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Freedom to Lynch The action last, week of the Warren County, N. C.,

grand jury in freeing two white men of conspiracy charges growing out of the attempted lynching last May of 22year-old Godwin (Buddy) Bush, was in the worst Dixie tradition.

It was tantamount to giving these two men the green light to carry out any future lynching attempt that may occur to them.

It is clear that the grand jury was not motivated by any considerations of justice or else it would not have freed the jail official who turned the youth over to the mob nor the leader of that mob.

These grand jurymen were simply endorsing the action of the Northampton County grand jury which refused last month to return a true bill against the two accused men and six of their accomplices from Rich Square, N. C.

This action so shocked Governor R. Gregg Cherry that he ordered a second inquiry but now he sadly admits that "There's not much use in taking it anywhere else on the evidence we now have."

Buddy Bush lives today, not because of any protection by officers of the law, but because he was so fleet of foot that he outran the creatures who kidnapped him and were intent on doing him to death.

While the action of these two grand juries is practically a license to lynch, we have a feeling and a hope that the swift action of Governor Cherry in trying to bring the culprits to justice will have a deterrent effect on other mobsters in the future.

Arresting and indicting lynchers tend to discourage

A few convictions would eliminate it entirely.

A Challenge to Catholics

The laudable drive of the Catholic Church to eliminate color discrimination within its ranks and to fully integrate its Negro members throughout the church structure received a severe setback last week when 700 Catholics in St Louis adopted a resolution to file an injunction to prevent Negro children from attending parochial schools in that diocese.

The temper of these 700 St. Louis Catholics may be gauged by the fact that they forced three of their number to leave the assemblage because they opposed the resolution. Their meeting was publicised by distributing leaflets in all of

the Catholic parishes.

The total number of Negro children who would be affected by the custor is around 100. Archbishop Bitter of St. Louis is to be commended for standing

firm in the face of this Negrophobic demand and properly holding that the only question involving parochial schools is whether or not the student is a Catholic, regardless of consideration of color. The Archbishop has steadfastly refused to even discuss the

matter with the various committees that have sought to discuss the metter with him.

He sees all too clearly that any yielding to the prejudices of a handful of ungodly parishioners would undermine and destroy the whole enlightened program of the Church which is dead set against racism and colorphobia and which has been so laudably implemented during recent years in accordance with policies set forth in papal

With the winds of prejudice and disunity sweeping across the earth today and stirring the basest instincts this is obviously no time for pussylooting on the part of those in high places.

It is heartening to see more and more leaders taking the high ground of principle in the face of mob appeals and that this challenge to the very basis of Catholicism has been met.

The Patton Revolution

Rev. Kenneth L. Patton, Unitarian minister of Madison, Wis. has launched an American revolution which could be as far-reaching as the one that took place in 1776.

Having read "Kingsblood Royal," the 36-year-old pastor startled his parishioners last Sunday by proclaiming himself a Negro in order to better fight race discrimination, and urging other white Americans to follow in his footsteps.

Said he "If more white people who declare themselves friendly to the Negro would only attempt to put themselves in the Negro's position, we might sooner solve this problem. It is one thing to work with Negroes on committees and then go back to your part of town and forget it. It is quite another to share the burdens you are trying to alleviate."

The Rev. Mr. Patton, who has an interracial congregation and is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, declared in his sermon that he would consider himself a Negro for all times in the future and that he would so indicate his

race on all questionnaires and official papers. Well, why not? After all, Negro is not a race in this country but a social caste which is ridiculous and unintelligible on any color basis because it includes all of the colors.

The more support the Rev. Mr. Patton can get for his revolution, the more ridiculous the whole so-called race problem will appear, and if it can be propagandized into a mass movement, it will reduce the whole nonsense to a palpable absurdity.

If enough so-called white people can be recruited to abandon voluntarily the white designation and assume the colored one, jim erow rules, laws and customs will shortly become unworkable and have to be abandoned.

The NAACP should start recruiting these "Negroes" at once and thus give powerful support to the Patton Revolution.

NOTICE TO WRITERS OF STORIES AND VERSE!

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THE GREATEST RIGHT

Illustrated by HOLLOWAY



SINCE the latter part of the Eighteenth Century there has been increasing concern with the RIGHTS of man among intellectuals throughout

the western world. Previously there had been little consideration of this subject among thinking people because it was assumed that the status in which people found themselves was divinely ORDAINED, and while there were certain rights and obligations which were generally RECOGNIZED, not much was said written about it.

Then French and English thinkers began talking and writing about man's NATURAL rights, and when America's Founding Fathers wrote the and when America's Founding Fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence and later the Constitution, these natural and inalienable rights were embodied in these documents.

