

The Negro Looks Ahead

A three-point program for federal furtherance of racial equality is outlined in the current issue of *The American Mercury* under the sobering title of "More Race Riots Are Coming." The article is by George S. Schuyler who, as associate editor of the *Pittsburgh Courier*, important Negro newspaper, is in a position to forecast Negro postwar strategy.

Schuyler's proposals that the federal government attack the problems of racial discrimination in employment, housing and social mingling contain political dynamite.

To compel employers to drop discriminations in employment, he would take up the interstate trade weapon used so successfully in application of the wages and hours law. By this means, the federal government has been able to get around constitutional objections by the states to enforcement of a federal law. There are few manufacturers which cannot be shown, by a government minded to do so, to have interstate ramifications.

The passage of such legislation, of course, is up to congress. But the wages and hours law has shown the way and Mr. Schuyler's article indicates that the Negroes are fully aware of the road opened to them by that legislation.

To break up residential segregation, Schuyler suggests "simple administrative action with regard to government-financed housing." He puts it succinctly:

"Since much of the postwar housing will be federally financed, such a regulation would tend to break up ghettos, doing away with physical separation between the two so-called races and fostering that friendly, democratic association which is the best antidote for race prejudice."

On the third point Schuyler, assuming universal military service after the war, proposes an order from the commander-in-chief abolishing segregated units in the armed forces. He anticipates "some friction" in the early stages, but thinks a "firm position" by Washington and punishment of "the few who will cause trouble" will soon end the resistance and result in racial friendliness.

You may take it that Mr. Schuyler has fairly outlined the shape of the campaign ahead. He is down to brass tacks. Negro leadership is not going to be put off with removal of the poll tax, Marian Anderson singing in Constitution hall, and arguments about inter-marriage. Says Schuyler:

"If we inaugurate fair employment practices, abolish residential segregation and educational Jim Crowism and enfranchise everybody, and as a result some white people prefer to marry Negroes—then it is wholly their own business."

We cannot, of course, give Negroes equal educational opportunity and expect them to accept permanently an inferior status. Ultimately, the demand for full equality—economic and social—had to appear. It has.—*Minneapolis Star Journal*.

One Friend To Another...

As good a friend... as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world.—A Christmas Carol.

These words of Charles Dickens express exactly what this newspaper tries to be to the people of this community.

Because it is during the season of Christmas that the strength of friendships is most evident we choose now as the time to express our resolve to continue to be worthy of the friendship you have shown us.

In turn we wish for you the most Merry Christmas you have ever had. Despite the anxiety and worry which the war has brought to many of our homes in the past year, we urge you to remember that the bells of Christmas were ringing long before the warriors of wrong rose up and they will be ringing still when the scars of this generation's conflict are healed and forgotten.

Make faith in such thought your closest companion during this Christmas season.

Let friendship and faith then keynote our Christmas this year.

With such solid foundations our wish for you is certain to become reality—

A Merry Christmas



New York Telephone Company's Action

After months of pressure the New York Telephone Company has finally acceded to public opinion and is training American girls of Negro ancestry to serve as telephone operators.

This forward step should have taken place years ago. Public utilities serving all the people, like tax-supported governmental agencies, should be morally bound to extend employment opportunities to qualified persons regardless of race or creed.

This new departure by the New York utility, resulting to a great extent from intervention by the F.E.P.C., alone justifies the paltry half million dollars which the Congress appropriated for that agency.

We hope the telephone companies all over the country, including Northwestern Bell, will recognize that the barring of qualified Negroes from such jobs as operators is a harmful waste of manpower and completely unfair to a section of the public from which it receives revenue.

Utilities which are public servants and beneficiaries of the patronage of the general public, which includes all races and colors, should be in the vanguard of democratic industrial practices—especially in the selection of its personnel.

Maybe the nickname "Monkey Wards" is the right cognomen after all!

HOPE SANTA CLAUS REMEMBERS TO BRING

Clarence A. Hughes and the Southside Minneapolis youngsters a Community House in 1944.

