

RASCALITY IN RALEIGH

Attorney General W. B. Rodman is either confused, a rascal, or the hopeless captive of reactionary Eastern Carolina interests who are bent on keeping political control of the state regardless of law and order. Mr. Rodman's appearance before the silk-gloved hate group calling itself DUPEC (Durham United Political Educational Council) in Durham recently revealed him as spokesman for Luther B. Hodges, that helpless and hopeless occupant of the Governor's office.

Commenting on a local morning newspaper's alleged distortion of Hodges' remarks that a local option plan in the schools would possibly result in racial integration, the attorney general said, "I am authorized by the governor to say that 'The idea is designed primarily to permit communities that, some times in the future, may be faced with an integration problem as a result of a court order or otherwise, to close their public schools if they wish and to try other methods of educating their children. The plan would, of course, as any local plan must, leave the choice to the local community attempting to deal with the problem.'"

At about the same time the attorney general was discussing with DUPEC the state's official position of "voluntary segregation," Governor Hodges' lily-white Advisory Commission on Education, reported, among other things, the commission was "studying abolition of the public schools and the organization of private schools, perhaps by local

option in specially troubled communities." Moreover, the report went on, "We are giving study to steps to take to implement voluntary racial separation and implement the 1955 statute relative to the assignment of pupils to schools by local option."

Speaking again at a press conference in Raleigh on his "personal views," the attorney general said, "It would be tragic to abolish the public school system. However, as a press association dispatch stated, the state's formerly 'official' position of maintaining the public schools at all costs seemed to be shifting to a 'local option' plan that would encourage abolition of schools in areas adversely affected by court orders to integrate the races."

In the light of this confusion and obvious intention to ignore the ruling of the Supreme Court, *TIME* magazine's grade of "C" for the state seems extravagant. Of course, white and Negro citizens must remember that the state's position is being shaped by politicians who think they are building their wooden political fences with planks of prejudice. And, it must not be forgotten that Colonel Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount is apparently the man that Luther B. Hodges, the millionaire industrialist, who wants to be governor in his own right, is following. Mr. Pearsall is a political realist and living in the prejudice-ridden eastern part of the state, he knows that the majority of the voters will buy a juicy politi-

cal campaign with the old cry of "Negro, Negro" as bait. The real tragedy of North Carolina today is not the influential positions of the William Rodmans, the Tom Pearsalls and the Luther Hodgeses. The state's real tragedy lies with the blindness of the people who make such men's political existence possible. Not all North Carolina citizens are blindly following These Terrible Three. Perhaps it would be unrealistic to expect the voice of "Sweetness and Light" that is typified in Playwright Paul Green to sway the white people of our state. But, it would seem that the views of Editor Jonathan Daniels of Raleigh, no fireball liberal, might prevail.

Abolishing the public schools said Editor Daniels in *Hartsville, S. C.*, last week "is the most tragic proposal ever made in a presumably intelligent land." And said Mr. Daniels further, the proposal "is something beyond secession from the union. What they urge is secession from civilization... Any man who proposes that the South solve its great problems by greater ignorance is a great fool or thinks you are a great one... We will not better escape our troubles in ignorance. More than anything else we need more education, not less."

The words of Mr. Daniels are sane and intelligent. They also speak for the future. May God give Messrs. Rodman, Hodges, and Pearsall the courage and the simple decency to heed their meaning.

possessing the liquor for the purpose of sale.

This newspaper has never in its 31 year old history condoned lawlessness. On the other hand we have fought search and seizure with every ounce of our energy. It is still too early to positively affix the blame for the unfortunate incident of last Saturday, but there are enough known extenuating circumstances to raise some questions which the *Carolina Times* would like to have answered.

We cannot understand how two state troopers found time last week during the height of a record wave of traffic fatalities (45 in nine days) to busy themselves with bundle-carrying pedestrians. In Wake County alone there have been 45 road fatalities this year.

The source of the officer's power to search pedestrians without a warrant is also not clear. Apparently it was not

clear to the Negroes who were assembled at the Pool Road night spot either.

