

The Defiance of the Old Order

Following close on the heels of the double blow dealt the South's racial policies by the federal courts which declared segregation in a Georgia college unconstitutional and ordered school officials in Little Rock, Arkansas to proceed with integration in public schools comes another terrific double blow—this one dealt by a state and a federal court in two different school segregation cases in Virginia.

In a 5-2 decision that is beyond appeal, the Virginia Supreme Court Monday struck down the state's legal barriers against integration which have kept nine white schools closed since September. This was followed only a few moments later by a three-judge federal court decision striking down a Virginia state law under which six public schools in Norfolk have been kept closed to avoid integration.

While the pro-segregationists in Virginia are recovering from these two blows, progressive whites are working assiduously to

have the schools reopened under an integrated pattern rather than have no school at all. We predict that pro-segregationists in Virginia will not surrender to the state or federal courts without a death-bed struggle to survive. There is nothing as determined and defiant as a defeated southerner on the race question. It must be remembered that in spite of the Civil War, the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court, there is still an element in the South which must have someone to kick around and to look down upon in order to offset its lack of achievement industrially, educationally and in other fields.

Progressive white and Negro leaders in Virginia and the rest of the South must not become alarmed at the defiance of the dying old order. Above the death rattle, we hear the cry of a new South that is being born. It will grow and it will increase in size and strength. Let us not be weary in well doing; we shall reap if we faint not.

A Salute to the Committee on Negro Affairs

We salute the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs for having on last Sunday one of the finest and most successful annual meetings in the history of the organization. That more than 600 persons from the various churches and sections of the city were on hand to hear the reports from the various committees of the organization is a tribute to the leadership which the organization is furnishing the Negro citizenry of Durham.

It is our opinion that there is not another city in the nation that can boast of an organization, composed of a cross-section of the entire Negro populace, that has so completely submerged personal ambitions to present a solid front for the good of all. As a result of this solidarity, many gains along industrial, educational, political and other lines are the result.

It would have been well for the managers of the local daily press, who are apt at describing Negro voters as venal, "bloc-voting" servants of the vague and somewhat meaningless power concept which goes under the

name of "Parrish Street" to have witnessed Sunday's meeting. Perhaps the sight of 600 Negroes from all over the city, representing almost every level of attainment, attending of their own volition the committee meeting would have at least served to give the daily press second thoughts about labelling the Negro vote when it is cast, as it always is, for liberal candidates and policies.

That the entire official staff was re-elected for another year is a further tribute to the confidence which the Negro citizenry of Durham has in the Committee. We think such confidence is well deserved and we commend the rank and file for the support it has given the Committee through the years.

It is with pardonable pride that we urge other cities, towns and communities to duplicate what has been done in Durham. Too often progress of the race is stymied by petty jealousies, selfishness and other shortcomings. That Durham Negroes have been able to keep the Committee going and thriving without any such handicap is an example worthy to be emulated.

A Cowardly Surrender to Prejudice

When any church, be it Catholic, Jewish or Protestant, kneels at the feet of race prejudice and surrenders its God-given right to uphold at all cost the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, we think, is a sad day in our times.

Last week we published an account in this newspaper of the local Catholic Church's cowardly capitulation to segregation in the city of Durham. The account disclosed that the one Negro member of the basketball team of its Immaculate School had been barred from playing against a city team, probably because of the objections to his race raised by persons outside of the Catholic Church. When it is considered that this miserable cow-towing to un-Christian principles follows the issuance of a denunciation of segregation by the Catholic Bishop of this Diocese

several years ago, the act is even more cowardly.

This complete surrender to race prejudice by the Catholic Church in Durham, we do not believe, is in keeping with the general policy of the church in other cities, even of the deep South. It is unfortunate and must be distressing to Negro members and friends of that church in this city and state who have looked to the Catholic Church to courageously point the way to the broader concept of Christianity to other religious groups.

Local Catholic officials missed one of the greatest opportunities of the times to take a stand for right and righteousness. Had the officials refused to play the game without the Negro member, the Catholic Church would have without injury to its own constituency made an everlasting impression upon the Negro citizenry of this city.

Crumbs from the Democratic Table

The appointment of a Negro attorney for assistant solicitor of Records Court of Durham County, we think, offers a fine opportunity for the officials of the Democratic Party to reciprocate for some of the loyalty it has received at the hands of Negro votes in the city and county of Durham. Because the position pays only a salary of \$3,600 per year the appointment would be only a crumb from the Democratic table but would do much to increase the stature of Negro Democratic leaders in Durham. From time to time these leaders have found it necessary to apologize because members of their group are usually left on the outside looking in when the political plums are being passed around.

