## *EDITORIALS*

### **NEGRO ELECTED BISHOP**

The election of the Rev. Bravid Harris by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church to be Bishop of the Missionary District of Liberia is being hailed by any as a forward step on the part of that church. in Liberia, and probably a better thing for the Church in America.

The Rev. Mr. Harris has distinguished practicality and consecreation-qualities desirable in any church leader, and essential to the office of missionary bishop. As a rector in Norfolk, and more recently as executive secretary for Negro Work in the demonstrated those qualities in an impressive manner.

It is fitting that a qualified Negro be sent to Liberia as bishop. It is a nation founded by and for American Negroes, and the inhabitants of its modernized districts period of service there as bishop was an Ferguson (1885-1916).

Recognition of the fact that there are where such men can be effective leaders, and magazines have fallen by the wayside. may be the most significant aspect of the \_ election.

### RED CROSS DRIVE

Failure to support the coming Red Cross scandalous as it is, would be like failing to passed from the scene. support the Government because there are of inconsistencies and shortcomings in only his work, but equally his life and practice.

The Red Cross demands our allegiance for Negro youth. the great good it has done and is doing; for the incatculable benefits it has brought men of all races and creeds; for its efficient and devoted service to distressed humans. In pushed around by Congress becomes more wartime especially the Red Cross is indispensable. Its errors should be purged; but actionary Democratic wolves by his chief wait on that. Worden protest as

within the span of a year, are unmistakable indications of an irresistible movement toward free suffrage throughout this nation.

#### ON CARTER WOODSON

In years to come Negro History Week will be a time to mark the life and work of that grand old man, Carter G. Woodson. Not nearly so well known among his own It should be a good thing for the Church people as many a man of lesser stature, his contribution to Negro self-respect, progress and apiration can hardly be overest mated.

Dr. Woodson at some time early in his himself as a churchman of vision, vigor, career became convinced that the Negro was entirely too ignorant about himself and his past. All the history in which the Negro figured had been written by people of another race. All the resarch into th Negro's background in this country and Africa had Department of Domestic Mission he has been prosecuted by non-Negroes. All the Negro k n e w in any Scientific way about himself was what he was told. If he didn't believe it he couldn't prove it was false.

Carter Woodson saw this was all wrong, and he set out to do what he could to remedy it. First he became a history scholar. are descendants of American freedmen. He studied, He took his doctorate at Har-The primitive peoples of the interior are vard, He tracylled, He read, And then, al-Negroes. The man who spent the longest pst singlehanded, he founded Negro history as we know it. He emisted the aid and American Negro, the Rt. Rev. Samuel D. support of any mothers. He founded and managed the publications of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and Hiswithin the Episcopal Church Negroes capable of meeting the exacting requirements they have remained on the scene, year in of the bishopric, and that there are places and year out, when more popular books

But his greatest work has been that of inspiring, training and guiding his successors, the growing number of young Negro historical scholars, who are following in his drive because of the blood plasma scandal lootstep. They will carry on after he has

There is no greater example of singlesome imperfections and injustices associated with it, or the Church, because it is full than the long career of Dr. Woodson. Not character, should be a great inspiration to

#### KNOWN BY HIS ENEMIES

The spectacle of Henry Wallace being disheartening every day. Thrown to the relast summer, his seat in the President's





# Jecond Thoughts

**Lest We Forget...** 





If recent court decisions, gubernatorial statements, and young If recent court decisions, gubernatorial statements, and young citizens' expressions of opinion may be regarded as criteria one is led to believe that slowly, very slowly, but surely the day of justice for Negroes is approaching and the sun will ultimately shine on America's too often forgotten man. Following rapidly upon the heels of one another have been actions and expressions that justify the feeling that during this period of wartime stress and travail the cry to wake up and face truth and justice is beginning to trickle through to the ears of White America.

within recent weeks the State of Georgia has repealed its poll tax I aw. Governor Chauncey Sparks of Alabama has conceded that Negroes have a right to vote as Democrats in the State of Alabama. Florida court has upheld the right of Negroes to register and

that Negroes have a right to vote as Democrats in the State of Al-abama. Florida court has upheld the right of Negroes to register and vote in the most southern states Maryland's Governor O'Conor has endorsed action to repeal the segregation law in his State. A white sports writer has scathingly denounced in a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper the "bigotted, prejudiced intolerance of professional base-ball because it has "not accepted the Negro player," and has declared that "there will be tetars shed if it (baseball) profers to stab itself with the poisonous knife of hypocrisy." (The special attention of Coach James E. Lytle of Shaw University is invited here.) Added to these things comes from a scholarly, staid and conserv-ative Virginia college the statement of a young white who risks the

Added to these things comes from a subolarly, staid and conservative Virginia college the statement of a young white who risks the loss of favor with some of her school mates and the goodwill of the college savants to say publicly to her schoolmates and others that white stapremacy is nonsense and that "Negroes should go to our classes join the same clubs and be our roommates and marry among "..."

us."

