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EDITORIAL

UNITY OR CHAOS?

THIS —

"It has been said that there are no atheists in foxholes. I tell you that there are no distinctions of race, religion or color in the foxholes. For these are the non-essentials; not the fundamentals.

When men have faced death together, when they have shared a common struggle and a common cause, the color of a man's skin, the particular church he goes to, the country from which his parents came, no longer matters. It is the man himself who counts; and nothing else...

Christian and Jew, white and Negro, native born and foreign born—they are all Americans, animated by the same ideals, loving the same land—yes, willing to die for it!...

When these men come home, they expect to find a land where the same things hold true. They are not going to stand by idly and see a buddy discriminated against or sneered at because of his skin, his creed or his nativity. They are going to take seriously the immortal words of the Declaration of Independence:

"All men are created equal!"

...United States Colonel Evans F. Carlson, famed leader of the Marine Raider Battalion.

OR THIS —

"It is entirely fitting and proper to consign to hell anyone who breathes the word 'democracy' or palavers about the 'democratic way of life'..."

I say FIE on all the melodrama that exalts the so-called 'rights of minorities.' I say FIE on all this hypocritical and maudlin jargon about "social equality"...

...Carl Mote, in "America Preferred."

When the shooting part of the war stopped most Americans celebrated. Long years of death, destruction and anxiety seemed to have ended and all America was happy.

The war was won, but not all Americans could say what had actually been won. For some it was enough that the killing had stopped. For others, although the end of the shooting was of the greatest importance it merely ushered in the beginning of a new set of problems, a new set of questions.

*American had won on the battlefield—could America win the peace too?

Well, what are some of the problems ahead of us?

The problems are manifold: employment, wages, profits, labor—management relations—problems of health, housing, and many, many, more. And these are only national problems.

We have just as many fundamental international problems: collaboration with our allies, occupation of former enemy territory—problems of world trade, world security, and so on.

The key to the success or failure of our efforts in solving these problems lies, more than anywhere else, in the fundamental problem of achieving national unity. It is as simple as al thath.

A united America can devote its full energies to tackling the difficult tasks that lie ahead. A disunited America dissipates its energies in internal strife and tension. It is obvious that we can't afford, much less want the latter.

But, to have national unity requires the healthy frame of mind that can make such unity possible. One of the greatest threats to achieving national unity comes from a source within ourselves—namely, the attitudes we have formed toward our fellow citizens.

Attitudes toward people may be sound or unsound—unbiased or prejudiced. And it is the problem of prejudice which is our concern in today's discussion.

We want to know what prejudice is; how it comes about; what it does to the man who is prejudiced; what it does to the victim; and to the nation; and finally what can we DO about it.

According to the dictionary, "prejudice is a judgement based on opinion formed without due examination; a mental decision based on other grounds than reason and justice; a premature or biased opinion."

It is an attitude in a closed mind. Often we have prejudices without being aware of them.

Prejudice does not exist in a vacuum. It is directed against a target—usually a minority group—particularly in a time of social stress and strain.

The nazis understood the factors which produce prejudice. Each year, for twelve years, they spent about 200 million dollars to foment internal strife and tension among different groups within each nation. There is evidence that his carefully planned hate campaign found some "suckers" in our own United States.

Technically a minority is less than half. In a Moham-medan country, Christians are in a minority; in Africa, whites

Waterfront Activities

BY PULPO

A new feature has been started in our newspaper; the "Honor Roll" system among the stewards. Last week, stewards from the Marine Division were the first to be singled out for this honor. It is up to you stewards in the other divisions to report your progress and so make the grade.

Some insidious propaganda is making the rounds about our CIO organizer now on the Isthmus. For your information, the representative sent here, holds the important position of "Director of Education" with the United Public Workers of America, CIO to which we are affiliated. Please sift the tarsh which is being thrown your way.

Excepts from leading editorial appearing in "The Public Record" the official organ of the U. P. W. A. CIO for July 1946.

"If every member of our UNION takes upon himself the responsibility of recruiting only one new member within the next two months we will have achieved a major step toward making the government—federal, state and local—a model employer..

We have the UNION, that is the instrument to achieve our goal.

We have the leadership to lead us to victory.

We have the membership that is alert and alive to the necessity of building our UNION.