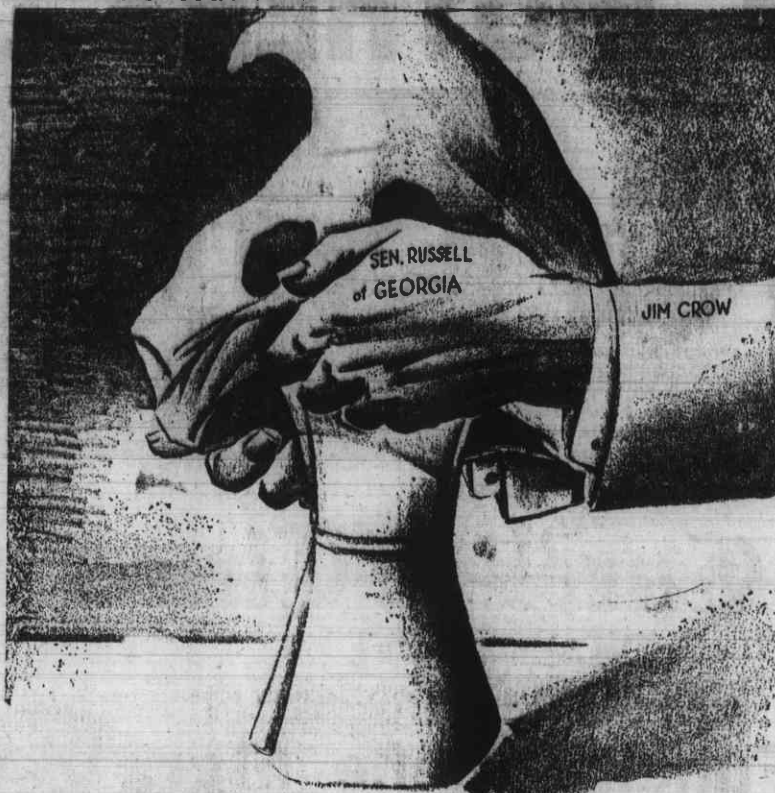
There are around 15 Negro lawyers in Dur-

ham, several of whom are qualified to fill the position with dignity as well as ability. Among the 15 there are several young lawyers who would welcome the opportunity and experience the office brings if not the financial remuneration. The time has come when no such appointment should carry a "for white only" tag if Negro voters are expected to continue loyal supporters of the Democratic Party.

The fact that over 50 per cent of the criminal cases handled by the Superior Court are those involving Negroes, we think, is another reason why a Negro assistant Solicitor is desirable if not mandatory. It is our opinion that the appointment of a Negro attorney to the position would certainly facilitate the securing of evidence in cases involving Negroes to say the least.

If party officials are reluctant to appoint a Negro attorney to the position at this time, we would like to suggest as an alternative that the salary be cut in half and two assistants, one white and one Negro, be appointed. Since the job is only a part time one, we believe the latter arrangement would, for the time being, be satisfactory to both white and Negro supporters of the Democratic Party in Durham County.

The Leader of the Filibuster Forces



WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK



Did Johnson Go Too Far?

Washington
Lyndon Johnson, often called the "Senator from Outer Space", is still congratulating himself on his spectacular triumph in whipping the Senate liberals and saving the filibuster for the Old South.

Some Washington writers have hailed this as "further proof of Johnson's genius as a maneuverer. Others cite it as proof that no one in the liberal camp was capable of the ruthlessness or toughness demonstrated by the Gentleman from Texas.

Johnson himself insists that the Senate was only reflecting the popular will. What is that will, presumably as reflected in last November's election? In Johnson's opinion:

"That will is a will, in all sections, for progress, for unity, for reason and for courage. All these high goals have been served by the Senate's course."

His prose is not likely to go down in history alongside Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, but it's worth examining because it was the last thing Johnson had to say before the Senate voted on his alleged filibuster "compromise."

What unity is Johnson talking about? It could be he was referring to his new arrangements with Everett McKinley Dirksen, the Senate Republican leader. After all it was Dirksen who really saved the day for Johnson and the old South.

As new leader he could have swung 15 to 20 Republican votes towards the civil rights side of the argument. That would have marked Dirksen's independence and cost Johnson his victory? But Dirksen is already making it clear that he hopes, wants and expects to be Johnson's partner (and by no means silent partner) in running the Senate. So a Dirksen-Johnson "unity" has clearly been achieved.

