



Adjusting Ourselves To The Change

There are thousands of Negroes in this country today who have grown impatient waiting for what they rightfully consider a full recognition of their rights as American citizens. Doubtless many of them feel that that day is as far away as it ever was. Without getting too optimistic about the matter, we feel that there are many unmistakable signs of a change in the old status quo. We feel that what once could be called a solid flock of icy resistance across the river of obstruction has now been broken to the extent that the calm waters of justice can be seen through the crevices.

Neither by inference or implication would we intimate that our battle for justice and equality has been won. In fact the signs now appearing on the horizon indicating the appearance of a change should serve to stiffen our resolve to see this thing through, no matter the cost. And we must understand that from now on, the costs will be greater and greater, higher and higher. How we react to the demands that will be made upon us as we constantly reach out for the fruits and benefits of full citizenship will determine our right to possess them.

The Congress of the United States has just passed a Civil Rights bill, a bill that falls far short of the wishes of those who drafted it. However the important thing to remember about this bill is the fact that for the first time in nearly one hundred years, a bill aimed directly at those who subjected the Negro to abuse, has been enacted into law by Congress. This one act would seem to give the lie to those who say there are no changes being made. Another important thing to remember about this Civil Rights bill is that for the first time in history, no serious attempt was made by the Southern members of Congress to defeat it. Not because these Southerners advocated it or wanted it. We are compelled to believe that the lack of any real, organized opposition was due to the belief of those Southerners that the forces behind this bill were too strong for them to overcome.

The most important provision of this Civil Rights bill is the guarantee by the Federal Government that every person will be protected in his right to vote. Since every other racial group in this country already has this protection, this provision must apply exclusively to Negroes. We have tried to point out in previous editorials just how important this provision can become to us as a lever with which we can pry loose many of the shackles that now enslave us. What we now want to doubly emphasize is this: this newly passed Civil Rights law guarantees us the protection of the Federal government in our right to vote, it does not compel us to vote, it does not insure for us any of the advantages naturally enjoyed by voters unless we ourselves accept these advantages by voting. This bill will not change or help to change in any degree any of the conditions or circumstances hitherto faced by us unless we adequately and effectively employ the protection of this bill and VOTE.

Helping Your Children In School

Now that the schools are open for another long nine-months grind, thoughtful parents might do well to consider ways by which they can help their children to be better students.

Children who are entering school for the first time this year need a lot of help from their parents in order to properly prepare for this transition. There is hardly a parent, particularly a mother, who would send her child off to school for the first time, without first having tried to give that child some idea of what to expect, how to act, and how to get along with others.

All of these things are helpful and needed but the problems that will be confronting the child during his first year in school need attention and special parental help all during the school year.

As soon as possible, the parents or the mothers of these first-year students should have a conference with their teachers. The first conference is a very important affair because during this meeting the teacher can be given some insights about the child that she might not be able to discern for many months.

These insights might show some particular weaknesses or some degree of retardation or other shortcomings that the parents are not aware of, all of which might possibly be overcome through a program in which both parents and teacher assume important roles. Subsequent conferences, between parent and teacher, could be used for comparing notes to see what gains had been made or to decide if the right approach was being used.

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It required the prayers and thinking, the united and organized efforts of many groups and forces for good to successfully steer this Civil Rights legislation through Congress. These forces accepted the final compromise on this bill because of their faith in us. Faith that we could and would so adjust our past and present thinking about the value of the ballot to the extent we would seize upon this important weapon of freedom and use it intelligently and fully. This will be no small adjustment. Because of ignorance, lack of understanding, poor leadership and indifference, many Negroes, the majority in fact, have no interest whatever in voting. There are thousands of Negroes (many of them in Raleigh) who will tell you flatly that voting and government are the white man's business. The sad fact about that statement is that those who make it really believe it to be true. There are others who look upon the ballot as a commodity to be traded for dollars and cents. When this type is asked to vote the question comes, "How much am I going to get out of it?" Many times the accusation is made, "If I were getting what you are getting I'd be voting too." Of course all of that is plain, undiluted ignorance but it is this ignorance that must be recognized, understood and overcome. The stumbling blocks in our path to freedom are being removed one by one, the road is slowly but surely being made safe for passage but if we refuse to embark upon this road, if we refuse to lend a hand to help clear this path of road blocks and obstructions, who are we going to blame?

