

Discrimination Continues On Labor Front

Sooner or later the A.F.L.-C.I.O. is going to have to face up to the question involving the employment of Negro workers in this country. According to an article appearing in Fortune magazine this week, the giant labor organization has done little more than enact laws into its constitution and pass beautifully worded resolutions. All over the nation Negro workers are continuously discriminated against by various local unions in spite of legislation passed by the A.F.L.-C.I.O.

Under the caption, "Labor's Race Problem," Fortune had the following to say in part:

Three years after the A.F.L.-C.I.O. merger, it is apparent that the federation's ambitious plans for improving the lot of Negro workers have been a dismal failure—and not only in the South. The federation's constitution states that "all workers, without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry," shall "share equally in the full benefits of union organization." To implement this policy, the A.F.L.-C.I.O. ruled that all member unions must delete discriminatory provisions from their constitutions; and it set up a civil-rights committee to look into complaints about discrimination. But the ruling has been violated by some member unions. The committee has often failed to get compliance with its demands that individual locals stop discriminating against Negroes. Two years ago, in fact, James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers, resigned as chairman of the civil rights committee, charging that its activities

were futile. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People recently addressed a tart letter to A.F.L.-C.I.O. President George Meany complaining about the federation's lack of progress in ending discrimination; Meany's answer was sympathetic but non-committal.

Said the article further:
South or north, Negro workers today are largely excluded from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Plumbers, and the Locomotive Firemen. In many other unions there is a mixed pattern: exclusion in some areas, free acceptance in some, and acceptance into segregated locals in others. Some such mixture characterizes the Bricklayers, Painters, Plasterers, Operating Engineers, Sheet Metal Workers, Railway Clerks, Telegraphers, Maintenance of Way Employees, Railway Carmen, Tobacco Workers, Pulp and Sulphite Workers.

It appears to us that such an attitude on the part of local labor unions not only destroys confidence in labor per se but encourages Negroes to become strike breakers, scabs and enemies of labor in general. We think labor's greatest strength lies in a united front, including workers of all races, creeds and colors. As long as there is one human being who is qualified to work and is prevented from doing so because of his race, creed, or color the future of labor is not safe. Non-discrimination in fact, rather than on paper, should be the goal of A.F.L.-C.I.O. local unions, if the parent organization hopes to continue as a factor in protecting the rights of workers in this country.

Always On The Outside Looking In

The time has come when efforts to secure employment as highway patrolmen and membership in the North Carolina National Guard should be sought by Negroes in this state. In nearly every city of any size in North Carolina Negroes are serving with efficiency as policemen. In the U. S. Army, Navy and Air Force, members of the race are drafted or enter as volunteers as a matter of routine. We, therefore, can find no reason why they have to be barred from holding similar positions within their own state.

While we are on the subject of employment of Negroes in state agencies, we may as well call the attention of our readers who are so loyal to the Democratic Party in North Carolina to the fact that in 1957 there were 63 governmental boards in this state, both remunerative and non-remunerative, employing the services of over 600 persons. On all these boards and agencies Negroes held only four positions, those of members of the State Board of Education, the State Board of Higher Education, the State Recreation Commission and the State Medical Care Commission.

In spite of the fact that Negro voters in North Carolina have overwhelmingly again and again voted the Democratic ticket in state and county elections they are most always left on the outside looking in when it comes to appointments by the governor or otherwise.

Here are some of the state Governmental Boards and Commissions on which Negroes have never had any representation, although most of the positions are filled by gubernatorial appointment:

Advisory Budget Commission, Agricultural

Hall of Fame, Board of Agriculture, Board of Alcoholic Control, Department of Archives and History, Art Commission, State Art Society, Board of Assessment, Banking Commission, State Bar Council, Commission for the Blind, Board of Boiler Rules, Buildings and Grounds, Turnpike Authority, Governor's Code Council, Board of Public Buildings, Richard Caswell Memorial Commission, Civilian Air Patrol, Council of Civil Defense, Board of Conservation and Development, Board of Correction and Training, Board of Elections, Employment Security Commission, Eugenics Board, Gasoline and Oil Inspection Board, General Statutes Commission, Board of Health, Highway Commission, State Hospital Advisory Council, Hospital Board of Control, Industrial Commission, Insurance Advisory Board, Judicial Council, Board of Commissioners of the Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund, Library Board,

Local Government Commission, Local Government Employees Retirement System, Merit System Council, Milk Commission, Municipal Board of Control, Board of Paresols, Board of Pensions, State Personnel Council, State Ports Authority, Prison Advisory Council, State Prison Commission, State Probation Commission, State Board of Public Welfare, Division of Purchase and Contracts, Roanoke Island Historical Commission, Rural Electrification Authority, State Stream Sanitation Committee, N. C. Symphony Society, Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, Textbook Commission, Turnpike Authority, Utilities Commission, Veterans Commission, Board of Water Commission and Wildlife Resources Commission.

