

# THE PRESIDENCY OF NEGRO STATE COLLEGES

The Trustee Board of the University of North Carolina has elected to the presidency of that institution a very young man. According to reports, Dr. William C. Friday is only 36 which, in comparison with the ages of Negro state college presidents in North Carolina, makes him only a mere lad. So far as we have been able to ascertain no trustee board of a Negro state college has ever had the foresight or the vision to place as its head a man as young as Dr. Friday. As a whole, the trustee boards of Negro state colleges in North Carolina must have a Negro of a docile pattern and beyond the age where he might be called upon elsewhere to a bigger and better job or walk out when they begin to fence him in or place too many restrictions on him.

The members of Negro college trustee boards know that a man beyond fifty-five is more than prone to count the cost of asserting his position or fighting back than a much younger one. Therefore, they first see to it that he possesses little youth and is of the harmless type. They might even wish to know if he is or has ever been a member of the NAACP. Or they might require that he give his views on integrated schools. As a result, a Negro who accepts the presidency of a Negro state college is either too old to engage in the struggle for the civil rights of his group or he is by nature only interested in looking out for his own security. Such a Negro, if he ever had ambitions otherwise, must upon the acceptance of the position abandon them and take a walk into a dark and dismal tomb of oblivion.

# THE BENEFITS OF ADVERSITY

Negro leaders in Sumter, South Carolina ought to thank God for the indictment and \$10,000 fine recently imposed on the local branch of the NAACP which has served to bind them together as never before. As positive proof of this, a meeting held in the First Baptist Church of that city last week saw it, figuratively speaking, "crowded to the rafters," at which time Negroes laid on the table \$7,200 in cold cash toward raising the \$10,000 fine against the Sumter branch of the NAACP. The balance was contributed by a northern white church that offered to pay the entire amount, if need be.

Leading the effort were Negro ministers of all denominations and faiths. If there ever existed any denominational jealousy or animosity between them, it was all thrown to the winds in this gigantic and cooperative effort to raise the \$10,000 fine. All branches of Baptists, Methodists and Holy churches

and close the door behind him. The same may as well be said of a Negro college instructor, high school or elementary school principal, and other Negro state employees. So well is this understood that such Negroes are seldom if ever called upon to lead a fight for civil rights, walk the picket line, head the local branch of the NAACP, head a campaign to get more Negroes registered as voters or other movements that tend to improve the lot of the race.

Thus, while Dr. Friday might look upon the position of the presidency of UNC as an opportunity for greater service both in and outside the field of education, a Negro educator of the same age, elected to the presidency of a Negro state college, might look upon it as an imprisonment of his spirit and mind where he could no longer move among his fellowmen as a free thinker and a doer of deeds outside the field of education.

We think this is too demoralizing to young Negro college men and women. It not only saps their moral and spiritual lives, but makes of them sycophants, cowards and hypocrites. Such men and women cannot inspire great race leadership in their students when they do not have it themselves. As a result our state colleges for the most part are turning out men and women whose major interest is in getting a well-paying job, whether it gives any spiritual satisfaction or not.

You cannot talk with the average Negro state college president or instructor long before you detect a "devil

is his duty as a law abiding citizen to obey it. The NAACP has always stood for law and order. It has no secret gatherings, its members carry no weapons, wear no regalia, hoods or masks. Whites as well as Negroes are welcomed to its meetings which are always open to persons of all races and creeds. Thus may be found on its roster of membership many southern whites as well as Jewish people. Its fights for civil rights have always been within the framework of democracy, and in such a manner that no church believing in the brotherhood of man could refuse to sanction.

In the end, the \$10,000 fine will prove one of the best investments the Negroes of Sumter could make. The stupidity of the white man who brought the action is indeed astounding and will only act as a boomerang to him and further cement Negro groups of all churches and classes whereby they will emerge much the stronger. Sometimes benefits are the results of adversity.

# DISRESPECT FOR THE LAW IN HIGH PLACES

In defiance of the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling in the matter of segregation on buses, Stanley Winborne, chairman of the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission, has declared that there will be no change in the state's policy, and that, on the contrary, the North Carolina laws segregating the races on the buses will be enforced. Before we could get this edi-

torial written about the defiant statement of Mr. Winborne, along comes United States Attorney General Herbert Brownell, declaring that bus segregation laws are a "dead letter." Not only that, Mr. Brownell has ordered U. S. Attorneys from defiant states, including Arkansas, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Ten-

nessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia and North Carolina to meet in Washington, D. C. on Dec. 10. At the meeting, he says there will be considered the measures most appropriate to enforce respect for the Constitution by the bus companies.