Of course, there are some 17,000,000 Negroes excluded from this new unity. Where do they go for leadership and help? Certainly not to Dirksen and Johnson.

Then there are the innocent white school children of Little Rock, Norfolk, Charlottesville, Front Royal, all being deprived of an education, because Arkansas and Virginia politicians believe it is politically expedient to pander to the prejudices of their elders?

They must be impressed by Johnson's talk of "progress" and senatorial "courage" in retaining the status quo. They will certainly remember it when they are barred entry to good colleges because they are under-educated.

JOHNSON'S REAL BLUNDER — But applying Johnson's own standards as a politician can his handling of the filibuster fight be considered a genuine success? The answer, I believe, must be "no." I say that because to a politician the real measure of success is "what was

accomplished?"

When you apply that standard the answer must be "very little." The filibuster episode showed everybody that Johnson could be tough, humorless and obstinate. But that's not much to survive on and it came as no surprise to anyone. The history of the Senate and the House of Representatives is full of stories about political leaders who were able to crack the whip over their followers.

At one point near the end of the debate Johnson was running roughshod over the Senate liberals and Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D. Minn.) urged the Senator from Texas "to be a little tolerant in this, his moment of triumph."

Johnson listened, but he did not hear. The result is that he has succeeded in alienating some 25 senators many from the most populated sections of the country. That, I believe, may prove his big mistake. He had to choose between them and the 18 senators from Dixie (not all of them admirers by any means).

Johnson made his choice. But to think the American public is enchanted with the way Negroes are being treated in Dixie, or with the closing of public schools, is an error of major dimensions.

In the weeks to come Johnson is likely to find that the price for his triumph is much higher than he ever suspected.

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THE TASK AHEAD

A Broad, Imaginative Program

Editor's Note: Following is a statement prepared for delivery at the annual public meeting of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs last Sunday by Dr. C. E. Boulware, executive secretary of the organization. Because of the importance of the DCNA in local affairs, the TIMES reprints here his statement.

By C. E. BOULWARE

During the annual "report of the people of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs at the Union Baptist Church Sunday, January 18, some 800 citizens heard reports of the work of this committee during the past 12 months.

These citizens were reminded that:

a new Fire station manned by Negro firemen had been erected and opened up;

for the first time in history two Negro deputy sheriffs had been hired;

additional postal workers had been added to the force at the Post Office;

additional policemen had been hired;

many effective efforts had

been made leading to the opening up avenues for employment for our young people in institutions where hitherto they had been denied employment; assurances had been secured that the new industrial school to be erected would be operated on a non-segregated basis and that by an overwhelming vote on the part of our people the bond issue had been passed; that, for the first time in history, a member of the race had been added to the City School Board;

that the ticket supported by the Committee and the Negro community was victorious 100 percent last Spring, which ticket carried to victory a second Negro City Councilman.

These, along with many other outstanding accomplishments on the part of the Committee, mean that **SOME PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN AT WORK.** Literally, thousands of man-hours have gone into the work which each of the five sub-committees have done in leading the community in the direction of progress. Too much praise cannot be given to those men and women of our com-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't Be Seduced by Rome

Dear Sir:

I have just read your editorial under the headline "Durham Catholics Bow to Race Bigotry", in your January 17 issue.

This incident points up the thesis of my book, *Slavery and Catholicism*, published by North State Publishers of this city, in which I have proved the insincerity of the Catholic Church in her current proselyting program to woo the Negro into her fold, for political purposes, namely, to get the Negro vote, thereby using the Negro as a pawn to give the Catholic Church political power in America.

My book establishes, from official Catholic sources, that the Catholic Church is responsible for all the misery and woe that befall millions of Africans through the terrible institution of slavery in America up to the Civil War. The ten million Africans landed on America's shores in the Slave Trade, represented sixty millions killed off and uprooted from their homes in Africa, five-sixths of

whom were killed in attempted capture or in transit across the Atlantic Ocean to America.

This terrible trade was carried on almost entirely by Catholics—entirely by Catholics in its beginnings, and the Church could have put a stop to it before it got started, if she had chosen to do so.

My book also establishes from official Catholic sources that the Catholic Church owned slaves to promote her activities in America, and that her prelates did everything possible to keep Lincoln from winning the war to free the slaves.

It was a Catholic who fired the first shot in that war, at Charleston, and a Catholic who killed the beloved Abraham Lincoln near its close.

