

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

The Top Ten

A few days ago a college sophomore...

Of course, as time passes, the educated youth will learn that the condition that confuses him so badly is one that is causing quite a lot of thinking among our educators and others who are far from satisfied with a situation that keeps the most promising students out of college.

Research to find causes for this condition and to determine ways and means for its correction are underway. The newspapers are working with typical high school graduating classes seeking to discover if proper incentives are lacking.

However, it is more than an assumption that too many of our best qualified Negro high school graduates fail to attend college because of economic reasons.

A Lot Of Weight For A Child

The recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court which said in effect that in the Old Fort school segregation case, each Negro child must go through all the cumbersome and costly legal courtblocks set up by this state to evade that court's anti-segregation decision, places a weight of responsibility upon the shoulders of poor, innocent children.

It's most probable that if and when all of those required steps have been taken and the North Carolina Pupil Assignment Act has been proven what it doubtless is, a studied attempt to achieve by indirection what it was afraid to try to attempt by direction, the court will rule as it has ruled in Virginia: that Negroes have been and are being deprived of their constitutional rights.

The children of Old Fort lawyers ought to show the court the absurdity of going through the long and tedious administrative procedures of this pupil assignment act but in as much as its architects were careful to work this road block in a manner that avoids making race an issue, the court said it could not find anything in this act that within itself deprived Negro children of their rights.

We are not trying or trying to evade this case. We are not trying to act as a court of competent jurisdiction. However, we do feel free to make our own comments about the case. In the first place, having breathed the air of resistance that has enveloped this state ever since the May 17, 1954 segregation decision and being a witness to the steadily increasing hostility to this decision by those entrusted with shaping the policies of this state and having witnessed the culmination of this resistance, hostility and antagonism in the actions of a session of the General Assembly, we know

students are finding it impossible to meet these higher costs.

There is another aspect of this situation that should give our group deep concern. On practically every college campus the female students are found to greatly outnumber the males. This is in a large degree caused by the misdirected thinking that it is more important for girls to get an education than it is for boys. In many instances where there are both boys and girls in the family an agreement is reached whereby the boys will finish high school and get jobs in order to help finance their sisters' college educations.

It is a safe assumption that in many of these brother-help-finance-sister cases it is the brother who has the higher I.Q. and the best achievement record. The perpetuation of this idea not only means that society and more particularly our group is losing the contribution these boys could make were they permitted to reach their educational potentials.

Because of a system of which they find themselves innocent victims, the majority of the college bred girls must marry men with very limited education and equally limited income abilities. This, of course, means that the wives become the heads of the homes because it is they who earn the greater proportion of the income that supports the family.

Even before the research experts finish their tasks and come forth with their conclusions, we have got to find a way to see that our promising youth, especially our boys finish both high school and college. Our racial future depends largely upon this very thing.

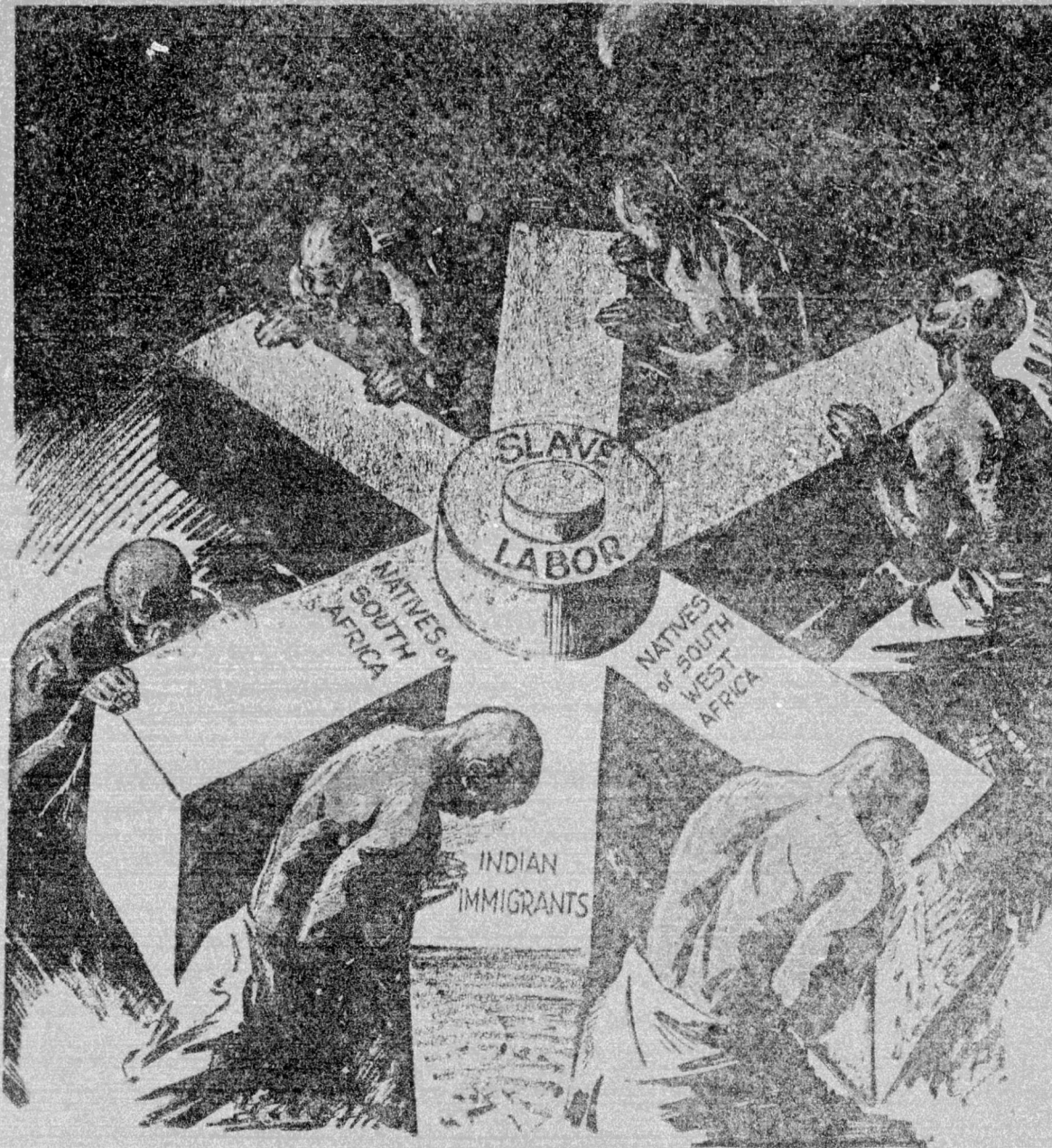
that everything connected with this evasive act was directed solely at the circumvention of the 1954 decision.

