

A SANE APPROACH TO INTEGRATION

EDITOR'S NOTE: The most sensible and down-to-earth observation and approach we have seen in any southern newspaper on the rulings of the U. S. Supreme Court, abolishing segregation in public schools, was that given by the Florence Morning News

June 17. It is the kind of editorial it takes courage to write, and which usually brings down on the head of an editor the wrath of both his readers and advertisers. Only when men are dedicated to a task are they willing to take such a noble

of Florence, South Carolina in an editorial of Friday, stand.

Because of the saneness expressed in the editorial we are re-publishing it below in its entirety and are urging our readers to read all of it.

WE CAN'T WIN

THE FLORENCE MORNING NEWS
Florence, South Carolina

Shortly after the United States Supreme Court handed down its implementation decree, this newspaper expressed the editorial opinion that in the final analysis the South will have to yield.

An editorial entitled "Segregation Going," in this newspaper said:

"In our section there can be little thought of bending to the will of the NAACP—but we had better evaluate our probable losses and see how they compare to the limited gains in time.

"Any changes we make in our programs of education should be made in full acceptance of the fact that the South cannot maintain its policies of racial segregation for any length of time into the future."

Since the Court's publication of its implementation decree, the Southland has been feeding itself large doses of self-delusion and false hope. Politicians, writers, wishful-thinkers and the unthinking have been telling our people that the Court's decree can be defeated and will be defeated.

The Court's decree will not be defeated.

South Carolina's people need to hear realism. They need to hear truth. They need to prepare themselves for a realistic future—not an impossible future constructed out of the words and blind hopes of those who have not accepted the inevitable.

None of us want to admit that desegregation is to be a fact. But, our unwillingness to make such an admission does not negate the truth.

This state's leaders are on the verge of destroying the public school system. Or, they say they are on the verge of doing so. We don't think they will.

Sure they will abolish a few public schools—in Clarendon County for example—but such actions will be an effort to gain time.

Any maneuver will be an attempt to buy time—time for our people to admit that the inevitable must be accepted.

This state's officials are, in effect, going to cut the dog's

tail off—a little piece at the time. This will not change the final picture—it will make the change more painful and more expensive.

Some of our political "thinkers" are advocating Constitutional changes to allow the South to keep segregation. This isn't thinking, it is political eyewash. The editorial mentioned earlier expressed an opinion we think holds true now—and for the future; the opinion that "The South is a minority section and will receive less than minority consideration."

Southern Senators cannot get legislation through Congress in support of segregation; nor can the South expect the necessary support to pass a Constitutional amendment in support of its position.

Walter George of Georgia, one of the most outstanding statesmen our section has produced, reduced the blind hopes of a few to simple truth the other day when he told pro-segregationists that the most the South could do in the Senate would be to take negative action in matters of segregation.

The South has the Congressional strength to stop unfavorable legislation—it does not have the strength to pass legislation it wants in this field.

This is the age of sociological change. We don't like it. We don't want it. But, we can't stop it. How can we hope to preserve sectional institutions that are not legal in approximately three-fourths of the nation?

We, as a section, expect great favor and comfort from our Federal judges. Those who encourage this hope for favor and comfort are fooling the people.

Pro-segregationists cannot look to Ashton Williams, Cecil Wyche and George Bell Timmerman for special favor. Those men are judges. They have taken an oath to uphold the law.

Legal brains all over the South can cry against the Court's decision and "prove" how the Court is wrong. They forget one important fact—the Supreme Court is made up of nine men, and it is the final court of appeals. This group of Southerners able to "prove" the Court wrong do

not speak from the bench of the top court and they will not be given the opportunity to do so.

The Court has decided, and the Court will not change. This is not a period of going back. Initial mistakes in the field of sociology are not corrected by court reversals.

South Carolina can't spend its historic life in fighting lost battles. In order to make progress and shape the best possible life for our people, we must learn to accept the things we don't want as well as those we do want. We must learn to accept things we don't want when we lack the ability to change those things.

We cannot change the Court's decision. We have got to live with it. We can start living with it today, tomorrow or next year—but we are going to live with it.

This should be told to the people of South Carolina. The only decision facing our people is how much energy, effort and expense they want to exchange for a limited amount of time.

The only thing that can be gained is a short time—what price is our section willing to pay for a short time? This is the issue. Segregation vs. desegregation is no longer an issue—it is no longer a debate—it is no longer a contest. The issue has been resolved. There is to be no more segregation.

