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Bus Stations and Negro Leaders

This editorial is written after we have completed an inspection tour of several cities in North Carolina where bus stations have recently been erected, under the new program of the Public Utilities Commission to force the several bus companies operating in the state to provide ample station facilities for all their

On a whole we cannot endorse the very poor accommodations provided Negro patrons in the new stations recently erected, and we warn Negro leaders of Durham that unless definite caution is used they will awaken to find themselves the goat when the new Durham bus station is completed.

In one city, we found the toilets far too small, with the lunch counter in the colored waiting room built as close to the men's toilet as it was possible to get it. In addition the counter and its surroundings were dirty and uninviting, and the Negro attendant was lazily leaning across the counter in close conversation with a young woman who apparently was his girl friend.

There was no sign of a newsstand or any of the other comforts provided in the white waiting room. Instead of nice leather bottom plush seats, as were found in the white waiting room, the Negro side is provided with wooden bottom seats of a much inferior grade. There were other inequalities far too numerous to mention here.

So, these bus companies operating with the backing of the law in North Carolina make no pretense at measuring up to the full requirements of the laws of the state, which say there must be separate but equal accommodations provided for members of the white and Negro races.

The conditions will continue because those who are vested with the power to execute the law are hypocrits when the law applies to a Negro. The condition will continue because Negro leaders in Durham are not honestly interested in bettering the condition of the unfortunate Negro who, because of financial circumstances is forced to use the bus as a method of transpor-

When powerful white folks get coupled up with so-called owerful Negroes in a movement to exploit or throttle the ake Hitler and his gang look like novices.

he Negro. It is the most humiliating persecution to be found always have been and leaves the matter there—unsettled.

Negroes in Durham have already compromised on several es concerning the erection of a new bus station. Unless se erecting the station follow a different line from that lowed charlere they are going to have to compromise more miliatingly than heretofore, or they are going to have to the matter through the courts, a course we do not lieve there is enough manhood among Negro leaders in Dur-

What Durham Negroes and the rest of North Carolina d is to wrest Megro leadership from the hands of hog-tied and re puppets in the hands of their employers.

If, as has been said, language conceals thought, then scholarship just as often conceals knowledge. There are some things we seem tot understand until our scholars explain them; and then we are bewildered and confused with explanations that need explaining. The human mind in the raw has a grasp of situations that cannot be gainsaid. When we take our world of science where everything is subjected to scientific formulae, we find that we have nothing new, and what we are doing today only represents improvements on what the elders did without our modern equipment. The man who arrives in an oxeart is just as much there as he who arrives over the air lines.

The most that can be said of science is that it saves time but what we do with the time saved is another question. We are breaking our necks to go nowhere in particular and to do nothing in particular after we get there. I lived once near one of the south's finest agricultural and technical colleges where farming was carried on with all of the scientific knowledge and equipment available. Nearby was a great Negro farmer whose farm was always better than the college farm. At the college they used charts and graphs and index numbers; the old Negro farmer drew on experience and studied the weather and the "moon" etc. . . . The old colored farmer became a man of commanding importance in the community where many people often repaired for farming information, rather than to the experimental farm.

Scholarship knows more but does it accomplish more? is the important question. When we measure men by their accomplishments rather than by their degrees, the old Negro stands somewhere near the head of the line.

Recently it was my good fortune to hear an unsophisticated Negro preacher bereft of degrees, deliver a most convincing sermon. As he waxed eloquent he declared that a dog knows righ from wrong. Of course I sat back with a degree of criticism welling up in my mind. I knew he was just saying a thing that he could not prove. I waited to hear him prove things as our scholars often prove them, by some long and tedious line of "research" and reasoning. If someone had asked a scholar whether a dog knows right from wrong, our scholar would have done into an "intellectual tailspin" of wind-jamming to keep from saying he did not know. He would have quoted disconnected extracts from Wundt, Hegel, Pavlov, Freud, Spinoza, DesCartes, Kant and William James. When all this had been sufficiently scrambled he would have called a meeting of scholars who would propose to do some research on the question through committees and then in some large gatherng our scholars would hold a "panel discussion" on the subject "Does A Dog Know Right From Wrong"? A committee on findings would be appointed and their report enthusiastically adopted by an audience which did no know whether men wanted to know whether dogs know right from wrong, or whether dogs wanted to know if men know right from wrong.

The minister in question argued thus: When the master gives the dog a bone, he lies at his master's feet and gnaws it; when the dog steals the bone, he skulks away to gnaw it. The reason for this different b ehavior on the part of the dog is, he knows it is all right to eat what has been given him and that it's wrong to steal what has not. Thus in 30 seconds this minister was convincing in a way scholars would have taken a long time even to approach.

Our elders used common sense in bringing up children and produced the leaders of today. In these modern times we are trying to do it "Scientifically" and our prisons and houses of correction are jammed with the younger generations and with the elders trying to keep up with them. It may "scientifically" to let a child do about as he wants; but common sense tells us that so long as he cannot do as he please out in the hard ter. and heartless world, why put him under this false impression by letting him do as he pleases in the home?

