

# EDITORIALS

## THE VIRTUE OF PATIENCE KNOWS NO RACE!

Cicero, Illinois might well take a peek at Gatling and Pettigrew Streets in Raleigh on which corner a white family recently rented a house. As all Raleigh knows, this is an all-Negro community.

While there was no alarm when the white family moved in, the neighborhood naturally was aware of the new family. Of course, when a white family moves into a Negro neighborhood as when a Negro family moves into a white neighborhood, the neighbors are at least curious.

Many reasons can be presented why people live in different sections of various cities, and it may be that this family had reasons other than that there was no other place to be found.

However, there was no disturbance, and according to neighbors, there will be none, for the family seems quiet and of religious temperament. In fact, a significant occurrence is that one of the neighbors was invited to worship with this white family in their church, a Primitive Baptist Church whose doctrine we understand does not include segregation.

Raleigh may offer Cicero, Illinois this family and the neighbors to visit with them, taking along the members of the Primitive Baptist Church whose hearts must have faith in a God whose people do not have to worship Him with pigmentless faces.

And in Cicero, Illinois and other like communities, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clark, in the manner as the white family living at Raleigh's Gatling and Pettigrew Streets may have had other reasons for selecting that particular location. They too may have had Primitive Baptist connections where invitations to their neighbors to join them in worship may have been extended if the neighbors had been patient enough to know them.

### LIVED TOO LONG

Now that old Marshal Petain is finally dead and gone, many feel that France was too harsh with the old fellow who late in life fell from the pinnacle of honor to the fate of one adjudged a traitor to his country.

The "Hero of Verdun," regarded as a savior to his country in World War I, and except for the circumstances of an unusually long life might well have been enshrined forever as one of his nation's greatest heroes, instead died in exile after a life spanning nearly a century.

The course Petain took he probably chose in good faith, though mistakenly, in what he thought was the best interest of France and her people. He was in very much the same position and chose the same way out as some of those designated in our country and within our race as "Uncle Toms". But he probably was honest, patriotic and conscientious in what he did, thinking it was the only

way out for France.

### SLOW RETREAT

The admission of Miss Harrison of Kinston to the University of North Carolina after a suit was filed against the University is another chapter in that discreditable story of the University and North Carolina's fight against the rights of its Negro citizens to equal educational opportunity. The story is rendered more discreditable in that the authorities had previously announced in the name of the State, that the University was committed to a program providing graduate and professional educational facilities at the University when they were not provided at one of the State's institutions for Negroes.

The University repudiated its previously announced policy and refused Miss Harrison's admission, on no plausible ground whatever. The authorities did not allege that she lacked the qualifications for admission to the department she sought to enter; they did not allege that the course she was seeking was being offered at N. C. College or A. & T. They just said, "no," hoping only half hoping they could get away with it. The minute Miss Harrison brought suit they knew the jig was up so far as her case was concerned.

Present plans seem to call for the offering of the doctor's degree and advance graduate work in education at North Carolina College, so as to be able to keep the great majority of the Negroes who will seek work beyond the master's degree out of Chapel Hill.

So the struggle goes, a needless and bootless one. The University cannot be kept closed to Negroes. The only basic alternative is the one proposed by University board member John Clark of Franklinville, which would in effect close down successively every department of the University to which Negroes would legally have to be admitted, and it would appear that few in North Carolina think that lily-whiteness is worth more to the state than the existence of the University of North Carolina.

### HOW DO YOU FIGURE THIS?

No one has yet come forward with an explanation of the reasoning of some members of Congress who seem to have concluded that since the controls in effect had not prevented price increases, the thing to do was to weaken price controls. It would seem elementary that a tighter set of price control regulations, rather than relaxation of those existing, was indicated. But common sense is hardly less common in Congress than anywhere else.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

It may be bad news to the cynics that church membership in the United States in 1950 had reached the highest absolute number and the highest percentage of the total population in the history of the country.

Of course we all know that church membership is not synonymous with religion, and that it is not possible to measure the amount of real Christianity in existence. But where membership is by free choice it would stand to reason, that, other things being equal, a gain in membership in the Christian churches should indicate a growth of religion.

Those who are sure that America is constantly becoming more pagan and less religious year after year, should at least be brought to a pause when they learn that 55.9 per cent of the nation's population were church members in 1950, as compared to 34.7 per cent fifty years ago.



"AN UNAMERICAN ALLIANCE"

**C.B. Halliburton's**  
**SECOND THOUGHTS**

It has been some years since I have reported in this column on the problems and hazards of eating faced by the sojourner away from home. These reports began during the war years, when sugar was scarce, and over abnormal conditions prevailed, and had to do largely with the difficulty of getting a decent cup of coffee in commercial eating places. This difficulty was increased by the fact that the alleged coffee was sweetened according to the taste of the dispenser rather than that of the drinker.

I am sorry to say that the quality of the coffee as of 1951 is no better than it was in 1942. As a matter of fact, for some mysterious reason, the price of coffee is higher now than it was in the war years, with the result that there is even greater temptation to make make a pound of Java go further now than there was then. The only improvement, I sadly report, is that the sugar bowl is available to the customer.