From all indications the conduct of the officers initiated the unfortunate chain of events which followed the arrest of Goodson, and if the behavior of the crowd reached a riotous pitch it could well have resulted from the unprofessional and unwarranted exhibition of authority by the patrolmen.

It is also difficult for the Times to accept ABC Officer W. B. Keith's statement that the night spot "is the worst in the eastern part of the county." Why hasn't he closed it? Why was the owner permitted to sell beer if the reputation of the tavern was dangerous and unsavory?

As unfortunate as the incident was, it might still be a blessing in disguise. It might serve to tell us what our highway patrolmen are doing while the slaughter on the highways is at an all-time high of five per day.

Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH
THOU TOO, BRUTUS

It gives me deep pleasure at this time to acknowledge receipt of communications expressing interest in this column and a couple of reminders that the cuffs of Uncle Sam's pants are not entirely free from the mud of imperialism, not to mention his shoes.

The reminder came in connection with a statement I made two weeks ago relative to the unbridled imperialistic ambitions of the so-called three gangster nations—Germany, Japan and Italy. At the time, I inferred that England and France were not to be counted with the three nations mentioned as "Have-Nots" and with reference to the United States wrote: Although the U. S. had no imperialistic ambitions or plans, we found great satisfaction in a steadily increasing population.

The assertion was made in connection with the emphasis nations were placing, shortly before the outbreak of the last World War, on a quantitative increase in population regardless as to its spiritual and moral quality.

In making that statement, I was not totally unaware of the tell-tale signs, on Uncle Sam's shoes and the cuffs of his pants and that all along he had a nice little game of economic imperialism going on. At least, I gathered such from some of the sources of information I had contacted. But I did mean to indicate that we were not out on a vicious campaign of conquest, taking over the lands of other people, devastating their territories and leaving them without a vestige of political sovereignty.

In fact, we did not have to do it that way—the way Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito went about it—in the period during which they were active. We had taken ours, or most of it before their day, starting with the snatching of nearly a whole continent from the hapless Indians and acquiring other territories by force of arms. And, whereas, we do not claim any direct marching orders from Jehovah and that he helped us by parting waters and shaking down walls in miraculous fashion to facilitate those conquests, we do a "heap" of boasting about the righteous intentions of the founding fathers and how God blessed our arms which is equivalent to saying that all which we did was the actualization of his purpose.

During the closing period of the last war, I heard a group of white men discussing and cursing Japan for going to war with the United States. The group dispersed and one of them, a lawyer, sided up to me and asked me what I thought about the matter. I told him that it was my belief that had America been in Japan's place she would have done just what Japan did with the possible exception of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor; and, that, I was not leaving out. I have had no reason in the decade since to change my mind.

By that I mean to say further that if our country had been a "have-not" nation of limited territory and expanding population, and shut off from the great reservoirs of natural resources, I am not so sure we would have been as non-militaristic as we were at the time, or as idealistic as we seemingly are today.

Some years ago, I knew a man who reputedly stole a little fortune, cached it, served time in prison, and then came out to enjoy it and to live as an "honest" man until

he died. This reminds me of the murderous, blood-and-thunder gangster who, after he has gotten his, turns "respectable." This individual pattern of behavior often becomes that of men en masse. And such are nations.

Along with the reminder, I mentioned at the outset, a book was sent here with the suggestion to check it with regard to American imperialism. And, also, from out of the state came some clippings which in themselves constituted a reminder.

I quote from one of the clippings, a statement supposedly made by the late Major General Smedley Butler (U.S. M.C. Ret.) in 1935.

