

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

Get Ready Now!

While we know the tremendous odds against electing a Negro to the City Council under Plan D every effort should be used now to organize and map plans for building these odds to a minimum.

First, we believe the predominant Negro precincts are too large and should be divided into smaller precincts. This would increase the registration and thereby make voting more accessible to the large East Raleigh population.

Second, a political organization is a distinct need. There is no below the political action committee under the Citizens Association.

Eighty Short Years

"In 80 short years, the Negro has come further and gone farther than any other race." In such a vein, Dr. William H. Borders, minister, Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., addressed the North Carolina State Baptist Convention here in Raleigh last week.

We admire Dr. Borders, we admire his ability, ministry, his devotion to the cause of Christ and by and large, we admired his address last week. On the other hand, we wish he had left that statement about all this progress he said the Negro has made during the past 80 years out of his speech.

Looking backward at the history of the Negro in America since his physical emancipation, our gaze must necessarily rest upon the South where, despite steady migration Northward, we still find the largest concentration of Negroes.

The first of these factors is education. We are all aware of how Northern white missionaries, both men and women, came into the Southland shortly after the Negro was freed and established schools for the education and training of these former slaves.

Shaw University, here in Raleigh, is an example. Thus, the education of Negro teachers, preachers, acts and craftsmen was begun, later to be coupled with the training for the professions of law, medicine and the fine arts.

Joe Louis Park

A local wit once said during Joe Louis' heyday that if Joe were to come to Raleigh and see that stink hole that is named after him he would sue everybody in sight. It could be that that was stretching it a little bit, but the fact remains that conglomeration of shacks, dives, mud holes and cut-up hovels certainly do not measure up to any body's definition of a park.

Joe Louis Park, as we know it, is inhabited solely by Negroes. It has no type of sanitary facilities, no water, no sewage. There is one spring in the area. From this open spring drinks most of the life there. This life consists of people, dogs, cats, goats, hogs, rats, snakes, spiders, grasshoppers, flies and ants.

Now as we have stated, only Negroes live in this forsaken stink hole and because the governing powers of Raleigh and Wake have not seemed to care about the conditions there, we might be tempted to say it is because it is an all-Negro community.

But out of Joe Louis Park come many of the maids, cooks, cleaning women and other household help employed in the fine homes in Cameron Village, Biddleigh, Country Club Hills and other fashionable areas of the city. Now, can anyone, even a nit wit, imagine or

Through this committee or a political league three to four thousand new registrants could be put on the books. This is a crying need as there are only 2394 qualified Negro voters in the city of Raleigh. Out of a potential 10,000 or more this small handful of votes is a disgrace to us all as citizens here.

Third, we should seek a oneness of purpose. There may be those who don't care about working directly with others. However, we could all work for the benefit of the same things, and in the process we no doubt will discover a new co-worker and associate where and in whom we may least expect.

Even though the Negro had nothing to do with the setting up of this great achievement, he should and does feel proud of his receptivity toward this idea and the advancement he has made under it.

Factor number two in the Negro's achievement has been segregation that evil machination of the white man's mind whereby the Negro was branded as an inferior being, unfit to enjoy and partake of his white brother's heritage of equality.

The proof of this is found in the northern areas of this county where, with few exceptions, the Negro is content to sit still and enjoy the things owned and provided by the white man. The exceptions are usually Southern-born Negroes who carry the imprint of segregation with them when they migrate north and, in the North establish and maintain Negro enterprises.

Because of segregation in the South, the Negro has achieved the limited amount of economic stability that has transformed him into a semi-independent being. However, he still shy away from complete economic detachment.

While everything now appears to be in a wave of ascendancy, it is also marked with scars of degeneracy. Scars that are now festering with racial hate and juvenile delinquency moving in at a fast rate.

