INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION: Internationally known personalities in the fields of sports and the theatre recently have given their views on the Little Rock school board fight. Do you think such personalities are duty bound to comment on racial issues?

Yes. I think such personalities have a duty to their race to protest publicly any unfair advantage that is being taken of their people. Louis Armstrong and Tank Younger have spoken out against segregation because they are in a position to know many of the evils of segregation and have experienced the difficulties. However, I think these personalities should confine their fight to their particular field. — KAY HALL, sales woman.

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I think any Negro who is in the spotlight in any field should speak up to let the world know that he at least is not satisfied with maltreatment of his people. Persons like Joe Louis do not have a right to make the respect of the people. Usually have an audience when they speak, but this audience expects them to "stand up and be counted."—MILDRED HOGAN, sales clerk.

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Football players, baseball players, like persons of the entertainment world, are often faced with problems of segregation in their travels. In reporting these situations I think they should go to the proper.

Rev. Marvin T. Robinson, pastor. On Oct. 13, a special Uhers Day program has been scheduled. This tribute is being paid to uhers from all over the city, Oct. 20, Mrs. M. L. Budd will serve as general chairman of the Women's Day service. Mrs. Alta Lewis chairs the program committee and has obtained Mrs. H. Haynes of San Francisco as speaker for the morning service. The Rev. Bibbs, as general chairman of Men's Day at FBC, will be competing with the women for points in these areas of program and finance as he leads the men of the church in making Bibbs is Dr. Jeremiah Moore, program chairman. Rev. S. M. Lockridge of San Diego will bring the morning message.

Fred Sandfor is beginning to learn that it doesn't pay to play. William "Bill" Brown and Robert "Butt" White, golf for steak dinners, because he is buying again, with the help of Harold Bailey of Los Angeles. The William Brown household is elated to have Jerry home on Air Force leave. Jerry is stationed in Dover, Del., and will leave Sept. 27.

YMCA Offers Dance Courses At Scattergood

Registration has begun at the Pasadena YMCA Annex, the Scattergood, 851 N. Fair Oaks Ave., for all interested in studying the dance. All types of dancing will be offered including Afro-Cuban, Cha Cha Cha and ballet-like, by Mrs. Barbara Davis, who is beginning her second year as instructor at the Scattergood.

All age groups are expected with special interest centering on pre-school and teen age groups. Last year the term registration showed Mrs. Davis had 75 participants, most of whom were in the 10-16 age group.

For additional information about the classes available at the YMCA, call SY. 3-3131 or SY. R-5794.

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Between the Lines

By GORDON B. HANCOCK for ANP

THE REAL TRAGEDY

Our nation has come upon critical times. The current outbreaks of lawlessness should be the cause of serious concern to the patriots of this country. The open defiance of the laws of this land are threats to our national survival.

What Governor Faubus has done in Arkansas is being encouraged and threatened throughout the South. There can be little doubt that the way the Little Rock situation is handled will set a pattern for the rebellious elements of the South.

There is currently a showdown between Federal power and State rights. We can understand why the President hesitates to use his power to the utmost; and we can also understand the danger of letting Kasperism take over the destinies of the South and nation. Long since should Kasper have been lodged behind prison walls and the longer his imprisonment is postponed the greater the danger.

If the rabble rouser, as he calls himself, had been firmly dealt with weeks ago the nation's embarrassment would have been averted. But Kasper has been at large too long and it is to be feared when he comes at last to the end of his rope, other Kasps will arise.

The situation is not only disgraceful but dangerous. Too long the country has tolerated those who openly defy the laws of the land. With a senator of the United States calling for "massive resistance" to the mandates of the Supreme Court and with the Southern press too largely committed to open rebellion, the time has come that somebody must handle the situation with a firm hand if we want law and order to be maintained in the Southern states.

To use aeronautical language, what Faubus did at Little Rock was a "trial balloon" and if he gets away with it, other Southern governors are ready to give it a try.

There is this much encouragement to be gained from the critical situation: there has been little or no bloodshed. This in itself shows that much of the so-called "massive resistance" is superficial. There have been charges for the shedding of blood, but, thank God, to date there has been none.