Hilda Moses Simms the starring part in a screen version of "Anna Lucasta," with appropriate salary.

St. Paul and Minneapolis NAACP branches a well planned co-ordinated attack on all forms of racial discrimination in public places.

Lester Granger, a citation. Your University of Minnesota Convocation speech "Hit the Spot."

Percy Villa a nice aldermanship.

Hubert Humphrey either an army induction, mayorship or governorship.

ORCHIDS AT CHRISTMAS TIME TO

M. Leo Bohanon for building so rapidly and so superbly on his professional education and experience locally that his services were readily acceptable in larger fields.

Raymond Hatcher, who has made such a fine contribution to the Urban League and Detroit community that his services are in demand at his own price.

James Gray, St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press literary and dramatic critic, whose reviews are superb, readable and indicate a broad social consciousness.

Brenda Ueland, MINNEAPOLIS TIMES' asset, whose column "What Goes On Here" has constructive community worth far beyond her imagination or that of her employers.

Bradley Morrison of the same paper, whose editorializing brought in a national award of \$500. A fine achievement for a fine Minnesota newspaperman.

S. V. Owens for moving in on expanding opportunities and keeping up with them.

Paul Robeson for his magnificent contribution to inter-cultural appreciation among the people of the United States, Canada and England.

A Phillip Randolph whose undaunted courage earns for him an enviable place in the vanguard of Negro leadership.

Negro War Plant Workers at TCOP who have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that when given an opportunity they can compare favorably with any workers of similar skills.

The Credjafawn Club for its community consciousness and outstanding contributions to the cooperative spirit, the social and cultural life of St. Paul.

Frank Boyd for bringing to the group another first; for opening new avenues for economic, social and political progress.

Charles Lilly Horn for his interest in people, in conservation of the state's natural resources, the churches of the two cities, in summer camps for children of two score states, for the hundreds of kindnesses to men, women and children which will never be known to the general public; and for his services to his nation in time of war in the successful operation of two industrial plants and his unselfish service on one of America's most important war time agencies, the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee.

The Cowles publications, especially the *Star Journal-Tribune* and *Look Magazine* for doing a forthright honest job of reporting the progress, life and problems of the Negroes in relation to the welfare of the entire community and country.

Judge Edward Waite for continuing his long years of unselfish service to the cause of social progress.

Judge Vince Day for emerging from the comparative safety of the district court bench to champion for the cause of minority groups.

William J. Ryan, our only life subscriber, who, in a very quiet way, is doing his bit to make life better for more people.

Gideon Seymour, executive editor of the *Star Journal-Tribune* for his continued distinguished newsgathering and editorial excellence of those papers.

Herbert Lewis, acting managing editor of the *Dispatch-Pioneer* Press papers, for excellent coverage of St. Paul's Negro community.

Gerald Patsey, for giving enthusiastic support to community efforts to create better understanding between all people.

Time To Count Noses Dan Gardner Opines

By Dan Gardner

It's about time we woke up and started counting noses. All other races have been and are still doing it. They are asking: "Are you one of us or do you belong with the other side?" A negative answer gets a swift, positive and many times terrible reaction. In that way wishy-washy folks who stand in the way of progress are pushed to one side and only

for the great (to them) privilege of being invited to dinner at some despicable zoot-suitier, the nappy-white person's home or to call some famous white man by his first name—as he always calls them.

They glorify certain colors among Negroes—making heroes or heroines, front pages, as it were, of those whose skins are not all black, whether their choice in this connection is capable of producing or not. In this, they accept the white man's standard of beauty and doom thousands of Negroes whose only sin is that they look Negro, to ridicule and embarrassment.

That is why the Negro woman who might weigh 250 pounds and who wheezes when she climbs into the bus gets a round of titters and giggles or cold disdain from young Negroes who think they are acting as "New Negroes" for the benefit of the white riders aboard the bus. That is why the poor, untutored Negro fresh from the South, making his first venture in the so-called "land of freedom and opportunity" of the North is shoed away or sent to the police station or to the Salvation Army for assistance or advice, when the Negroes who sent him should be the first to come to his aid.

