

# EDITORIALS

## ACTION

As a result of representations by Negro citizens of Charlotte through the NAACP they have been told that a Negro junior college, corresponding in every respect with the already operating municipal junior college for white students, will be operating in September.

It remains to be seen whether or not the Negro institution will be "equal" to the white one, but at least Charlotte Negroes have shown how quickly things can happen when authorities are reminded of the U. S. Supreme Court decision about equal educational opportunities for all in public institutions.

The Negro citizens began by inquiring about admission of Negroes to the already existing municipal junior college. The college authorities carefully explained that North Carolina law makes mandatory the separate education of the races. But it is also general knowledge that the fundamental law of the United States, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, has made more meaningful in recent years the "separate" part of the "separate but equal" equation which is also contained in the fundamental law of North Carolina itself. North Carolina and other states in this section of the country can be depended on to uphold to the letter of the law the "separate" half of the equation. But it becomes increasingly evident that where Negroes carry on an intelligent campaign for their educational rights as American citizens, they can get action at least in the direction of the "equality" end. And there are more and more individual and isolated instances in which full equality is being achieved by eliminating the separateness, which is so costly, and which, in the realm of higher education at least, has less and less to stand on in terms of logic and expediency.

## CROOKS AND VICTIMS

This is the best season for confidence and fake healers whose treatments involve manipulation of the patient's cash. In the past few days the local daily newspapers have recorded several instances of crooks, white and black, who have separated the gullible from their money. CAROLINIAN readers will recall also the story of the Franklin County farmer which appeared in this newspaper some weeks ago, describing how a man was blked out of a large sum of money by fake healers for treatment of himself and his wife.

It seems that there is no way to protect the type of person who is taken in by these thieves except through the long process of raising the general level of education so that there will be nobody left who can be fooled by such transparent measures as the confidence and healing crooks use.

To the ordinary person it is almost inconceivable that any sane adult could be fooled by the old pocketbook finding trick, or such a dodge as praying over money and then concealing the package or container which originally held the cash until a time specified by the thief, the victim finding, when he investigates, that paper has been substituted for the money.

The only explanation, short of hypnotism, is a combination of extreme gullibility and naive cupidity, on the part of those taken in by the confidence men. It is a widespread human trait to want to get something for nothing. Those who are short on sophistication and at the same time long on the desire to get some quick increase of their funds, even at

someone else's loss, are the victims of the confidence artist.

The sufferers from physical ailments who fall for the fake healing crooks are somewhat different, and usually enlist the sympathy of the public in their losses. There is nothing more highly valued than health, at least by those who lack it, and even those who would never be hoodwinked by an ordinary confidence man sometimes get to the place that they will try almost anything presented by a smooth talker who promises a cure. In every stratum of society there are those who will become victims of the blandishments of unorthodox healers. True, they would not be misled by such crude tactics as having their money prayed over and then not looking into the ex-container for a few hours, but many intelligent but desperate people have tried and paid for cures no less effective if less cleverly designed. The desire to be well is one of the strongest desires, and when people have "tried everything," it is often easy to persuade them to try one more thing, however silly the new cure might appear to the disinterested observer.

## BASIC CHANGE NEEDED

The explanations and apologies following the conviction of a state prison camp superintendent for unnecessary cruelty in disciplining a prisoner were very weak, and made the higher authorities responsible for prison disciplines appear in about as bad a light as the convicted superintendent. Every one is willing to concede that those responsible for the discipline of prisoners have a hard and unenviable job; nevertheless enlightened public opinion is convinced that medieval measures of discipline are worse than useless. Cruelty never solved any problems of discipline, and those who are so unenlightened as to think so have no business being in the position to administer what they call "discipline."

The public generally will applaud the prompt action of Governor Scott in calling for a revision of prison rules. Those connected with the prison system who think that no revision is needed except maybe a grudging reduction of the number of hours a prisoner may be subjected to the "spread-eagle" and the "stretch" should be separated from the system.

## LOYALTIES

It has been noted many times, by friends as well as foes, that one of President Truman's chief weaknesses is his loyalty to his sometimes undeserving personal friends. "Government by crony" is a phrase which has been applied to Mr. Truman's administration, at times with some measure of justification.