Today we take these rights for granted, seldom realizing the difficult evolutionary process that made them ACCEPTABLE by society.

In this connection it is SIGNIFICANT that it

was the mercantile classes and their intellectual spokesmen, who are now condemned as reactionaries, who made the implementation of these rights popular and possible, as against the divine rights

It was long assumed that society had attained the ULTIMATE good when the rights set forth in the revolutionary documents were realized. For the past few decades, however, there has

come to be emphasized OTHER rights which were scarcely ever mentioned in the old days.

Chief among these are the right to WORK and the right to economic SECURITY, both of which have come to be regarded as ultimate rights. even transcending those widely heralded at the end of the Eighteenth Century.

Scarcely anybody among thinking people in the world today would dispute that these are the GREATEST rights of all, and yet if we look realis-tically at them it is not difficult to arrive at the conclusion that they may become under certain circumstances more REACTIONARY than pro-

On close examination it must be conceded that

IN CLEVELAND, Ohio, white

taxicab drivers have been passing up Negro patrons at night.

Readers of The HERALD have

written protests to the editor,

hoping that puplication of such

letters would in some way serve

to curb the practice. But in mitigation of the behavior of the

taxi drivers, the editor considers

the other side of the issue, to

"Thinking the situation through, and drawing upon our knowledge of what has been hap-pening in recent weeks to taxi-

ab drivers at the hands of Negro

have come to the conclusion that

the taximen who pass up Negro

pations at night are thus force-

fully trying to observe the old adage of 'Safety First.'

"We recall with much discom-fiture and deep chagrin the re-

thugs upon two white taxicab

drivers, who were not only robbed but brutally beaten 'with-

in an inch of their lives.'
"These are incidents which

should stir the whole community

to remedial measures-and Ne-

groes, especially, to alert and

authorities in hunting down of such criminals who need to be placed behind the bars."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S rec-

ord for Negro appointments is

given a quick run-over by the editor of The AFRO-AMERICAN.

The appointment of William H.

Islands, of R. O'Hara Lanier as

minister to Liberia, and of Irvin Mollison as United States judge

is acknowledged and then the

had made a pretty good record ourselves until we had a chance

though we got approximately three good jobs, it develops that

since he has been in office. Mr.

Truman has sent 29,991 nomin-

ations to the Senate for jobs ranging from Cabinet members down to postmasters. Many of

these appointments are in policy-making agencies which material-

ly affect us, and 29,608 were con-

"It looks to us as if the President had a lot of good jobs to toss around, and it doesn't appear

EARL BROWN, the "Once

Republican AMSTERDAM

mood as he ascribes causes for

that we got our share.

Over Lightly" columnist

Free Enterprise

We thought that Mr. Truman

check over the record. Al-

Hastie as Governor of the Virgin

cooperation with police

cent brutal attacks

Short-Changed

editor notes:

thugs during the dark hours,

humanity has ALWAYS had the right to work in the sense that it had the privilege or OBLIGA-TION to work

Whether in primitive, feudal or capitalist society, man has always HAD to work in order to LIVE, so the discussion about this being a RIGHT is rather academic, and significantly it has been discussed almost exclusively by those who were required to do the LEAST or the least arduous

Convicts, feudal serfs and chattel slaves have always had the RIGHT to work and have always enjoyed economic security in the sense that they received food, shelter and a certain amount of

clothing for the work they performed.

What man has REALLY wanted through the ages has been the greatest right of all-the right to be LAZY, to work as, where and when he chose. The great IDEAL of mankind in the mass has been the attainment of LEISURE and the choice

of activity.
In order to ATTAIN this goal men have slaved, schemed and saved for milleniums, knowing it was not to be attained without the acquirement of wealth and influence

To go to bed and get up when one PLEASES, to work or not to work as one CHOOSES, to go or to stay as one WILLS—that is the greatest Under any SYSTEM of society man has to

work, often against his wishes, arduously in most cases, and continuously, so this is a "right" which few relish.

But the right of CHOICE is something else again, and without THAT right there can be no REAL freedom.

Moreover, with such an ultimate right, there can be no GUARANTEE of economic security because any such guarantee presupposes a large measure of CONTROL from above over the individual.

