

LOOKING BACKWARD AND LOOKING FORWARD

The excuse of Governor-elect John Patterson of Alabama for not inviting Negro bands to participate in his inaugural parade certainly meets our approval, Patterson says, as the bar in the fight against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, he feels it would be embarrassing to members of Negro bands to ask them to participate in a parade that is in actuality a salute to the new governor. We think the governor-elect of Alabama is absolutely right in his decision. No self-respecting Negroes could honestly salute a person whose every act is to keep them in a position of second-class citizenship.

We think the time has come when Negroes should stop feeling that they are being done special honors when they are asked to humiliate themselves in such events. Patterson has proved conclusively that he is no friend of the race, and we see no reason why a group of its members should be called upon to honor him during his inauguration. Certainly, if Negroes should participate in such a parade,

they could not do so with the same enthusiasm as members of other bands. When it is considered further that Negroes in Alabama have little or no voice in the election of a governor, because of the opposition which they meet in attempting to vote, they have every good reason for staying out of the state's inaugural parades.

There were times in North Carolina when it was considered quite an achievement for Negroes to have the governor as the speaker on one of their programs. Thanks to the students of A&T College, several years ago, and end was put to this era when they had the courage to hiss Governor Luther Hodges because of his insulting remarks in an address. Since that time, invitations extended the governor to address Negro audiences have been few and far between. In reality, Negro leaders are becoming of age and no longer feel honored to have on their programs a person who is absolutely opposed to their having full citizenship in this country, be he the governor or the garbage collector.

NO HONOR FOR NEGROES

As we stand upon the threshold of the new year and look back over 1958 we must admit that although the achievements of Negroes in Durham, the state and the nation could have been much better than in Durham at least the race has made some strides forward. In one or two instances gains made by Negroes in Durham have been only a little less than those mentioned above. In the Durham tributed to the fact that the Durham Negro has the highest voting average in the nation.

The year 1958 saw a new fire station erected in the southern section of Durham and staffed entirely by 10 Negro firemen. This marked the first time in the city's history that Negro firemen have been employed on a full time basis the same as white firemen. A few weeks following a Negro deputy sheriff was sworn in also the first time in the county's history that members of the race have been represented in the sheriff department. A second will be sworn in the early part of January.

Another forward stride was achieved when city officials agreed that the new industrial center to be erected in Durham would be operated on an interracial basis. Because of this promise the Durham Committee on Ne-

gro Affairs threw its full support behind the election held for the industrial center and succeeded in passing the bond issue which faced keen opposition among the conservative element of Durham.

What 1959 holds in the way of progress is hard to tell. In the field of employment there is much to be done. Especially is this true in city, county and state governments where Negroes have made little or no gains other than those mentioned above. In the Durham courthouse, the city hall and the many state buildings in Raleigh there are no Negroes employed as clerks or stenographers. The time has come when the employment of Negroes as clerks and stenographers should be gone after with a determination if we are to be able to shoulder our part of the economy in the city, county and state.

As a means of achieving this end it is going to be necessary for the race to improve its voting strength and in many instances more than double it. It cannot be achieved by begging, cringing and "uncle toying," the only language those in power understand is that of the ballot. With this in mind we urge Negroes all over this state and the South as well to begin now for intensive register and vote efforts leading up to the election of 1960.

RESPECT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL RACES

At Evansville, Indiana two little runaway boys, ages nine and seven, who left home "because we have been doing wrong," intentionally caused a train wreck when the older boy threw an unlocked railroad switch to free his little brother whose foot got jammed in it. Open the switch caused a 23-car coal train to run onto the siding at 40 miles per hour and crash into a diesel engine and three freight cars. In order to avoid the crash a brakeman and fireman jumped from the onrushing freight. The injuries of one of the men necessitated hospitalization while the other received minor injuries.

In all six cars and three diesel units were derailed, blocking the siding and a nearby county road for several hours, after apprehending the boys, "I don't think they realize what they have done." Although the boys will appear in juvenile court later, their names have been withheld and a court official has predicted that no serious punishment could result.