The President's military aide, General Harry Vaughan, a personal friend of Mr. Truman's of long standing, has caused him a great deal of trouble, but in every situation into which the general's conduct has dragged the President's name, Mr. Truman has defended and stood by his friend. There have been a number of other examples of the President's loyalty to his friends through thick and thin.

Loyalty of this kind is an endearing trait, in general. The public usually sympathizes with, or at least tends to excuse, the man who sticks by his buddies. But Mr. Truman is also President of the United States. His position in the eyes of the nation is of prime importance, and he cannot afford to be discredited too often by those who are not smart and careful enough not to abuse his friendship. It has been observed that little men who are close on a personal basis to those in high position often do not possess sufficient sagacity or character to protect their high-placed friends from unjust criticism because of their indiscreet behavior. Such persons take advantage of their personal status in all kinds of unfair ways, and trade on their friendship for immunity or to get out of their jams.

Loyalty is a two-way proposition. The President does not owe any more loyalty to his friends than his friends merit by their conduct.



Let Us Unite To Crush This Un-American Organization.



## Second Thoughts

BY C. D. HALLIBURTON

Every now and then something is casually brought to our attention through the newspapers to remind us how far we are in some respects in the march toward civilization. I am not here referring to great dramas on the world stage, like a world war or the development and use of the atomic bomb. I am not thinking of racial and religious strife or the proceedings of the United Nations. Rather, I refer to such things as the wedding of an 11-year-old girl under the auspices and with the approval of an American state; the brutal punishment of prisoners still sanctioned in North Carolina; to starvation standards under the name of "welfare."

Such an item appeared recently under the auspices of the Associated Press, taking up two and a half inches of space in a daily.

The story was about a parole hearing for a Negro convict who was ten years old. The child was serving a sentence of one year in the South Carolina State prison, having been convicted of housebreaking. He had stolen \$7, which, according to the story, he had spent for candy.

The most startling part of the story is that he was sent to the prison "because he was too young for the State Industrial School." It is also related that "no one could be found to take him on probation." So he was sent to the penitentiary, where he became an errand boy.

The child was too young to go to an institution for juvenile delinquents, so he went to the penitentiary. That is solving the problem of what to do with him. At least the solution has the virtue of being unusual.

Nothing is said in the news story of the boy's parents, his antecedents, his background, his re-

cord before going up to the big house on the housebreaking rap. There may have been no relative to whom he could have been sent on probation. His record as a bad boy at 10 may possibly have been such that he could not have been placed in any private home ordinarily used for the purpose. We do not know all the circumstances. Maybe he occupied a very unusual position at the prison and was better off there than at any other available place. But everyone knows that something is wrong when a sovereign state of the United States must send a ten-year-old boy to an institution designed for adult criminals and enemies of society for punishment or "correction."

The State of South Carolina admitted itself to be far more delinquent than the kid it was handling. It is unbelievable that a Negro family in the state could be found who would have been willing to give Robert Hamilton, age 10, a chance to stay out of the penitentiary.

According to the thinking of some people young Robert has paid his debt to society. He was up for parole. Obviously he will have to be paroled to someone who will share the obligation of the state to be responsible for him. If no one could be found to give him a chance before he went up the river, who is going to do so when he comes out on parole? Even without a parole he would have served his sentence in a year, getting out at age 11. What would happen in that case? Maybe he is a sadder and wiser man, and a better citizen-in-the-making, because of his stretch in the state penitentiary. Anyway, South Carolina is responsible for sending him to the penitentiary because he was under age for the reform school.

## SENTENCE SERMONS

BY REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY FOR ANP

I would rather speak the language of Jesus and feel His glorious might and power than to fluently speak every language and boast of Satan's make-believe-dower.

Satan, too, has a language which his followers understand, and with it tries to sell a "Dance and Happiness Liberty Bond," but knows that in all of his realm there is no such thing to be found.

His language has double meaning, and his offers of silver and gold have been the catch from time immortal, and yet to countless numbers of thoughtless people it seems never to grow old.

But ah, the language of Jesus, with accent so musical and sweet, can only be clearly interpreted by Christians who practice no hypocrisy or deceit.

No language is as difficult to men who by searching are trying to find out God; the understanding comes only by faith when men uplift their heads from the sod.

Nicodemus with all of his high training could not keep step with Christ's language of illustrations, and exposed his ignorance when Christ spoke of the wind and the power of His eternal foundations.

