

A NEW MEANING FOR MODERATION

Although the Forest Hills tennis courts case was dismissed for lack of evidence, thus holding off for the time being action which would eventually test the validity of the city's continued segregation at recreational facilities, one aspect of the situation has once again exposed the facade of deceit behind which southern whites operate as advocates of moderation. It has proven the emptiness of the brand of moderation preached by the white South.

The course pursued by the defense in events leading up to the trial should have pleased the most ardent and honest advocate of moderation. With the weight of numerous court opinions on the matter, the ruling of the City attorney and the law of the land on their side, the defense deliberately sought to settle the issue around the conference table rather than in the court room. Lawyers for the defense sought and received a conference with city officials to work out a solution to the issue of segregation on the city's recrea-

tional facilities in compliance with the court rulings. However, the city chose to reject the opportunity and insisted on taking the case to court.

The city's insistence on going to court grew not out of a desire to meet the issue squarely, but, as later events proved, from a wish to continue to circumvent the issue. In court, the city decided not to make a case and the whole affair was thrown out, which in effect leaves the situation as regards segregation pretty much as it was before.

The city had an opportunity given it by Negroes, who hold the big legal stick, to meet the issue squarely but in a moderate approach. Instead, it chose to reject moderation in favor of circumvention. The city's cleverly executed sidestep in this affair proves once again that what the white south means by moderation is not moderation as the dictionary defines it, but nullification and circumvention.

THE CITY'S DEXTERITY DEMANDS CAREFUL PLANNING

The astute manner in which the city of Durham warded off by legal maneuver, at least temporarily, a first assault on its continued segregation in public recreation facilities demonstrates anew the need for careful planning and unified action among Negroes in our attempt to fight off the shackles of the degrading system of segregation. The southern white man has displayed in recent years a Michiavellian cunning in erecting apparently defensible jim crow barriers and then creating labyrinthine circumventions to protect them when they are threatened by federal court orders. This ability was never more displayed to advantage than last Tuesday in the court case in which a young Negro student was charged with trespassing on the tennis court at Forest Hills, courts which in the past have been reserved for whites.

For a number of months, Negro citizens of the city have petitioned the city to comply with federal court rulings and abandon the policy of segregation at city recreational facilities, a policy which has been kept up in defiance of court rulings and the opinion of the city attorney. So far, every possible avenue of action to change the policy, except one, has been successfully blocked by the city. The City Council has refused to touch the issue, and city officials turned down an offer to negotiate the matter around the conference table. The only other avenue of action remaining is through the courts. And it was there on last Tuesday that the first skirmish on the matter was won by the city in a neatly executed maneuver.

From all indications, the city planned to have the case against Joseph Riley, the student facing the trespass charge, dismissed so as to avoid the possibilities of a showdown, which would have resulted in acquittal or conviction. An acquittal would have destroyed on the spot the basis for continued segregation, and a conviction would have undoubtedly been appealed, possibly all the

way to a federal court where it is likely the jim crow policy would have been declared invalid. We cannot reconcile our thinking to the fact that the city went to court honestly believing that it had a case against Riley, especially in view of the time which it had to put on it (the case was postponed for a week) and City Manager Flack's assurance last week that the city was ready to prosecute. It seems highly unlikely that the city would have put itself in the position of being declared so stupid as not to know whether or not it had a case supporting the charge. The only logical conclusion to be drawn from the shenanigans is that the city went to court without a case and came back with what it wanted, a dismissal.

The effect of the dismissal of the case is the same as if Riley never set foot on the Forest Hills courts. It prevents the action from becoming a test case and leaves the policy of segregation untouched. Thus, it appears that the city has effectively blocked the one remaining avenue of action, through the courts. There is, however, the possibility that the defense may bring suit for false arrest. Such an action would probably halt arrest of Negroes on public recreation grounds or necessitate a conviction, an alternative which would obtain the desired results. But in view of the city's proven legal dexterity, it goes without saying that such action would require careful, iron clad planning.

