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NEGRO SUPPORT FOR BOND ISSUES

This editorial is being written Monday, December 15 for the Saturday, December 20 issue of the CAROLINA TIMES which will not be off press until Wednesday, December 17, too late to influence in one way or other, the voting in a bond issue to be held in Greensboro, Tuesday, December 16, for the purpose of providing funds for the erection of a War Memorial Auditorium-Arena in that city. We, therefore, cannot justly be accused of furnishing outside interference in a matter that is solely one belonging to Greensboro.

According to an account published in the December 12 issue of the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS, a group of Negro leaders, composed of members of the Greensboro Men's Club, presented a petition to the War Memorial Fund Commission inquiring into the seating policy to be followed by the proposed project. In short, the Negroes wanted to know before they voted on the bond issue if they were going to be required to sit in balconies or suffer other discriminations and humiliation as is the usual custom.

The lone Negro member of the Greensboro City Council, and president of the Greensboro Men's Club, declares that, "it is regretable that the petition was composed at this time. I am in favor and endorse all the things in the petition, but I feel that it did not have to be introduced at this time—I will use my influence to carry the bond issue."

Try as we may we cannot quite agree with Dr. Hampton that the petition was presented at the wrong time, nor that he should support the bond issue on his own. Being president of the Men's Club, its presentation to the Memorial Fund Commission just before the election might have been somewhat embarassing to Dr. Hampton as a member of the City Council. Had Negro voters resorted to any other course it might in the end prove more embarrassing to every Negro in Greensboro who has felt the sting of being ordered to the balcony, the backdoor or elsewhere that carries the stigma of segregation. That they should wait until after the bond issue is carried to obtain a definite understanding as to whether or not their race will share equally in the benefits from the auditorium-arena appears to us to be a magnanimous suggestion but to possess the lack of political wisdom.

The only justifiable reason for the ballot is its use in the support of beneficial measures or legislation and its further use in the defeat of harmful ones. Certainly a bond issue involving the expenditure of $1,500,000 for the erection of a municipal project of any kind is sufficient to warrant a committment on the part of city officials as to the policy on discrimination that will be pursued in its operation.

The record discloses that Negroes have in most instances been forced to accept equal taxation in projects of this kind, but are denied equal benefits. Such a pattern must, at some point in the course of events, be opposed. That it had to begin with the War Memorial Auditorium-Arena may in my judgement of Dr. Hampton be unfortunate, but as we see it, it was the only course for the Men's Club to pursue. As leaders of their group they were resorting to the only weapon of defense left to them and that was the ballot.

The Carolina Times admits that it is not familiar with Dr. Hampton's attitude as a whole on racial matters. It might not be out of place here, however, to advise all Negro aspirants for public office that the will of their constituency should determine their course of action rather than that their own will should determine that of their constituency.

The contention of some Negro candidates, running for public office in the South, that if elected they intend to represent all the people in highly idealistic but equally unrealistic. For in the end, it might not be hard to prove that even the white voters who cast their ballots for a Negro candidate are moved by a single noble thought and that is to give Negro people representation in government and that it can best be done by one of their own number.

The war against segregation must be fought on all fronts. The one eternal goal of every self-respecting Negro in this country is EQUALITY. That they intend to obtain that goal within the framework of democracy, one of the cardinal principles of which is the wise and definite use of the ballot, must be interpreted only as good citizenship.

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN

Last week a new million dollar gymnasium was dedicated at North Carolina College with four of the nation's outstanding basketball teams being featured in doubleheader games on Monday and Tuesday nights. Outstanding athletic teams are most always produced by outstanding coaches. The one appears to be greatly dependent upon the other. However, if the edge goes to either it will in our humble judgment have to be handed to the coaches as the record will disclose that great coaches more often produce great teams than great teams produce great coaches. Consequently the featuring of four great basketball teams at N. C. College during the dedication exercises necessarily brought together four of the nation's outstanding coaches.

Fans who witnessed the performance of the teams, as far as we have been able to determine, are all agreed that they lived up to expectation and contributed much to the dedication event. However, two incidents entered the picture that in our judgment somewhat marred what might have been even a more historic occasion at N. C. College. One of them was the failure of Governor Kerr Scott to put in his appearance on the program and the other was the almost complete omission of former N. C. College Coach J. B. McLendon from the printed program.

