

A CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL AUTHORITY

At Clinton, Tennessee the Anderson County School Board has asked the federal government to aid local police in enforcing racial integration in Clinton High School. Unless help comes from the federal government, school officials say they may have to close the schools within a week, and therefore local authorities have issued what has been termed "a virtual ultimatum" to U. S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell to get them out of the situation in which they find themselves.

We think the Clinton school

affair presents a bristling challenge to the federal government that should be met. Unless swift and definite action is taken in this instance, the upholders of law and order in this country may as well throw up their hands and surrender to a reign of greater lawlessness not only in the South but all over the nation. Now that the federal government has been invited into the picture, it ought to accept the invitation and demonstrate without fear or favor just how to handle those who defy its courts.

The eyes of the whole nation and the world, as well as the South, have momentarily shifted from Clinton to Washington. Upon its action may hang the very destiny of not only respect for federal authority in America but respect for America by colored peoples all over the world. Upon it may even hang the safety and security of every American citizen. The federal government must meet the Clinton challenge if it takes round-the-clock policing.

SUPPORT THE NON-VIOLENCE INSTITUTE

The announcement last week that officials of the Montgomery Improvement Association has invited some of the nation's outstanding liberals and leaders in many fields to take part in an institute on non-violence should have the full support of all self-respecting citizens of both races in the South. If the institute is a success, it will aid considerably the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which has been forced to bear the full brunt in the fight for civil rights in the South. With the NAACP attacking on the legal front and the MIA attacking on the economic front, enemies of civil rights will find themselves between two fires.

We think there is room

aplenty and much need for both organizations in the struggle for civil rights. We say forbid not the MIA to operate. "He that is not against us is for us," whether they cast out devils in the name of the NAACP or in the name of the MIA. Therefore, it is our sincere hope that the institute on non-violence will have the full support of every Negro in America and that especially in the South we will embrace this doctrine which in more than one instance has proved to be a most formidable weapon.

There is one other front on which the fight must be waged with more determination, and that is the political front. In the Nov. election Negro voters did a fairly good job in casting their ballots, but a

study of the vote tabulation clearly indicates that even in sections of the South where they have no trouble registering and voting Negroes failed to exercise the right as they should. As a result of their lethargy in registering and voting many enemies of the race were elected or returned to office who might have otherwise been defeated.

The time has come when the political front must blaze with more action if the proper support is to be given those who are fighting in the courts and with the non-violence movement. To do this every Negro man and woman must register and vote. Every church, fraternal organization, club and individual should become an advocate of the ballot.

DOUBLE TAXATION IN NEGRO SCHOOL

Once again our attention has been called to the pernicious system of double taxation of Negro teachers and citizens that exists in several city and county school systems of North Carolina. One teacher, whose name for obvious reason we will not disclose, informs this newspaper that last year the teachers in the school where she works were forced to donate \$50 each to help purchase certain equipment for the school. In addition to collecting \$50 the principal excused several of them from classroom work so they could canvass merchants and individuals of the city for advertisements and patron fees for a program the school was having published in connection with an entertainment or play that was being given for the benefit of the same equipment.

Thus, the teachers were not only called upon to fork up \$50 out of their meager salaries but to work on the outside

during school hours in order to make a good showing and safeguard their jobs, which are usually carried around in the vest pocket of a designing principal or superintendent. As a result, the teachers who became advertising peddlers, their pupils who were minus instruction for several days, the taxpayers who paid for their names to go on the patron's list, and the merchants who bought the advertisements were all losers in the nefarious scheme. Only the principal who got a pat on his head from the superintendent and the superintendent who got a pat on his head from the school board came out on top.

The Carolina Times frowns upon this kind of conduct on the part of a school principal and invites teachers to send confidential reports of such, giving the name of the principal, the name and location of the school and the time of the event. Teachers need not sign the reports, or if they

do we promise to hold their identity in strict confidence. Such principals ought to be exposed, and whenever we find them we expect to show them no mercy.

Parents who have children in such schools will be called upon to take the kind of action that is necessary to curb such practices. If they fail to act after we have performed our duty, our responsibility will necessarily end, since it is not strictly the function of a newspaper to protest before boards or even to bring court action against such a condition, but to mold public opinion against it. Certainly, if we expose the condition there ought to be enough interested citizens in a community to have it stopped. Such equipment should be purchased at the expense of the taxpayers and not at the expense of the teachers and civic-minded citizens who have already been taxed for such purposes.

AUTOMATION AND EDUCATION

"We believe that in an age symbolized by automation, it is imperative that increasing emphasis be given to a re-study of how people achieve social, civic and spiritual values."

This was the first and most important finding of a group of the country's most distinguished teachers and educators who were called together by a national magazine concerned with educational problems to study the effects of automation upon present and future education. It is significant that they feel education for America of tomorrow, if it is to be meaningful in an era which threatens even greater machine domination, must be concerned with helping people to achieve spiritual values.

This conclusion, of course, draws our attention to our present attitudes toward our schools and trends we see developing in future plans for them, especially in our schools of higher learning.

