

The Case Of The Governor And The NAACP

The only people surprised or being fooled in the discussion now going on between Governor Luther Hodges and the North Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People about Assistant Attorney General I. Beverly Lake are the mass of white people in this state and the south who for nearly 300 years have tried to make themselves believe that they have discovered in Negroes a segment of the human race so inferior to them that they are unworthy of equal treatment in government, religion, education, industry and every other phase of endeavor in this country. The idea was born and has been nurtured in the warped minds of certain white leaders of the South who for 300 years have hammered home the philosophy in a brain-washing feat on both Negroes and ignorant whites in a manner that would make the most rabid communist in Russia or China a mere piker.

But for the Negro church, aided in more recent years by the NAACP, the job would have long since been accomplished and with it every vestige of manhood torn from the breast of American Negroes. When the white leaders of the South, in their haste to create for themselves a peasant class whom they might exploit and rape economically at their pleasure, failed to invade the Negro church with their pernicious scheme, they missed the boat and made it possible for the Negro masses to recover on Sunday from the brainwashing they had received during the other six days of the week.

merciless inferiority doctrine onslaught ever hurled at a people. Through his church he kept the faith — faith in his God and faith in himself. That is why there is to be found more emotionalism or shouting in Negro churches among the suppressed or servant element of the race than among the element that is fortunate enough not to have to endure the more rabid humiliations, insults and abuses which the Negro receives in the factories, cook kitchens, farms and other places where he is used for the purpose of inflating southern white people's ego.

Officials of the NAACP in North Carolina are alert and smart. They have a distinct advantage over their adversaries in that they come from a people who, in the very nature of the case, have been forced, as a technique of survival, to study southern white folks in their homes, businesses, farms and elsewhere. They know their weaknesses, they know what constitutes a red flag and how and when to wave it in the face of southern white folks.

Governor Hodges, Assistant Attorney-General Lake, and other misguided whites are reacting exactly as NAACP officials in North Carolina expected and as the Negro with the most meagre intelligence knew they would on the matter of integration. Their antics during the past five or six days will probably be worth 25,000 new memberships for the North Carolina branch of the NAACP to say nothing of the increased financial support, love and admiration they have engendered for the organization.

humiliation of segregation in schools, buses, hotels, and elsewhere in this country, let them go ahead and do so. The fact remains that the NAACP in North Carolina and the nation is steadily growing in membership and financial strength and that at the hands of many to whom white people like to refer as "safe Negroes." So when the governor gives out a statement that he does not believe Negroes in North Carolina want integration, when he accuses the NAACP of attempting to split North Carolina citizens into racial camps, while even the most wretched simpleton knows that the NAACP is working night and day to abolish racial camps, he is putting on an exhibition of stupidity that is startling.

The unflinching records of the NAACP for obtaining Negro civil rights in this country speak for itself. Negroes in North Carolina are aware of this fact and they know it has achieved for them dining and pullman car service, equal teacher's salaries, the right to vote in democratic primaries, the right to attend southern universities, and many other rights they did not have before. They are aware that southern whites have never voluntarily yielded one inch of ground in their determination to keep the Negro forever a second-class citizen in this country.

Negro leaders know what they are about and nothing Governor Hodges says or no attack he makes on the NAACP will prevent them from joining and supporting it even if they have to resort to secret methods to do so as has been done in many other southern states. They are satisfied that right is on their side and that in the end the South must yield, not to the Supreme Court, the Negroes as a group, the NAACP or any other human agency but the divine hand of God who has admonished mankind since his beginning that wrong cannot forever endure.

So when the Negro preacher, more often unlettered than lettered, invited members of his flock under a brush arbor or to a dilapidated house of worship to get their "SPIRITUAL STRENGTH RENEWED" he was doing more than he knew. It was this means the Negro has been able to withstand the most

Governor Hodges, Assistant Attorney-General Lake and other state officials can assume an ostrich like attitude toward the more than a million Negroes in this state and bury their heads in the sand if they wish. If they find comfort in trying to make themselves believe sensible Negroes of the state prefer the

unholy alliance with them to defy the U. S. Supreme Court and the Constitution of the United States. "Three monkey" Negroes and "Uncle Toms" may agree to such but they are sure to run out on them when the going gets tough and they are called upon to face contempt charges in the federal courts.