Day of Reckoning Coming
One of these days the great masses of Negroes in America's principal cities and on its farms are going to wake up completely and get rid of a burden they should on no account have to carry. That day will come when the masses awake to the knowledge that they, not the so-called "better element," are the ones who are making progress. They will then realize that three-fourths or more of the professional Negroes spend all their working hours chasing members of the masses—because the Negro masses have most of the money in the race. They have the ten and fifteen dollar a week jobs shining shoes, cooking, waiting tables, running errands, or killing chickens that provide the main source of revenue for the professionals. The doctor, the lawyer, the preacher, the realtor, the store owner, and the undertaker all draw their sustenance from the lowly, headed man, the uneducated piano mover, the rags-picker, the washwoman, and the errand boy.

The other professional Negroes draw their support from the big white foundations or from white philanthropists, but must make their studies on the little Negro since it stands to reason they wouldn't stand much chance in submitting statistical data on the Irish, Jews, Germans or Italians.

There should be some avenue or way in which real Negro leadership would not depend on what the white man thinks is best for Negroes but would tell him what the Negro wants and is going to take. This leadership wouldn't continue to let the white man tell him year in and year out that there are only 13,000,000 Negroes in the United States. It would tell the truth and say there might be 25 million and make demands based on that strength of numbers.

They send their children from the community to exclusive schools with whites, hoping against hope that the white man's educational system will make their black or brown offspring white, not realizing that color is the greatest strength and the hardest part of the evidence of Negro parentage to destroy.

Uniting With Whites Against Race
These Negroes make common bond with so-called liberal whites to scatter our racial strength; to invade the most sacred precincts of our inner cultural activities, and to take over and direct our thinking



Do you know of any more a person could want for Xmas?

letters to the editor . . .

Sure Auxiliary Has Enjoyed Reading Paper
 Editor: Enclosed you'll find money order for \$3.00 for the Christmas greeting of the St. Paul Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP.
 I'm sure the auxiliary has really enjoyed reading the paper as well as myself. I always look forward to Thursday night to get the paper to read. I never miss. I do hope you all the success in the New Year and a Merry Christmas.
 Mrs. Lela M. Jackson,
 739 Rondo Avenue, St. Paul,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

CALENDAR

Adelphi Club, Dec. 25, at Mrs. S. E. Hall's, 908 Lehigh; "Governor's" Interracial Committee." Mrs. U. G. Coram, speaker.
 Self Culture Club's Christmas party, Dec. 25, at Mrs. Hassell Warrick's, 743 St. Anthony Ave.
 Birthday Club, at Mrs. Maxine Jones', 5701 Fourth Ave. So. Mrs. Dorothy Early Thomas, co-hostess, Dec. 23.
 Toule Bonnie Ames' Christmas breakfast, Dec. 23, at 10 a. m., at Mrs. Priscilla Kirk's, 387 St. Anthony Ave. Club members will exchange gifts.
 Sterling Club Auxiliary will not meet until the fourth Tuesday in January because of the holidays.
 Minneapolis Urban League Auxiliary, Tuesday, Dec. 26, at Phyllis Wheatley House.
 D. Y. W. Y. K's, Thursday, Dec. 28, Christmas party at Mrs. Samuel Hanson's, 1047 Rose Ave.
 Cameo Social Club, Christmas party, Dec. 30, at the home of Mrs. Ahwno Harris, 3921 Fifth Ave. So.
 D. O. X. Club will meet the first week in January. Members will be notified as to the date.
 The Credjafawn Credit Union Board will meet Jan. 8. They will hold their annual meeting Jan. 15, 1945.
 Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters, regular meeting dates, 2nd and 16th of each month. If these dates fall on Sunday, the meeting is held on Monday. The first meeting is held at the Ober Boys Club, St. Paul, and the second at Phyllis Wheatley House, Minneapolis.
 J. Wesley Jones Branch of the National Association of Musicians, the first Monday of each month for business and study and the third Monday for program and social meetings.
 Hallie Q. Brown Service Club, regular meetings Mondays of each week, at 8 p. m., at Hallie Q. Brown House.
 Queen Esther Temple No. 2, S. M. T., regular meetings the first Monday of each month at the Rawlins Club, 3015 Garfield. Electa Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., second Wednesday of each month at the Rawlins Club.
 Como Temple No. 125, I. B. P. O. E. W., second and fourth Thursday of each month, Elks Lodge, 588 Rondo Ave., 8 p. m.
 Pride of the West No. 9, O. E. S., second Tuesday of each month at the Rawlins Club.
 Minnehaha Temple No. 125, first and third Thursday, Elks Lodge, 148 Hyland Ave. No.