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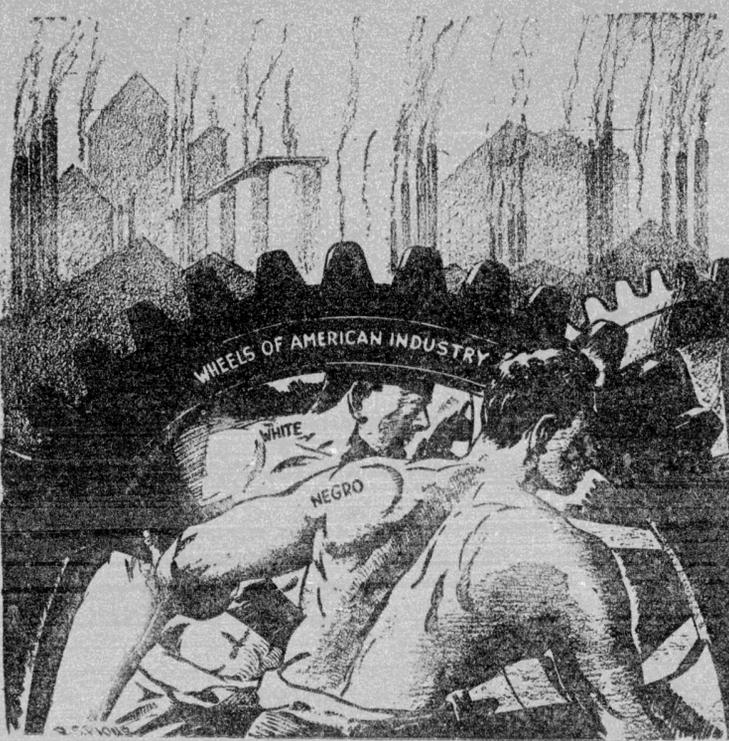
True, Negroes operate many small and medium-sized corner groceries, but when the Negroes in Raleigh attempted to own and operate a huge super market, the project failed because not enough Negroes could be pulled away from the white stores to support the Negro enterprise. When this Negro super mart opened, the manager of one of the larger white stores said he was not worried because he knew that Negroes preferred to be waited on by white people.

believe that if there is any such thing as disease breeders, Joe Louis Park must certainly take the lead as a breed spot for disease. And, if disease carriers come from areas that breed disease, it would follow that those Negro servants who go from their homes in Joe Louis Park into the homes of their employers, must carry disease.

The Raleigh City Council and the Raleigh Housing Authority together showed very little foresight when they turned down the Joe Louis Park area as a site for the erection of a new public housing project. The Raleigh City Council since its beginning has failed to meet its obligations as custodians of the welfare of the citizens of this city by closing its eyes to this crime and disease breeding area.

If you really want to get the full effect of just how mad things are in Joe Louis Park go out there during the middle of a hot day, right after a rainfall. If you can possibly do so, take a member of the Raleigh City Council out there with you. We will bet dollars to doughnuts that if you do that, some council action will follow.

"Civil Rights Legislation Will Make Better Teamwork Possible"



SENTENCE SERMONS

By REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY For ANP

Didn't It Rain?

Yes, it rained to give men drink. Yes, it rained to make men think, but on some heads it only fell, and evil thoughts and imaginations it failed to dispel.

How now, is there any change? Noah took many years, his Ark to arrange, and prayed and pled with men all the while, trying to lead them away from sin and guile.

But the progress made seems very meager, in the face of God sending such a noble preacher, to arrange and establish a perfectly new day, from which yet unstable men seem bent upon turning away.

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These practices must stop.

How many are there who think of prayer, and put it to its proper test, even when things are at their very best, and stress and fear are not around to startle and peer with a belch of scorn?

'Twas at such a time God had to speak to man, but from his sin he would not refrain, and wouldn't listen to Noah whose daily theme was "Rep", and they all but said he had gone insane.

But my 'my' my! didn't it rain -- forty days and forty nights could cover up any night, and this it did to sinful men who would not hear -- just like the majority of men today who won't be disturbed in their play and become intoxicated with their wine, whiskey and beer.

With men's hearts like adamant, reeking vengeance even upon the innocent, like Herod's Festival slaughter of children on "Innocent's Day," it seems now that God by man again is being forced to close his hand, and with fire this time burn everything away.

Didn't it rain? -- it certainly did, until the salvage God had arranged could only be hid, then came the pelting rain from a watery Heaven, nothing did thwart it, nothing could stop it until God closed the wet curtain.

We have "Iron Curtains" now, but with them, men can't even dampen his brow, without God's water above the earth and under the ground; but he will hide a brother behind this curtain where living words are yearning and his approach to reason, very unclouded.

My how some men yell when their shoe pinches, but seem to delight in diabolical lynchings and raise no hand to make wrongs right, but even add to the woes of a brother's sad plight.

Yes, didn't it rain, but next time with fire. I believe yet God would change his program if man wasn't such a rouse and imbecile hat, but he is hell-bent on having things all his own way and leaves God with but one alternative to burn up his dress like his such a day.

THE PULPIT VOICE

By REV. HAMILTON T. BOSWELL

For A Religious Tolerance

Newspapers across the country recently carried a news item released through the Associated Press, concerning the efforts of the Rev. John E. Kelly, director of the Bureau of Information of the National Roman Catholic Welfare Conference, to discourage New York's Roman Catholics from attending the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade scheduled for that city in the near future.