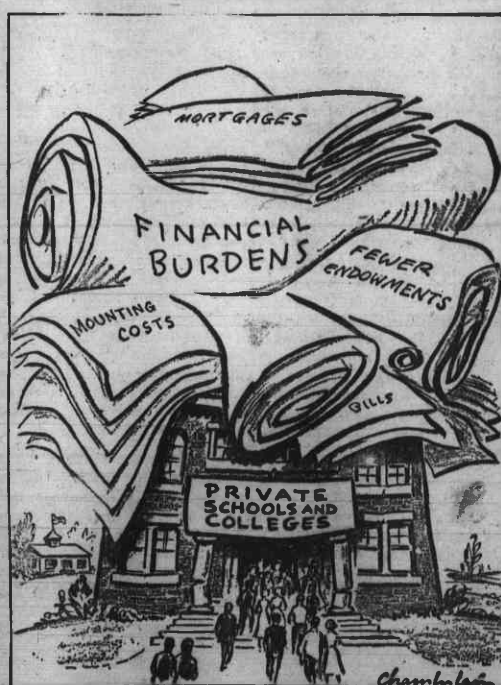
"I spent thirty-three years in active service as a member of our country's most agile military force—the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from second lieutenant to major-general. And during that period I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle-man for big business, for Wall Street, and for the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer for capitalism..."

"Thus I helped to make Mexico, and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Hayti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in... I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for the American Sugar Interest in 1916. I helped make Honduras 'right' for American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested."

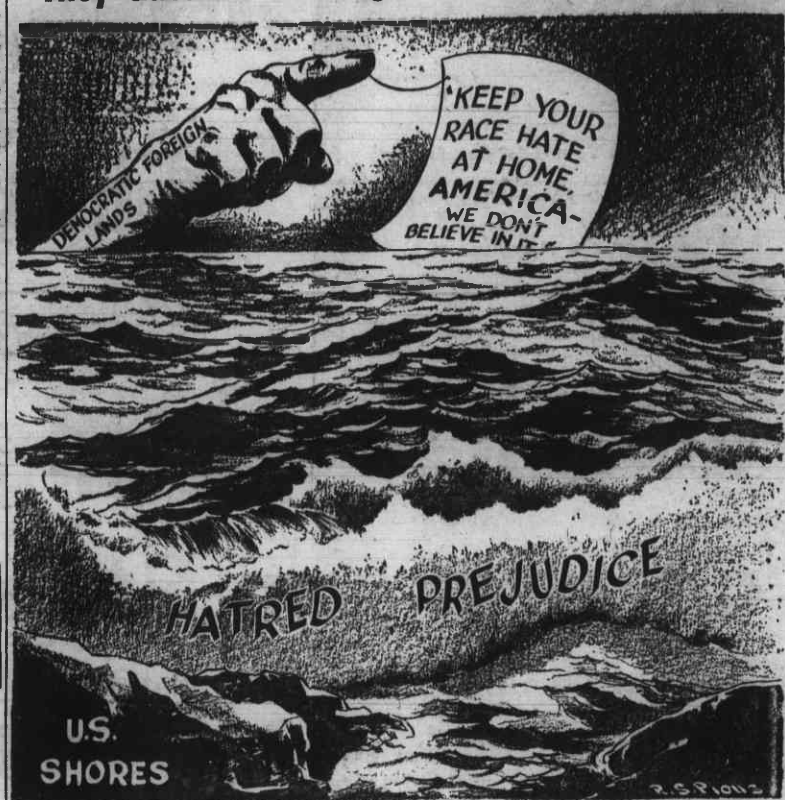
"During those years, I had as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. I was rewarded with honors, medals, promotions. Looking back on it, I feel I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate in three cities. We Marines operated in three continents."

Well, General Butler undoubtedly knew what he was talking about; and, if he did, the afore mentioned cuffs of Uncle Sam's pants and his boots, too, stand badly in need of cleaning.

LITTLE (IN THE) RED SCHOOL HOUSE



'They Question Our Right To World Leadership'



Spiritual Insight

"I Am With You"

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"The foolish took their lamps... they took no oil with them." Matt. 25:3.

It is tragic to face a great moment unprepared. The Master in this beautiful, graphic parable reminds us of the heart-rending pathos of such careless indifference to the utilization of our God-given opportunities. O that we could learn the folly of wasting time the precious stuff of life. The careless are caught out with lamps without oil. How easily are we made the victims of slothfulness. How many have squandered the precious stuff of youth and were finally caught on the highway of life with "Lamps Without Oil."