One thing is certain: something has got to give. Either it will be the federal government or the North Carolina peace—on the part of all peoples on the earth—compels us to speed our search for new and more effective instruments of justice.

The peace we seek and need means much more than absence of war. It means the acceptance of law, and the fostering of justice, in all the world.

Public Utilities Commissioner. We will place our bet on the federal government to come out the winner if a showdown actually takes place. It is high time for the federal government to have all of these defiant states understand that they are a part of these United States, and that no part is greater than the whole.

It is most unfortunate that North Carolina and other southern states have such a dearth of capable men in government. One would think that a man holding such a high position as Public Utilities Commissioner would understand that he cannot, under oath of office he took, defy the federal government without eventually having to come face to face with its officers. Mr. Winborne would have shown far more statesmanship, as would other state officers in such matters, had he stated to the people of

North Carolina that the Supreme Court of the United States has spoken, and its verdict must be respected. Instead, Mr. Winborne declared that in spite of its ruling, there would be no change in this state's policy as it regards segregation on buses.

Such action on the part of a public official is further evidence that this and other southern states need a two-party system. As long as the citizens of a state have no choice between office holders, those who are opposed to such action as defiance of the federal law will have to swallow it and grin. We do not believe that a majority of white North Carolinians are so disrespectful of law and order that they would re-elect a state official who will not stand by his oath of office if they had the opportunity to vote otherwise. North Carolina needs a two-party system.

## FACING THE ISSUE

By DR. A. H. GORDON

### THE PLUTOCRATS WANT WAR!

DON'T LET "IKE" FOOL YOU—



Perhaps the greatest danger in the world today is the possibility that President Eisenhower will mislead the masses of people in the United States to believe that the wealthy classes, the plutocrats, in the United States, England and France really want peace. Unfortunately, our president is a man who will pay almost any price for popularity. His love of popularity causes him to be too weak to take a strong stand against persons and nations whose policies and principles he inwardly detests. Since he is a man of at least average intelligence, Eisenhower must know that if he had really been desirous of maintaining a just peace in the World, England and France would have stolen the war materials we gave them for West European "Defense" and used it to make a most dastardly aggression upon the weak country of Egypt.

Peace On Their Terms  
Of course all nations today claim they want peace. They do want peace but they want it on their own terms. Russia sincerely wanted peace in Poland and Hungary, but she wanted it on her own terms. The Plutocrats in England and France were willing for peace to reign supreme in the Middle and Near East as long as that peace meant that they could receive big dividends from the operation of the Suez Canal, and as long as they could continue to export the rich oil resources of that region in such a way as to bring in the largest possible profits to themselves and the minimum of human welfare to the masses of the common people in the Near and Middle East.

President Eisenhower and his Plutocratic advisors want the United Nations to bring peace out of chaos in Egypt today, but they want to do it without branding England and France as cowardly aggressors who sent armies into Egypt and perpetrated just as great and savage cruelties upon the defenseless Egyptians as the Russians did upon the people of Hungary. To

say that we want peace on these inhuman terms is the same as to say that we really don't want peace at all, but what we really want is war!

Would Save Property  
We admit that the plutocrats who advise and direct Eisenhower and the so-called responsible politicians of England and France do not want another "world war". Such a combat with modern weapons would destroy too much property! These plutocrats are no so much concerned with how many lives of idealistic young men would be destroyed, they are not concerned very much about the widows and orphans, they are little concerned about the back-breaking tax burdens that would consequently be placed upon the humble tax-payers in the United States. They are willing that there be great casualties of life and limb of the poor, but their property is too precious to be destroyed! If that is not the case why is the President so willing to continue to draft our young men in the army but would be disgusted if someone suggests that in the next war we should draft dollars as well as men? If President Eisenhower and his colleagues are not more interested in protecting vested interests in property in the Western World than in protecting human lives why do they persist in testing out huge "H" bombs which not only threaten contemporary human life but jeopardize the life of unborn human beings in the years to come?