The checkmate applied by the city on this first move against segregation in public recreational facilities can be expected to be played in other similar instances in the future. In the face of such evasive action, it appears that we must carefully plan and consolidate efforts to attack Durham's extra legal jim crow if the benefits of the Supreme Court's ruling against segregation are not to be entirely nullified.

MESSAGE OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMPROMISE

The message which the impending concessions to the South on the civil rights legislation now being tossed around in the halls of the Senate carries to this country and the world is a sad one, if true. The South is demanding, and it appears that its demands will be met, that most of the enforcement powers of federal court orders be stripped away from the bill.

It is hardly likely that a federal court injunction for a community to proceed with desegregating its schools will have very much weight if the court is left only with the method of trial by jury to enforce its decision. It is too much to expect a jury of southern whites, most of whom are committed to opposing desegregation in principle and in fact, to convict a fellow white south-

erner for his efforts in trying to prevent desegregation.

In the face of such a situation, it is not difficult to understand why southern senators are so upset over what they term the imminent curtailment of "basic rights" in elimination of the trial by jury method from injunctive procedures which would be established by the bill. In most cases their political life is assured because of segregation, therefore they cannot be expected to turn against the system.

The sum total of the expected "watered down" would say in effect, "we, as Congressmen know that Negroes have the right to use any public maintained facility, but we are not ready to do anything about making the right available."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Your article in the Carolina Times of July 13, "How Can We Lose Something We Never Had?" is very illuminating and sad.

It is regrettable that in a State of the size of North Carolina, with so much beauty in nature, there exist only a few State Parks, and still more regrettable that the right to enjoy recreation in the parks is determined by the color of the skin, leaving only two parks, one in the east and one in the west, with enormous distances between them, open to the colored citizens of our state.

The State Board of Conservation admits that there is no State law requiring segregation, but that it is practiced "by tradition". Tradition is a word used to hide conveniently the desire to maintain old privileges.

It is inexcusable that out of the taxes paid by all the citizens, over \$500,000 dollars is appropriated for the nine white parks and only \$90,000 for the 2 Negro parks.

It is bad that boundaries are drawn between nations and walls between God's creatures of different color. It reminds one of the chains that closed off the Ghettos in which the Jews were permitted to live in European cities. That barbarous "tradition" has been given up when people recognized the unfairness of the limitations imposed on one group in favor of another. There is one God and all human beings are his children.

But separation of the black sheep from the white ones in God's Nature, so beautiful in its gammut of color and shape, exclusion of one color is against all ethical principles, worse, it is a denial of God's Wisdom.

The officials in the white parks have the task to keep color out, but have the officials in the two parks for Negroes also the task to keep whites out in order to make the separation 100 percent effective?

In speaking of parks, it seems fitting to quote from the Baha'i writings, "Ye are

all fruits of one tree, the leaves of one branch, the flowers of one garden."

Millions of people realize that God's creation is perfect and that all life is from God, whether human, animal or plant, all in many colors and many shapes which enhances its beauty.

They also realize that all the barriers between the various members of the human race must disappear in order to get a real world-civilization, a united mankind, living in peace, settling differences in a reasonable manner and not through strife and war.

The world cannot be better than the people which populate it, and, as long as privileged against underprivileged, class against class, prejudice and separation exist, there cannot be real love of God and His Creation, based on love, and justice. "They will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

In the Kingdom of God on earth the Golden Rule will be the Supreme Law. Let us all in our personal lives through our deeds promote the coming of the prophesied world unity. "To be a Baha'i simply means to love all the world; to love humanity and try to serve it; to work for universal peace and universal brotherhood." (Baha'i Teachings)

Your informative articles are very helpful in opening the eyes of many who, often unconsciously, do not live by the teachings of their religion. Let us collaborate with all people of good will for the highest purpose of banning all that divide and be aware of the writing on the wall.

The signs of our time point at survival through love and understanding, or annihilation of all. There is still time. The park problem is only a small thing in the mass of unjust discrimination.

May your paper continue its policy of putting the finger on what is wrong, so that justice will be done.