Then down the highway of life a big moment with a great opportunity came along and they were unready, for there they were with lamps without oil. Their lamps lacked the oil of training and preparation. I have seen it happen to youngsters. When it happens, it is very sad indeed. The big moment came. There is the opportunity of a lifetime. But there the youth stands with a lamp without the oil of knowledge. How regretful it is to see an individual standing in the midst of disappointment because he or she had lamps without oil. How did it happen? They wasted and squandered their God-given opportunities.

In the very midst of the big moment they had "Lamps Without Oil." They had locked themselves in the deep freeze of unpreparedness. Life with the big opportunity passed them by.

We all have gifts from God. For God's sake let's use them. You may not be a genius. There are few geniuses. Grit and pluck added to what God has given you will give you the victory. Polish and use the weapons you have at hand. Stop crying about what you lack. Use What You Have! I know a young man who had ordinary gifts; but with hard work, he has made a great

success in his chosen field. Why would you face life unprepared now or any other time? Why go out with lamps without oil? Try to drive a car without gas and oil and you won't get very far. I tried it this Summer against the advice of my wife and I did not get very far. I got stranded on the highway near Philadelphia at eleven thirty one Sunday night. You will not reach your goal if you try to make it with "Lamps Without Oil."

Doors will be shut in your face if you try to make it with lamps without oil. Those with oil went in; but those who had no oil had the Door Shut In Their Faces. Let us not be caught unprepared.

How sad and tragic it is to have to face a great moment with a great opportunity, a crisis or the final call of the Bridegroom with Lamps Without Oil. Let not these tragic words be said of you... "While they went to buy... those that were ready went in... And The Door Was Shut..."

To Speak Strongly . . .

By Carter Braxton

"I feel that I have a right to speak, and to speak strongly" —Frederick Douglass

This is the first of a series of articles, the purpose of which is to contribute to the destruction of a myth created by the white supremacists. Very briefly, this myth, despite the many forms it takes, may be summed up in the statement that the Negroes are a naturally inferior people. We are now at a turning point in the history of our country and the

loes of equal rights for the Negro people are definitely and fatally on the defensive, despite violent and punishing counter-attacks. At such a time I feel that to reproduce old arguments against a dying myth gives them a newer and more practical significance.

The history of the struggles of the Negro people for their rights is rich in lessons for those who love liberty and democracy everywhere. But nowhere is there greater need to learn these lessons than right here at home in the United States of America. This is a need primarily of the Negro people; but, as I hope to show in this series of articles, there are also lessons to be learned by the great majority of the white people as to just who their best friends and worst enemies are.

This series will cover successively eight different periods in the history of the Negro people in our country. Each article will be based upon a document or documents from a given period, containing the exact language of Negroes fighting for freedom. The texts of these documents can be found in "A Documentary History of the Negro People in the United States," edited by Herbert Aptheker. This is a wonderful source-book for every student of Negro history and constitutes a first-class weapon in the struggle for truth.

And now to my task: The first documents take us through the period preceding and during the Revolutionary War. A common myth supposedly proving Negro inferiority concerns family relations. I remember as a little boy hearing my grandfather, the son of a slave-holder, say

that one must never examine too closely the family morality of the Negro people. (After I grew up I found out what a lecturer he was!) Yet from the very beginning—the Negro slaves themselves were aware of the evil effects of slavery upon family relations. Witness this quotation from a petition for freedom by Negro slaves to the Governor of Massachusetts in 1774:

"Thus we are deprived of everything that hath a tendency to make life even tolerable, the endearing ties of husband and wife we are strangers to for we are no longer husband and wife than our masters or mistresses think proper. Our children are also taken from us by force and sent many miles from us where we seldom or ever see them again there to be made slaves of for life."

There are two lessons which we may learn from this quotation: (1) The institution of slavery and the white slaveholders were historically responsible for loosening the family ties of the Negro people, and, (2) The Negro people themselves saw most clearly and struggled against this degrading and dehumanizing effect.

It occurs to me that the kindest and most charitable answer to the slanderer of the Negro people might be as follows: Yes, it is possible that the institutions of slavery and segregation have had certain evil effects upon the Negro people. By the way, who was responsible for these institutions?