Instead of striving solely for the right to WORK and to have security, let us strive for a society in which the right to leisure and CHOICE

whom the registrar does not

wish to vote will be able to give a satisfactory explanation of any

section of the Constitution. The

amendment faces a court test

scon and the editor of The JOURNAL AND GUIDE reminds

"... should it withstand the onslaught to which it is certain

to be subjected in the courts, it will prove to be the precipice

from which Colored Americans in the South will be pushed back

fifty years in their righteous as-pirations for the attainment of

What is more, the threat to

political freedom, which is inher-

ent in this apparently innocuous amendment, is not confined to

the Negro. The latitude given

county registrars in applying the

educational qualification tests to prospective voters provides a de-

courts, might conceivably be adopted by any State, North or South, to perpetuate political

rule of one group over another,

AWARE OF violent outbreaks

where Negroes have sought to

occupy new housing, particularly in Chicago, LESTER GRANGER

these anti-Negro demonstrators,

whether they are carried on by howling mobs of semi-literate hoodlums, or whether they are en-

gineered in well-furnished banks and real estate offices. What

America is willing to do toward

providing decent housing for her

Negro population will tell the real story of whether America really means business in this matter of democracy."

Slaves, White and Black

THE EDITOR of The BLACK DISPATCH, thinking of Labor Day, recalls a time in the Fif-teenth Century when both Ne-

groes and whites were chattels and slaves. He writes:

and one that few are permitted

to gaze upon, regarding what happened in a day when work-ing class whites and blacks were

on the same social level. Never

in a school text or a newspaper,

but only by closely scrutinizing the pages of history can one dis-

cover that in such a day as this

white and black slaves enjoyed

peace and harmony together.

Not until the ruling class dis-covered that this idealistic rela-

terests, was this democratic re-

lation, broken up. This pure of history should ayou, a besto the

fore on Labor Day."

"It is a closed page in history,

"Watch housing-and watch

irrespective of race."

Housing

warns:

which, if approved by tha

us a bit ominously:

full citizenship.

OPINION REVIEW

PRESS ... COLUMNISTS ... MAGAZINES

high prices. Writes Brown:

"Back in 1929 the bottom fell

course, our system was never

out of our free enterprise system.

really free, only the industrialist.

the banker and other owners and operators of our economic

life were free. And their idea of freedom was (still is) to soak

the wage earner more and more

dustrialist and the banker rushed

to Washington and begged the

Government for help. Their free

enterprise system was on the

rocks. Though they themselves

had put it in a precarious posi-tion, nevertheless, they cringed and yelled for the Government to

ve them.
"As soon as their condition im-

broved, however, the industrialist, bankers and their stooges,

particularly the politicians, be-

gan to criticize the New Deal

legislation. They complained that

the New Deal was turning the

Government over to Communists

RECENTLY, a poll was conducted in St. Paul, Minn., among

whites on residential segregation. Some 60 per cent of the whites

questioned seemed to be in favor

of sucir segregation. Eleven per

cent indicated that they were

definitely hostile to Negroes as

neighbors. Some 63 per cent were

measurably tolerant. The editor of The MICHIGAN CHRONICLE,

considering these figures, points

up the significance of them as

lem for all our leaders and ex-

pents on race relations. How can the anti-Negro sentiments be stopped and the more tolerant

attitudes strengthened? Unless a

race relations program can ac-

complish these things, we are not

making much progress, no mat-ter how fine our reports seem to

be. We have got to work on the mind of the white man and that

IN ALABAMA they have the

colored, to read and explain a

Boswell Amendment which would

section of the Constitution to the satisfaction of a registrar (white). The amendment is de-

signed to keep Negroes from voting, for no Negro (or white)

The unity of nations fighting

for a free world includes men of

every color and race."-FR LIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.

is a big job, to be sure."

require a would-be voter,

Literacy Test

"Here is posed a serious prob-

and other 'crackpots'.'

A Big Job

follows:

sponsoring, social-economic

"During the depression, the in-

for whatever he bought.

THEY GOT HIM =By BENJAMIN E. MAYS=

Georgia Pastor Loses Joh But Wins New Stature as Christian and Gentleman

dismissed.

Courier readers will recall that last winter, the Rev. Mr. Rabun testified against a Talmadge-

s p o.n sored bill designed to bar Negroes from voting in the Democratic primaries of Georgia. He testified in the name of God and relig-

he accused the Georgia Legis-lature of "placing the name of T a l madge above G o d."

Mr. Mays For the stand he took on that issue he is no longer the pastor of the McRae Baptist Church. I understand that Herman Talmadge has since withdrawn his membership. I want to make three comments on this matter.

THE FAINT-HEARTED and the cowardly will probably say, or will be inclined to say, that Mr. Rahun should have kept his

N Aug. 3, by a vote of sixtyseven to thirty-five, the Rev.