There is hardly a day that passes that you do not run across a group of Negroes bemoaning their oppression and citing the wrongs inflicted upon them by the white man. They vocally express hope that the day will soon arrive when they are treated like other people. There are many reasons why we just do not believe that many of those who make that statement are ready to receive and use the things they say they want. "Crying the blues," talking about their wrongs, blaming their misfortunes on their lack of opportunities have become a habit with too many of us. It is a well known medieval fact that many affected persons do not want to be cured. They have come to enjoy the sympathy and attention their ills receive.

They have no desire to get well and assume the responsibilities of life. We do not believe that the Negroes who talk the loudest and the longest are necessarily fakers and pretenders, about their wrongs. The wrongs long inflicted upon Negroes are too real for any one to pretend they don't exist. What we are saying is that too many of us are willing to talk about these things but are unwilling to do the simple and easy things we can do to help change them. Which means, regardless of our protestations to the contrary, that we are satisfied with them.

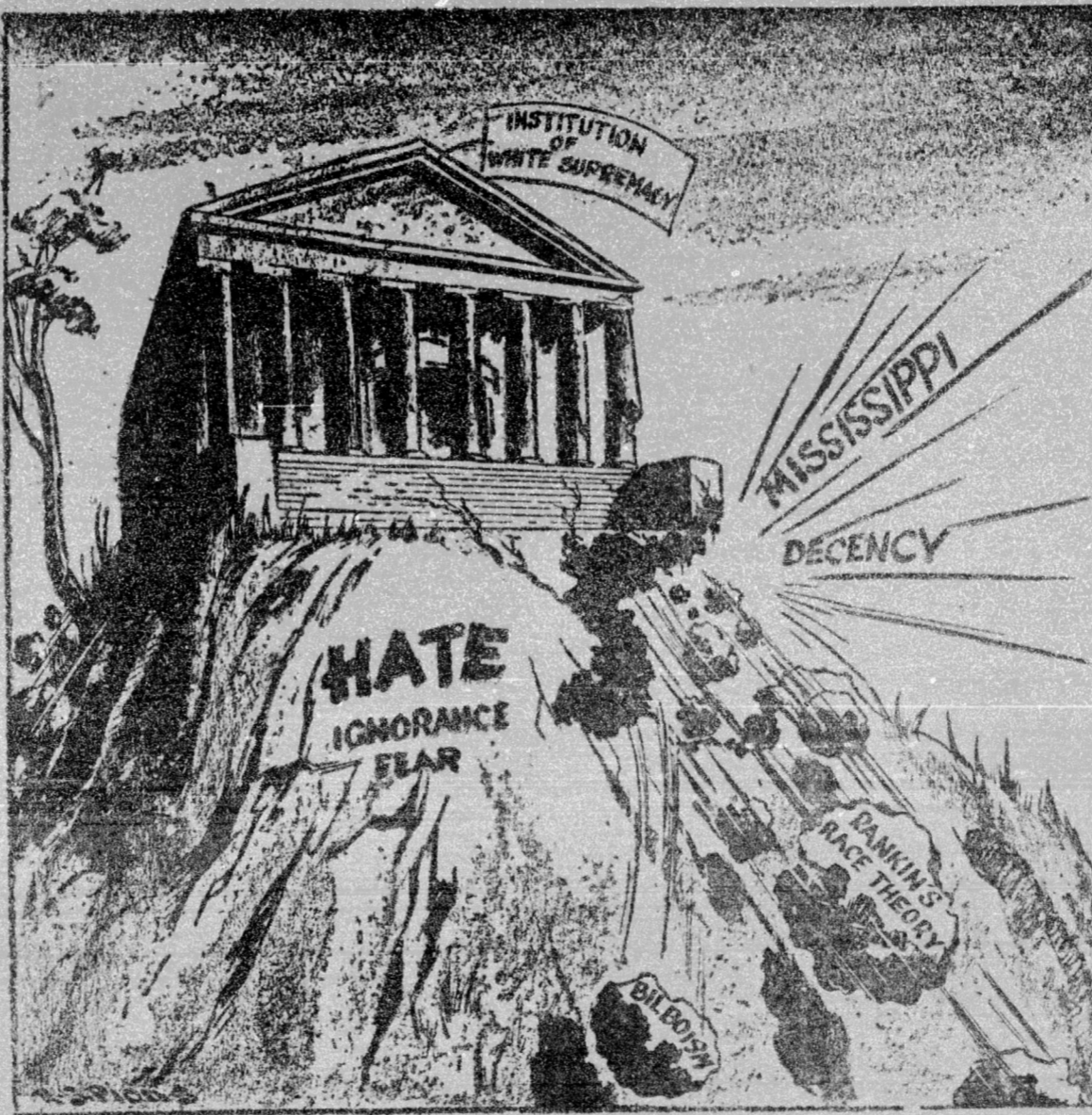
and misconduct, will all prevent these children from getting the type of start in school that will insure them future progress and success.

