

"Here's hoping the objection to the play is the exception which proves the rule, not a new slant which popular taste is taking."

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HITTING BELOW THE BELT

Protest against one of the New York Sun's "Daily Boondoggles" was registered in the editorial columns of the New York Amsterdam News last week:

"The Republican Sun, one of our New York contemporaries, in its anti-New Deal feature, "Today's Boon-doggle," had this to say the other day of a WPA music project in San Antonio, Texas:

"In San Antonio Negroes and Mexicans on the music project outnumber the native whites by nearly two to one."

"The Sun failed to state the relationship of the Negro and Mexican populations to the native whites, and did not mention that the proximity of Mexico and the fact that the city was once Mexican are largely responsible for the large numbers of Mexicans. As for the Negroes, the newspaper was willing to leave the impression that they are basking in indolence on government money while whites suffer.

"That sounds to us like hitting below the belt."

The News also commented on another WPA problem:

"THE WORLD-TELEGRAM has performed a meritorious service in exposing the Veterans Reserve Corps, a Fascist organization in the WPA, and claiming backing of an important functionary in the Landon camp. The corps seems committed to eliminating Jews. It would be just a short step to include Negroes and Catholics."

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POLITICS

SPINGARN FOR ROOSEVELT

One of the most important political developments of the past week, so far as Negroes were concerned, was the announcement of Colonel Joel E. Spingarn, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that he would support Roosevelt and the New Deal in the coming election.