Science holds that minority and submerged groups should efforts of the lowly Negro to rise above his level, they can ally themselves with radicals. In other words Negroes by this token should be aligned with communism. But common sense This system of an understanding between white and Negro dictates that it would be foolish for the Negro to rush into ders an understanding arrived at the expense of poor and communism that could not make headway during he great demble Negroes operates not only in the erection of bus stations pression and certainly cannot make it during a period of prosut in the providing of school buildings, school equipment, perity. Common sense tells us that we work and all therein treets, lights, jobs, etc. It is the ever ugly spectre that stalks must have a creator; athletic "scholarship" tells us these things

> Businesses seldom expand by miracles and magic; they usnally grow because somebody with brains is working somewhere n the organization.

> If the world hat you, ye know that it hated Me before it nated you. -John 15:18.

> There is in the worst of fortunes the best of chances for a appy change. - Euripides.

It begins to look as though when the Russian Bear begins his by-bound Negro teachers and other state employes who are winter hibernation shortly, the German tiger will be sealed into if everybody could have their the cave with him by Old Man Winter.



News Briefs and **Brief Comment**

The man in trouble is comforted by the thought that any of his friends can tell him how to forget it.

What has become of the man, who, ten year ago, planned to work hard and then enjoy a long vacation?

Speaking of thoughtfulness, what about the British bombing of Berlin on the anniversary of the first big air raid on Lon-

resulted from the victory of unselfishness over greed; this explains the howl that rises over most legislation.

dullard who plugs at his task. eat. This accounts for the relative standing of certain people.

We see where a young man killed himself because the army The revolver made men equal and the microphone makes orators equal.

What about the young lady who expects results tot come with the harvest moon?

Intelligence tells us that certain things change and wisdom indicates that it is for the bet-

The anxiety of some newspaper writers to present news leads them to publish fiction.

We see where several of the 'greatest novels of all time" have been published this Fall.

Japan's policies may be "im-mutable" but there is a way to change the Japanese mind.

It begins to look like the American minority thinks it has the right to rule the nation.

There is comfort to many in the Japanese insistence they are striving to promote world peace.

Some Americans are ready to support their country, halfway.

Memory works wonders with

An honest laborer, when paid for work, gives himself to his

This would be a great world

gasoline curfew "very soon." Army finds many ill men seek

to join in hope of later benefits. Robert M. LaFollette, Wis. Sen: Like any previous tax bill, it

plucks the goose that sqawks the least. Stafford Cripps, British Hitler knew that the Soviet people stood for something different and better than his pol-

of the common people. Alexander D. Surles, Army:

There never has been a serious putting a little more than 10 per situation as regards Army mor-3. Has during the current

to keep out of service.

to increase their production of the soldier boys. foodstuffs upon teh theory that The smart man who loafs when the shooting ends the peo-

When German torpedoes sink American ships, upon the high wouldn't let him enlist; others ing to get into war—according pliment to the Americans. to some patriots.

THE POCKETBOOK

LaGuardia foresees end of the know, but we have looked for cans would have fought so well plan to pass this one up.

icy of brutality and enslavement Genius may be 90 per cent perspiration but, just the same, try

So far we have received no news indicating that school chil-All progress, everywhere, has are almost breaking their necks dren of this county are fond of their studies. However, no one we know of is complaing about The farmers are being urged their morale as in the case of est for an August since 1918.

The Soviet army's performwill accomplish less than the ple of the world will have to ance has reached the stage where one is forced to wonder how much longer it can last.

> The views of some Americans seas, where they have a right are very similar to the views of to be, the United States is try- Adolf Hitler and this is no com-

> Nobody but a fanatic objects We are advised by astronom-to big business but everybody ers that a comet is visible, about ought to obeject to unfair eco-

the Big Dipper, if you must place, we doubt if the 'Amerifor our way of life. And it is so many comets in vain that we axiom that men do not fight well for things that do not

You Said It

Ecuador suspends operations of German-controlled air-line. There are some Congressmen granting Turkey military guarwho would like to investigate antee. the rumor that there is a war

somewhere about. Soviet economy is geared for war despite loss of territory. Device to "blow" parachutist

into air patented by Canadian. Brazil supresses 37 foreign pacent brains in your work. pers that attacked democracy.

Latin American unit reports progress in anti-Nazi campaign. Roosevelt "intervention" policy preserves peace, says White. Stock trading near the small-Huge air armada to stage a mock war in Louisiana and Tex-

Russia must not be such a bad

Army staff officer declares

Hershey urges employers to

Britain and Russia join in

bombing can repel an invasion.

have their confidence.

ire returning soldiers.

Export markets for wheat and cotton are seen disappearing. War Department orders re

lease of 200,000 by December 10 Lindbergh, speaking in Oklahoma lot, says air isolates us. Japan still firm for "co-prosperity" sphere in the Orient.

Finland intimates limit to her fighting after Viborg is taken. Atlanta, a new battle cruiser, launched Sent. 6.

Berle tells Williamstown forum democracy depends on us. Class 1 railroads earned \$244,-376,852 in seven months.

Duke of Kent says that our arms speed a British victory. There never will be an absence of politics in a democracy but there can be a minimum of it. It is rare for a strong, healthy man to apperciate the plight of

those who are in ill health. Defense output soon will make Hitler dizzy, LaGuardia says. If the calendar is right, and we are supposed to have the cool weather of Autumn, somebody ought to let the Sun

Whenever an editor gets too smart for the people who read his newspaper, he ought to be promoted, or fired, unless he, or his relatives own the paper.

Heads Up

I only had one accident in my life, about 10 years ago, I was knocked senseless. Listener: A pity, and you nev-

er recovered. A Luxury

Well, Jackie, how do you like your new sister? Oh, she's all right, but there

are lots of things we needed