But Mary and Martha, though no colleague of Nicodemus, pro-

ved their faith that even death by Jesus could be defied for Mary exclaimed when He appeared before them "Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

Poets and song writers, who too have felt the touch of His majestic power to raise dead lives and the pains of sin relieve, have cried "He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe."

One follower of old, giving vent to his over-flooded soul, tried to leap to imaginary heights, but failing to meet the rigid demands of this sane heart to sing "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His Grace."

It is a grand accomplishment to be a linguist and with foreign men to joyfully converse; but the greatest of all thrills, is to know God's voice and be privileged to talk with the God of the universe.

Any dear old father or mother, knowing nothing about telegraphy, radio, radar or television but who has touched the hem of the Savior's garment can hold with Him at any time a conversation.

Yes, it is a wonderful thing to speak the language of Jesus; it is a priceless something that can't be bought if you would know it. You must stay close to Jesus — it is contagious, it must be caught.

## CAROLINIAN PHOTO Quiz

QUESTION: What is your pet peeve?

James Slade, 1601 Pender Street, Geno Robinson, 315 E. Lane Street, Ideal Cab driver.

Backseat drivers. I dislike customers who delight in telling me how to drive my cab. If I don't know what I was doing, I wouldn't be trying to make an honest living leaving a taxi.

Very often I transport customers who tell me how to drive, which way to go to reach their destination and what I should do after I get there. They fail to realize that this is very annoying to drivers and that they are paying for the ride and not to give the driver driving lessons.

Then there is another type rider who tells you all his troubles and requests a solution. Some drivers have trouble of their own and don't wish to listen to other ills and play the role of Mr. Anthony.

And I can't forget to mention the passenger who compliments you on your courteous and at the same time getting you to do him all sorts of favors. Then when he gets out, all you get is the fare and you sometimes have to show the patience of Job in getting that! And some people think a cab driver has an easy job!

(Mr. Slade's photo was unavailable.)

People who don't stand on their own feet, I have reference to persons who don't stand for the things they believe are right.

For too many people believe one thing and when it is time for them to express their feelings, they voice another belief. I have often heard people express certain beliefs in small groups but when that opinion was needed to help the cause of some small and deserving group, they expressed the opinion that best suited their purposes. Very often many of our so-called "race leaders" express only those opinions which fit the occasions in which they find themselves.

I think that an individual should always express his belief regardless of the circumstances. If you stand for something, you should be militant enough to voice that belief and not keep it for intimate groups or off-the-record bull sessions.

## HOSPITAL STAFF IS ORDERED TO USE COURTESY TITLES

RICHMOND, Va. (ANP) — Negro patients and visitors will be addressed by their formal titles, Mr. Mrs. or Miss, by all hospital personnel, including doctors and nurses attached to the Medical College of Virginia, C. F. Caldwell, Jr., director of the medical center said last week.

Caldwell made his statement in a letter answering a protest by W. Lester Banks, executive secretary of the Virginia State Conference NAACP, that personnel at the St. Philip hospital had a habit of calling colored patients and visitors by their first names rather than their formal titles.



## BETWEEN THE LINES

BY DIAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

### IMPERIALISM IN REVERSE

We hear much today about the financial and economic difficulties of Great Britain and there is evidence this is but the beginning of her sorrows. Long has Britannia ruled the waves and the weaker nations washed by those waves. Her ships have sailed the seas and brought back to England their cargoes that have drawn to the hatches with wealth from many lands. More important than anything Britain has done for herself is her notion of imperialism which has obsessed the nation. Britain has sown in the winds and now she is about to reap the whirlwind of an anti-British world.

Britain is in truth fighting for her life and the talk that she must soon be a dependency of the United States is not altogether idle talk; for the peoples of the British Empire are darksome and delusive. Britain is about to walk the "road back" which is always a via dolorosa for transgressors, whose way sooner or later becomes hard, and it makes no difference whether these transgressors are men or nations.

Troubles like chickens come home to roost to those nations who sin against God and humanity. Germany did not escape nor will England and her own beloved America. Nations are slowly learning the hard way, that right is right, and that might is not right as Nietzsche was wont to declare.

Democracy is a notion so vigorous and virile that to talk about it is to awaken longings for its blessed accompaniments. In spite of the fact that World War I was not fought to make the world safe for democracy as declared, the very talk about democracy made the lesser nations stir from their lethargy in search of the new freedom which democracy promised.

