

The High Cost Of Segregated Schools

Recent studies and those now being made reveal some startling facts about the tremendous price the South has been and is now paying for segregated schools. One of the studies entitled, "Special Groups," made by the U. S. Selective Service System and covering certain areas and periods during World War II, shows beyond any question that the losses are not only reaping their harvest on Negroes but southern whites as well.

While the study in certain parts deals directly with the "rejection rates for educational deficiency by race and selected states," it also uncovers the dastardly manner in which the South has been robbing its own white children of education of a high-quality in order that white supremacy may be maintained in this land of Dixie.

This editorial will not deal with the percentage of rejections of all the southern, northern and western states in World War II, but only as they relate to North Carolina. It is written mainly for the purpose of revealing to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1955, the stupidity and folly of their attempts to hold the line against integrated public schools in this state, and to show them that not only are Negro children suffering from the continuance of segregated schools but their own children as well.

On page 146 of the study it is revealed that in World War II, North Carolina had a total of 12,745 registrants deferred on account of educational deficiency. Of this number, there were 3,881 whites and 8,864 Negroes. Thus the percentage of Negroes who were unable to qualify for armed service because of educational deficiency was 15.8 while that of whites was 2.6.

It may be that white leaders in North Carolina and the remainder of the South are perfectly willing to sacrifice the flower of their manhood on the altar of war to maintain segregation. It may be they would prefer that southern blood should drench every battlefield of the world than to surrender their privilege to look down on another human being solely because of skin color. But does this make sense? Is it Democracy? Is it Christian?

It has been interesting to note the delight and satisfaction expressed by many intelligent white persons in North Carolina over the recent low IQ rating of Negro children in Chapel Hill in comparison with white children in that city. They are claiming that because of the "mentally unfit to meet standards set for white students." In answer to this claim to mental superiority we quote from the fifth paragraph on page 160 of the study already referred to:

White registrants who had fewer educational opportunities than Negro registrants had higher rejection rates. This is demonstrated by the fact that Negro rejection rates for New York City, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, California, and Pennsylvania were lower than the rejection rates of white selectees from Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, South Carolina, Arkansas,

Texas, and North Carolina. Thus, there was a tremendous loss of manpower due to educational deficiencies caused by lack of adequate educational opportunities for both racial groups in the South.

Thus it now appears that instead of producing an argument against integrated schools, the Chapel Hill test has produced the strongest one in favor of them. For no one but a moron would suggest that Negroes in northern states are any more mentally fit to meet standards in New York than whites in North Carolina or any other southern state. The only explanation then is that where Negroes have had equal educational opportunities, which is only in integrated schools, they have shown equal ability.

Sooner or later we are going to have to face the fact that North Carolina and other southern states simply do not have enough money to maintain even one standard educational system of the highest sort to say nothing of two. And since the U. S. Supreme Court in its May 17 decision declared that "in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place" and that separate educational facilities are inherently unequal," we are of the opinion that not only should Negroes never submit to segregated schools, but every decent white citizen within the confines of North Carolina and other southern states should never cease fighting until every child, white or black rich or poor shall have the right to equal educational opportunities.

Support For The NAACP

This newspaper throws its full support behind the efforts of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to include in the proposed federal aid to education legislation an anti-segregation clause. As badly as such aid is needed it would be a slam on American democracy for this nation to allow public funds to be used in perpetuating segregation in public schools.

Southern states that are now studying means of defying the Supreme Court's ruling on segregation in public schools need to understand that the practice of using public funds to humiliate any segment of the nation's citizenship is unlawful and will not be tolerated by the federal

government. We know of no better way to impress this fact on the minds of all American citizens than to withhold the allocation of federal funds from any and all states that will not comply with the Supreme Court's ruling.

Although it will have little or no influence on southern senators, branches of the NAACP have been informed by the national office to urge their senators to support the positions of the NAACP. In addition this newspaper would like to urge church, fraternal, professional and business organizations to do likewise. After they have done this, we would also like to urge them to see to it that every member registers and

votes in every election whether local or national. An increase in Negro registration and voting will have more effect on the attitude of southern senators and representatives than all the other efforts put forth to back the NAACP in its fight to bring freedom to Negroes in the South.

With the exception of the church, it might not be a bad idea for all Negro organizations to make it a rule that before any person can become a member he or she must first become registered. Certainly, this would impress upon the minds of a large segment of Negroes the importance of registering and voting.

Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH

YOUTH NEEDS DISCIPLINE

Some years ago, a hard shell Baptist preacher informed his eight-year-old son that he must buy his own clothes. It was a painful edict for the lad who at that time, had only one pair of badly worn shoes. His father refused to buy him another pair. But the youngster accepted the situation with the grace and courage of a maturity far beyond his years.

From that time on, the boy clothed himself. He got a new pair of shoes, but not because his father relented. The youngster bought them with hard earned cash for which he ran errands and did odd jobs.

Key To His Success
When he was twenty years old, his father died. But the boy had long been self-supporting and was well prepared to face the world on his own. In later years, he was the proud and independent owner of 1,654 stores. In commenting on his dad's stern discipline, he said that whereas he thought it to be too stern for general practice, he could attribute his success to that discipline.

School or Work
By the time I had reached fourteen years of age, a school house had come to symbolize for me a concentration camp and teachers heartless tyrants with whom parents had conspired to cheat youngsters out of the joy of living. Books were alright but not the kind that schools supplied. Study had become an abomination. I decided to quit school.

My father was for no part of this. But he told me one thing that made me think. "If you quit school, you must get yourself a job, clothe yourself and pay four dollars a week for board." I knew he meant what he said, and decided the time was not ripe to assume such a big responsibility.

Two years later, school life became unendurable. I didn't know what I wanted to do in life, and thus had no incentive to study. I quit school and went to work. I soon found out that unskilled hands could not choose, but only accept. Besides, the pay was small and the type of work open to me irregular.

Endless Hours
There were long, hot, summer days of endless hours of mowing lawns. There were other days of beating rugs that contained endless supplies of dust. It is even painful now to contemplate the arm weariness I experienced when first I faced this task. I tried hoo carrying three days and almost "died" each day. The man for whom I did this job never paid me.

Earned Pay
I did a little pick and shovel work and was glad to get back to lawns and rugs despite blaz-

ing sun and dust, I did a little work for a large raw-boned Scotchman whom I'll never forget. He had great wide shoulders, a big mop of mixed gray hair, a broad strong face, and deep-set eyes over which hung bushy eyebrows. He had the statesman-like appearance of Daniel Webster.

This man was very religious (he often came to our prayer meetings.) He was honest and industrious. He paid what he promised, but you earned what you got.

Paid Board
Back in those days \$1.50 and \$2.00 a day was supposed to be pretty good pay. Often there were no Saturdays off; sometimes a half day on Saturday. Work was sometimes to be had now and then. Often rain or drought created a shortage. All of which meant that sometimes my pay was nine dollars a week; sometimes five dollars; more often in between. But whether I earned nine, seven, six or five dollars, my father collected four for board. When I had no work, there was always food and a place for me in my father's house.

My Purpose
I have cited these two instances—the one of a hand-shelled Baptist preacher who forced self-support on his son at the age of eight; and the other of another preacher, soft by comparison, who demanded self-support when his son decided to quit school—in order to emphasize the need of discipline in the life of young people and training in responsibility.

With the son of the first mentioned preacher, I agree that for general practice the discipline of self-support at eight-years of age is too harsh. But I endorse wholeheartedly the policy of my dad with me: either go to school or else work and support yourself.

An Obligation
In my thinking a father owes a son love, companionship, security and every advantage he can give him. But that love should never tolerate the irresponsible whims of youth; that companionship should be a matter of understanding and appreciation; that security should embrace self-help and self-dependence; and the advantage given should be in keeping with the son's highest good, self-reliant manhood.

Am Thankful
Many years have passed since my father's ultimatum-school or work. I then thought his taking four out of five dollars for board was a bit severe. Now, I know he did the right thing. Tonight, he sleeps beneath the sod; but I cherish his memory and thank God that he loved me too much to withhold a necessary discipline.

"The Same Determination Would Get Better Results At Home"



Spiritual Insight

"PEACE"

By Reverend Harold Roland
Pastor, Mount Lead Baptist Church

"My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled John 14:27"

Peace has been the object of man's restless strivings through the ages. Many search for it. Few find it. Many restless souls find substitutes. There are only very poor substitutes for this matchless peace. What is the richest, most precious gem in all the world? Is it uranium, gold or the most beautiful diamonds of South America? These are substitutes used by men. The peace of an UNTRoubLED MIND OR SOUL IS THE GREATEST GIFT WE MORTALS CAN HAVE. It is the peace Jesus said he would GIVE! IT IS THE PEACE OF GOD!