For a long time, there has been waged among Negroes an unpublicized battle as to which kind of education is best fitted for the future, a highly specialized, technical education or a general, liberal arts training. However, the coming of the age of automation may resolve this controversy with dispatch. In such a period, as is pictured by those who are in position to peek into the future of technology, we will be faced more or less with a clear cut choice. We may either choose a train-

ing designed to make us masters of the new machines or servants of them. It seems to us there can be no halfway measures.

The late Dr. James E. Shepard, a firm believer in liberal arts education, spoke with much wisdom when he said, "The young man... who would make a contribution to the improvement of society must bring to the task not only dedication but the soundest possible preparation in the art of living..." We might revise his words for our times to say that the young man who would understand the coming new automated society, who would master the machines must be well grounded in the art of living.

FACING THE ISSUE

By DR. A. H. GORDON



SIX WISE SENATORS

From the point of view of those interested in the progress of the fight for civil rights in the United States, perhaps the most important and encouraging news of the past week was the announcement appearing in the public press to the effect that six influential and liberal senators of the Democratic party have decided to use their influence in the next session of the United States Congress to strongly fight for implementation of the full civil rights program of the progressive branch of their party. There are six senators, all Democrats, who have shown the wisdom and exercised the courage to make this announcement. They deserve to be called the Six Wise Senators. These wise and courageous solons are Senators Humphrey (Minn.), Douglas (Ill.), Morse (Oregon), McNamara (Mich.), Murray (Mont.), and Neuberger (Ore.). It will be noted that all these Democratic senators are from the north and west and are of the liberal wing as opposed to the reactionary wing of the party.

Real Statesmen

These men belong to the small minority of politicians in the senate who really deserve to be called statesmen. They stand in marked contrast to the reactionary demagogues of the "deep South" such as Russell of Georgia, Johnson of Texas, Ellender of Louisiana, Stennis of Mississippi, et al. This group of reactionaries will find that demagogue Talmadge of Ga. will not, we hope, add enough strength to them to overcome this powerful group who has pledged to oppose them.

It is because we believed that such men would eventually rise to their full stature as statesmen that we stated that Negroes would be taking a better chance in putting Stevenson in the White House as their leader than the weak and callous Eisenhower who desires to be popular with everybody, including the Southern reactionaries, makes him ineffective as a leader of the progressive forces in this country and in the world.

Eisenhower Mised

These senators will need all their wisdom and courage, because the American people have been duped into putting back into the presidency a man who has no qualifications for the job except a broad grin and a pious optimism. It is extremely unfortunate that Eisenhower's ignorance of American history and government and his inordinate desire to be popular have led him into the "States Rights" camp of United States politicians. Unfortunately for these progressive senators, Eisenhower believes that his chief duty is to try to run the world, and that this country will automatically run itself if he, as president, only makes a few pretty speeches and let the "Economic Royalists" and the Southern demagogues go on their way until some sweet day when they are miraculously "born again" into men of good will. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

We hope that the Six Wise Senators will find enough support among other progressive Democratic Statesmen and Republicans who are truly friends of the common people to put their program over without any leadership from the White House. There will be a battle royal, but the soldier-President will only be an on-looker of doubtful sympathy and the weakest of support. Perhaps God will help the Senators and His aid will make the difference.

A. H. Gordon

MAY HE ALWAYS TURN A DEAF EAR TO ANY SUCH ADVICE



Spiritual Insight

"GOD WILL BE WITH YOU"

By REVEREND HAROLD BOLAND
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"I will be with you...I will not fail you nor forsake you..."

God promises to go with those who dare to take the great adventure of faith in this life. Are you one of God's daring and courageous souls? Or are you fearful and faithless in the face of life's unknown and sometimes perilous journey? God promises to go with those who will launch into the deeps for Him. Those who go in God's name have a Divine guarantee. Take a venture for God, and you have the backing of Heaven. These words have given power to souls embattled and committed for God and his righteous causes. Job was talking about this when he said... "The word has kept me standing on their feet..." These words have sustained and kept noble souls in the time of testing and great trial.

These words are power-packed for the trusting soul. They touch off spiritual power in the soul. What a blessing to have

the backing of a God-given promise... "I will be with you..." These words are true. They work. I have seen them work in the lives and the struggles of men. Take that step you have been thinking about. Go on... "God will be with you."

The servants of God go with a Divine guarantee. Men may falter and fall you in time of danger. God will never fail you. We see Jesus during the passion. All human help fails Him in the time of dangerous testing, but I hear Jesus saying joyously... "I am not alone... for the Father is with me..." The Savior is talking about the Guarantee of his Heavenly Father. This same promise holds good for you and for me. God says to you if you will just go forth in his name... "I WILL BE WITH YOU... I WILL NOT FAIL YOU..." God indwells and empowers us. And God will keep us all the way. Step out on God's word, it will not fail you. With this God-given pro-

mise why are so many of us suffering from the Paralysis of fearfulness? Why are we letting our fears hold us back? Away with those fears! Take that step you are pondering, for God will take care of you. Go ahead and take the step... "The Eternal God is our refuge... and underneath are the everlasting arms." Fear is weakness. Faith in God means power for your life. Stop thinking about what may happen to you! Discontinue to think about what people may say. I ask with Jesus... "Where is your faith?" Go on. God is ready to back you... "I WILL BE WITH YOU..."