Joseph A. Rabun, pastor of the McRae (Ga.) Baptist Church, was

That is simpst converted.

saying that if Jesus had kept his mouth shut; he would not have been crucified on a cross between two thieves. There are a few people who must cry out against what they conceive to be

Jesus could not have held their peace. The world would be much worse than it is now if a few men here and there in history had not decided to obey their consciences and their God rather than men. Rabun walks in that tradition.

FOR THE BENEFIT of those who sacrifice their convictions for fear they will lose their jobs, I predict that the Rev. Mr. Rabun will get a better job than the one he had. All people who stand up for right are not crucified and killed. His may be a kick upstairs.

The second comment has to do

with Rev. Mr. Rabun's refusal to be coerced into politics to the extent of becoming a candidate for Governor of Georgia in the 1948 race. In this he was wise. It is very difficult for those

men sideall n consciency cons acts in description in ligion. But \(f \) 2 r. Rethe ministry (a r. his since ay) against what they conceive to be wrong or else the very stones will cry out.

I am certain that the prophets, the forerunners in science, and the forerunners in science and t

THE FINAL COMMENT to do with the man hanced dy greatest temporation is my been beaten down by such experiences as those discuss a such experiences as those discuss will be told over and dy again "to go slow" take easy," "the time tent tipe by such leadership," your family, got to live."

church may advise him for the duplicate his furner action is will be sorely tried if he yields to such tempticion he his power and indicarde again. But if God, none move him. Let a

ROGERS SAYS:

Indian Independence, Jews In Palestine Pose Problem Of Inevitable Blood Baths

By J. A. ROGERS= (The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the majora opinion of The Pittagurgh Courier.—The Editors)

NDIAN Independence, so far, bodies of those dead centuries looks like a class of unruly pupils when the teacher has stepped out. Mob murder rules. History's greatest massacres are happening there. Rulers of both Pakistan and India, though they have large armies, are unable to keep order. Neither side, it seems, wishes to

offend its people by taking a strong stand against the mob. Explain as you will, this fact is evident! Hindus and Moslems hate one another-more than they hated the Eng-lish residents

who did not exceed a quarter

Mr. Rogers of a million. This most tragic let-down in India strengthens greatly white supremacy arguments. India is colored. The north is Caucasoid; the east, Mongoloid, and the south, Negroid, with other Negro strains here and there over the rest due to the Mosinvasion of the Middle

SO-CALLED race, however, has nothing to do with present conditions in India. The trouble is economic Were the people all white the result, it is safe say, would be about the same. India's evils are over-population; wealth in the hands of a few; illiteracy and supersti-

These add up to an incredible poverty which has embalmed the hatreds that existed there long before the coming of the Europeans as the soil of the frozen North preserves the

ago. The English who ruled the land for three centuries. are, of course, responsible for the illiteracy which is about 90 per cent. India's future looks as bad as China's. Too many peo-ple. Like an overcrowded New York flat they get in one another's way. Tempers are short, in parts of India the life of a cow (the sacred cows) rank far higher than that of a human being.

AMERICA, WHO IS now sitting on top of the world, take natice! India was for centuries where you now are with a country as rich and excelling you by far, in art and architecture.

Another land in which blood

will probably be running soon like water, is Palestine. Since both Jews and Arabs are human beings first and religionists next, it seems that they would get to-gether an' form a common government as say the Copts and Moslems of Egypt, or the Walloons and Flemish of Belgium. In fact, Jews and Arabs got along fair well for centuries until the Zionists stepped in and wanted to rule.

THE ZIONISTS have an ancient religious myth which they are trying to fit into actual mod-ern conditions. The result is like patching—the boiler of a steam locomotive with leather. The Zionists claim that heir Jehovah gave them this land as an in-heritance forever. But their Jehovah was a concection of the Jewish mind as Osiris was of the Egyptian one; Zeus was of the Greek; or Jupiter of the Ro-

In fact the Jews lifted the whole story of the Creation, of Adam and Eve. and so on, from Hindu mythology. In India are rot now infesting them.

the supposed tombs of Can and Abel, and in Ceylon is Adms Peak on which Adam is sad o Peak on, which Adam's said to have stood. The hand belongs to the people who life on it the Jows were driven out of Patestine 70 A. D. by the Roman Palestine is now no more edistive Jowish territory than America is exclusive Indian or Spanish territory. ish territory.

WHAT THE ZIONISTS have so far accomplished is an ere-mous increase in anti-Semitim The publicity Je vs are now getting delith to it spenses. Much of the money for building up this anti-Semilism come from American Jaws. If, instead of pursuing this religious myth so doggedly, the Zionists had bought land in Alarka, Canada or Africa and settled the in-rased and persecuted Jews of Europe on it, they would have seen real benefactors.

