will help you to converse intelligently on the topics of the day.

TOMORROW

Hurry, hurry, time in thy flight Give me tomorrow, instead of tonight.

Bring me the joy of a bright, rising sun The sun of this evening of labor half done.

Banish this evening of labor Hasten shades of night, I plea Tomorrow, my love will be waiting for me.

Eddie Cantor is the father of five girls and refers to his home as, "The Cantor Hime for Girls".

Sign along street—The Test Of An Oak Or a Man is How Sound Is He Really At Heart.

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Idle thought—I have never heard a Chinaman whistle.

A true saying, seen on the wall in a friend's home—"So long as we love, we serve, and no man is useless while he has a friend."—Anon.

Signs of Prosperity—A man driving a light hauling wagon, sporting a long black fur coat, derby hat cocked at a rakish angle and puffing away at a cigar.

LESTERGRAM—Man at his best is little removed from the Savage.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Veaper Services Sunday, April 2, will be led by Alan Rutherford and the program will be a varied one.

Mr. Harry Richter of the Y. M. C. A. addressed the boys club on Wednesday evening.

The banquet given by the Business and Industrial Girls club was a great success.

The Business and Industrial Girls Club will conduct a business meeting on Tuesday night.

The Waffle Supper given by the Business and Industrial Girls club on Wednesday evening was attended by a large number of friends.

The Young Colored Democratic Club of Oregon met at the Y Wednesday night.

New York, sent me "Trial and Error", written by Jack Woodford, for writers. This will read thoroughly in a week or so. "Economics and Leadership" editorial in the Philadelphia Tribune.

The Goal of a New World Order

(By Shoghi Effendi)

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Let there be no misgivings as to the animating purpose of the world-wide Law of Baha'u'llah. Far from aiming at the subversion of the existing foundations of society, it seeks to broaden its basis, to remould its institutions in a manner consonant with the needs of an ever-changing world. It can conflict with no legitimate allegiances, nor can it undermine essential loyalties. Its purpose is neither to stifle the flame of a sane and intelligent patriotism in men's hearts, nor to abolish the system of national autonomy so essential if the evils of excessive centralization are to be avoided. It does not ignore nor does it attempt to suppress, the diversity of ethnical origins, of climate of history, of language and tradition, of thought and habit, that differentiate the peoples and nations of the world. It calls for a wider loyalty, for a larger aspiration than any that has animated the human race. It insists upon the subordination of national impulses and interest to the imperative claims of a unified world. It repudiates excessive centralization on one hand, and disclaims all attempts at uniformity on the other. Its watchword is unity in diversity such as 'Abdu'l-Baha Hii, self has explained:

"Consider the flowers of a garden. Though differing in kind, colour, form and shape, yet, inasmuch as they are refreshed by the waters of one spring, invigorated by the breath of one wind, and illuminated by the rays of one sun, this diversity increaseth their charm and addeth unto their beauty. . . . unpleasing to the eye if all the flowers and plants, the leaves and blossoms, the fruit, the branches and the trees of that garden were all of the same shape and colour! Diversity of hues, form and shape enricheth and adorneth the garden, and heighteneth the effect thereof. In like manner, when divers shades of thought, temperament and character, are brought together under the power and influence of one central agency, the beauty and glory of human perfection will be revealed and made manifest. Naught but the celestial potency of the Word of God, which ruleth and trans-

cendeth the realities of all things, is capable of harmonizing the divergent thoughts, sentiments, ideas and convictions of the children of men." The call of Baha'u'llah is primarily directed against all forms of provincialism, all insularities and prejudices. If certain social assumptions and religious formulae have ceased to promote the welfare of the generality of mankind, if they no longer minister to the needs of a continually evolving humanity, let them be swept away and relegated to the limbo of obsolescent and forgotten doctrines. Why should these, in a world subject to the immutable law of change and decay, be exempt from the deterioration that must needs overtake every human institution? For legal standards, political and economic theories are solely designed to safeguard the interests of humanity as a whole, and not humanity to be crucified for the preservation of the integrity of any particular law or doctrine.



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