When will the leaders of the Negro race wake up to the fact that if the race is to enjoy freedom, or any position in our economy, they are grabbing at the wrong straw for support? Don't be seduced "out of the frying pan in the fire."

Sincerely yours,
R. R. Miller

PRESS COMMENT

Rough Punishment, But Necessary

Every five miles on every New Jersey state highway, a sign reads:

"Speeders lose licenses."

Those signs warn of a drastic new weapon New Jersey is using in its efforts to cut down on highway deaths, for it is a recognized fact that the major factor in highway deaths is speed. The new law in New Jersey provides that anyone caught going 60 miles an hour or faster on any road or street where the speed limits range from 25 to 50 will lose his license to drive. On the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway, the speed limit is 60, and anyone caught going 70 or more will lose his license.

Licenses will be revoked for 30 days on the first offense. A second offense will bring a 60-day revocation, and a third offense an indefinite suspension of the license. No exceptions or extenuating circumstances will be considered.

That is rough punishment, how rough can be seen by the fact that New Jersey officials expect 50,000 drivers to lose their licenses each year under the new system.

But, rough punishment is what is needed to curb speed on our highways. Try driving on a North Carolina highway at the legal limit. If you think that 35 miles an hour is the limit on Raleigh's Glenwood Avenue near the city limits, just drive at 35 and see how many people pass you. If you think 40 is the limit on the Downtown Boulevard, drive at 40 and see how

many people speed past you. Such wanton and habitual disregard of the speed laws is not the fault of the Raleigh policemen or of the State Highway Patrol officers. They arrest speeders, lots of them. They bring them into our courts and they watch the speeders get wrist-slapping punishment.

Neither would it be entirely fair to blame our judges for inflicting such punishment. After all, a judge is human, and he doesn't like to impose severe punishment if there is a way out. And, there is a real way out for the judges in the fact that our laws are not strict and are permissive in the punishment they prescribe.

The way to cut down on our speeding and thereby on our traffic deaths is to do just what New Jersey has done: Pass a law making rough punishment mandatory. A man who loses his license for 30 days for speeding will think a long time before he speeds again. And, a man who has lost his license for 60 days will think even longer before he risks an indefinite suspension for speeding a third time.

After all, there is no real reason for any motorist ever to speed. And, there is every real reason to punish the motorist who does speed.

More than 1,100 people were killed in traffic accidents in our State during 1958. And, you may rest assured that speed was the biggest single reason those people died.

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SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



There's Power In A Prayer

"I was keeping the hour of prayer in my house. . . " Acts 10:30.

Prayer unlocks a rich treasure of spiritual resources. Cornelius, the God-fearing man, had found this rich treasure. The hour of prayer had become a daily habit with him. And this practice of daily prayer revealed the highest wisdom that he could attain. In daily prayer he would tap the boundless resources of the spirit for daily living. He needed help in the daily business of living in a rough and difficult world such as this. There is power in an hour of prayer. Have you made a practice of appropriating God's resources in an hour of prayer? Do you have a daily hour of

prayer in your house? It is wise to make your home a shrine of prayer. O, that more homes would become places of prayer. One of the 24 hours given by God ought to be set apart as an hour of prayer. Just one hour of prayer in your home will do wonders for you. It will enrich all the members of the family. The hour of prayer for the home would mean courage to face the many ordeals of family living. An hour of prayer would maintain the home amid the increasing pressures of the times for family living. You take time for working, eating, decorating and cleaning in the home. Then, why don't we take time for a daily hour of prayer in your house?

The daily hour of prayer is

a means of tapping the boundless resources of God for daily living. These resources are yours for daily living. All you need to do is just take a little time out, in prayer, to tap them. These resources are tapped and released through prayer. Why live in weakness when you have available resources that will enable you to live in joyous and radiant power? Your life seems unmanageable and difficult at times, then try the practice of the daily hour of prayer. Just try it for a week. You are annoyed, irritated and peeved too easily; then, try the daily hour of prayer for a change. This daily hour of prayer in which you tap God's resources will make life more liveable for you. There is power in an hour of

prayer. You eat to renew and get physical power. You eat for this power every day. Few of us let a day pass without eating. Then, why would we habitually neglect spiritual renewal through the mighty power of an hour of prayer.

The practice of a daily hour of prayer would give life a new look for many of us in the home, on the job; and in our relations with people. Yes, prayer will unlock a rich treasure of spiritual resources for daily living for you.

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