Money cannot buy this gift. The world cannot give it. Gifted securities cannot give it. It is not found in schools, colleges and universities. This peace, the longing of the souls of men, is a treasure of great

price. IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD!

All paths of life do not lead to this peace. Many are in hot pursuit for it in the wrong path. You may have to change paths. You want inner ease and a feeling of comfort. You want rest in a restless world; peace in a world of conflict and warfare. May I ask are you in the right path? Are you in the path of peace? There are many paths! BUT THERE IS ONE PATH OF PEACE! Jesus has charted the one path of Peace. What is required of me to walk in this path of peace? Jesus said to a man once, "Sell all you have... come and follow me." The path of peace, therefore, is the way of surrender, repentance, self-denial and a life surrendered to God for the service of others.

Many want the peace. But are they willing to pay the price? Is the price too high for you? Deep soul peace is a gift of

God... "My peace I give unto you..."

This peace comes to those in harmony with God and his will. The searchers for this peace must say with the Christ in Gethsemane... "Not my will... but thine be done..." What is in life that destroys peace? It is the thing that separates God and man: SIN! When this is removed, there is a REUNION OF THE SOUL WITH GOD AND WE HAVE PEACE! God in Christ must ever say to us as he said to the woman in Peter's home that day... "Thy sins are forgiven... GO IN PEACE..."

This peace abides through the many changes of life. It is freedom from trial, pain, suffering, difficulty and persecution? No! It gives strength to meet whatever life may bring as our share as we pass along this way... "My peace I give unto you... Let not your heart be troubled..."

CAPITAL CLOSE-UP



Noboddy Knows, but Somebody Shipped (with apologies to Miss Kitt)

Nobody knows what happened when notifications were sent around for the annual Christian Action Conference, held here early in February. Only one thing is certain—somebody slipped. As Evangelist Billy Graham said at the prayer breakfast which opened proceedings—human nature and its fallings are the world's biggest problems—such as:

Among those overlooked when the conference notices went out were Dean Wilson and his faculty at the Howard School of Religion, Howard's preacher-president Dr. Mordecai Johnson, the head of the International Ministers' Alliance, the Rev. Colbert Pearson, also a board member of the Washington Federation of Churches, Dean William Stewart Nelson and other nationally known divines.

"We have given the world the wrong type of picture," said Evangelist Graham, as the conference slipped on its omissions. His clothing words might well have been, "Christian Rise and Act Thy Creed." Lawyers Petition for Second Race Referendum For the second time within two months, members of the

District Bar Association have filed a petition for a mail referendum on the removal of race barriers, to membership. In the first secret balloting, the move for integration polled 1225 votes for, and 639 against—18 votes short of the needed two-thirds majority, with 800 members not voting. The petition filed last week by Raymond R. Dickey, was signed by 149 other members, although only 50 signatures were needed.

George M. Johnson, Dean of the Howard Law School, points to the inconsistency of the hold-out action, since student bar associations, sponsored by the the American Bar Association, itself, are operating in the District of Columbia on an integrated basis, under the supervision of the segregated District Association—local representative of the integrated American Bar.

Among the 150 petitioners for integration were former U. S. Solicitor General Philip Perlman, former Federal Bar President William Roberts, and the District Association's first vice president, Richard Merrick.

Firestone Greets Liberians
Tire tycoon Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., whose 20-year-old rubber interests in Liberia have helped to balance Liberia's budget, wired greetings, last week, from Akron, Ohio, to the "Friends of Liberia in Washington," as they celebrated the first anniversary of their organization.

Firestone interest in Liberia has produced hospitals, schools, experiment stations and laboratories, Harvard-directed sanitation and health surveys, Yale-directed forestry surveys, has built 400 miles of roads to service its 10 million-tree plantations, established a hydro-electric plant, public-service radio system, trading companies and model villages, with "free and unrestricted employment" and "labor free to bargain for its

(own) terms and conditions." For John Q. Citizen in Liberia, ending the British rubber monopoly, has put cheaper tires in the hands of low-income car owners.

Ambassador Simpson Speaks
Liberian Ambassador Clarence Simpson was guest of honor and principal speaker as the Friends sat down to dine at the Raleigh Hotel's Pall Mall Room. With him were Attorney General of Liberia; C. A. Caswell, Secretary of the Treasury William E. Dennis, Economic Adviser Charles, Sharman, Counselor and Mrs. Wilmot David, and Cultural Attache David Thomas.