What are we waiting for? Let's go!"

*Some timely advice to Union Members:

Stop stooging on your fellow workers to the boss;

Always bear in mind that a workers union calls for spontaneous unity;

Increase the "Hail fellow, well meant" attitude, and erase the back stabbing, as the latter hurts to the core, and may well lead to disunity.

are in a minority; In America we have perhaps as many minorities as any other country. In fact, nearly everybody in America belongs to some kind of minority. If you are a Negro, you are a member of a minority. So are you if you are a Catholic—or a Jew. White Protestants are supposed to be the majority group in America—but Protestants include many groups, each of which is in a minority relationship to all the others. There are approximately 100 million Protestants but only 2-1/2 million are Presbyterians, 7 million are Methodists, 8-1/4 million are Baptists and so on.

There are various kinds of minorities. The Negroes in America for instance, are a RACIAL minority; Catholics, any of the Protesant sects, and Jews are RELIGIOUS minorities; in certain localities various groups of foreign-born and their children constitute minorities based on NATIONALITY.

Everyone of us belong to a minority of some kind. The problem is to understand how certain of these minorities have come to be victims of prejudice, discrimination and at times, even outright persecution.

When we understand this, we will know what to do about it.

Pay Your Dues On Time

Patronize Our Patronizers

SPADES

By ace high

We have been reliably informed that there are those brothers of the Union who are undermining the efforts that are being made by those responsible, to establish the Union on a creditable footing.

It is not to be overlooked that the Union must be firm, zealous and even aggressive at times in defense of the interests of the workers, but in doing all this, never must there be justifiable cause to be branded irresponsible persons, devoid of good manners and that we fail to pay respect where and when this is due.

It has been reported that there are some zealots who are acting antagonistically towards their bosses, because they are feeling that the boss can no longer push them around and that this is their chance to do the pushing around. No greater mistake could have been made. The Union must defend your rights as a worker, but the rights of the boss must be respected and upheld also. He who demands fair treatment must treat others fairly too. Duty and Right are inherent. Whenever you fail to comply with your duty you are automatically renouncing your rights likewise.

Those who were responsible for the organization of the Union were constrained by the only just motive, that: "To unite in this industrial union all workers eligible for membership regardless of sex, race, creed, nationality, or religious belief or political belief, for the purpose of making a more abundant life available to them by shortening their hours, improving their wages and working conditions and advancing their economical, political, social and cultural interests."

There is, therefore, no room for antagonism, if we are going to wage our all-out efforts towards achieving these aims. Many of our aims can only be achieved by negotiating in an atmosphere of mutual respect and broad understanding. An unprecedented amount of good-will must be transplanted to these conference tables. This, in itself, is a massive task, your antagonistic attitude can only serve to increase the already extraordinary task awaiting ahead.

With the self same zeal with which you have been supporting your Union, we implore that you return to work tomorrow and redouble your efforts to become a more reliable, efficient and respectful worker. By so doing you will be contributing to the ultimate success of your Union.

The Talk That Hugh Adams Gave

11-year old Hugh Adams almost (if there wasn't a Len Goldsmith) stole the show on Sunday evening last at the National Stadium. It was just marvelous to listen to the little tot of whom we should all be very proud. He represents the man of tomorrow. Is this not a very good reason why we should strive to make the tomorrow of Life more promising for little Hugh Adams?

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The above quotation is from the Panama America of July 31. This is more than just an headline in a newspaper, it signifies that the spirit of the moment is to join the Union. Have you?

LOOKING THRU THE P. A. D.

P. A. D. NEWS

The Rover

Its high time you Alien Gold Employees of this department wake up and live, the Gold and Silver signs are removed,

but is there any department that has displayed such lawless discrimination as here? What Intimidates you? Why are you sitting on the fence-looking on: Are you satisfied to live with that wage wage board, doing the same work as your Gold Co-Worker with as much or more efficiency and receiving a lower standard of wages than he does? If you are not then jump off the fence, find a Steward and help the Canal Zone Workers Union with their program to fight discrimination and equal pay for equal work. Did you listen to Hugh Adams Sunday night? He is not a member, just a youth 11 years and is working for you slackers. Are you not ashamed? Get off the fence and help your brothers to rarry on this fight thats ahead of us.

Can we expect you?

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THE EDITOR.