Why does President Eisenhower go along with the United Nations in selecting and sending to Egypt a weak police force made up from small nations instead of sending, under the United Nations, a police force strong enough to make England and France behave as well as ourselves if need be? Such a police force could easily be raised by the United States, Russia, and India cooperating. We think President Eisenhower is smart enough to see this.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:  
May I quote a letter just sent to President Eisenhower by the American Freedom Association.

"Dear President Eisenhower:  
We wish to congratulate you on your excellent speech of October 31, and particularly on that section dealing with the United Nations and world law, which we quote:

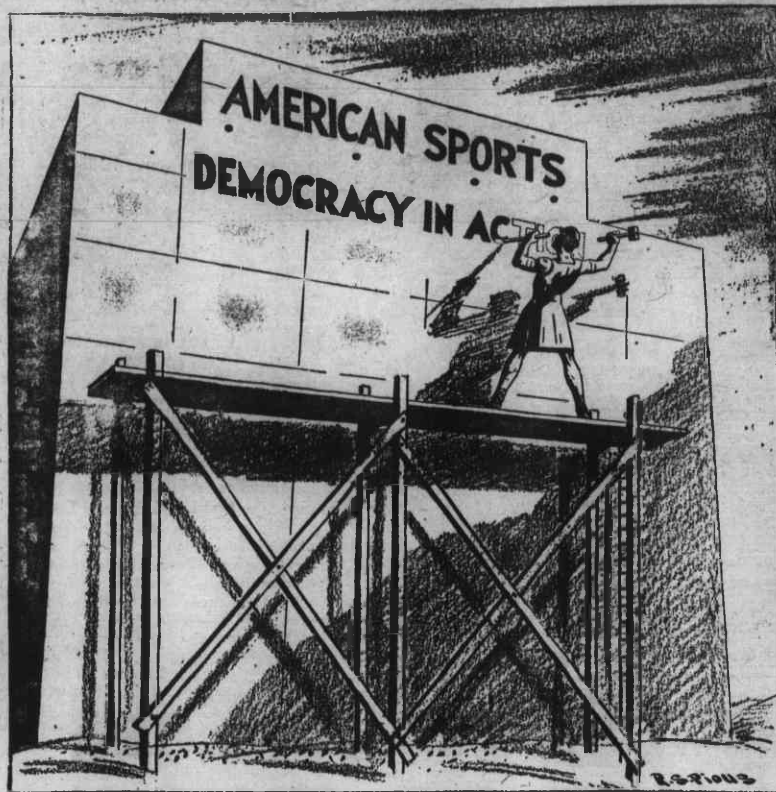
"My fellow citizens, as I review the march of world events in recent years, I am ever more deeply convinced that the United Nations represents the soundest hope for peace in the world. For this very reason, I believe that the processes of the United Nations need further to be developed and strengthened. I speak particularly of increasing its ability to secure justice under international law.

There can be no peace—without law. And there can be no law—if we were to invoke one code of international conduct for those who oppose us—and another for our friends.

The society of nations has been slow in developing means to apply this truth.

But the passionate longing for

# "THE OLYMPICS WILL SHOW WORLD OUR BETTER SIDE"



# Spiritual Insight

## "DOUBTERS"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"You did not believe the Lord your God . . ." Deut. 1:32. Israel had bogged down in her glorious march towards the promised land. They are rightly reminded that God's promises are not to doubters. God's promises are for believers. Are you a believer or a doubter? Doubt discourages and defeats us. Faith gives us the victory. Too many of us fail to take God at his word. Yes, when doubts come in the soul, faith goes out. Doubt will paralyze you and leave you in a state of helplessness and weakness. Thus doubters lack the faith to stand on God's word and his promises. Doubters—unbelievers will fall short of God's promises . . . You did not believe the Lord your God . . ."

Oh, how our lives would be changed if we would only stop doubting and begin believing. God's word is dependable. Why then do you doubt God?

Unbelief is the root of many of our failures. It could be that you have failed many times be-

cause you are a doubter. Yes, you let nagging doubts rob you of God's mighty spiritual power. Unbelief brought Israel to a standstill. And doubt and unbelief, my friends, will have the same effect upon your mind and spirit. Let us ever remember that God's rich promises are to the trusting souls. God's guarantees hold for believers and not doubters. These words are for believers. . . "Ask and it shall be given . . ." These words are for believers. . . "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." If you are lost sick or anxious, God says believe.