Among the many distinguished guests: Judge Armond Scott of the District bench, President and Mrs. Mordecai Johnson of Howard, President Martin Jenkins of Morgan College, representatives of Baptist, Catholic and Episcopalian churches.

Also, the Hon. Perry Howard and Mrs. Howard, Madame Lillian Evanti, Col. West A. Hamilton, with his mother, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines, head of the National Association of Colored Women, Alexander J. Davit, from the West African desk at the State Department, and Dr. Ruth Sloans, a former African Affairs officer at the State Department.

Dr. A. Garland Smyer heads the Washington organization of Friends of Liberia, which has a very active group in New York, and will soon have another in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Nobel Prize Winner John R. Mott
John R. Mott, Nobel Prize winner, who made his home here, died recently at the age of 89. Known around the globe as founder and leader of the Student Christian Federation, with a membership of 300,000 in 30 countries, and as world (Please turn to Page Seven)

Letter To The Editor

Editor
Carolina Times

Thanks very much for your editorial entitled "Worst Than An Infidel" that appeared in a recent edition of your paper. As one who has followed the Booker T. Washington Memorial Foundation from its infancy as was set up in Franklin County, Virginia, here is some information that might be of interest to your readers.

It was reported to me through the columns of several of our weekly papers that the B. T. Washington Memorial Birthplace Foundation had folded its arms and the founder now seeks to blame failure of this proposed project on the non-cooperation of Negroes.

Nothing that begins wrong will end up right. From the very beginning as one who has followed this project it got off on the wrong foot. Some few years ago while working as a reporter for the Journal and Guide, I was assigned to the coverage of the auction sale of the now reported defunct site of the Booker Washington birthplace.

On that dreary afternoon all kinds of mystery surrounded the purchaser of the site who outbid the late Thomas C. Walker, Gloucester, Va., who, along with Conrad Martin of Danville, Va., Lee Wald, retired businessman of Rocky Mount, Va., and several others who were interested in the sale hoping that the Negro Organization Society of Virginia might develop not for commercial purposes, but to develop as a shrine to the noted educator.

It was the thinking of Mr. Walker, Lee Waide and others

that the State of Virginia along with the society would contribute to the development of this shrine.

This dream was shattered by Mr. Phillips and several other mystery figures who were unknown in Franklin County. During the auction the Phillips' interest offered a skyrocket bid that was almost unreasonable considering the land. All who were present were amazed and wondered as to what was taking place but no one could get any information.

At the close of the sale Mr. Phillips presented a check drawn on a bottling company for the amount of five hundred dollars as a down payment. When asked what was to be done, those who inquired were told they would be surprised, but by now it seems as though Mr. Phillips is.

Mr. Walker left the sale brokenhearted and went back home outdone. But it was his conviction that outside interests had come in to exploit the name of Booker Washington to ride to national fame.

While in the capacity of a reporter I was assigned to the dedication of the site that was later to be used as a memorial. On that day noted statesmen from Virginia came to hear a race orator who stood on the Franklin County Court House grounds in Rocky Mount, Va., telling of the life of Booker Washington.

It always seemed strange to me how people would be allowed to roam the streets peddling the United States silver for a profit that bore the image and name of Booker Washington. I

Better Athletic Contests At N. C. College

Try as we may this newspaper cannot go along with the softening program of the football schedule which appears to be going on at North Carolina College. The placing of breather or pushover teams on the Eagle's schedule will do little to assist athletic officials at NCC in wiping out the deficit experienced last year in athletic contests.

This newspaper has been informed that Tennessee State has been dropped from the Eagles' schedule to make room for a team regarded as a soft touch. Officials at N. C. College stated that CIAA policy requires conference teams to be given priority over non-

conference teams. This explains, they say, the weak selection to replace Tennessee.

In addition to the information above, this newspaper happens to know that Morgan State College almost got on its knees to NCC officials last school year to arrange a game with the Eagles. The plea fell upon deaf ears and Morgan was pushed aside for a weaker team.

It would pay the NCC athletic officials to examine this policy if they hope by it to draw bigger crowds to athletic events. The fans just aren't going to shell out perfectly good money to witness a one-

sided football game. Their preference for contests between first-class contests is much too strong to do that.

Local fans had about begun to look on the contest of NCC and Tennessee State as one of the major football games of the nation. Now, along come athletic officials at NCC to abolish the contest. Fortunately or unfortunately, fans have a habit of staying away in droves from pushover games. This is possibly what will happen next year when the Eagles play the team now given the position on the NCC schedule once occupied by Tennessee State.

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