It is our further comment that nothing was hidden concerning the reasoning behind the evilly-conceived subterfuge, nothing that the U. S. Supreme Court or any other could not have known about. We were of the opinion that when the court ordered school integration and asked that it be done "with all deliberate speed and good faith compliance" it meant just that. Further, it was our opinion that this order of the court was directed at the states and their administrative bodies.

Now after the court's ruling in the Old Fort Case, we hardly know what to think. We have to admit that our opinions have been sadly upset and that our faith has been badly shaken. Our interpretation of this order is that instead of the states and their administrative officers having to carry out the school integration order, each Negro child must bear the burden of desegregation. Even though it is perfectly obvious to all and sundry that this N. C. Pupil Assignment Act is purely an act of purposeful evasion, the court will not recognize it as such, but instead, demands that each Negro child go through all the entanglements of this act and be the instrument of school integration thereby relieving the states against whom the order was written of that responsibility. This decision, compelling each Negro child to accept this heavy responsibility of achieving what the court has already ordered the states to do is so far removed from our previous interpretation of the decision that we wonder how we could ever have gotten so far out of line.

strong anyway with great odds against us trying at least to do the impossible. Sometimes the impossible happens. Let's support our candidates and others we so desire with all the 4,000 votes we have.

"African Independence Is Moving This Scar Of White Supremacy"



SENTENCE SERMONS

By REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY For ANP

THE NAACP

1. The mighty forces of the NAACP like billows of the Sea, fear no tempest or headwind however severe, for they are fighting only on the side of right and with faith, hope and love.

2. God, they know is on their side, for out of truth, and not false pride, do they intend to labor on from day-to-day, pushing back the curtains of hate that have always brought ill-fate and giving love its rightful place to shine.

3. They great Company, the NAACP in this land of liberty, want only for all men what seemeth right. For they know by God's arrangement, He desires man's highest attainment, and warns against allowing hate and prejudice to cloud his sight.

4. For He hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation, yea for every Tribe and Nation.

5. This is the heavenly heritage provided for every man, to aid him in bringing God's Kingdom, and will be done, in this earth as it is in heaven.

6. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is heartily in accord with the Creator's plan, and wants only that its rich blessings be equally shared throughout our beloved land, man-to-man.

7. Whatever it is that has gone wrong, let us all join in a happy throng and drive out every vestige of prejudice and hate, that the results of God's planning may not come too late.

8. Every Nationality has a share in this. We can have torment or heavenly bliss. Why waste God's valuable time in hateful hollering and fighting when we can make this glorious

earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation, yea for every Tribe and Nation.

9. Children can spot and soon forget it all, but some grow-up, learn helpless, be good, control, be kind, and yet, a wicked, sting, and sting to evil feelings as if on wings.

10. What a job therefore, we all have to do, to let old thoughts and habits die, and real virtues break through. This is the challenge and task that awaits every creature like you and me, and certainly won't be overlooked by the NAACP.

11. The NAACP is worthy of highest respect, for the thoughts of well-thinking people it does not reject, it is designed to follow the GOLDEN RULE, meaning always fairly and squarely to help, and by no means never to fail.

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Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

SOME OTHER WAY Jesus Christ made it plain in his teachings that he was the Door of Life, and that they who would enter into life "some other way" are thieves and robbers.