I hope that our spirits will become aroused as this series carries us close to the present.

WAS NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK A SUCCESS?

Next to the United States Church, the United States daily newspaper is a candidate for the most segregated institution in the country.

Without apology to the prevailing customs, mores and pet prejudices of Caucasian Americans of mixed blood, this is true because, unlike the Sunday-go-to-meeting, self-proclaimed Christians who mouth their pious platitudes once a week on the Sabbath, the daily press influences the thought and behavior of men of all faiths, little faith, and no faith.

If a statistical recounting of the number of editorials, open houses, news stories and advertising lineage as well as radio and television time, bespeaks success, the sponsors of National Newspaper Week are justified in their grandiloquent claims of success.

But if being truly "nation-

al" in the sense of reflecting the aspirations of the representative segments of "national" groups was a factor in the judging, then the week was an abysmal failure. Its failure, of course, was rooted in the perspective of the sponsors whose philosophy of the news is daily reflected in their prejudice-ridden pages, in their slanted accounts and often no-accounts of Negro life and achievement — in their failure of day-to-day coverage of personal news of Negro citizens as human beings, Americans of the 14th amendment variety.

Actually, U. S. daily newspapers admittedly benefitting from the boost to circulation of a total Negro buying power of \$15 billion, brazenly refuse to give American Negroes a fair return in their advertising and circulation dollar.

Recent events stemming in

various ways from Supreme Court orders to integrate the public schools have apparently inspired numerous Southern sponsored lily white groups to impose economic sanctions against Negroes. The sanctions aspect may be partly new, but the news treatment of Negroes in the daily white press is simply "old soup warmed over."

The U. S. press in general, until comparatively recently, and the Southern press with few exceptions, seem systematically to try to perpetuate the image of the Negro as criminal, as intellectually and culturally inferior to all people everywhere, and a national group of parasites.

If National Newspaper Week ever is to become worthy of its name, it must, first of all, concede the basic humanity of the Negro as a human being in the U. S. of the 20th century.

OIL PROGRESS WEEK

It seems that nowadays almost every organization and cause has a "week" of its own. Right now it's Oil Progress Week, which runs from October 9 through 15. This seems an appropriate time for us to recall the revolution which petroleum brought into our lives. The word "progress" is well used. America's competitive oil businesses — there are more than 42,000 of them — are even now changing our way of life. The American petroleum industry, which produces about half the world's oil, not only is basic to our national economy and defense, but has introduced us to a host of products which have enriched our standard of living.

Our homes are oil-heated, our cars are petroleum-powered, and we feel the benefits of petroleum on our farms and in countless large and small pursuits of our daily lives. Take the Summer we just struggled through. It may have been hot, but it was a lot more pleasant for many of us than it might have been, thanks to the new synthetic fibers developed through petrochemistry. From cosmetics to sausage-skins, literally thousands of our everyday products are petroleum-based. The industry's scientists says they can develop 500,000 compounds from petroleum, and they hope to boost that total to a million in the foreseeable future.

Plastics, insecticides, synthetic rubber — a seemingly endless list of magic compounds — have contributed to our health, well-being, and comfort.

Only a highly competitive, progressive, and free industry can produce such wonders — or even have the incentive to do so. The tremendous contributions that America's oil has made to our civilization during less than a century of the industry's existence are stirring testimony to the vitality and vision characteristic of a free people.

Oil men and the 163 million Americans whom they serve have good reason to be proud during this year's Oil Progress Week.

RIOT IN RALEIGH???

A wire press service reported that a crowd of approximately 500 Negroes mobbed two highway patrolmen last Saturday night who were in the act of arresting a Negro man who was carrying a bundle of tax paid whiskey.

The report stated that officers J. O. Carter and D. W. Williams were dispatched to the area to investigate complaints of the Pool Road residents that motorists were racing on the highway. The officers stated that they

saw a man who was later identified as Henry Goodson, carrying a bundle under his arm. They admitted that they searched the pedestrian and found him to be carrying a quantity of tax paid whiskey and booked him on charges of

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