This Evansville, Indiana incident is a far cry from what happened to two little Negro boys, ages six and nine, who were killed by a white girl while playing in Monroa, North Carolina a few weeks ago. To the con-

trary the little Negro boys were arrested and slammed in jail and held there for six days without being allowed to see their parents or friends. Without even the pretense of a hearing the court has sentenced both of them to the state reformatory for an indefinite period. Instead of withholding their names from the public press, the names of both little boys have been heralded from one side of the state to the other.

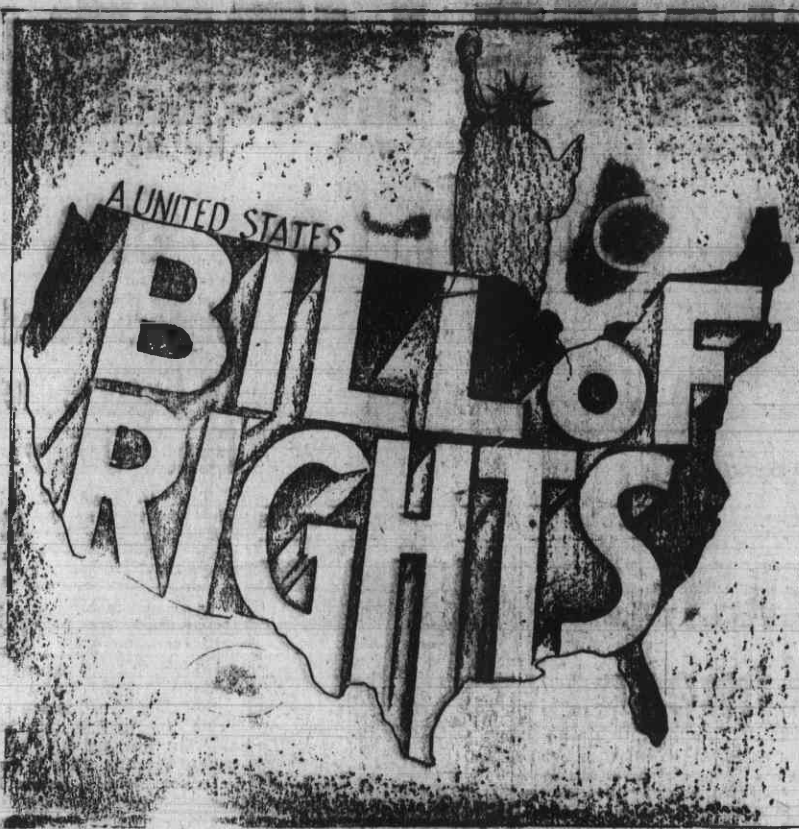
About the only thing left for state officials to do in this sordid case is for Governor Luther Hodges, the Attorney-General, the Supreme and Superior Court judges and all juvenile court judges of the state to form a mob, march on the state reformatory and commit and outright lynching of the two little boys. Certainly the lynching of them could only be a little worse, if any, to what has been done to the spirits and personalities of these two underage children.

While all this is going on state officials are boasting about North Carolina's industrial development and its schools. What this newspaper would like to see is for those in authority in North Carolina to develop to the extent that they would have common decency enough to respect childhood without regard to race, creed or color.

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among mankind it should. Certainly Christians of different races should be able to worship God together if persons who might not claim to be as devout as some of us Christians can participate in contests as hot as some of those were in Raleigh this week. We commend the officials of the Dixie Classic Basketball Tournament for being able to rise above the horizon of race in promoting the event. They have set an example for those in other fields to follow and we trust before another year rolls around that at least the Christian Church in this state will be able to demonstrate that it too can encourage brotherhood among those of all races.

What we would like to see now in North Carolina are sports events between some of the top-ranking Negro and white colleges of the state. Such events would do much to promote interracial goodwill as well be a financial success. If teams representing North Carolina white educational institutions can play teams from other states having Negroes on them we can see no reason why they cannot play teams within the state with Negroes on them.



WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK

What To Expect Of Congress



From An Analysis By Acute Washington Observer

The holiday mail today brought a special report from Maurice Rosenblatt, director of the National Committee for an Effective Congress, on what to look for after Congress reconvenes. Rosenblatt is one of the sharpest observers of the Washington scene, his views are always worth studying.