Doubters Fail  
Doubters fail! The victory is promised to faithful, trusting believers. Why live in the weakness and discouragement of doubt? Why do so many of us fall short of hoped for goals in this life? Too many of us miss the boat in life. Too many regretfully ponder what we might have been? Why must we live in the unfortunate memory of our

unrealized dreams? Do such persons ask themselves the important question: Did I have faith in God? Did I take God at his word? Who really kept you from reaching your cherished goal in life? If you really trusted God, you could have reached your goals. It could be that YOU WERE A DOUBTER. Faith has a goal and power to reach its goal. Doubt has no goal, but wanders without a chart or a sense of direction and purpose. . . "You did not believe the Lord your God . . ."

Yes, many become doubters and wander aimlessly and miss their cherished goals in life. Doubters become MIGHT HAVE BEENS.

Let not doubt possess your mind and soul. Be a believer! Trust God and take him at his word. For God has promised to bring all true believers into the possession of their promised lands. Never doubt God. Trust God and he will give you the victory.

# Capital Close Up . . .

By CONSTANOR DANIEL

## Strong President

One post-election fact that stands out in this Capital is that "Ike" has already moved in on his second four years, and by January 21, when he is publicly sworn in, will be well out and leading strongly over the 1960 Trail.

Not that the President has discarded or would be tempted to discard his innate sense of fitness, evidenced during the past four years, for any arrogant overriding of constitutionally defined limits of executive authority. Rather, fully aware of his personal strength and the strength of his office, he has chosen to lead with respect for the divisions of governmental functions.

Hence the Landslide  
Reactions of the American people to this conception of the Presidency, mistaken by some for weakness, is reflected in the landslide which returned him to the White House.

Three times in the course of his election speech of less than 500 words, the President used the term "modern Republicanism" to indicate "the principals and ideals" with which he has sought to identify his Administration and his party.

So we believe, that while it may be only a straw in the wind, or even no straw at all beyond personal liking, the White House announcement that Robert V. Fleming, Riggs National Bank chairman—a "modern Republican" of weight, locally and nationally—would

head the Committee for the President's second inaugural, is significant.

In domestic as well as in international diplomacy there is no such thing as a "trivial matter," particularly here in your Capital. No one knows this better than the President, who has shown his perception by the manner in which his Administration has received and entertained heads of states, regardless of their color. This, to our mind, is reflected in the Fleming appointment, which assures the nation that there will be no untoward action, open or future, distinguishing members of the electorate by race, creed, color or nationality, to mar the ceremonies or official celebrations of the President's second inaugural.

"Lame Duck" Dynasty  
The political promoters now busily dispensing the "lame duck President" story, have left out the ending—namely, all future Presidents will also be "lame ducks," if reelected—unless and until, the four-term Roosevelt scare being over, the great American electorate reverses itself on the matter through another amendment to the Constitution.

Holland of "Veterans"—Back and Baiting  
It has been just a year since we noted in this column, that Veterans Administration's Geo. Holland had transferred to International Cooperation, and was in Formosa on an ICA mission—one of a team of high-level Veterans Affairs specialists assigned to help set up a

veteran's system for the military forces of Chiang Kai-Shek.

The group's objective was to plan and initiate an organization through which Chiang's forces, then hampered with "ineffectives," could be screened, and provision made in a veteran's set-up for soldiers who were ill, over-age, or in need of rehabilitation, thus making place for effective troops needed to strengthen the Nationalist army. Many of Chiang's ineffectives were without relatives or skills to support themselves. Medical and vocational rehabilitation was envisaged, to enable these veterans to sink roots in the Formosan economy and community life.

Mission Accomplished  
Just before we went to press, we talked at length with Holland, who has every reason to report "mission accomplished." He is back, fit and eager, and already is knee-deep in plans to increase the effectiveness of services designed to aid American veterans seeking to reestablish themselves in the life of the American community.

Like many Americans who have made the most of the opportunity for grass-roots observations abroad, especially in have-not territory, the returned Veterans' official has a sharpened consciousness of both needs and opportunities at home. The same top-level talent which he displayed in Formosa could be used to even greater advantage at the top-management level in this country—a worthwhile step toward the goal of complete integration in Government.

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