Face it. Ask state officials to be honest. Then, move as close to objectivity as is possible when facing an emotional issue, and ask yourself what price you and your children want to pay for a short period of time.

There is nothing "cowardly" about stopping a fight when you've been beaten—hands down. It is a little insane to waste your institutions, resources, progress and possible future after you have lost the fight.

Segregation is going—its all but gone. South Carolina and the rest of the South can't reverse the trend.

We can fight—and will fight; but let's be honest with ourselves and ask how hard we want to fight when we can't win."

Life Is Like That

By H. ALBERT SMITH

MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS

Partly because of request and, as well, personal inclination, I am putting into this column in abridged form an address delivered at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Sunday, May 29.

Mr. Cole, officers, members and friends of the McLean Post No. 175 of the American Legion:

A Suggestion

Just about the time I had decided to devote a part of my address today to paying a tribute to those who died on the battlefield in defense of their country, or since as the result of battlefield injuries, and another part to challenge you with the gravity of the present political situation and its demand upon us all—a friend of mine suggested that I should talk on this text: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

Not the Purpose

Well, that would be alright, if this occasion called for painting in drab colors a picture of tragedy entailed in the loss of loved ones, and leaving the matter there. But that is not the purpose of a Memorial Day occasion. For those who died in wars we have fought gave their lives for an ideal. And, if we confine ourselves to weeping over their fallen bodies, decorating their graves, paying tributes extolling their sacrifices and heroism, parading and sounding taps, we do those fallen comrades a great disservice and our ceremony becomes a hollow mockery.

This is no occasion for mandolin sentiment, to talk about what they did and to shut our eyes to what we ought to do. For they have left to us an unfinished task and their blood-filled Abel's cries from the ground that we rise up to complete the task they left unfinished.

Three Reasons

For three reasons, I pursue this line of thinking this afternoon. First of all, there is the Preamble of our Constitution, and, second, an article I read in last Friday's Sun captioned "Living Who Sacrificed Should Be Remembered on Memorial Day." (These were quoted in order).

And my third reason lies partly at least in the peculiar quality of my own nature, a quality that leads me to original and independent thinking with, of course, dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Textual Reference

There are two passages of scripture I would have you bear in mind today: First Peter 3:1 and Ephesians 2:15. The one reminds us to remember; the other presents Jesus as the only solution to the problems of this generation. We can't solve them without him.

A Colonial Possession

Our country is great today in wealth, industry and military might and is regarded as the citadel of Democracy. But one-hundred eighty years ago, we were a colonial possession of England, paying taxes with

little or no representation in the British commonwealth.

But in 1775, the colonies, like the ten tribes of Israel in Rehoboam's day, raised the banner of revolt and the Revolutionary War that brought us freedom and made us an independent commonwealth began.

Crispus Attacks

Five years before that date on March 5, 1770, Crispus Attucks, a Negro, a runaway slave, led a mob against British soldiers in the celebrated "Boston Massacre." He fell, his body pierced by mortal fire as he gave his life for freedom.

With great honor, funeral services were held for Attucks in historic Faneuil Hall in Boston, Massachusetts. Says the historian, Merle Epps: "His patriotism was the declaration of war; it meant liberty to the oppressed and opened the way to modern civilization and independence."

Tribute to Adams

In referring to the heroic action of Crispus Attucks, John Adams wrote in a letter:

"This was the declaration of war, and it was fulfilled. The world had heard from him, and more, the English-speaking world will never forget the noble daring, the excusable rashness of Attucks in the holy cause of liberty. Eighteen centuries before he was saluted by death and kissed by immortality, another Negro bore the cross of Christ to Calvary for him. When the colonists were struggling wearily under the cross of woe, a Negro came to the front and bore that cross to the victory of glorious martyrdom."

From that Time

From that memorable fifth day of March, 1770, through the Revolutionary War that brought the United States into being; the War of 1812 which we won to consolidate the victory of the War for Independence; the Civil War which preserved the Union and prevented the untimely dissolution of these United States; the short-lived Spanish American War that forced Spain to give up all rights to Cuba, Guam and the Philippine Islands and resulted in the annexation of Hawaii, Negroes have played a part in the victories achieved and contributed to the glory of our arms.

In Two World Wars

Not only these, but in the thick of the two greatest and most devastating wars of history, the First World War and that global conflict known as the Second World War, Negro boys fought, bled and died, paying the supreme sacrifice to preserve democratic institutions in which they were denied full participation. But they died in the hope, faith and confidence that one day an enlightened, conscience-stricken and penitent America would grant to their sons the justice, equality and first-class citizenship—the hope and dream of their fathers.