This further shows that the South is not a total loss to righteousness and justice and brotherhood. There is an element in the South that wants to see justice prevail, but Kasper has had too full sway and the thing is threatening to get out of hand. The course of the South is not all race prejudice, as had as it is: the real curse of the hour is Kasperism.

Back to the main thesis, the great tragedy is not forcibly hindering Negroes from entering the public schools. It consists not in Negro pupils being spat upon, as disgraceful as this may be, nor does it consist in the bitterness and hatred which have been unleashed under the aegis of Kasperism: the great danger and tragedy resides in the fact that democracy is being lynched in the eyes of the world.

We have lost and are losing face as a world leader. The segregationists who are operating with such reckless abandon in the rebellious South are giving comfort to our enemies, the communists.

The communists need not send the mighty missile to conquer this country; all they have to do is to sit tight and let the segregationists under the aegis of Kasperism operate a little while longer. When the segregationists have finished their dangerous and devastating work our nation will become an easy prey—a thought that is sickening.

What does it profit the segregationists to succeed in holding the Negro down if the nation is to become a prey to the communists. This writer has on many occasions said that this nation cannot hold the Negro down with one hand and hold back communism with the other. Holding back communism is a two-handed task. How will we do it before the eyes daily the undoing of the great ideal of democracy.

At the close of World War II the slogan that swept around the world was "make the world safe for democracy." We hear nothing of these days. Unhappily because of the nation's Kasperism our great country is morally on the defensive much to our chagrin.

The surging crowds ringing our southern schools that would integrate are communism's first line of offense and therein lies the greater tragedy.

Tan Topics
The Amazing Courage of Southern Negroes Shown in Current Crisis

(Special to the Los Angeles Sentinel)

A few weeks ago in Birmingham, one of the nation's most prominent southern Negroes, Eubie Blake, a courageous Negro minister, futilely attempted to return from a trip to New York City. He was detained in the all-whites Phillips High School.

As he approached the school, vicious Negro-hating hoodlums attacked him, his wife, and the students. The beatings caused various injuries and he was later taken to the hospital. Later, the minister had not yet fully recovered. Earlier, while seeking other civil rights gains, his home had been bombarded.

But when the 35-year-old Reverend F. L. Bivens, a North Carolina Negro, was asked if he planned to leave Birmingham and move north because of the beating he had suffered, he said: "You can't win a fight by running away from it."

His words, he said, were typical of the "new Negro" in the South today. For increasing numbers, they are able to maintain their civil rights battle even if they are forced to leave the South.

Drastically, in the past few years, southern Negroes have moved to the forefront of civil rights fighters and leaders. Still they have advantages enjoyed, and boasted about by northern Negroes, they have seen and colored people everywhere who wish to escape the yoke of oppression. * * *

MUCH MALIGNED in the past, often considered as "poor country cousins" by northern city folk, southern Negroes have suddenly emerged as the most courageous segment of the race in this country.

The proof of that is found in this fact: The centers of Dixie, the rolling plains of Dixie, where race-hate flares with tradition, hundreds of Negro parents, sons, and leaders, have actually placed their lives on the line for the better rights of citizens of the United States of America.

Not only can one read courage into their words and their deeds one also can read it on their faces, in the bold steps of the young who walk to previously all-white schools while thugs threaten them, beat them, spit through the lines of National Guardsmen Gov. Orval Faubus had stationed around Central High School.

This little girl stands only 5 feet, 11 inches and weighs only 113 pounds. Yet she walked into the teeth of the race-haters, ignored Guardsmen and repeatedly tried to find a hole through which she could crack the line.

"I was not afraid when I first went up to the guard," Elizabeth recalled, "but I was afraid of the Guardsmen following me. A terrible feeling of hurt came over me. No one was with me and I felt more all alone than ever before."

But she didn't give up, that is her pride and courage.

No less courageous were the leaders of the Montgomery bus boycotters. Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr., enrolled, or to enroll Negro students in previously-white schools from Virginia to Texas, without realizing themselves who suffered unyielding indignities in pursuit of an ideal and the equal rights they are entitled to as full-fledged American citizens.

