

THE WAKE COUNTY AND CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL PLAN

Negroes in Wake County and Chapel Hill would do well to study the plans now being offered by their respective school boards before they begin to rejoice that their children are to receive equal opportunities with those of the white people. While we have not had time to make a careful study of the plan in Chapel Hill to admit "a few" Negro students to white schools, we have made a more detailed study of the Wake County plan and are convinced that it is more of a Trojan horse than a victory, so far as our group is concerned.

The mere fact that Negro children in Chapel Hill must make application in writing and their requests, according to the board, must be well founded "appears to us to be somewhat of a discriminatory policy itself. We are wondering if white children desiring to enter a school of their choice are required to undergo the same rigid test; if not, then we are suspicious of the Chapel Hill plan and will hesitate to acclaim it as a victory for Negro citizens of that community.

So far as the Wake County program is concerned, there is no doubt in our minds that the school board is attempting to throw the Negro citizens a curve. The very fact that it was adopted UNANIMOUSLY by the board and some 50 school commit-

teemen have UNANIMOUSLY approved the plan makes us suspicious that there is something rotten in the county of Wake.

A close inspection of terms under which a child may be admitted to a school makes us doubly doubtful of the sincerity of the Wake County board.

The Wake County plan says:

"No child shall be assigned to any school in Wake County on the basis of race or color.

The responsibility for assignment of children to the several schools of the county as placed by act of the 1955 General Assembly is assumed by the Board of Education. Every assignment of a child to one of the schools of the county shall be considered and adjudged individually on one or more of the following bases:

- (a) Needs and welfare of the child.
- (b) Welfare and best interest of all other children.
- (c) Availability of facilities, including transportation.

(d) Fitness of facilities, including health.

(e) Aptitude of the child and curriculum adjustment of the school.

(f) Residence of the child.

(g) All other factors considered pertinent, relevant and material affecting either child or the schools."

This newspaper intends to use all of the patience possible in an attempt to cooperate with various school boards of the cities and counties of the state and to so advise its readers. On the other hand, we shall be ever on the alert to expose forthwith any attempt on the part of a school or individual to circumvent the law of the land as laid down by the United States Supreme Court. We think this as much our bounden duty as that of exposing any other subversive element seeking to overthrow the government of this nation.

The victory won in the public school segregation case was a hard earned one and we warn Negro leaders that if the race is to reap the benefits they must be ever on the alert for various high-sounding and well laid schemes to circumvent it. "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

BUILD FOR TOMORROW

From whatever direction you cross the seas to return to this land, you see first a magic vision duplicated nowhere else, the American skyline. New York — New Orleans — San Francisco — Seattle — your eye catches the outline of the tall structures towering as freedom's challenge to the world. The American skyline is there as the trademark of a land of business resources in imagination, energy and thrift. It signifies the strength and security of the nation, made so because our people have conserved their strength to assure their security. This country's faith in itself is epitomized in the United States E and H Savings Bond program for all of us.

More than anything else the American skyline is the physical evidence of American investment power and the resources of American savings. It is a monument to the investment of thrift. This is the country that has looked always to the future. It has become strong because its people invested in it, as they in turn have fared well because of that investment return.

Think well! Every dollar put into America comes back in dividends. These are paid

not alone in the rich reward of living in liberty under God, not alone in the highest standard of living for a whole people that the world has ever known. Dividends are earned too from every individual investment in the savings bond program of the nation.

From childhood our thrifty parents have taught us that, only as we save from our earning years, can we guarantee the security of life's evening. We can protect the needs of our growing families by conservation of our resources of today against the certain calls of tomorrow. There are few, if any, more practicable means of investing at once in the security of our country and of ourselves than in methodical purchase of E and H Savings Bonds. Your money is lent to the Nation today. The country returns it to you in your own time of need with its interest earning augmenting your investment.