They who would be happy must first be good. It is even with nations as with persons. If nations would prosper and be at peace, they must build in accordance with the principles of righteousness and equity; they must live up to the ideals that make nations great and civilizations splendid.

There was a time when our country was a haven for the hungry and oppressed for all nations, and races and conditions. More recently we have become a haven only for those of Nordic strain. Our more recently revised immigration laws tell their own story and it is a story of discrimination against all those not of Nordic blood.

This explains in greater part why we must buy a way for democracy. And as the elders of yesterday said, bought friends are never paid for. Food for thought on this question is found in the April 1 issue of the Congressional Record with its list of postwar loans and grants to the various nations.

Our billions have been variously distributed to the following nations: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg (and possessions), Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Formosa, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France (and possessions), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indo-China, Indochina, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy-Trieste, Territory, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Guinea, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal (and possessions), Saudi Arabia, Spain (and possessions), Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom (and dependencies), Malaya, Malta, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Yugoslavia — and the United Nations.

The ambition to help so many nations to carry their burdens is staggering to contemplate. If the dispensation of billions to the many nations were accomplishing the purpose for which it was intended we could understand. But from all indications this money is taken for granted by the recipient nations and if there is anywhere any outburst of gratitude and goodwill, this writer knows not of it.

Great Britain, our pet beneficiary, seems to be the first to get off and is quick with its shaft of criticism. If the expenditure of billions guaranteed us friends among the nations, it would be all to the good. But does it? It is time for us to begin finding some other way to commend democracy besides dispensing our billions.

There must be a better way to spread—and hold the lines—of democracy. If we cannot reckon our largesse in terms of friendship for our democracy, it is high time we reappraise our approach to this whole matter of making the world safe for democracy.

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THE PULPIT VOICE

BY REV. HAMILTON T. BOSWELL

AN EASTER MEDITATION

There have been many events of tremendous importance which have occurred in the life time of humanity. Such events as the discovery of fire, the wheel, the printing press, and now the startling discovery and utilization of a whole new era of atomic power, these and other events of outstanding meaning have determined the direction and progress of mankind. Christian Faith, however, that next to the miraculous creation of the universe, the greatest single event which has ever happened, is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

There have been those who have called the resurrection story the most fraud ever perpetrated against humanity. Others have with respectful silence promised to consider it if Faith would only present the facts. The enemies of Faith, have sought to bargain with every new discovery of man to bring discredit upon this fundamental assumption of Christian Faith, that God enacted his mightiest act among men by restoring to life on the third day a man who had been brutally lynched on a hill called Calvary. Yet despite this never ending onslaught against it, Christian Faith in every age since that first morning when the women found an empty tomb, has persuaded and converted countless millions to accept what is incredible to many, the simple story of what God was doing for us through the resurrection of Jesus.

There are many Christian groups and individuals who worship Jesus who themselves will have nothing to do with the doctrine of the resurrection. They would hold up the teachings of Jesus as the high point of his contribution to faith.

Others call him Lord because, he points the way to God, and can lead the soul to its own mystical discovery of God the Father. Some honor him because he was a martyr to such a worthy cause, and they pay tribute to such courage and self sacrifice. True as each of these emphases are, yet the early beginning of Christian Faith was not based upon any of these worthy as they are.

The first cry of Christian faith was "He is Risen, even as he said." As Paul the Apostle firmly entreats, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." Historically, the primary tenet of Christian Faith is the doctrine of the resurrection. And if this were not true, there is much doubt as to whether Christianity would have ever grown to embrace a world, but would have remained merely a small sect among the Disciples of John the Baptist are today.

And so great was this impact upon religion, that in a culture where the Sabbath, the seventh day, as commanded in the Law as the Holy Day, was well established and accepted, the witnesses to the resurrection made the day of the resurrection, the Lord's Day, the Christian Sabbath.

And every first day of the week since that midnight of God's acts, men have met together on the first day of the week to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This is the background of why we worship on Sunday for we are in that endless line of believers who offer thanksgiving to God for Jesus and the rise of faith and hope, for a sure ground for faith in the indestructibility of the good, truth and love.

It all began on a Sunday morning, a discovery of life by those who went to appoint a body in death. He is not here but is risen. As we too look sometimes upon a world which is as bleak and forbidding as that bleak Friday, it can be for us a whole new world of hope where there has been bitterness and fear.

As this Easter breaks in upon you, let God do it again, not on Calvary, but in your heart and mine.

With this story they went out to win a world. Their sermon is derived from the word "Easter", a Teutonic goddess of spring the festival of the Resurrection of Christ. In the ancient church the celebration of Easter lasted eight days. At the eleventh century it was limited to three, and in later times generally to two days. It has always been a favorite time to perform the rite of baptism.

In older times the courts of justice were closed and sines were dispersed to the poor, who were also feasted in the churches. Slaves were sometimes given their freedom at Easter, and, as the austerities of Lent were over, the people

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Impossible But Let's Try With All 4,000

While we know "Plan D" City Manager form of government does not lend anything towards a fair opportunity for Negroes in Raleigh to elect their representative with an 8 to 1 vote against us, we should fight out 4,000

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