Some of the reasons the priest alleged were, Graham is "a danger to the faith," Graham's services are Protestant in nature, and Catholics are not permitted to participate in such services. Graham does not accept the Roman Catholic position that it is the only true church. Summing up however his own doubt, the good priest dolefully said "Thousands of them probably will (attend) anyhow."

And the writer of this column adds a hearty "Amen" to the priest's thoughtful conclusion. Thousands of them will attend anyhow, Mr. Kelly's attempt, in this column's opinion, is decidedly unwelcome in a society which has nurtured the broader view of religious tolerance. If such a statement had been published in that denomination's papers and magazines, it would not have caused the concern which it has.

But to announce boldly, using the public press as its medium, is to say the least, a complete disregard of the principle of religious tolerance which is the cornerstone of American society. Such effrontery should and will forever, as long as there is religious freedom in this country, fall on deaf ears. And it is a tribute to the thousands of Roman Catholics who will attend, that they are interested in the religious strivings of their Protestant neighbors.

Here in America the Christian community has learned to appreciate the spiritual contributions of persons regardless of religious differences. This is

good, because the human soul has an access to God above church or creed.

Billy Graham even by conservative estimation has been heard by more persons than any other religious personality in our time. There is something dynamic about the man. This does not mean that there is no error in Mr. Graham for there is error in all men. Rev. John E. Kelley being no exception.

Liberal Christians have criticized Graham for the lack of social concern in his preaching. Here is a man with a tremendous audience throughout the world. If he would lift his voice against racial strife in the South, it would have tremendous results, but as Reinhold Niebuhr suggests, in this respect, Mr. Graham is strangely quiet.

But despite this failure Billy Graham and Fulton J. Sheen belong to America, and not because of what creed they represent, but because there is something unique and creative in them. And as long as they are preaching, no matter who rails against them, in defiance, people will make their own decisions.

God has given them something which transcends the organized church, regardless of denomination. The writer of this column is an ardent fan of Fulton J. Sheen, America's top television preacher. This man speaks of life and God, he offers hope to millions, and although that hope to him may personally be the dogma of the Roman Catholic Church, yet to his audience, it is hope in God. It is this message which God has put in his heart which attracts far above the dogma of his church.

The idea of religious supremacy which the Rev. Mr. John E. Kelley's remarks suggest is increasingly coming into disrepute in our world. And those groups despite how sincere or ancient such beliefs may be, in-

creasingly are being held responsible for the division and strife which they ferment. They are in fact no different from the purveyors of a racial supremacy. They represent in religion what Communism is to economics and politics.

There is today an upsurge in Buddhism, Mohammedanism and other religions of the world. People everywhere finding inadequate hope in a religion of science are turning to theistic religion for answers. It ought to behoove men of good will everywhere, to be on with the unfinished business of religion which is to bring some harmony in the tower of Babel which religion has become. The way to this is not the spirit of "winner take all" but tolerance of others, with a deep humility about our own failures in the faith.

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Letter To The Editor

"STEIKING" ARTICLE To The Editor:

The writup in the CAROLINIAN, May 4, titled "Sugar Ray Will Win" by Charles Livingston was a very "striking" article.

Just the idea of a man desecrating the fight as vividly before it is even fought is unbelievable. He couldn't have described it better even after seeing it. His prediction was most accurate.

"This man thinks as I do--Ray Robinson is the greatest--the greatest of the great. Honestly, wasn't that fight a "honey"?"

My husband and I enjoy reading the CAROLINIAN and look forward to it each week. We think you and the others of the CAROLINIAN staff are doing a wonderful job. Our only regret is we cannot get in on the Bonus Money Contest.

---(Mrs.) Joan Artis Mitchell Cincinnati, Ohio

IN THIS OUR DAY

More About Taxes

If the Congress accepts the budget recommended by the President, the Federal Government will spend \$71.8 billion this next fiscal year. State and local governments are spending approximately \$33.9 billion. Thus, total government expenditures are expected to exceed \$105 billion in the coming year -- or almost twenty-five cents out of each dollar of gross national product that must come or later be collected as taxes from somebody. This means that almost one-fourth of our country's total output is being spent by various levels of our governments.

Moreover, government budget figures do not tell the whole story. Increasing amounts of spending from social security and other such trust funds are new outside the budget. These are expected to exceed \$14 billion for the Federal Government alone this fiscal year. In addition to the foregoing, approximately 7,292,000 civilian workers are on the payrolls of Federal, state and local governments in the United States, or one in every nine of the nation's work force. Add to the foregoing the number of state guards and those in the national armed services then the foregoing figures become astounding.