What follows are some pertinent quotes from the NCEC report: "American politics," writes Rosenblatt, "are increasingly dominated by the paradox that we can spend \$80 billions a year and still not buy what we want. This irritates the people and puzzles the politicians, but neither seem to have realized yet what we want isn't for sale."

"It is something which must be created—the dynamic enthusiasm of a society going somewhere. This is a matter of values, not only personal but national. It is a matter of leadership. And it cannot be measured in per capita production or in dollars."

Looking to the next session of Congress, he continues:

"If the parties and their leaders run true to form, chances are that by 1960 the vacuum that the American people voted to fill in the 1958 election will still be there. We will have had action, and perhaps very good action, an airport construction, housing, urban renewal, reclamation projects, etc. But we will still not know where we are going in the world... it doesn't look as

though much will be done in terms of history—partly because no one is particularly thinking about history and partly because Congress isn't the best place to deal with it."

THE ROLE OF LYNDON JOHNSON — The leader of the NCEC apparently does not believe Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson has suddenly acquired stature. Johnson, the report says, is the sort of man "who will not venture an attractive goal unless he clearly sees the way, or at least the way back..."

"That man" in Albany—It will be difficult, the report continues, for Nixon to resume the role in which he cast himself before the 1958 election. His return to the "old Nixon of the fang and claw school" probably damaged Nixon's carefully contrived image of himself as a modern Republican.

But the Republicans, writes Rosenblatt, no longer need rely on Nixon for victory in '60 because "a new spectre is haunting Washington."

"Already the political existence of Nelson Rockefeller has had a visible impact on both parties, and many see the new Governor of New York setting the pace for the coming Congress. The fact is that politicians, with gleeful encouragement by the press, will be continuously casting furtive looks over their shoulders at 'that man' in Albany."

The first man to be pulled out of orbit was the Vice-President... Rockefeller's emergence has had a liberalizing effect on everybody. The Vice President can again venture into progressive positions since Taft Republicans must close ranks behind him or accept the terrifying liberal New Yorker."

The Rosenblatt report is an important political document. It underscores the historic opportunity that the Democratic leaders in Congress have to make a real record for their party. But if the party's younger men rely on Johnson, Speaker Rayburn and the other veteran politicians to make that

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

This Year, Go With God



"GOING WITH GOD" Fear not...I am with thee, I am thy God...I will uphold thee. Isa. 41:10.

We come again to an unknown New Year with its many hidden secrets. No one knows what this new year holds for him or her. What will 1959 bring for you as it mysteriously unfolds to become the living present? No human being is wise enough to answer this great mystery. We are unable to fathom the unknown future with our weak, finite minds. Some will have tears, hurts, broken hearts, failures, disappointments, discouragements, sickness, afflictions and troubles. And then others will have joy, peace, success, health, and innumerable rich blessings from

God. For some, dreams will come true. Some others will see their fondest dreams shattered. May I suggest that as you enter this new year, as a blessing from God Almighty, THAT YOU PUT GOD IN YOUR BUSINESS. Let us all say, "I am GOING WITH GOD."

In going with God when you will be ready for whatever may be your lot during this year. Yes, let us put God in our business during this year. It is dangerous to leave God out of your life and your business during this new year. Many in pride and selfishness are tempted to leave God out of their business. And then when the way gets hard we just cannot take it.

Without God we are crushed and overwhelmed by the burdensome demands of this life. In going with God you will be ready when the high waters of life come. In going with God you will be ready when the fires of affliction strike. In going with God you can weather the mighty storms of life. Yes, in going with God YOU WILL BE READY FOR WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN TO YOU DURING THIS YEAR. How can you make it without God in a rough and difficult world like this? Man's strength is not enough in this rough and difficult world. Man in his weakness needs Divine help. God promises his help. Then, why not avail yourself of God's offer of help

"You're A Red S. O. B. But A White One"

By EUGENE GORDON

It had to happen eventually: "the West"—that is, the non-colored colonial powers which have made a cold-war slogan of this geographical term—being neither willing nor able longer to hide its fear and resentment of non-whites' emergence to independence and statehood, is getting set openly to promote race war as an instrument of international relations. The frenzy with which "the West" assaulted the historic 1955 Bandung African Conference was a danger signal.