Even diehard Dixiecrats are beginning to see that no lawless force, no rabble-rousers like John Kasper, no publicity man like Governor Faubus can win a final victory over people in the South.

Admittedly southern Negroes possess many faults, but lack of guts is not one of them. * * *

IN THIS desegregation of education fight, southern Negroes have set yet another example.

If you have seen the pictures of Negro students in New York, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and out of all-white schools in any other big city, this has been inescapable.

Every Negro child pictured has been neatly dressed, well-groomed, manicured, and clean.

Their parents, many of them poor people, have shelled out of their meager earnings to make sure their children put their best foot forward. And, as the parents of many of whom probably don't understand the basis of the civil rights battle, have led their children to school by hand, wondering pride has shone in their faces. Their schools have been firm, determined; they have held their chins up, kept their shoulders squared, even in the face of insults.

By his own actions, Governor Faubus has defamed the word Negro in the South but he has gained no stature because of it. The irony of it all is that Governor Faubus should have been the first to understand the needs and desires of these Negroes, for he is himself, a product of an underprivileged area and, in spite of an acquired veneer of sophistication, he still retains many characteristics of the backwoodsman.

In Nashville, on the other hand, law-abiding white citizens, many of whom followed to "agree with the integration edict of the state supreme court," maintain their self respect, quickly blasted through the attacks of race-haters and hoodlums.

The entire city was angered and shamed when the Hattie Cotton School was bomb. City officials from mayor to police chief to school board acts, quickly arrested. Many Negroes were slain. The daily Nash- ville Banner suggested that Kasper and his ilk should be run out of town.

The rebellion against the laws of the land was quickly contained and rendered ineffective.

Thus in contrast to Little Rock, where victory was won at Nashville by BOTH courageous Negroes and whites.

WHAT DOES all this argue for the future?

It seems here that this argu- es well for the Negro of the South, for no more is he a spineless Uncle Tom, satisfied to go along with the Grover- gram. He has been kicked and beaten and insulted so often that he knows the big bang and the soft voice and the everlasting "Yes, sir" brings nothing but grief.

Suddenly, the mante of leadership has been tossed back to the Negroes of the South, and they have grabbed it eagerly. They have shown their courage, they have proved that it is a perfect gift.

If Negroes of the rest of the country follow their lead, a better way of life for all of us Americans is inevitable.

Red as Blood

By HAZEL L. LAMARRE

The vapor rose, ominous, stifling. Rose in thick dark clouds to smother me. I put out my hand to push it back and it had turned to liquid red as blood. Red as blood it was and it flowed.

It flowed in the streets of Washington, splashed on the statues of patriots and the visible death goddess by: It ran in and out of the Pentagon, trickling red in little rivulets, stained the white and over-polished marble.

It flowed across New England, laced a purple tint upon the green. It ran through the Rockies, seeped into cracks and made a puddle, flowed into the Bay at San Francisco, crawled into the ocean by a wave.

It flooded the Mason-Dixon line, washed holes in Arkansas, blotted the white of cotton fields in Alabama. Southern demagogues peered through microscopes and could not tell if it came from the whites or from the blacks.

Red as blood it was, and it flowed. Ominous, stifling, black vapor turned to liquid red as any blood as it flowed.

New Activities For Rangers as Schools Open

More than 9,000 boys, girls and volunteer adult leaders answered the tribal drums heralding the opening of Woodcraft Ranger activities for the new school year. It was announced by Jack Russell, assistant executive director in charge of field services for this youth serving agency of the Community Chest.

The youngsters, members of more than 300 Ranger tribes in the Los Angeles area, have returned to their weekly tribal meetings after the summer recess.

In the past summer, the three Woodcraft Rangers camps operated at maximum capacity.

The nine week camping season saw 2,323 youngsters attending Woodcraft Rangers camps for a total of 20,461 "camper-days."

IMPROVING SERVICE--Harries ed: another "first" for local Leon Harrison flew to Senegal clinic, first of a series of be of Moray Institute, sponsor. Directors Association, Biddi. International Airport is John assist the Harrison-Rose.