Negro audiences, since Governor Scott's administration, have about become accustomed to not seeing the State's governor at momentous events of their group. Governor Scott, during his entire four years in office, has done little or nothing in the way of appearing on programs of Negroes. His failure to show up at the N. C. College gymnasium dedication rites was therefore no surprise to the most of those present.

Negro Durham, however, was not prepared to witness the omission of Coach McLendon's name from the program in view of the great contribution he had made to N. C. College and Durham. In fact many of the fans wondered just how under the name of high heaven those who had to do with the arrangement of the dedication exercise could do so without giving McLendon a prominent place in it. For it was the great teams produced by McLendon again and again at N. C. College that made the new gymnasium a necessity and catapulted N. C. College, a heretofore practically unknown in the basketball world, into the limelight of college sports.

Not only did McLendon produce great teams at N. C. College, but it was his rough sketch of the new gymnasium that gave the architect some idea of what the new gymnasium would look like and should be. Add to this the hundreds of young men who have received inspiration and guidance under this dynamic coach and it is impossible to estimate his worth to the college, the city, state and nation.

We would like to inform those who either deliberately or for lack of knowledge did this unkind deed to a great coach and a great man that when McLendon first came to N. C. College back in 1937 there were no funds available to pay him a respectable salary. But he had vision of the future and faith in the college, its president, the late Dr. James E. Shepard and faith in himself. He came to N. C. College at the astoundingly low salary of $60 per month.

The following year his salary was raised to $75 per month. In 1940 to $100 when another school offered to double whatever salary he was being paid at N. C. College if it could secure his service as basketball coach. McLendon stayed on at N. C. College because he loved the school and because he put that love above money.

Under his administration as Director of Physical Education at N. C. College, more of its graduates were placed in physical education jobs than all of the other schools in the State combined. Even the present basketball coach at N. C. College got his training under McLendon.

Perhaps those who had to do with arranging the program for the dedication exercise did not know all of these things. Perhaps they did not know that McLendon and others like James T. Taylor, Asa T. Spaulding, H. M. Michaux, the late Chas. Ingram, the late R. L. McDougald and many others have endorsed notes, hocked their household furniture and other valuables that N. C. College might have its present place in the world of college sports.

Was the omission of McLendon and them from the program an oversight or was it just another case of man's inhumanity to man? That is the question friends and fans of N. C. College athletics would like to have answered.

"Why Our Right To World Leadership Is Questioned"

WITHIN And AMONG

Alfred F. Andersen

Dear fellow seekers....

We have been probing pretty deep in this column; and we have gotten pretty involved. We have attempted to picture a nebulous and subtle extra-racial, extra-credal, extra-national movement, lo not here, not there, but *within* and (barely evident) *among*. The realization that a new level of order is needed among men is widespread. In fact, the would-be answer in terms of ideologies of various kinds are widespread also. The most explicit and massive of these is communism. There has been no direct answer to communism on its own terms apart from a kind of defensive totalitarianism sparked by the major non-communist nations. By "its own terms" I mean that there has been no clear proposal as to how the "have-not" nations of the world can join the ranks of the "have" nations without casting their souls into the communist scrap heaps. Theoretically, free enterprise capitalism is an alternative to communism, for free-enterprise capitalism says to the underprivileged, "If you want our higher standard of living, go out and get it as best you can, but don't disturb the status quo rules that we have laid down." Certainly this is as non-spiritual, atheistic a position as communism, without "the guts" to admit its materialistic premises nor the social responsibility of a sort which communism has displayed.

Actually there never has nor will be pure communism or pure capitalism. For, more assuredly and more inevitably than communism or any other materialistic ideology, the Soul of Life and the soul of man infiltrates every act and every gesture of activity, lending its redeeming flavor and saving grace to the most extreme of man's follies.

And if we have the patience we shall one day smile to ourselves to see how this "spirituality" iss gradually and pragmatically incorporated into both of these obese ideologies and ultimately claimed as part of the original foundation. Thus I predict an ultimate reconciliation, not of *theoretical capitalism* and communism, but of their modified *practical* neo-types. Yet it will not be a creative reconciliation, only a face-saving pact for the purpose of fulfilling their one negative responsibility: to refrain from the suicide pact which would carry with it a burden of shame which even they could not bear; the point at which their souls conscientiously object to logical extension of their premises.