The United States Supreme Court says that segregated public schools are unlawful. In defiance of that ruling the governor of the state, and assistant attorney-general and other state officials have indicated that they will fight the ruling county by county, school building by school building and classroom by classroom. In this program of disrespect for law and order they have called upon law-abiding Negro citizens of the state to support them. Not only that but every organization or individual who opposes them in their disloyal effort is looked upon and branded by the governor as attempting to divide the state into race camps.

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"Three Monkey" Negroes And "Uncle Tom"

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North Carolina discovered last week that all of its "three monkey" Negroes who see nothing, hear nothing, and say nothing, are not yet dead. For the past several days this newspaper has watched with more amusement than contempt the reaction of certain so-called Negro leaders in this state as to the matter of integration in the public schools. Instead of being all dead several "three monkey" Negroes have suddenly come into great prominence here-of-late by receiving appointments to certain committees where they are expected to continue to see nothing, hear nothing, and say nothing as all good "three monkey" Negroes do.

In several instances this newspaper has discovered that the "three monkey" Negroes are running true to form and although receiving the appointments they have seen nothing, heard nothing, and said nothing that would be of value in revealing a true picture of the Negro's side of the public school integration program. Not only have they seen nothing, said nothing and heard nothing but they have discouraged other Negroes appointed to various committees from seeing, hearing and speaking out against the evils of segregation.

When "three monkey" Negroes are placed beside the

"Uncle Toms" in the state it is hard to determine which is the greater menace to the race. While the former sees nothing, says nothing, and hears nothing, the latter after seeing and hearing usually is a pastmaster at saying the things he feels will tickle the ears of the white folks whether it hurts the cause of his own race or not.

Every community ought to repudiate such Negroes, especially when they are named to important posts by white persons whose known motive is to prevent the race from obtaining its full rights. Only when Negro representatives are selected by Negroes should they be permitted to speak for Negroes. The custom of white people hand-picking Negroes who are known members of the "three monkey" clan or "Uncle Toms" must be abolished wherever the custom rears its ugly head.

The time has come for courageous, honest and forthright leadership on the part of both Negro and white persons. Only that kind can arrest the confusion, misunderstanding and unrest that are now abroad in this state on the matter of integration in the public schools. White people must be willing to face the truth from Negroes rather than crucify them for speaking it. They must not demand that Negroes enter into an

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Life Is Like That

By H. ALBERT SMITH

Segregation On Way Out

Negro boys and girls of today, and even their elders, may rest in the assurance that segregation based on race and color is on the way out. For the older generations, the death of this ugly monster that has so long haunted the American scene, will mean little in the way of opportunity to live as free men and enjoy the economic and social benefits for which they have longed and prayed, even as did their fathers. But these will rejoice in the knowledge that their children will have that privilege and that they have lived long enough to see the dawn of a new day of freedom although they will not be here to witness the dawn's breaking into the splendor of full sunrise.

Racial segregation is on the way out, although the battle to eliminate it from our land is far from over. But the evidence is here and it is accumulating every day even faster than the most hopeful and sanguine among us had anticipated.

Treatment Bad
Thirty years ago, we found this a most detestable land as far as the treatment of Negroes is concerned. A Negro couldn't ride from here to Raleigh on a bus. When he did ride on inter-urban buses, he was subject to insult and gruffness on the part of drivers, and even passengers, at times, that left him often in bitter despair as he realized his helplessness to get rid of a thing that bit into his pride with leonine savagery and was a crushing burden upon his soul.

He stood at ticket windows and watched the agent at an opposite window sell tickets to white folk as long as there was one to be waited on before he (the Negro) could make his purchase. And, then, sometimes, the delay caused the missing of a bus and entailed waiting hours for another one.

In some places, there were no bus station provisions for Negroes. He either waited on the sidewalk after purchasing a ticket or under a shed provided for buses, as in one eastern city we know, and sat on a bench-a board with no back at all.

Stories of Crime
Newspapers carried lurid stories of Negro crime. Seldom did a Negro get his picture in the paper unless he had committed a crime. A white newspaper would have a Bible quotation on its editorial page and typical Negro jokes about "Rufus" and "Rastus," watermelon eating and chicken stealing. Every Negro was a "boy" to a white cop; and all past thirty, some even younger, were "Uncle" and "Aunt," while in the courts, lawyers used the term "nigger" with no qualms at all.