What has impressed me more of late is the relative disappearance of the old-fashioned robust meal to any and all corners at practically any time of day. There used to be lots of them in every city. But today it is difficult for a stranger, even in a big city, to find a place where he can get what used to be described as a "regular dinner." You just have to know where such places, the few in town, are.

There are plenty of places where you can get a sandwich, or a "light lunch."

Those institutions known as... snack bars, which serve as the piece de resistance the hot dog, or the hamburger, or the bowl of chili, are two or three to the block.

Drug stores have their lunch counters, where breakfasts of toast and coffee, and even an egg if demanded, may be had, and where lunch is built around the staples of a lettuce leaf and a slice of tomato, accompanied by one of those soda fountain concoctions, favored by high school students and female office workers, none of which answer the needs of a man brought up under the ham-and-two-eggs with grits breakfast tradition, and for whom there is no such thing as a dinner without a good hunk of meat with at least two vegetables (one starch), with good honest bread and none of your thin, machine-made toast, and some hearty dessert like a slug of heavy pie, instead of some god-awful thing called a trap.

There are a few places left where a man can get a square meal in most cities, I suppose, but one has to know where to find them, otherwise he will find himself feeding standing up at snack bars, or sitting on a stool in some emporium where the staple article is glass of juice and where food, in small quantities and unappetizing lack of variety, is only an adjunct. Or worst of all, eating a series of lettuce, bacon and tomato sandwiches in a drug store, among the pills, trusses, and Rodal.

## SENTENCE SERMON

BY  
REV FRANK CLARENCE  
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THE IRON CURTAIN

1. Fixture of many kinds throughout the years, have been employed as curtains... the old sash blinds, lace adornments and drapes of various assortments and designs; and now: venetian blinds.

2. But now we hear of a people in a far away land, whose landers are trying to gain power, but hiding their hand, and for their secrecy to be made most certain, they have invented an iron curtain.

3. All of these things are nothing now, for when Adam and Eve sinned they tried to hide behind a curtain, too.

4. In fact, their posterity to date have a popular faculty for evading the Father in Heaven, and try to fool their security behind their own improvised curtain.

5. To be sure, they can even take folks like them selves behind this partition; but to enjoy the presence of God, they must step out in front and sign His petition.

6. This implies a closer walk with God, unobscured by Satan's obstructive screen, clear and out in the open with nothing between.

7. Curtains, by countries are not utilized as by housewives, to shed joy and regulate light; but to aggravate and perturb all outside countries and keep things hidden from sight.

8. Individuals in like manner inflict personal and wide-spread injury who shut God out; for He is the only strength and life-giver who can bring miraculous changes about.

9. Men, with God, do not have to close themselves in, to keep sin out; God's Almighty power and dominion takes care of everything, beyond a doubt.

10. God can take care of His own in a fiery furnace, a lion's den or a raging storm; none in His care need have the slightest misgivings or fear of harm.

11. It is only when man takes his eyes off of God, and allows cunning Satan to deceive and defraud, that he mistakes the counterfeit for the Everlasting arm and exposes himself to eternal harm.

12. Let us all then in common accord, serve notice on Satan that his schemes are ignored; and that God performs all things out in the open, with absolutely no place for an IRON CURTAIN.

**POETICS THANKS**  
By WILLIAM HENRY HUFF FOR ANP  
He thanks you for that fragrant rose.  
How sweet of you to bring it;  
A thousand thanks to you he owes  
Your praise—he'll ever sing it;  
He thanks you for those words of cheer,  
How kind of you to speak them;  
Such helpful words he loves to hear.  
He thanks you for that smile you brought,  
You'd make a dungeon sunny  
And take this as an after thought  
You're sweeter far than honey.

**BETWEEN THE LINES**  
BY DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

### DEAN GORDON B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

**WHAT PRICE HARMONY?**  
A few days ago the country was startled to note the racial outbreak at Cicero, Ill. Such outbreaks in the north always elicit enthused reporting in the southern press.

In subtle ways these outbreaks are always played up as a kind of justification of the Negroes receive in the south. They are always used to show that the north is no bed of roses for the Negro. Nobody ever faintly supposed it was such a bed of roses, but it must ever be borne in mind that these outbreaks are patterned after the southern mores and are most certainly the south's contribution to the nation's pattern of lawlessness.

If as the late H. G. Wells asserted, race prejudice is the worst thing in the life of mankind today, the south may be credited with doing more than any other part of the world to perpetuate and propagate this moral scourge. Fortunately for the old south, a new south is in the offing, and there is abundant reason for hope. The south is the nation's west of tomorrow, and blessed are they who get in on the ground floor.

It does not take riots in the north to prove to the Negro that the north is no bed of roses. It does not take lawlessness in the north to prove that paradise does not begin at the Mason Dixon line.

These riots only prove that the lynch spirit of the south travels north but is more firmly dealt with and therefore not as dangerous. Riots and lynchings are due to the same basic cause and motivations. In either case they are a shame and disgrace to the communities where they occur, and they represent a reversion to a primitiveness in human behavior that we must speedily outgrow.