And so it is as come about that holding weaker people down has become one of the more persistent pursuits of stronger and arrogant nations. Imperial England is dead or dying. Imperial France is reeling upon its pedestal. Imperial Italy has bitten the dust of disaster. Imperial Germany is kneeling once more at the mercy seat of international conity.

This article was inspired by the relative quiet that characterizes India and Palestine. As long as Britain ruled India there was discord, there was no end of internecine strife. When Britain

held forth in Palestine, Arab and Jew were at each other's throat. When Britain gets out there is a measure of amity and concord among erstwhile antagonists.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that for imperial reasons Britain sows the dragon's teeth of animosities and suspicions and hatreds among the people that she rules in order that she might the more easily perpetrate her rule.

Events transpiring in Palestine and India seem to bear out such conclusion. It was predicted that once Britain was out of India, Moslem and Hindu would fight unto the death. They simply have not. It was "teared" that once Britain took leave of Palestine, Arab and Jew would simply exterminate each other. They have not.

Instead things are shaping most encouragingly in both these unhappy lands. The riots in India have about ceased. Arab and Jew have quieted down in Palestine in a way that it is difficult to appreciate. The other exploited nations will of course take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Imperialism is at an end in the Twentieth Century world and what of it remains is decadent and decaying.

Segregation of Negroes in a form of British imperialism adapted to the southern states. But here as in India and Palestine and Ireland it is doomed and that the slow-moving processes of time seem to belie the assertion, it is nevertheless true that even segregation and subjugation are on the way out in ways too obvious to leave room for doubt. It is only a matter of time. America is not going to destroy itself for the dubious luxury of eternally dominating and subjugating defenseless and ignorant Negroes.

Even in the craven ku klux region of the nation whites are fast learning that feeling "better than" somebody may have certain psychological satisfactions, but these are empty and vague and barren. Just as Britain has exerted a sinister influence in her colonies to perpetuate her domination, so there are sinister influences in this country working to forever drive apart Negroes and whites to the end that poor Negroes and whites can the more easily be exploited.

Even this is doomed.

## The Road To Health

HEADACHES BY A. L. HAWKINS, M. D. Of Omaha, Neb., for ANP

Mrs. Hanson had a little trouble beginning her story when she came to my office a few months ago. She hesitated, shifted several times in the chair, and then began.

"Doctor, I know you're busy and I feel foolish coming with complaints of a simple headache. But it seems to make me irritable and some times it comes at night and keeps me from sleeping. I've had it on and off for about three weeks now."

I assured Mrs. Hanson she was far from foolish. Headaches that persist, I told her, should be immediately investigated because they are a sign that something is wrong with some part of the body.

When I told Mrs. Hanson she should have a complete physical checkup, she inquired jokingly why since "the pain is only in my head." I explained that other parts of the body frequently make their first "complaint" of injury to the head where the center of the nervous system is located.

My examination revealed that Mrs. Hanson was suffering from eyestrain and would have to be fitted with suitable eyeglasses to correct the defects of vision. Mrs. Hanson was a seamstress and the headaches came more frequently at night because the strain on her impaired eyes was greater as she worked under artificial light. Shortly after she got her glasses, Mrs. Hanson's headaches disap-

peared and she hasn't been bothered since.

Unfortunately, many people are inclined to dismiss chronic headaches, especially if the pain is not too great as just a nuisance. Some people form the habit of daily doses of headache powders and "pain killers." They fail to realize that they get only temporary relief and that they will never cure the headache trouble.

Headaches can come from such serious injuries as tumor or abscess of the brain, concussion, or injuries of the brain's blood vessels or nerves, although the agonizing pain which such injuries cause actually "drive" the sufferer to the doctor.

But less painful headaches can come from eyestrain, high or low blood pressure, insufficient or poor blood, poisons within the body, and any number of disturbances in the stomach, liver or lungs. People who put off checking with their doctors on their constant headaches not only delay relief, but may be losing valuable time correcting a serious physical disorder.

Fortunately, most headache troubles are temporary. These are most commonly caused by occasional over-eating, emotional upsets, lack of proper ventilation, too much smoking, or fatigue. But when headaches persist for unexplained reasons the victim should see his doctor without delay. Only the doctor can find out what is causing the chronic headaches and prescribe measures and treatment to relieve it.

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