Events have moved so swiftly since that meeting of predominantly Asian governments—brown Africa was noticeably present; black Africa was barely seen or heard—that United Nations General Assembly President Malik of Lebanon could truthfully say, on the eve of the session's December 12 adjournment, it had been "an African session."

Black Guinea had become the 82nd UN member that night. The Africans had demonstrated their sense of statesmanship and their diplomatic skill a few days earlier in leading the proponents of a February meeting to debate Britain's and France's stewardship in the Cameroons and to decide whether those trust territories could govern themselves.

The United States had opposed the meeting. Everyone, meanwhile, must have been subconsciously aware of the All-African Peoples Conference then in session at Accra (Ghana) and the Afro-Asian Economic Conference at Cairo. Though time had been short since the Bandung Conference, Asian-African social and political progress by December 12, 1958, had bridged decades.

As the Africans and the Asians grow "sophisticated" in the way "the West" admires sophistication in itself, its entrenched Anglo-Saxon leadership, nervous at being forced always to walk the narrow ledge of diplomatic finesse, sometimes stumbles, grasps out wildly and, falling on its embarrassed face, yells obscenities and threats.

Africans and Asians take such lapses seriously, despite the You-know-I-didn't mean it that way apologies. They remember that "the West's" atom bombs have not been dropped on West-

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letter to the editor REPLY TO ONE FINAL WORD

I see in your issue for December 27 another letter from Mr. O. R. Gallagher in reply to my last in our series of letters in your columns.

Mr. Gallagher says, "The only reason I wrote in the first place was to correct some misinformation that Mr. Miller had in his first letter." This letter of his, in your issue of October 25, says that "It is very apparent that Mr. Miller does not know what the Davidians teach," but he fails to direct the readers' attention to a single point of misinformation. Therefore he failed to carry out his purpose.

Then, Mr. Gallagher accused me of "misrepresentation, such as Mr. Miller resorted to by inserting a word of his own in a quotation, giving it an entirely different meaning." It is true that in my letter of Nov. 29, in reply to his in your issue of that date, I "misquoted" him by inserting the word "merely" in parentheses as given in the following: "no man, not even a priest or ruler has a right to say you will not give publicity to your opinion (merely) because I do not believe them." I added this word, - - in parentheses - - merely because I thought that it might make his

meaning clearer, as is so often done in giving quotations. I challenge Mr. Gallagher to explain how this interpolation did any violence to his statement. If he can do so, I will be most glad to hasten to apologize for it.

And, if this is the only thing in all my hundreds and hundreds of words in several letters, to which Mr. Gallagher can take exception (he has not tried to refute any of my many statements), then I feel that his arguments and statements have not stood, except those to which I have specifically agreed, as in the case of the right to give publicity to your opinions—my only objection to Mr. Gallagher's thesis on that point being as to his right to declaim hostile opinions in a forum not his own.

As to Mr. Gallagher's last inference that the Seventh-day Adventist Church smugly believes that it "has all the light there is (to be had before the close of probation)," - - if he will permit me this interpolation, I refuted this in closing my letter which you printed November 8th.

Sincerely yours  
R. R. Miller

during this year. Just put God in your business and you will be ready for whatever happens. Truly the poet is right. "THE ARM OF FLESH WILL FAIL YOU...YOU DARE NOT TRUST YOUR OWN..." The ship gets its anchor before the storm strikes. Put God in your business and you will be ready for whatever may happen.

Truly the poet is right. "THE ARM OF FLESH WILL FAIL YOU...YOU DARE NOT TRUST YOUR OWN..." The ship gets its anchor before the storm strikes. Put God in your business and when the storm comes you will be ready. Listen to God's promise...I AM WITH THEE...I WILL UPHOLD THEE... In going with God you have a guarantee of VICTORY WHATEVER MAY BE YOUR LOT. Anchored in the strength of the Almighty God you can carry on, whatever may happen to you. In sickness he will be your health and healing; in the darkness he will be your light; in the storm he gives strength and courage; he will be your help in time of trouble; and in death he will be your hope of everlasting life. Let us put God in our business and everything will turn out right during this year.