In many places, if a Negro had even mentioned the words integration and desegregation, he would have been forced to leave town without baggage. And if in a Klan-infested region, he might have left but either after being beaten within an inch of his life or as a disembodied spirit.

Cause of Change
For this changing status of the Negro in America, there are causes upon which we can lay our hands. Some of these are the work of the NAACP; sectional intermingling; world travel; World War contacts; Negro resentment and progress; international tensions; the threat of racism to white America's prestige and its moral and political leadership and the white man's conscience.

Some of my friends would throw out the white man's conscience. They say he has neither conscience nor religion. But that's so much hogwash and tommyrot so far as I am concerned. I don't believe that the gains of the present (Please turn to Page Five)

A Change Has Come
Those were dark days—rather a dreary night of darkness, but with a few stars of hope. But now the day breaks and the shining glory of better things is dawning upon us. We have non-segregated interstate bus traveling, equal dining car privileges, the equalization of teacher's salaries in some places and Negro policemen. Stories of Negro merit, with pictures, and titles of respect are appearing in the newspapers and heard over the air.

Since Court Decree
Since the U. S. Supreme Court declared more than a year ago that segregated public schools are unconstitutional, violative of the rights of citizens, and therefore must be abolished, the movement for full equality and first class citizenship for Negroes has been accelerated. Voices of defiance that first shouted so noisily in angry protest and declared there would never be any conformity are not yelling so loudly now. And, in many hitherto segregated areas, desegregation proceeds quietly, with no friction or a minimum thereof with no fanfare or dramatics.

Sentiment For Justice
In fact, anti-segregation sentiment is growing in the land, even in the white church where it should have begun. It is still weak in that supposed-to be holy body, but it is there and that is something. The fact that its ministers and delegates to various church assemblies and conferences have been and are furiously debating the advisability of admitting Negroes to membership and services of public worship is an evidence although it doesn't speak any too well for the church or enhance its prestige as a divine institution any.

Will Hang Heads
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'Integration Will Eliminate This Evil'



Spiritual Insight

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"Is There Any Real Security?"

"Trust in the Lord...do good... and enjoy security..." Ps. 37:3
We live in a security-conscious age. Millions are caught up in a restless grind to get fixed. We are working our fingers off to get fixed. We have our noses to the grinding stone to get fixed. Just look at us running helter-skelter here there and everywhere trying to get fixed. Listen to us—just gotta get fixed against the hazards of this life. Had you ever pondered the fact that there may be no security in this life. What about this life? What is this life? This life is like a breath. This life is like a flower that groweth in the morning and fades by sunset. This life is nothing but a house of clay with a dusty foundation. In this life there is but one breath or one step from death. My friends, these are something we might think of in this restless security-conscious age of ours.

The Psalmist here gives a beautiful picture of the one source or foundation of real security: God. He sees the eternal spiritual, moral and ethical values embodied in Christ our Savior as the only

real ground for security... "Trust in the Lord...Do Good... And Enjoy Security..." Wisdom suggests that we ponder this truth.

Real security does not rest upon the fading glory of material things. Wealth does not mean security. It corrodes and cankers! Power offers no security. With the oncoming years and centuries Power flees her possessors. Are the instruments of war a sure defense of security? Jesus expressed the perishable nature of such things when he said... "He who lives by the sword shall perish by the sword..." What are you saying preacher? I am just stating an undeniable truth of God's word and human history: No Security In This Perishable Scene. As the children of God we have these fading play toys between the cradle and the grave. We are here for just a fretful, frightful moment. Then the call comes. And we all must pass on. There is no real fixing for you unless your soul is anchored, fixed in God.

There Is The Eternal And Unchangeable Above Thi s

Changeable And Fading Human Scene. In this fading scene we must find God real security. Nothing else can give security. Everything else is in the process of change and decay. Paul speaking of the perishable scene and the Eternal God said... "They will perish but thou remainest..." Paul tells us there is no real security in the fading glories of this passing scene... "Like a mantle thou wilt roll them up..." And They Will Be Changed..." Truly the grass of worldly glory fades. The flower of human material achievement will wither and be no more. Thus in God alone can we find real security.

We have a right to our share of God's rich material abundance as we tarry here our brief and fleeting moment. Let us not fool ourselves into thinking these things can give us security. This fading scene offers no real security. The Holy writer is right our only source of real security is when we are anchored in God through faith in Christ. "Trust in the Lord...do good...and enjoy security..."