Teachers are not infallible. They are human and make many mistakes, but they are trained in the art of detecting and destroying ignorance. This training enables them to put their fingers on things that will handicap the mental development of their students. Because of this fact, many defects that might remain hidden from parents often come to light through the evolutionary process of education under the ministrations of these teachers who have spent many years preparing themselves for this task. If parents who are sending their children to school for the first time this year will only stop and consider these important facts and strive in every possible manner to cooperate with the school and the teachers they will find the benefits from these efforts to be in direct proportion to their earnestness and sincerity.

Parents can also be of great help to their older children, children who have already had one or more years in school. These children need more parental help during the first one or two months of the school year than possibly at any other time during the year. This is true because during the three months of the summer recess, the minds of these children are apt to stray a long ways from the conformity, meaning and regulations of school life. Months of freedom, relaxation of mind and body can, or often does, require a lot of time and effort on the part of both teacher and student to overcome.

During the summer, parents are apt to relax their vigilance and allow their children freedoms and privileges they would not allow or would frown upon during the months that school is in session.

Still Living In A World That Has Gone By



IT HAPPENED IN NEW YORK

TAN EXPERTS TAKE GIANT STEP

Tan experts in their respective fields have taken a giant step professionally and are being thoroughly recognized on a global scale. The colorful Althea Gibson, tennis champ made the cover of the famous TIME MAGAZINE in a striking portrait. She follows her mentor Jackie Robinson who it is believed was the first tan sportsman to grace the cover of TIME. Another sportsman track star, Lee Calhoun was featured in articles in the weekly.

A Philip Randolph, laborite who recently completed conferences in Africa follows Dr. Ralph Bunche and other leaders to be honored with the famed Elk-Lowrey Award which was conferred in Philadelphia at the fraternal orders Grand Lodge Convention. Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, General Session judge has announced his acceptance of the campaign chairmanship of the Citizens Committee for the reelection of Borough President, Hulan E. Jack, Democratic-Liberal Party candidate. Mr. Jack is the first Negro in the country to hold such a high elective post.

Jane White, brilliant actress daughter of the late Walter White of NAACP fame is chairman of the Magazine Subcommittee, which revised the format of the Equity Magazine, official organ of Actor's Equity Association. Miss White's article THE NEW EQUITY MAGAZINE is an excellent feature in the first revamped edition of Equity. Frederick O'Neill is 3rd vice president of Equity and he has pioneered in informational writing on the Negro actor and his contribution from time to time in prior issues.

Mark Ehrbridge Jr. and Carl Rowan, Negro staff writer for the Minneapolis Tribune have collaborated on views in the Deep South "Integration—Now Or Never?" Mr. Rowan advised this writer sometime ago that he is doing a series on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Jackie Robinson while in residence in New York.

Marion E. Cross, the National Council of Negro Women representative in the United Nations is serving as (unofficial) a liaison official of the State Department in arranging for foreign guests to see and learn of what is going on in Negro America in human and race relations. Mrs. Cross is the author of United Nations Highlights which appears in TELEFACT, the news organ of NCCW. The Harlemite is among planners readying for the organization's mammoth conference project of a student United Nations group modeled on regular UN set-up.

AFRICA CONTINUES IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Africa continues its place in the sun which is over prominent. South Africans here are keeping their ears to the ground on the mass treason trial of some 158 of their countrymen being held in Johannesburg. The state is trying to prove that the accused, as members of groups working for non-white liberation advocated the establishment of a Communist state and revolution. Unionizing of Africa is being pushed by United States labor leaders who are geared to spend some \$550,000 to expedite labor union development in Africa. Eyebrows are being lifted over the alleged denial of entry of George Houser into several African areas. Mr. Houser who is on the editorial board of AFRICA TODAY and executive secretary of the American Committee on Africa, has launched a protest over the denial of visas to him.