Away with those worries, fears and anxieties for your life. Take the anxieties of faith in God for your life. You have God's promise and it will not fail. God promises to be with you and bring you out victorious... "I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you..." Go ahead! Take the adventure with God.

Young Dentist Serving Church As Pastor Won't Take Salary

ST. LOUIS — Jesus Christ received no salary for his services other than what his flock saw fit to give him," declared the Rev. Dr. Leon P. O'Hara Jr. this week, only two months after his appointment for life, at no salary, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1401 Carr Street.

The Rev. Dr. O'Hara asserted that "salvation is free" and that the Lord said, "Whosoever will, let him come." He pointed out that no preacher of Biblical days ever set any figure evaluation on his services.

"Why should I?" he asks.

The Rev. Dr. O'Hara is actually a doctor of oral surgery and dentistry. He graduated from Meharry Medical college in 1945. In 1946, he entered the United States Army where he served as a medical officer in

the States and the European theatre for five years. He was discharged in '49 with the rank of major.

Returning to St. Louis, he resumed his practice and in 1952, he was singularly honored by his associates in the profession, who voted him president of the Mound City Dental Society.

Dr. O'Hara was given the life time appointment at Metropolitan after only five weeks of preaching in the role of "supply pastor."

The vigorous young pastor went to the church, September 2 "to fill a spiritual need." He was no stranger to the congregation, having preached as a guest pastor about twelve months previously. He had agreed with the congregation to serve them for a three month

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The Bell Tolls . . .

BY LEONARD BELL
(For Great Eastern News)

Always The Frontier

"In today's world, at such a time, decent respect for the opinion of mankind—in the words of our Declaration of Independence—requires that we state plainly the purposes we seek, the principles we hold. What are the true marks of our America, and what do they mean to the world?"

We are a people born of many peoples. Our culture, our skills, our very aspirations have been shaped by immigrants and their sons and daughters from all the earth. We know, as our forefathers knew, the firm ground on which our beliefs must stand. Freedom is rooted in the certainty that the brotherhood of all men springs from the fatherhood of God. And thus, even as each man is his brother's keeper, no man is another's master.

"So it is that the law most binding upon us as a people are laws of the spirit, proclaimed in church and synagogue and mosque. These are the laws that truly declare the eternal equality of all men, of all races, before the man made laws of our land. And we are profoundly aware that in the world we can claim the trust of hundreds of millions of people across Africa and Asia only as we ourselves hold high the banner of justice for all.

"We are proudly a people with no sense of class or caste. We judge no man by his name or inheritance, but by what he does, and for what he stands. And so, likewise, do we judge other nations. There can be no second-class nations before the law of the world community. We, finally, look upon change, the ever unfolding future, with confidence rather than doubt,

hope rather than fear. We as a people were born of revolution and we have lived by change, always a frontier people, exploring, if not new wilderness, then new science and new knowledge.

Principles That Cannot Bend

"We cannot and will not condone armed aggression, no matter who the attacker and no matter who the victim. We cannot, in the world any more than in our own nation, subscribe to one law for the weak, another law for the strong, one law for those opposing us, another for those allied with us. There can be only one law, or there will be no peace.

"We do not speak, let me emphasize, in any angry spirit of self-righteousness. We value deeply and lastingly the bonds with those great nations, those great friends with whom we now so plainly disagree. And I, for one, am confident that those bonds will do more than survive. But this we know above all: there are some firm principles that cannot bend—they can only break. We shall not break ours..."

The above words were spoken by a great American-President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, made greater through the crucible of crises, his sage decisions actuated by the hour glass of changing time, the leading moralist in a world devoid of morals and principles.

He made these speeches, of which we are using excerpts, in setting down the philosophy of U.S. foreign policy, from the White House and in Philadelphia Convention Hall.

In these series of speeches we see new hope for oppressed minorities and people of African blood all over the world, includ-

ing our own Southern states. For seemingly, he is well aware of the need of the U.S. if it is to become and remain the outstanding force for freedom and morality among the world's nations, we must first clean our own house by law.

We firmly believe that these speeches are not mere lip service, but instead are indicative of a new Magna Charta of freedom and opportunity for black people, here and everywhere in the world.

Those Democratic dissidents, who believe that this declaration of U.S. foreign policy by the President, should hesitate and remember the past election.

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NAACP FREEDOM SEALS
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 As 1956 Holiday Season approaches, persons here and abroad again are being asked to purchase NAACP Christmas Seals as support for Association's civil rights work. Lena Horne, chairman of Christmas Seal campaign, points out that purchase of Seals will enable NAACP "to meet adversaries of freedom with something more than mere hopes and wishes."