It is significant that white youth is beginning, sometimes by paying a great price, to take up the cudgels in behalf of justice and humanity. The young girl may be punished. She may become to some extent a social pariah. But there are some who would aid her in fighting for a just cause.

Glad though they must be, Negro leaders viewing these moving and almost revolutionary upheavals in the old order of things have no need to become complacent and to rest on their oars. Now when the goal is visible is no time to curtail their efforts in behalf of the right, When there are indications of the prosphility of final.

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### GEORGIA ABOLISHES POLL TAX mies within his own.

trast he appears to be a paragon. At least, and win the war of 1948. he recognizes that there are issues and. It has often been said that man is known Negro in his place.

for the Negro, fet he has been an outspok- by such men should congratulate himself. en supporter of the former vice-president. Georgia cast its electoral vote for Wallace for vice-president as long as did any other state in the Democratic Convention last commission appointed two years ago by

stirred up by "Communits agitators."

Nonetheless the free ballot will come. The Texas primary decision and the abo- sure up to those for whites. In many instan-

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Cannot wait or that. We can protest as last summer, his seat in the President's own official family i being denied by the ganging up of the opposition and his ene-

The abolition in Georgia of the poli tax. So far as his political future is concernas a requirement for suffrage is an alto- ed it is doubtful that the present battle is gether encouraging, if surprising, develop- hurting Mr. Wallace. He may be further ment. It represents an advance in enlight-prom a cabinet geat now than he ever was coment, much of which must be credited to before; but none of the confidence of the the leadership of Governor Ellis Arnall. common man in him has been lost. If any-Governor Arnall and his views would hard-thing his stature has increased under this ly receive the unqualified endorsement of barrage opposition, just as it was increased the NAACP; but he is such an undoubted at Chicago tast summer. It is quite possible improvement over Talmadge that by con- that Mr. Wallace lose the battle of 1945

problems and considerations which are by the enemies he makes, as well as by the quite as important as that of keeping the driend s. Mr. Wallace's enemies give him a very high rating. Among them on the Governor Arnall's consistent champion- Democratic side are such worthies as Senaing of Henry Wallace is some kind of indi- tors Byrd, George, McKellar Bailey; and cation of his real liberal leanings. He knows Representatives Rankin, and Cok; Bosses Wallace's views on firgl-class citizenship Hague and Kelly, A man who is disliked

### NEW INSTITUTION PROPOSED

Senator O'Berry, chairman of a special Governor Broughton to investigate situa-The fight for free Negro suffrage in tion as to Negro feebleminded children, has Georgia is by no means won, however, introduced a bill which would establish a There are still formidable barriers, legal training school for such children. If and and extra-legal, formal and informal. Not when this institution is authorized and esthe least of these is the white primary. The tablished, the State of North Carolina will tenor of the thinking of very many Georg- have remedied the fast big gap remaining ians is clearly indicated by the statement of in the institutional program for its Negro former Governor Talmadge to the effect citizens. The state will then have an instithat Negroes do not want the ballot unless tution for Negroes to correspond with nearly every one maintained for whites.

The institutions for Negroes do not mea lition of the poll tax in Georgia, coming ce there are discrepancies; in the relative size of the operating budgets, in plant and equipment, in personnel, and in salaries. But at least North Carolina is moving toward equality in state services. The equalmustion of teacher salaries, the estabalishment of an institution for delinquent Negro girls, and the inclusion same provisions for Negroes in the pro-posed broadstate health program, are all recent indication that the conscience of North Carolina is not asleep.

North Carolina is far from perfect in its recog nition of the just claims of its Negro citizens; but substantial progress has been made in the past few years, and it seems to be continuing.

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who, when we have ade twenty-tive dollars in less than a week, refuse to work any more during the week until all of our earnings are spent. Or on the other hand our attention is drawn to a rebellious decision rendered in a eGorgia court wherein not only a prosecuting attorney's right to exclude systemically and arbitrarily all Negroes from Georgia juries was sustained by the court but in which the United States Supreme Court decisions to the contrary in other cases was rebelled against and all but contravened. Recent exents do give us a right to believe that a great time is coming. The signs seem to portend the approach of that America which is the land of the free and the home of the brave. But less we forget and neglect to prepare ourselves instead of contuning the

which is the land of the five and me home of the brave. But less we forget and neglect to prepare ourselves instead of continuing the light we need only to look about us and we shall know that although

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