The big responsibility of the modern state, then, is restraint. Its next responsibility will be more difficult: to die grace fully while another social form with healthier foundations gradually enlists the dedication and loyalty of the earth's populace. The Indian Government is already working hard to bring about the first; that is, to reconcile the major military states at the level of non-overt war, that their differences might be fought out appropriately independent of innocent bystanders. It will take many years yet to bring this about, and every responsible person can play a part by applying restraint in his own life. But we can all note that much restraint has already been employed by "both sides". Witness the increasing proportion of negotiation as compared to open warfare, both in the United Nations and elsewhere. We must acknowledge this as genuinely laudable and encourage the trend. I believe that a definite level of restraint has been reached, the level of *limited* war. Call it police action if you will, but the important thing is the obvious soul-searching which is laying the foundation for ultimate reconciliation.

Some of you will recognise this as the general theme of the official Quaker Peace Proposal called STEPS TO PEACE and popularized in the film A TIME FOR GREATNESS. This film can be obtained from the American Friends Service Committee, 20 S. 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. for the small charge of $3. It ought to get widespread showing. But it only presents thefirst step to the Good Life, that of preventing total catastrophy. We have been trying here to present the positive job of building on totally new foundations. We have been saying that our real job is to discover the seed of *within* ourselves, individually sacredness and spiritual hope and otherwise. And it is the more explicit implementation of this for we in this country to which we shall turn next week... God willing!

Spiritual Insight

"Prayer Releases Healing"

By Reverend Harold Roland
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". . . The prayer of faith will restore the sick . . .Pray for one another that ye may be healed. . . ." James 5:15-16.

There is great healing in the Divine scheme of things. We thank God for the wonders of the blessed art of the ministries of healing through Doctors, Medicine and Nurses. The Doctor works in harmony with God's laws of healing. There are physical and spiritual laws of healing. Here we are concerned about the spiritual means of releasing God's healing powers in the bodies, minds and souls of human beings. I believe in prayer as a means of releasing God's great healing powers for soul as well as body healing. Prayer is a source of spiritual power. Thus prayer releases God's healing powers in the bodies and minds of men.

Healing was one of the threefold emphasis in the blessed ministry of Jesus the Son of God. Jesus taught the practical value of personal and intercessory prayer in the healing process. He healed the mind of the man among the Gadarenes; healed the body of the woman with the issue of blood and he healed the soul of the woman at the well. I have no faith in prayer as a magical ritual. I believe in prayer as rooted in the reality of Divine spiritual laws. I believe in God as a source of healing. Thus true prayer is grounded and rooted in the vast source of spiritual power whose source is God. This spiritual energy can be tapped through prayer for healing bodies and minds of sick people. James was setting forth the spiritual laws of prayer: . . . "Prayer of faith will restore the sick . . . Pray for one another that ye may be healed . . . ."

James says prayer is real. Prayer is rooted in spiritual reality. Prayer rests upon Divine Law. I know prayer is real for it is real in my life. I am a personal witness as to the healing power of prayer. Prayer will release healing power in you and me. Our healing powers are often dammed up in us through fear anxiety, hate and remorse. Prayer can help to break the log-jam and start God's healing power flowing in us.

Prayer helps create an atmosphere of healing. The best doctors and drugs can do little without the atmosphere of healing. Prayer creates the atmosphere of healing and releases God's healing powers in us. Yes. . ."THE PRAYER OF FAITH" helps to create the atmosphere. Prayer is a means of "RESTORING THE SICK . . ." Prayer creates the healing atmosphere through the confidence, trust, assurance and calmness amid the storms of sickness. Many times have I seen faith transform anxious fears into calmness before an operation.

Prayer by creating an atmosphere of healing releases God's great health-giving powers in the bodies and minds of men and women.

Prayer is power. Prayer is healing power. It helps to start flowing *again* God's healing in our minds, bodies and souls. Prayer sets in motion God's healing powers. PRAYER IS POWER: USE IT! ! .

WASHINGTON AND
"SMALL BUSINESS"
By C. WILSON HARDER

The appointment of Harold Stassen as Mutual Security Administrator by President-elect Eisenhower, causes speculation.