Editor's Notice

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True Christmas

Flame and bleeding from the holocaust,
 The Earth moves on too self-sufficed,
 And stumbles into Christmas, lost,
 Seeking still more Santa Claus than Christ.

We look with hope toward the eastern skies,
 For signs of Christ and Mary come again,
 When all the while the manger lies
 Deep within the hearts of willing men.

Wise men abhor the new and subtle pageant,
 Wherein the greedy merchant dares descend
 To making blessed Christ his agent,
 Painting Santa Claus a greater friend.

Ruined Earth, the broken strands of hope
 With avarice or hate cannot be spliced,
 Entwine a peace from heartstrings into rope
 With less of Santa Claus and more of Christ.

Whatever gift is wrapped in years to come,
 Must bear the guarantee of love's purest brands,
 Facsimiles of Freedom are but sugar plums,
 Give your heart, and bear it with clean hands!

—James T. Logan.

toys will be distributed.
 The Christmas worship at 11 a. m. on Sunday, Dec. 24, will feature the Christmas carols. The minister will bring the Christmas message, "Messiah." The interpretation will be that of Handel, the great composer.

Wayman Church News: Rev. L. P. Ashford, the pastor, will speak from the text "For Unto You Is Born This Day in the City of David a Savior Which Is Christ The Lord," at the Sunday service, Dec. 24, at 11 a. m. At 8 p. m., he will use as his subject "The Power of Christ's Birth." The Busy Bee Club met Tuesday night. The Christian Leaf Club had their Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the home of the president, Mrs. Lena Cobb, 534 Girard Ave. N., at 3 p. m. Prayer and class meeting was held at Mrs. L. Hill's, 538 Girard Ave. N., Thursday, Dec. 21. The Ever Ready Club will have their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Mary Boong, 702 Humboldt Ave., Friday, Dec. 22. Miss Theresa Mae Crews is the president. The Allen Stars Missionary Society will have their Christmas party Friday, Dec. 29, at the home of Miss Bessie Davis, 804 Fremont Ave. N. Miss Davis is the president and Miss Mary Davis, supervisor.

IN MEMORIAM



In loving memory of our dear mother and wife, Mrs. Annie O. Jordan, who passed away four sad years ago, Dec. 18, 1940.

A loving mother and wife, gentle and kind.
 What a beautiful memory she left behind.
 For all on earth she did her best.
 Until God gave her eternal rest.
 As we loved you so we miss you, in our memory you are near, loved, remembered, longed for, always brings many a silent tear.
 A. W. Jordan, husband, Dolly S. Crushon, Byron and Yvonne Crushon, grandchildren, St. Paul, DeQuence J. Nelson, daughter, Chicago and Alexander B. Jordan, son, somewhere in France.

In Memoriam
 In loving memory of mother, Mrs. Anna McCallon, who passed away, Dec. 20, 1939. In a corner of our hearts
 Thou art treasured there apart,
 Precious Mother, Mother of mine,
 Thou art gone to heaven above,
 To be cared for by God's love
 In a bright and glorious land;
 Thou hast joined the heavenly band
 Angels guard thy presence there
 Precious mother free from care.
 Sadly missed by children, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter; Mrs. Louise Walker, sister; Mr. James Walker, brother.

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A Christmas Message

Dear Folks:
 Please do everything you can to keep Long Distance lines open for essential calls on December 24, 25 and 26. War still needs the wires.

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