The southerners of divivric persuasion were quick to call attention to the Cicero riots. A Virginian running for office used the riots as justification of segregation. He said that segregation is more conducive to harmony between the races. The tragic thing about this erroneous assumption is, somebody might believe it, even the candidates who make the asser-

tion. The assumption is, in the south there is segregation there are fewer and less severe riots. That is true, but it is not due to any harmony between the races. The reason there are fewer riots in the south is because the Negro is overpowered. In other words riots are signs that the Negro is being emancipated whereas the absence of such riots show a more complete subjugation of the Negroes. If they want to call this harmony very well, but it must be borne in mind that the harmony that exists under segregation is the harmony that exists between the master and the slave, between the prisoner and his guard and between the orphan and his heartless oppressor.

The harmony therefore that exists under segregation is not a compliment but a reflection on the south. The sooner this fact is realized the better. The high cost of such harmony makes it dangerous indeed. As a native born southerner, this writer knows of some fine interracial relations in the south as are to be found in all the world. There are some genuine friendships and displays of Christian brotherhood. He knows that the pattern of segregation is just as repulsive to some southern whites as it is to the Negroes. He further knows that many of the southern whites who abhor segregation are afraid to speak their minds.

This is the reason that for the last ten years this writer has stubbornly emphasized the role of moral courage in the interracial drama daily unfolding in the south. The whole south is not segregationist at heart by a long sight; for more and more the better south is realizing how impossible it is, and will try to perpetuate the subjugation of the Negroes.

They know the moral virus that will destroy the Negro will destroy the south itself. They are therefore covertly committed to nonsegregation. But these same valiant souls know the danger of supposing that the harmony that prevails under segregation is desirable as a solution of the race problem. Far better disharmony among equals than harmony among unequals. The harmony of segregation is no substitute for the harmony of brotherhood. What price harmony?

## IN THIS OUR DAY

BY C. A. CHICK

The rumor of an armistice with Northern Korea and China had hardly begun before the American people, true to their tradition began to show signs of being impatient with economic controls. If the Congress is to be taken as an index of the public pulse in the matter, it is very apparent that the minute the American people will in the cease-fire order is given, a minimum of governmental regulations of economic activities. Even before an armistice is signed, the two different Defense Production Acts passed by the two Houses of the Congress each has far less economic than the Defense Production Act that will expire July 31.

You see the trouble with the American people is that all of them want economic controls, but none of them want their particular business controlled. Each one wants economic controls for the other fellow but laissez-faireism for himself. Such a policy as the foregoing, of course, leads to a state-wide, economic, and political confusion.

Can we blame the Congress for the apparent lack of a strong Defense Production Act giving the Government at least as much economic control as it already has? I, for one, say we cannot blame the Congress. The masses of us seldom think in terms of the Government and our elected representatives until near election time. And then a large percentage of us who register our vote do so only because some candidate for election arranges to get us to

the polls in a "Buck" and also treats us to a barbecue sandwich and a "coca cola." The voters of course have no real interest in government or what gets in office. Proof of the foregoing statement can readily be seen in the fact that we do not home after the election, and stay there so far as government is concerned. We do not stay in touch with our elected representatives letting them know how we feel regarding grave public issues. But while the masses of the American people go home and go to sleep after the election is over, the expert lobbyist bestir themselves afresh. Regardless of whom is elected, the lobbyist begin to high pressure them for legislation favorable to their (the lobbyist's) clients.

Moreover, it should be pointed out to the American people that aside from emergency economic controls, the United States is no longer primarily an agricultural, village, and a small-scale business country. But that it is primarily an industrial, urban and large-scale business country. And the foregoing means that in the future we must be prepared to accept more and more economic controls by our Government. An urban and large-scale business society needs more government controls than does a rural and small-scale business society. Therefore, "morning" will not mean relatively free from governmental controls.

## Facts Briefly Stated

World trade in sugar increased sharply in 1950, largely as a result of the hostilities in Korea. A number of importers, and consumers generally increased their purchases of importing countries, except in a few countries rationing sugar.

Better flameproof cotton fabrics are the goal of a new chemical research program started recently by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at the request of the Army Quartermaster Corps.

Cook's Imperial champagne has won a number of gold medals for its quality. But two most prized by its makers are those won in 1867 and 1889 at the Paris international expositions.

Modern man's hand is so highly

developed and intricately constructed that to properly reconstruct it after injury or infection requires the highest skill on part of orthopedic, plastic and nerve specialists. It is revealed in the July issue of the Journal of the National Medical Association.

The big problem for the physician with the milti-aged patient with heart disease is treating the patient, not the heart. The patient stubbornly refuses to accept the fact that he is older and has to slow down and take things easier. It is revealed in the July issue of the Journal of the National Medical Association.

Negro medical students numbered 661 in 1950-51. It is revealed in the July issue of the Journal of the National Medical Association. Howard University had 274, Meharry Medical College 244, and other schools 143.



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