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MSA, successor to the Marshall Plan, is the agency in charge of giving away billions of tax dollars, and probably represents the biggest single drain on U. S. tax money. It had been expected that this situation would be changed in view of the avowed plans to cut taxes.

C. W. Harder

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However, now there is wonder.

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It is not believed that Stassen would leave the U. of Penn. presidency without concrete assurances that the agency will continue, and possibly be expanded.

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Neither is it believed an overwhelming partisan loyalty would cause him to accept.

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In the 1948 GOP nominating convention, a strong, popular Stassen drive by liberal Republicans was stopped by Dewey forces. So observers believe, it took very strong commitments to persuade him to again enter the arena of public life.

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The new Congress will debate continuance of the giveaway plans. Adherents will argue that in view of the fact that there has been no opportunity for small and independent business to expand and create new job opportunities, the cessation of the giveaway programs would leave a great gap in the U. S. economy leading to a depression. This argument will be pegged on the assertion that a great deal of the giveaway items are manufactured goods that supply employment to U. S. workers.

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However, cold facts show this is an erroneous picture. More than a year ago the huge cartel industries of Europe protested the great flood of U. S. manufactured goods. With their own production 40 per cent ahead of prewar records, and their own system of holding down production to hold up prices, European business was alarmed.

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The result has been that for the past year, more and more of the MSA grants are in the form or raw materials, of which a large share is bought from British possessions.

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In the meatime, Britain is now exporting more automobiles to the U. S. than the American auto industry is exporting to all the world. A large share of farm machinery shipped overseas by MSA is bought from the Canadian affiliates of U. S. firms.

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Here is another case in point. On a recent day MSA announced another $33 million for France and the French possessions in North Africa. Less than a quarter million of this total was in manufactured goods that could be presumed to have furnished U. S. employment to any marked degree. The balance was in petroleum and raw cotton.

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Although steel is still on allocation to U. S. users because of defense needs, huge tonnages of U. S. steel are shipped to Europe by MSA. And now comes the announcement that the U. S. Army has placed a multi-million dollar contract for 500 British tanks.

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Some pertinent questions will be asked about MSA activity.

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Is MSA really helping Europe? Is MSA helping all U. S. business? Or is MSA merely supporting worldwide cartels?

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North Carolina Orphans To Be Blessed With Christmas Tiding And Mutual Commentator's Help

Pope Air Fore, Base, N. C.—"Operation Christmas" at Pope Air Force Base, Headquarters for the Ninth Air Force, is rapidly reaching a climax as hundreds of volunteer workers busy themselves night after night wrapping and tagging more than 4,000 individual gifts for distribution to the orphans of North Carolina.

Each gift, purchased at the request of the child is being carefully wrapped and tagged with the child's name. The gifts are then separated by orphanage and stored for delivery by helicopter.

Frank Edwards, Mutual commetator, will arrice at Pope Air Force Base Sunday, prepared to spend an entire week, flying eight to ten hours a day delivering Christmas presents to the children.

According to "Operations Christmas" purchasing committee, Santa's pack will include 436 dolls, ranging from the simplest doll to the most expensive walking and talking doll, each purchased according to the child's individual desire. For young "hombres" there are 287 one and two-gun cowboy sets with preference divided about evenly and no particular horse opera hero leading in popularity.

Skates, cosmetics and costume jewelry are about tied for third in popularity with several hundred girls indicating that gift as their desire.

The boys have gone in heavily for athletic equipment of all kinds and model airplane kits. Twenty-four individual desires for wind up trains were met. One orphanage is receiving a specially constructed model railway on a large table donated by Major General Edward J. Timberlake, Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force.

Clothing is a popular item among the older children. The purchasing committee worked many long hours picking out nearly 1500 separate items ranging from shoes to hats. Each was purchased in the correct size and color desired.

Fifteen children indicated they wanted Bibles for their Christmas presents. The "Operation Christmas" committee received a fifty dollar check from the Pope Air Force Base Chaplain's office covering this expenditure.

For the kiddies a total of 236 Teddy Bears, toy cars and pull toys have been purchased.

Other hundreds of distinctly individual purchases have been made. Doctor and nurse sets, flashlights, water colors, and towels are among those gifts.

Wrist watches were among the more expensive purchases. Fifty-seven have been purchased ranging from Mickey Mouse type to ladies watches. Purchase was made according to the age of the individual requesting the

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