Capital Close-Up

By CONSTANCE DANIELS

Morrow to White House Staff
For many years it has been evident that an official appointment to the White House was overdue, and just as evident that whoever was named in whatever capacity, should be a person of recognized competence and integrity—definitely not chosen from the ranks of the claimers, climbers and attention-seekers.

In this column for the week ending March 26, we said, "Urgently needed hereabouts, are solid, unscarred citizens, whose names command nation wide respect—who are neither fire-eaters nor quibblers, who understand politics from the word 'go,' but are not professional politicians, thinking and planning within the limits of political expediency. Compromise there may have to be, but it should be based on clear and undissimulated fact."

"A Channing Tobias of New York, or a Bennie Mays of Atlanta, on the Pennsylvania Avenue-White House-to-Capitol circuit (full-time-no more now-you-see-em now you don't consultants) would not be wishing for the moon..."

Much will be said, elsewhere, about the choice of Everett Frederic Morrow, former Business Adviser at Commerce, CBS analyst and NAACP Field Secretary, as Coordinator of Internal Management Affairs in the Special Projects Group at the White House. We simply want to say that the Morrow appointment fits our specifications perfectly. We applaud it without reservation.

The AME Women Grew Up with the Republic
Richard Allen of Philadelphia began his missionary career by converting the master to whom he had been sold, in Delaware, bought his freedom during the American Revolution, and returned to Spread the Gospel in the of Brotherly Love, where he was born.

In 1786, while in prayer, with friends, at St. George's Church, where he had been preaching, he was pulled from his knees by church officials. From this curious beginning in contradictions came the powerful African Methodist Episcopal Church. Forty years after her husband was forcibly stopped from prayer, the founder's wife, Mrs. Richard Allen, organized in Philadelphia, in 1827, the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church.

Here at the Capital, last week, President Anne E. Heath, of New York, urged the delegates to the Third Quadrennial Convention of this oldest organization of Negro women, which has grown up with the Republic, to work for the complete eradication of segregation and discrimination, whether imposed by law or social custom, and to fight whatever implied ghetto patterns of living, for any group. What Makes a Judge?

Last week the Appellate Court for the District of Columbia reversed the colorline decision of District Judge Alexander Holtzoff, refusing application of a Negro step-

father to adopt his white stepson. The reversal sharply underscored Judge Holtzoff's apparent incapacity for true judicial action.

Judge Holtzoff also appears to be suffering from an acute inferiority complex, which fills him with apprehensions, and has caused much misty-giving among liberals of all origins, who are concerned about the effect of his blunderings, here in the Capital.

His refusal, as a judge, to approve adoption papers because the child would "lose the social status of a white person," was on a par with his warning, some years ago, to non-white members of an Americanization class, that they should not expect to receive all the benefits of American democracy.

It is a pity that Judge Holtzoff must remain on the bench, but, as we said, elsewhere, it is fortunate that his self-conscious pronouncements are thrown into relief against a backdrop of jurists like the late Associate Justices of the Supreme Court Brandeis and Cardozo—like Justice Frankfurter—whose names are synonymous with the finest traditions of our American courts.

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Spotlight on HEALTH
Science Features
Summer Itches

Summertime is a period of slapping and scratching. Grass pollen tickles the legs and nose, black flies, mosquitoes and other insects exasperate the skin. The pain of even a bee sting, for many, is more easily endured than the agonizing itching that frequently follows.

A decade ago some optimists thought that insects were on the road to extinction. DDT was eliminated insects from barns and homes with the same efficiency it had displayed in the jungle areas in which our World War II troops fought. Today, although DDT and other newer chemicals are still doing their job well, any camper knows that woods, meadows and brook-sides are not yet free from biting bugs or other sources of irritation.

Entomologists, the scientists who study bugs, are inclined to feel that insect immunity to poisons is fortunate. They have warned that man cannot destroy insect life throughout large areas without changing nature's balance in ways which could result in seriously reducing food supplies for other wild life or otherwise threatening survival, even of man himself. Doctors have pointed out, for example, that indiscriminate use of DDT could fatally poison meat and dairy products and, through them, humans.

Fortunately, there has been developed another approach to the insect problem, one which does not aim at elimination of the pests but which offers relief to many of their victims.

The antihistamine drugs, so called because they counteract histamine, the chemical released in

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