To be concluded next week.

"Constant Vigilance Is The Only Answer"



Spiritual Insight

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND

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"A Spiritual Housecleaning"

"And the unclean spirit...came out of the man." Mark 1:26.

Rubbish piles up to clog the home as well as the human soul. Thus a house cleaning is in order from time to time. Here we see a man in the Synagogue who needed a spiritual house cleaning—his soul needed purging and cleansing from the unclean spirit. Jesus in his merciful concern purges, cleanses the man's soul from the unclean spirit. The unclean spirit brings a troubled and agonized feeling in the inmost soul of man. God made us that way. We Just Cannot Live In Peace With Unholiness. It just makes us sick on the stomach spiritually. It gives us spiritual and moral indigestion. So we can literally see this man suffering from the uneasiness and discomforts of the unclean spirit which possesses and dominates his soul. He cries out for purging and cleansing. Jesus hears his cry and gives a cleansing order: "And the unclean spirit, came out of him."

All human beings suffer from the inner pangs of the unclean spirit at times. Thus we feel the need of inner purging and cleansing. Our souls cry

out for a spiritual housecleaning. Amid the accumulated rubbish of the unclean spirit, the Psalmist cries out for a spiritual housecleaning. Amid the accumulated rubbish of the unclean spirit, the Psalmist cries out for a spiritual housecleaning. "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Jesus here with a stroke of his redeeming love clears this man's soul from the power of the unclean spirit. A plea for a spiritual house cleaning should be a part of our daily prayer.

Jesus gave relief to this unhappy man found in the Synagogue. He longs for freedom from the inner enslavement of his soul. He saw Jesus as one with the power for a spiritual house cleaning, Jesus gives the command and the unclean spirit flees from him. We do have unholiness thoughts. And the unclean thoughts do breed unholiness attitudes and deeds. And these deeds do in turn make us abject slaves. And one day we wake up to find ourselves motivated and possessed by an unclean spirit. Then our souls need a spiritual house cleaning. The house wife has a periodic house cleaning. Our souls, too,

need a spiritual house cleaning. Our souls need to be swept clean of the rubbish of the Unclean Spirit.

The same spiritual house cleaning that Jesus gave this unfortunate man in the Synagogue is ours for the asking. We must see the need of our soul before he can help us. Man cannot do this house cleaning alone. He needs the help of a God. God offers that help in Christ and his Cross. Man cannot cleanse himself of the unholiness spirit. Man needs the help of the Holy One to be cleansed from the unholiness spirit. With God's help we can do the Job. God's help is offered you in Christ. Nothing but the Holy Spirit can purge, cleanse the soul from the power of the Unclean Spirit. It breaks the grip of the unclean spirit. And it also gives the soul the power of Holy Living.

Jesus is ever ready to help you in your spiritual house cleaning. He spake then. And he speaks now with power... "And the unclean spirit...came out..." Ask him and he will set you free from the enslaving shackles of the unclean spirit.

Capital Close-Up

By CONSTANCE DANIEL

We Must Disenthrall Ourselves President Eisenhower, at San Francisco, passed on to the UN, Lincoln's words of warning to the War Congress of 1862 "As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves and then we shall save our country."

Said "Ike" at San Francisco, as UN observed its first ten years: "The object of our second decade is still peace—but peace of such new kind that all the world will think anew and act anew."

It may well be that Lincoln's words—"We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country"—so applicable today in national and international affairs, and so significantly quoted by our thirty-fourth President, will become as familiar and as widely-used as the famous "With malice toward none"—part of the same address—which has echoed down the nine decades since Lincoln delivered his Second Inaugural.

proposes to erect an eight and one-half million dollar Baltimore and Ohio tracks—a one-time slack-town area now gradually being restored.

The elaborate plans presented in the large, illustrated brochure distributed at the banquet, call for a 300-room structure (All rooms with baths); a year-round swimming pool; 3500-seat auditorium; meeting rooms for small gatherings; bar, dining facilities, beauty and barber shops—all "providing employment for 200 regular and 50 part time employees."

"Functional Purpose" The "functional purpose of the proposed Mary Church Terrell Hotel," says the brochure, is "to increase employment and strengthen cultural relations among all races, colors and creeds in the U. S. Profits from operating of the Hotel, which, when completed, will represent an over-all investment of \$8,500,000, are to be utilized to keep the Hotel self-sustaining in a year-round operation. All monies in excess of this requirement will go to causes sponsored by worthy organizations."