The former editor of Africa Today, Keith Irvine, now edits and publishes AFRICA WEEKLY, a newsletter from 336 East 43rd Street, Mr. Irvine has split with ACA and is on his own. The United Nations Commission to Togoland whose Chairman is the Liberian born Ambassador C. T. O. King has reported the people of French Togoland have attained a wide measure of self-government.

The findings of the six-member commission which were indicated in a 160-page report noted some restrictions on the Togoland in the territory administered by France under the United Nations trusteeship agreement. Ambassador King who was recently inducted into the Elks flew to Philadelphia this week for their Grand session. The West African plans to organize the Elks in the Republic of Liberia.

Katherine Dunham, expert on the African dance and other terpsichorean art, took ill

in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. A trouper to the core the Chicago dancer-teacher carried on with her company until the performance was complete before being flown out of the area for medical care. Miss Dunham was last seen in America at the Broadway Theatre where she was presented under the aegis of S. Hurok who had managed her for many years. "Nigerians here are shaking their heads over the disappointing of home rule recently granted by Queen Elizabeth which fails to satisfy their yearnings for independence."

Dr. William Howard, Professor of Political Science at Florida A&M University, who is attending the Alpha Phi Alpha Convention in Los Angeles will plane back in time to attend the American Political Science Association Conference at Hotel Henry Hudson. An expert on Ethiopia Dr. Howard was among twenty-five experts in attendance at the Western Michigan University, Division of Field Services seminar on Rising Influences in Tropical Africa.

Honorable William H. Jones of Liberia, who was just to this writer on a recent visit to the Consulate has indicated he plans a visit to New York with his family. Hon. Jones is a native of Liberia. He and this columnist met in the Republic when Hon. Jones was home after forty years absence. He and his wife, Ola (a Chicago housing official) were decorated by His Excellency President Tubman and publicly feted by Editor C. C. Dennis of Listener during their visit.

Conferences galore are in the offing and delegates from the American Psychological Association will be here en masse for their confab at Hotel Statler. The 132nd national meeting of the American Chemical Society in which some 14,000 chemists and chemical engineers will participate is slated for Hotel Statler September 8 through 13. Dr. Clarence T. Mason of Tuskegee is expected among other tan scientists for the meeting. Gilbert Hampton and his spouse took separate roads for vacation. Mrs. Hampton is visiting her sister, Bezzie Mann of Cincinnati while Mailman and Lieutenant Colonel Gilbert Hampton hopped off to Charleston, West Virginia for a trek.

Along The Colonial Front

BY A. J. SIGGINS

deputy in Cairo for help for the injured and homeless. How reminiscent of Suez! British reports said there were 100 casualties then and the Egyptian claiden 3,000.

Oman has a population of around 600,000, a thousand-mile coastline. There is a small fertile strip and a vast area of desert and mountains.

But what is on top does not matter to Britain or USA — it is what is and what might be underneath that they are worrying about.

The Sultan of Muscat has been recognized as the political head of Oman and the Imam is the spiritual leader. Until oil became the God of the West and in turn attracted worldly princes and sheiks of Arably hardly an adult much less any school child outside the country had heard of Oman. Today the name appears on newspaper headlines and has been read by scores of millions of people for most the first time in their lives.

But it may be as pregnant with fate for Britain as the word Suez if the pit-happy lads

and their political stooges have their way. Arabs have started to reply to Force with a much stronger weapon—the weapon of inaction. They have boycotted the Shell and British Petroleum companies in Israel and forced them to close down.

A small thing perhaps, judged by greater events in the world. But the Arab boycott movement may be, as the Jerusalem Post declares, the start of an Arab war. It could be a jihad—a Holy war.

With rockets and cannons have blasted an ancient Arab fort Elki. But British rockets and cannons and bombs blasted Port Said without beating Egypt.

Now that the Imam and his advisers know what they have to face they will assuredly seek help to meet the threat. And no doubt there are far more men outside Britain who will be willing to risk their money and their lives—for the lives of missionaries—for the same prize that Britain and America think worthwhile making money and lives for.

SENTENCE SERMONS

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WE OFTEN GIVE OUR PROBLEMS TO GOD

1. When approaching God about our problems, we at least learn two things well worth reviewing . . . to turn them over to Him absolutely, or face the unhappy circumstances of our own making in choosing the course we prefer to pursue.