Few of us are able to put substantial sums in either bank or securities. But no wage earner need be deterred from orderly saving by that fact. By utilizing payroll withholdings in the purchase of savings bonds, regular investment is open to the small income and salary.

Your regular weekly or periodical deduction will range you with 40 million American families that own U. S. Savings Bonds. Four out of every ten of them earn less than \$5,000 a year. Savings Bonds are an asset to American wealth. — But, in sober truth, they are a godsend to the worker whose dollars must be budgeted to go as far as possible and still be ready to meet every emergency.

That American skyline is the visible evidence of American investment at work. Every business or industry that its structures house is kept going by the activity of American dollars, invested to serve and earn. The Nation is such an industry, the greatest of them all. Your dollars, placed in its service, keep the wheels of government turning. Your bond-a-month bought from the United States finances its huge service to all of us.

Your family structure is only as secure as your own energy and your own thrift. No spendthrift family succeeds. No spendthrift Nation survives. So your country is only as secure as the confidence and strength of the investment of all Americans in it.

Keep America strong! Keep America secure! Buy a bond a month!

taken what appeared to be an opposite stand before the Pearsall Committee to that previously taken by him.

As we come closer and closer to the hour of decision on the matter of integration our top-ranking leaders are going to have to close ranks and guard with utmost alertness their statements with regards to the matter of integration. State officials, the white press and reactionary thinkers are combing the state in effort to find some Negro of importance who will accept the mantle of compromising leadership carried for so many years by hand-picked Negro leaders in this state.

Several days ago the daily press here in Durham quoted the Negro member of the Durham City Council as advocating a middle-of-the-road policy on the matter of integration when in reality he ad-

vocated no less and no more than that of the NAACP and other progressive leaders. Apparently the plan was to weaken the councilman's influence with his own group or to encourage him to take a more conciliatory stand on the question of integration.

The scheme is to divide and conquer the Negro forces, to separate southern Negroes from northern Negroes, Negro leaders in business, education and religion from leaders in the NAACP. All of us must realize, and that most quickly, that when the die is finally cast it will be cast against all Negroes, whatever their status, and whether they are members of the NAACP or not members. The one eternal thing to do now is to stand steadfast and unmovable on our right to walk the highways and byways of this nation as free men.

Life Is Like That

By H. ALBERT SMITH

Double-Talking Leadership

Shakespeare was right when he said that consistency is a jewel. The fact becomes clearly evident when one is engaged in the battle to effect a program of righteousness among men. Specifically, we mean to gain rights and realize common moral decency in the field of human relationships. And nobody knows that any better than a champion of human rights who belongs to an oppressed minority group.

AN EXAMPLE

An example of this is at hand in the present controversy with regard to public school integration. A group of Negroes met in Durham a few months ago and drafted a statement calling for the implementation of the Supreme Court decision on the matter. In other words, the statement called for putting into effect the decision as soon as possible. The presentation could not by any means be called radical, extremist, or anything else which could be interpreted in that light. It was temperate and reasonable and represented thinking and feeling no self-respecting man could escape.

NONE OPPOSED

At the meeting, there assembled leaders of the race and others representing a cross section from various walks of life. Opinions and views were exchanged but none was in opposition or contrary to the policy which the group finally adopted and on Tuesday, Feb. 21, presented in a carefully prepared statement to Governor Luther V. Hodges and the General Assembly.

UNITED FRONT

Approximately 300 Negro leaders from all over the state headed by spokesman J. H. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics & Farmers Bank, converged on Raleigh for this appearance before the state senators and through Wheeler registered their opposition to any bill that would circumvent the ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court that segregation in the public schools is illegal and therefore must be abolished.

REVERSED THEMSELVES

But, since that time, a few Negro leaders have given out with a different line of talk. When asked questions about integration by prominent white people, they have re-

versed themselves. One is reported to have said, when faced by white people about integration that he thought "we ought to drop it."