Public relations adviser Carl Edwards, representing the PR firm of Dolphin Tomlinson and Reuben Simmons—official PR's for the corporation—told this column, which was referred to him by the Rev. William H. Jernagin, Board Chairman, that an official press release, covering all details, would be given to all papers, "not later than next Monday—perhaps by Friday."

Meantime, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, whose picture as "Honorary President" centers the inside front page of the brochure, says that she knows nothing about the venture except that it was honoring her friend of 60 years; that she did not know that she was honorary president "until I saw it in the brochure."

Our friend, Judge William C. Hueston, listed as "general counsel," was out of town on Elks' business and could not be reached; Miss Dorothy Height of the National YWCA Board, reached at her New York office, said that her interest in the project had been solicited some months ago, but that she had not met with the group and did not know that she was its "Sponsor," as shown on the program. She was in Washington just before the banquet but did not know of it. (Possibly overlooked a notice in the mail, she said.)

Mrs. Montrosa Frazier, the Committee's financial secretary, who assisted in the "Unveiling of the Shrine," at the banquet, asked to be quoted as saying that the organization was "on paper only," that she had neither seen nor handled a cent of funds from any source, and that there was much criticism of the "closed corporation operations." She does not plan, she said, to continue as financial secretary and treasurer.

Replying to questions from this column, PR Carl Edwards, asked about the "6 to 8 million dollar venture," exclaimed, "Where did you get that '6 million' from? This is an eight and one-half million dollar project!" Asked how that sum was to be raised, he replied: "First, by contributions from individuals. (Please turn to Page Seven.)

GIVING LIP SERVICE BUT DOING NOTHING

Keep your eye on the white church in the South on the matter of integration. Generally speaking it is doing lip service and issuing high sounding statements. On the other hand, it has taken more or less of a Pontius Pilate attitude toward the whole affair and said: "See ye to it," or washed its hands of it.

As far as we have been able to determine, not a single church school in North Carolina has thrown open its doors to Negro students since the first or the second ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court on the matter of segregation in public schools. Schools like

Duke University, Wake Forest College, Meredith College, High Point College and others have remained steadfast and unmovable on the matter of keeping Negroes from seeking an education within their walls.

Prior to the Supreme Court ruling of May 17, 1954 on segregation in public schools, the church schools hid behind the matter of obeying the laws of the respective states in which they are located. Now that the law has been declared unconstitutional, the church schools have made little or no move to admit Negroes. In spite of

a pastoral letter of his excellent Bishop Vincent S. Walters of Raleigh, issued June 12, 1953, abolishing segregation in the Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Raleigh, the Immaculate school for high school students here in Durham refused the admission of several Negro Catholic children last year.

Thus we find both the Protestant and the Catholic church living up to its tradition of preaching about the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, but being the last to put into action what it preaches.

HEALTH HORIZONS

Protecting Yourself Against Cancer

Some people are so afraid of cancer that they avoid hearing about it, or even mentioning the word. That is their worst mistake, according to Dr. Frank Rector of Evanston, Illinois. For one thing, knowledge is our best defense against the disease. For another, most of our fears are based on notions that are just plain wrong.

The most important fact for everyone to know about cancer is that, today, most cases are curable if they are found early enough. And that depends on the individual. Dr. Rector emphasizes. Every one of us can protect himself by having periodic medical check-ups, simply as a precaution. That's sensible anyway, since all disorders are more easily treated when detected early. Another thing we should do is to see the doctor whenever things don't seem quite right. That doesn't mean you should get panicky and imagine all sorts of wild things. Just give your doctor a chance to see you, and give yourself a chance at reassurance and peace of mind.

Unnecessary Fears

You don't have to be fearful of developing cancer just because someone in your family had it, states Dr. Rector. It is not hereditary. Also, it is not contagious as some people falsely believe. Certainly, it is no social disgrace, any more than a cold or flu or heart disease.

Dr. Rector warns particularly against advertised "cures" for cancer. These are of absolutely no value, and may be dangerous. Doctors consider so-called cancer cures as the most dastardly of all medical fakes, because their use



only delays proper treatment—and with too much delay, cancer becomes incurable. It is only sensible to be alert to the cancer problem, and do what you can to protect yourself against the disease. It is not sensible to be in constant fear, or be an alarmist. Cancer is really relatively rare. In a recent British survey, examination of 422 volunteers disclosed only one real cancer; 8 other persons with suspicious symptoms proved to have benign (harmless) tumors. There were 32 with "doubtful" findings; these are being carefully studied, and a few may prove to have cancer but it will be detected early—and that's their best protection right now.

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