Mereover, the so-colled Hay

Land is one of the least hear able places on earth to About the size of Vermont half desert and as bet as with little natural recor.
Pacestine's future as as ye the interior of the M Cave.' I would 't went ! there if they made methe country Phote Jews taken back c Genous r consider theraselves lucut for the bi-od-bath whis English leave of if the lar tions, the Irgum and Har throats. Zionism is an econica

India and Palesting centain great lesson for Negroes Tity too, need to toss out of the heads the religious and rack rot new informations.

imbecility and a curse for

WHAT THE PEOPLE THINK

Cites Faults of A Mixed Army To the Editor:

I notice that in the Sept. 6 issue of The Courier you make the usual plea for integration in the Army. From my experience of more than fifty years in the Army, active and retired, I want to point out to editors the error in taking a stand for integration.
I submit a hypothetical problem among numerous ones of like nature which would arise uder such conditions. Suppose you were the father or guardian of an ambitious youth of high school or college education and he went into the Army looking for opportunities such as are

now being offered. Under the circumstances mixed or integrated units he would more often than not find white youths of his same qualifications being passed and pro-moted over his head to positions of responsibility. Of course, he would write and

inform you of the conditions and express his disgust. These are most certainly conditions he would run into. What could you do to help him? What solution do you offer to this posed problem? PRESLY HOLLIDAY

Washington, D. C.

Bootsie Could Use Better English To the Editor: Mark C. Nance of Nogales,

Ariz., recently wrote, and I quote: "The American Negro is shamefully nude of an explorative or pioneering mind."

I'm quite positive he is sadly. mistaken. If our youths knew where to go for applications. I know they would.

Rancor and bigotry, racial animosities and intolerance are more dangerous than any external force because they undermine the very foundations of democratic effort.—CHITE JUSTICE CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

And this: Although I am a native of Philadelphia, I live here in Los Angeles with my husband. I am an avid reader of The Courier but I am criticizing Ollie Harrington.

It would help considerably if, in Harrington's "Dark Laughter," he would make his characters speak better English for the sake of our children who read. For instance, such English as "yestidy" and "jest," for "yesterday" and "just,"

MRS. M. BLACKMON Los Angeles, Calif.

Courier Series Lauded by Minister To the Editor:

I want to express my appreciation of The Pittsburgh Courier and the fine work it is doing in publishing information which would remain unknown if it were not for this paper. The articles which I especial-

wish to thank you for are those features being done by Peter W. Clark. The one on recreation, youths and adult responsibility; are very noteworthy. He also wrote of the work under the leadership of the Rev. Bernard Callahan, S. S. J. -Youth is less to blame for delinquency than adults. The adult world is in need of education to

raise youths out of a sad state. REV. JOHN A. McSHANE,

Thibodaux, La.

Cavalcade of Fools To the Editor: Sept. 7 I attended a jazz con-

cert held in a local stadium. title of the "concert" was "Cavalcade of Jazz." Instead, however, it turned out to be a Cavalcade of Fools (Negro fools, that is). Throughout the performance

some Negroes (one would think they had just become emancipated) were jumping up dancing, shaking their hips, openly drinking whiskey, and in general, beclowns-eight letters compo. : two words would be a

wes, our white bretain our a MOTON. tainly enjoyed this double feature

Fools. I sincerely hope that some dividuals who performed in extra feature read this letter ! I would like to remind them the Webster defines Freedom as "Quality or state of teins for

at Wrigley Field, the "Cavala

or, boldness of conception or p formance." This, however, does not go you the right to be free of our moral code, which includes such words as "ethics" and "conduct." And, I'm sure there are other who agree with me. And I dar'e wager that s

of the persons who made the selves so disgustingly obvious are among those most vocal the fight against discrimina and segregation. The Courier has a great agan in "Watch Your Public Coduct." It applies to many of people who attended the conf here Sept. 7. For this reason don't think I!! attend and

"Cavalcade of Jazz" here in Angeles. I'm afriid of the to RALPH A. WRIGHT Los Angeles, Calif.

Ought to Be a Law To the Editor: "

There ought to be a law agn people who go to other personal homes and ask to read new Some of them comp take the paper apair ar away leaving it that way they had no inter; or it together again as they

ARTIE KIEKSET Youngstown, Ohio.

The thinking Negro refuses accept the idea or even theory that race projudice natural and inevitable that it inherent in the child, either or black. He insists mist acq हो तती बनवे द्या गण नवे अन्ते the greatest stagle old to

"Peace Is Not the Absence of War; Peace Is the Presence of Justice."-Herbert A