RIGHT OF OPINION

Now, I have no quarrel with the thesis that every man has a right to his own opinion provided that opinion has roots in reason and reality and hurts nobody. Neither do I question the right of a man to change his opinion. But when a man has two opinions regarding the same matter, one for the Negro group and one for whites, well, that is a horse of a different color.

AN OPPORTUNIST

To tell the truth, such a person can hardly be called inconsistent; the word is too mild. He is either one of two things (maybe a combination of each) a coward and an opportunist. And, in my book, an opportunist is a person who converts every circumstance to his own advantage irrespective as to truth, conviction, ideal or who gets hurt.

MAN WAS HONEST

A few days ago, I had a chat with a white man who had brought up the question of integration and expressed himself as being immovably set against it. I still hold respect for him even though he was unable to give me any reason for his conviction other than that he had been raised to believe that the races shouldn't mix. Even when he quietly told me he would send his children to Georgia-to school if integration is effected in North Carolina, I could still hold a measure of respect for him, along with pity.

QUOTED NEGRO LEADER

But you can imagine the jolt he gave me when he quoted a Negro leader as saying that we didn't need integration in this city because the Negro schools are just as good as the white schools. The leader in question has expressed a different view to his own people and has led them to believe that he is solidly behind the Supreme Court integration order.

CAN UNDERSTAND

I can understand, even if I can't admire, the fear that leads a hungry man to change tunes on command regardless as to what the musical script calls for. But I can neither understand nor respect the man in high position and good (Continued on Page Five)

'Only Through Integration Can Their Power Be Broken'



Spiritual Insight

By Reverend Harold Roland

PASTOR, MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Blessedness Of Forgiveness"

Blessed is he who transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered...Psa. 32:1.

There is a matchless inner peace of soul that follows forgiveness. The Psalmist rightly calls this a state of joyous blessedness. It is indeed a state of inner happiness or blessedness. It is a state of blessedness to be in harmony with God and man. Well, true forgiveness means that we are atuned or in harmony with God and man. Transgression, iniquity or sin means that the soul is out of step with God. It also means that there is not a state of harmony between our soul and our fellowman. Forgiveness means that there is this reconciliation between the creator and the creature. It means that a broken relation has been healed. The soul cannot be at peace when its not in harmony with God. God's forgiveness reestablishes inner soul harmony. Thus we have the blessedness of forgiveness.

A primary element, therefore, in all real prayer should be that cry of the soul to God for forgiveness. Some inner thought or outward deed may have interrupted that state of peace between God and the

soul. Forgiveness is thus the healing balm of the wayward soul. It is the longing of the soul for wholeness and health. It is the peaceful longing of the disturbed and restless soul of man. Be honest with yourself. Lay bare your soul before God for this healing and peaceful touch. Our prayer should be an honest inner searching of the soul for the blessedness of forgiveness. At the end of each day we ought sincerely say in prayer: Dear Lord, forgive me for the unholy thought, word or deed. He who honestly seeks and finds forgiveness will know a sweet blessedness of soul. What spiritual wisdom we have. "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven..."

Why would you deny yourself the rich beauty and power of such inward spiritual blessedness? This is an important part of that peace which passeth all understanding. God in his infinite mercy is ever ready to forgive you. He offers the blessedness of forgiveness.

Why carry the burden and endure the inner pain of guilt? Why would you suffer when there is relief? Why endure the pangs of an uneasy

conscience? How long will you endure soul sickness when there is healing? When we have physical pains we go to the Doctor or the dentist. The unforgiving spirit is an inward spiritual pain. The unforgiving sin creates pangs of torturous agony in the soul. God's peace awaits you if you will only seek and find his forgiveness. He is ready to forgive. Take it to God. God will give you relief from the painful agony of sin. That is what this writer is talking about. "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. Thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin..." Truly there is a rich reward of blessedness for it is peace for the disturbed and restless soul. The unforgiving wrong we commit throws the soul into a state of restless inner turmoil and conflict. We have seen the raging restless souls. Why? The unforgiving spirit is in a state of stress, tension and pressure. Every wrong thought or deed adds a bit of inner pressure in the soul. Thus we have the state of restlessness. Forgiveness lifts the burden. And then there comes a calmness and deep inner peace. It is the blessedness of forgiveness.