There are many who feel that the expenditures of our various governments and the resulting taxes are higher than they should be. Moreover, there are many who feel that there is more than is good for the country's present and future. People with such belief argue that as long as such a large

share of the national income is being spent by various levels of Government it will be very difficult for either the government or our competitive economy to control inflation.

One wonders in the light of the foregoing why are many of us so indifferent to the problem of taxes. This writer is of the opinion that part of the answer to the foregoing is that many people are lulled by current tax methods into thinking that they escape much of the total tax burden. Such individuals believe that their part in defraying the costs of government is confined to what they pay directly and visibly--their personal income taxes, property taxes, and a few sales taxes. What these people fail to realize is the vast extent to which governments rely on hidden indirect taxes that are paid without their knowledge when they buy goods and services. For example, many individuals think they escape large shares of the tax bill by shifting these onto business. But the hard fact remains that in the final analysis only people pay taxes. For every dollar we spend for goods and services about a third of the dollar is for hidden taxes.

For a lack of clear understanding of how they are paying for what governments do, people tend to go along with kinds and sizes of government spending or at least question.

Again this writer urges that our many many organizations spend some time in endeavoring to assist the masses of their membership in understanding the problems of taxes, who pay them, and government expenditures.

IT HAPPENED IN NEW YORK

By GLADYS P. GRAHAM For ANP

Integration Up Bias Hits Downward Path

The bird Jim Crow is being given a rough time by determined integrationists in all professional categories.

The American Association of University Professors has gone on record (37,500 members strong) in upholding the right of students and faculty to belong to organizations seeking the lawful elimination of segregation in education, during its forty-third annual meeting held at Hotel New Yorker here.

The committee on academic freedom and tenure had noted that some faculty members in the South had been dismissed because of their views on desegregation. Liberal minded Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University received the Alexander Hamilton Medal for distinguished service and accomplishment in the field of Human endeavor. Dr. Kirk, the fourteenth president of the university taking office in 1955, welcomed His Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie (Speaking French with him) during his visit. President Magloire of Haiti and other dark notables along with other dignitaries and has upped the spirit of human relations and dignity on the campus during his short regime. Dr. Kirk told the writer he was a native of Ohio.

The historic Flushing Remonstrance, the 300-old document on the stand taken by Long Island Settlers on religious freedom is in a new exhibition at the Donnell Center Library in 63rd Street available to all visitors. The collection reflects the growth of American ideal of liberty.

New York Amsterdam News Editor Jimmy Hicks is in full swing in his continued fight for equal rights and civil liberties. He was co-chairman at a press conference held for Dr. Martin Luther King who was quizzed on the Prayer crusade. Later during the day he addressed the Celestial Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons on the import of blueprint for democracy and the need of the e-

limination of bankrupt leadership. The same afternoon Editor Hicks, along with his wife, Daisy, held an event at Birdland, in which actors and others participated in a benefit for funds to be used by those in Dixie upon the race rights fight.

Dr. Moran Weston Gets Top Episcopal Post

Rev. Milton Moran Weston, a native of Tarboro, N. C., has been named the rector of St. Phillips Church in Harlem at 134th Street, considered the largest in the country. Dr. Weston who holds an earned doctorate from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary will succeed the Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop, who has served the church for thirty-four years. The new rector formerly served on the staff of St. Phillip's as business manager and later as curate. Weston is from a long line of clergy. His father is currently pastoring at St. Luke's Church, Tarboro, N. C., and his grandfather was an Episcopal priest. Rev. Weston, a former Amsterdam News labor columnist and member of the board of the Duptown Carver Bank and Savings has been serving as executive secretary of the division of Christian Citizenship of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Women of All Colors Invited

Six honorees were feted at the Waldorf-Astoria by the Friends of the National Council of Negro Women at a luncheon. Mrs. A. G. Gaston of Birmingham, Ala., director of the Booker T. Washington Business College, Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, whose suits led to the integration of Negro and white schools in Baltimore, Soprano Leontyne Price, Actress Hilda Simms and Labor Leader Malda Springer who recently returned from the International Confederation of Free Trade Union meetings in Africa. State star Lena Horne presented the citations. President Mason of the Council informed the diners that the groups' membership was open to women of all colors.

Tan Topics



"BLIT OFFICER, I FOUND THAT CAR PARKED BY THE CEMETARY - NATURALLY THOUGHT THE OWNER WAS DEAD!" CONTRIBUTOR FEATURES

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