George Van Sombeek

"SEGREGATIONIST WILL FAIL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SILENCE HER."



Spiritual Insight

"THIS SAME JESUS"

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"This same Jesus . . . shall come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven. . . ." Acts I:11.

The heavenly or angelic messengers saw the Apostles looking steadfastly toward Heaven. The Angels spoke words of hope about the Christ who had been lost in the clouds of the Heavens. The clouds of heaven had received the Savior out of the sight of the inner circle of his followers. Their hearts and souls had been made to rejoice when they saw him ALIVE who was the conqueror of sin and death. They looked steadfastly towards Heaven. And Jesus, the Heaven-sent Savior, now is lost in the cloud of His Divine glory. But the angelic messengers remind the eleven Apostles that "This Same Jesus" is coming back again. Not only is Jesus coming back to dwell in our souls redeemed from sin, but Jesus is coming back again in the wonder of his heavenly glory.

This same Jesus is coming back again as the Holy One to sit in judgment. He is coming back to judge the world.

We all must be judged one day for the deeds done in the body. The word rightly reminds us that one day we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. The holy, sinless Son of God has qualified to be the righteous judge of all of the earth. Have you made peace with God? Have you been born of the spirit of God? Have you thought about the judgment? Have you decided about your eternal destiny? You, and you alone, can choose your eternal destiny. Remember that the words of the angelic messengers will be fulfilled. "THIS SAME JESUS" is coming back again to sit as the righteous judge of all the earth.

This same Jesus is coming back that there might be a day of true JUSTICE. One day, thank God, we shall all receive our just reward. Here we are mistreated. Here we are oppressed and unjustly the earth is coming back one day and we shall know true dealt with. Here justice is denied us many times. Here special privilege and favoritism rob us of our just re-

wards. Thank God that the RIGHTEOUS JUDGE OF all justice. Yes, when Christ the Lord comes again upon the clouds of heaven we will all receive our just rewards. Thank God "This Same Jesus" is coming back again that there might be a day of true justice. Fight on and be comforted by the promises of God's word. . . . Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord . . . for ye know your labors in the Lord are not in vain. . . .

Jesus is coming again to assure that we shall all receive our just reward.

This same Jesus is coming back again to awaken and lead us, the redeemed, into that realm of Eternal blessedness. Yes, he promised to come again to take the redeemed saints home. . . . I go and prepare a place for you . . . and I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. . . . "Let us, then, so live that we may join Christ in HEAVEN THE REALM OF IMMORTAL LIFE."

By Robert Spivack

Watch on the Potomac

WASHINGTON — THE REAL EISENHOWER — It's sometimes difficult at the President's press conferences to tell when he is expressing his own ideas or voicing somebody else's. There are times when the President looks puzzled and scratches his ear, that he is, in fact, least puzzled. At other times when he is rattling off something on which he has been "briefed" it's obvious he is moving in unfamiliar waters.

After four years of covering his weekly news conferences we readily confess to our continuing bewilderment on this point. But we think — and mind you, historians may prove this is totally wrong — that it was the "real" Eisenhower who got off the following comment on the right-to-vote:

" . . . If in every locality every person otherwise qualified, or qualified under the laws of the State to vote, is permitted to vote, he has got a means of taking care of himself and his group, his class.

"He has got a means of getting what he wants in democratic government, and that is the one on which I place the greatest emphasis."

In other words, the President was trying to cut through the carefully contrived confusion created by

opponents of the measure who claim to be concerned about absence of "trial by jury" and the threat that federal troops will keep "black heels on white necks".

When all the verbiage is stripped away, it's this right to vote that really does concern the Southern politicians more than anything else.

If the civil rights bill passes without being too badly mangled in the process, Southern politicians may find themselves bidding for the support of Negro voters exactly as they claim Northern politicians now do. And why not?

They pretend to be virtuous about it and claim that their Northern opponents are for civil rights only for political reasons. At nearly every session of the Senate debate, Sen. Russell (D. Ga.) has complained that the bill is "shot through with politics". But it's not one-sided.