Capital Close-Up

By CONSTANCE DANIELS

Grass in the Car Tracks
Grass is growing along the tracks of your Capital's transit system. No oars, no buses have run on Washington's streets for more than three weeks. Business is "off" by wide margins - merchants frantically price-slashing, changing store hours, even offering to pay shoppers' taxi fares, in an attempt to catch the private-car trade, bring out the stay-at-home and fill near-empty store aisles.

Grass in Other Tracks

In late January, Close-Up noted the advent of a new five-member watch-dog committee on Government Employment Policy, authorized to make investigations, and responsible directly to the President. (The old Fair Employment Board could initiate nothing, and was responsible to the Civil Service Commission.) The chairman of the new Board was Chicago lawyer Maxwell Abbell, now in Europe for the summer, or longer. Archibald Carey of Chicago, a public member, is Acting Chairman. Assistant Secretary of Labor J. Ernest Wilkins is a Government member. We referred to them both hopefully as "go-getters."

But after six months, the grass appears to be growing, here, also. If any action has moved over these tracks, we haven't "heard tell." Although the committee has held monthly meetings-the latest on Monday through Wednesday, last

week-there have been no reports of decisions, and no public releases of any kind. According to the office of Gwendolyn Tice, Acting Executive Secretary of the Committee, the only published materials have been policy memos circulated only to the various agencies. Miss Tice, who is without authority, appears to be limited to "taken under advisement" replies to questions. This grass may be different from that which grew in such profusion around the old FEP Committee. If there is a difference, the public would like to know it. It should know what, if any positive action has been taken.

Adam Pulled His Punch

When West Virginia's 69-year-old Cleveland Bailey (Democrat), swung a "solid one" at 46-year-old Adam Powell (Democrat), in a debate over Powell's anti-segregation amendment to the School-Aid Bill, during a closed session of the House Education and Labor Committee, the big New Yorker pulled his punch. Powell contended himself with warding off the ire of his smaller and much older adversary, with whom he later shook hands. The Bailey wrath broke when Adam said Bailey lied in questioning the sincerity of his proffered amendment, which lost, in committee, by a 17-10 vote, following the incident. If the school-aid bill is cleared for debate by the all-power-

ful Rules Committee, Adam thinks he will "be forced" to offer his much-criticized proposal as an amendment, when the bill reaches the floor of the House.

Anti-Integration Via Pay Raise Gimmicks

A sliding-scale provision for three categories of School Superintendents salaries may be the gimmick by which Mississippi's Congressman Thomas G. Abernethy, who chairs the sub-committee on teachers' pay, expects to knock out school integration or reduce it to token action, here in the Federal City. The scale provides for superintendents with out the master's degree, as well as for those with master's and earned doctorates. The District of Columbia Board of Education has established no criteria for superintendents' qualifications. It is all left to the appointed Board, which is about as predictable as the mercury. Congressional pressure could, with very little trouble, put the District's school system under the direction of an inadequately-trained superintendent who would do the bidding of his sponsors. Mr. Abernethy, it is reported, has already called in the present superintendent, and the School Board's chairman and put them on notice to go slow on integration—or else. Eartha "Takes" the Dee Cee Press
Eartha Kitt was here, last week, at the Casino Royal. We didn't see her downtown show. Neither did we meet her with the Fourth Estaters. We just read about her meeting (Continued on Page Five)

Scottish HEALTH

Science Features

Summer Itches

Summertime is a period of slapping and scratching. Grasses and pollen tickle the legs and nose, black flies, mosquitoes and chiggers 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 eliminating 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 brookside 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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