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Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Allow me to express my deepest regrets at the embarrassing situation which arose over your generous desire to be of service to the Young Democrat Clubs and the Democratic Party in Georgia. I assure you that the two young men who precipitated this discourtesy represent only a small minority of the people of this state, and in no way are indicative of the better class of Georgians who bear for you and the late President the highest respect and admiration.

I hope most sincerely that I shall have the opportunity of apologizing to you personally one of these days.

With the highest esteem and good will,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sid Williams

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A LIGHT UNTO OUR PATH

When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. . . . I will do unto every one after his

bility, and Mr. Truman has pledged that its prerogative will be protected, it is evident that he expects Congress to be guided pretty largely by the expressed wishes of the Puerto Rican people. Presumably, Congress would be justified in negating these wishes only if they were obviously quixotic and certain to produce economic dislocations that would condemn the islands to near-starvation or chaos.

However, no state of affairs to which the people of Puerto Rico would be likely to aspire would have very much chance of being less favorable to them than the conditions that exist at present, either from the standpoint of economy or from the standpoint of morale. It is time that some basic solution to the problem be studied.

Georgia's Regret

GOVERNOR ARNALL voices the sentiment of the rank and file of Georgians, we believe, when he expresses "regret and embarrassment" over the circumstances which caused Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to cancel her engagement to address the Young Democrats at their forthcoming conference in Atlanta. Nothing could have been further from the traditions of Southern courtesy and hospitality, to say nothing of true democracy, than an affront to the widow of Franklin D. Roosevelt by even a minority of two in the state which he called his "second home."

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To Speak at Morehouse

Morehouse College will present Julius A. Thomas, National director of the League Industrial discussion at 8 p. m. tonight in a forum on "Vital Employment Problems Affecting Negroes" at 8 p. m. in the exhibition room of the university library.

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ie Miles Joins Eleven

College Panthers are well prepared for a battle with the Morehouse College team. The game will be played at 2:30 o'clock at Hardaway Stadium. Miles has joined the Panthers and is looked upon by Coach McPherson as a fine prospect. Miles will see action in the Saturday game.

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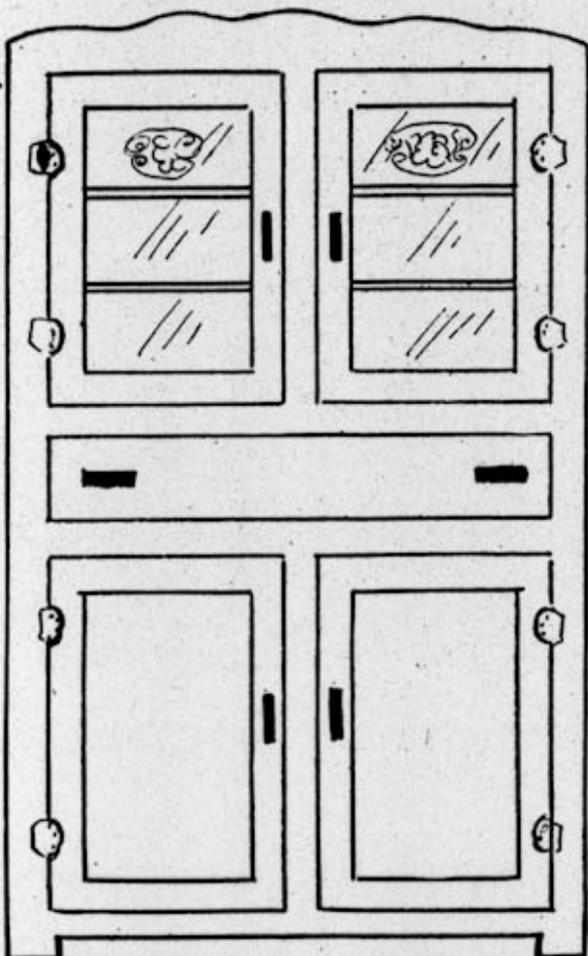
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Get Our Men Out of It

After eight long years of war with Japan, it is a tragedy that China is apparently to be torn with bitter internal strife.

Yet the clashes which seem daily to grow in scope and intensity certainly come as no surprise.

Throughout the war every report from the Chinese theatre indicated that domestic dissensions occupied the Chinese National government even more greatly than the fight against Japan. Time after time, we received well-authenticated reports of guns and ammunition which we sent for use against the Japs being diverted to the fight between Communist and Central government forces.

That Chiang Kai-Shek has not been able to reconcile the two factions is not surprising. By his own statements it is apparent no real desire existed on the part of his government to reach a settlement. His policy, right or wrong, is one of extermina-

tion and it was his moves to that end which brought about the present clash as the Communist troops moved in to meet him.

But, whatever the circumstances, and they are not clear, one fact is clear.

It is this: The American Navy and Marines have no part in it. Our Navy is reported to be delivering Chinese troops to certain ports. Our Marines are in the danger zone.

Our Air Force has no reason to be flying in supplies.

We have no nationals in China who are in danger.

We long ago gave up our territorial rights in China. So they do not need protection.

There is no reason for an American life to be lost in this civil war.

Get our men out of it.

Gov. Arnall's Splendid Telegram

Governor Ellis Arnall has apologized to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt for what he called the breach of good manners by two members of the Young Democratic Club who resigned, charging Negroes had been invited to a meeting she was scheduled to address.

This, of course, was not true. Under local custom, a section may be reserved for Negroes. The Young Democrats planned exactly as most other organizations do and set aside such a section. Mrs. Roosevelt was not to speak on any racial subject, a fact which the resigners should have

known and could easily have ascertained had they been less anxious to embarrass her.

There was no problem and the whole thing was unfortunate and ridiculous. Governor Arnall sent a magnificent telegram to Mrs. Roosevelt who certainly is one of the nation's great and genuine persons. It is unfortunate that Georgia and the south must suffer from overzealousness when no reason exists for it. Once again the state has been held up to the nation through press and radio in an unfortunate and unworthy light, the entire episode being based on a false premise.