UPSETTING THE POLITICAL BALANCE — You get some idea of why the Dixie demagogues are so worried when you look at the registration statistics in several of the Southern states. For example:

Alabama — The number of Negroes registered was 10.3 of those entitled to vote. Arkansas — Only 29.2 per cent of the eligible Negroes were registered.

Mississippi — The figure here was lowest in the nation — 4 per cent.

South Carolina — The latest figures indicate 25.3 per cent of the eligible Negroes were registered.

Virginia — The total in this "cradle of democracy" is only 20 per cent.

It's not hard to understand why the entrenched Southern politician is alarmed at the thought 100 per cent of all eligible Negroes might get the right to vote, even if only half of them use it.

Dixie politicians, especially those who have proved most responsive to the demands of Bill Oll, the Power Trust and similar special interests, will now have to spend some of their time worrying about the needs of less privileged Negroes. And maybe they'll even have to pay attention to the needs of poor whites, too.

This right-to-vote business could prove awfully tricky for the mint julep set.

CALLING THE BLUFF — At one point in the civil rights debate Sen. Russell threatened to investigate the background and birthplace of the federal judges before whom civil rights cases might be tried. Suddenly, with a rather obscure explanation, he announced that he was abandoning his plans. Could the reason have (Continued on Page 7)

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Life IS Like That

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YOUR BUSINESS AND YOU

A man's business is best attended to when he attends to it himself. This is my text and theme for this week. It is also my conviction, the fruit of my own experience and that of others with whom I have talked and presumably countless millions I do not know or ever shall.

Sad Recollections
One young man I met not long ago must have vivid recollections of that truth, because failure to observe it cost him his job and no light burden of embarrassment. He delegated to another a simple responsibility that was not carried out. The result was a flood of telephone calls and complaints that swept his employer into a sea of waste of time and energy and almost frantic embarrassment.

The young man in a sort of helpless appeal for sympathy and understanding informed me that he had instructed his assistant, a still younger man, to do the one little thing (not done) that had caused so much trouble. And then lamely stated, "I thought he had done it."

My reply to him was: "Remember, son, a man's business is best attended to when he attends to it himself. Certainly, your assistant was supposed to carry out your instructions. You should have seen that he did, because the final responsibility is yours and with it goes a corresponding accountability."

If He Is Wise

Now, there are some responsibilities that must be delegated and left wholly up to the person to whom they have been delegated. An employer can't give detailed supervision to every employee; neither can a business man give individual attention to every transaction of management. Yet, from what I have heard, a punctuation mark left out or misplaced, can involve a serious business loss. What employer, then, if he is a wise man, will leave entirely in the hands of a typist a letter upon whose detailed correctness so much depends?

A story is told concerning a Negro worker who was advised by an associate to let the boss hold his money until he was ready for it. This particular worker replied, "The boss's business is boss-

ing the job. My business is holding my money!"

I would advise any man, if he has not made it his business to hold his money, that the sooner he makes that his business, the safer will his money be and the more secure he will be. I assume his intelligence to look out for himself.

Wide Coverage

A man's business is best attended to when he attends to it himself. This covers a vast expanse of life situations. I would say all of them; courtship, application for a job, doing the job assigned, making choices and decisions and what not. I speak of personal matters not requiring professional services which others must necessarily do.

AN ALL-IMPORTANT REASON

I have one reason particularly for the contention made here, and I think it covers all other reasons that might be given. Nobody is so deeply concerned about your business that he will give it the attention you will; that is, if you are concerned about your personal fortune.

It happens, therefore, someone other person, can hardly be depended on to give the time, energy and personal sacrifice that you would give to affairs which are of the utmost importance to you, even to the affecting of your destiny.

Howard Dean Is Awarded Honorary Degree

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dr. Frank M. Snowden, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Howard University, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the recent commencement exercises of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Dean Snowden was one of five persons receiving citations during the exercises. Others included Chester Bowles, former United States Ambassador to India; the Right Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Protestant (Continued on Page 7)