2. We are perfectly justified in approaching God for Divine assistance, but certainly is competent to interpose the slightest resistance for the finite mind cannot fully comprehend the mind of Him who has no end.

3. Man does not seem to understand that God super rules all Heaven and Earth, and that we, pigmies of the earth are only at our best when rehabilitated through His Son's second birth.

4. Even then, some followers stumble and fall and fail to hear their Master's call, and turning toward some worldly attraction, adhere minutely to their own reaction, to the exclusion of full and complete heavenly satisfaction.

5. Is this not our prone to sinning, instead of letting God our Alpha and Omega by we let our heads defeat God's high purposes and cheat ourselves of rapturous joy and liberty.

6. Our clumsy hands on His machinery don't work . . . in fact when they interfere, danger is sure to lurk, for the average touch is far too heavy and spiritual training incomplete for one to fumble in the darkness in close proximity to the Mercy Seat.

7. Thus one must follow most cautiously his natural reasoning faculties, but at no time must fail to listen to the still small voice, for when stepping aside to satisfy personal longings, too often is forfeited Heaven's choice.

8. One who has contact with the God of all Creation needs no supplement or substitute . . . for when human problems are brought to His attention His is the final word, and none can refute.

9. Man's wanton spirit to do things his way, only leads to destruction, ruin and decay, and instead of recognizing God with His all-seeing-eye and power, He allows Satan to confuse him from hour to hour.

10. Then with trembling hands and feet, Satan further greets in God's plans to defeat and finding a weakness that appeals to man's pride, He deviously entices him to move further from God's side.

11. And this is how tampering gets its start, when man allow Satan, from God to be torn apart, and instead of following God simply by faith as all Christians should do, they succumb to his enticery and fail to do all the way.

12. Yes, men later, see they tamper with the precious works of God, interfering with His progress when their feet are not properly shod . . . rendering Christianity less attractive to some soul that might invest on account of some weak Christian whom Satan already has disposed of.

WASHINGTON AND SMALL BUSINESS

BY C. WILSON REE

Ever since the Supreme Court decision ordering a divorce between General Motors and DuPont, many readers have written asking questions.

It is small wonder that such inquiries have come in. Obviously, both of these organizations have huge public relations organizations who have been inspiring publication of many viewpoints at odds with the court's decision. Otherwise, why have we written along the same lines.

But fact remains there was a big issue involved here best reviewed with great objectivity.

Perhaps this issue was best expressed by Sen. O'Mahoney when he said, "A handful of stockholders (15% major holders of 33% of all GM common stock) are rulers of an economic state with revenues greater than the revenues of all but five of our political states. Such power as this is changing our entire economic system; changing our relations with one another; our relations with government."

Another sidelight of the issue was given about a year ago at the time of the now famous "GM dealer revolt" when the independent dealers who actually built the automobile business, revolted against autocratic powers used against them.

Much has been made of the fact that for a mere \$49 million, DuPont secured 23% of GM stock which has netted them billions in profits over the years. Yet that is not the real issue. After all, there is no vice in business, nor in profit, for in profits.

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The real issue is the intent of this transaction. As paint manufacturers and makers of other materials needed in making cars and other vehicles, through this stock purchase which delivered what is tantamount to controlling interest, it was desired to sew up this business on all exclusive basis.

Thus, when this corporation can secure an exclusive market for its products to another corporation which makes about 80% of all cars sold, 80% of all locomotives, controls largest taxi firm in the nation, and was even until Justice Dept. forced signing of a consent decree, controlling the use, sale, and resale of equipment used in motor bus lines, a bad situation develops.

There has long been an American proverb against putting all the eggs in one basket. Obviously, this DuPont-GM empire had become so big, and so vital to the American economy, that in event of a national economic emergency, it could be necessary for government to spend tax money to keep it from collapsing.

In addition, such empires, when they control so much, are a constant threat to the existence of free political institutions.

In other words, aspiring dictators never get to first base, if economy of a nation is spread among many independent enterprises. They can only get to political power when economic power is concentrated in a few hands.

There is no doubt DuPont makes fine automotive finishes.

But if competing brains and skills are given an equal opportunity to bid for the business, perhaps even finer paints will be developed. Only free and above board competition keeps progress from stagnation. No one has a monopoly on brains.

Do's And Don'ts



"Being Cute, To Other Folk, Can Be Offensive, Not Funny."

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