Another Challenge For The DCNA

The city election to be held here on Saturday, May 16 will present the greatest challenge to the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs it has faced since its beginning. Because of the splitting up of the Pearson and Hillside School precincts, an entirely new registration has been called for by the Durham County Board of Elections. Thus, the Committee is faced with the task of arousing enough interest in the forthcoming election to bring the number of registered voters up to where it was prior to the changes.

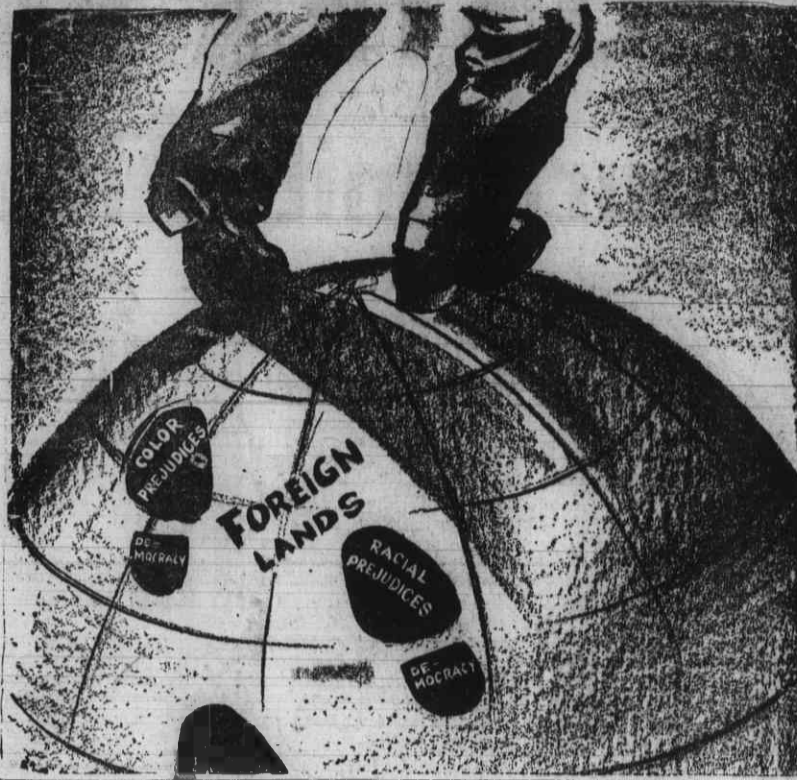
Needless to say, an intense registration campaign must be conducted from the time the books open for registration until they are closed. Every church, club, fraternity, busi-

ness and school should see to it that all of their members and employees register during the three weeks or more the books will be open. Every individual should feel it his perogative every other person around him to register.

We urge the officers of the Committee on Negro Affairs to begin organizing their forces now so that when the books are opened they will be ready to begin work and continue to do so until they are closed. The number of registered Negro voters must be brought up to where it was prior to the precinct changes but cannot be done by merely talking about the matter. It is going to take hard work and careful planning.

It would be a fine thing if some of the students in political science at N. C. College would volunteer to aid in making a door to door survey of homes in the three precincts where the new registration will have to be made. Students in government in our high schools could also help in boosting the registration. Whatever it takes the Committee should use to arouse Negro citizens to the importance of entering their names on the registration books.

White Supremacy: Cause Of Anti-Americanism



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

ENCOURAGING GOOD IN OTHERS



"Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul..."—Acts 11:25

Barnabas had the gift of encouraging the goodness in others. He saw the great powers of Paul and harnessed them for the Church at Antioch. This quality is essential for all great leadership. It should be found in mothers, teachers and preachers. It is also an essential quality in business executives. Many great souls would have been lost in obscurity without the magic touch of some rare soul with this quality. Even Paul's religious genius might have been wasted without the encouragement of a Barnabas. . . . Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Paul. . . .

It is a blessed thing to find and bring out the rich treasures of good in others. This calls for a big-hearted spirit and keen insight. All too often we are tempted to overlook the good in others. Many times this spirit is rooted in fear and envy. Thus, those who see and give en-

couragement to the good in others are noble souls.

We need more people with the spirit of Barnabas. Many rich treasures of human talent are lost for no one speaks that word of encouragement. O, the tragedy of lost gifts. Many with great gifts "are born to waste their fragrance on the desert air. . . ." Do you see and encourage the good in others?

Let us take every opportunity to encourage the good in others. Your word of encouragement can mean so much. Help someone with a word of encouragement to make the most of that gift from God.

An article appeared recently in a magazine and the tragedy of it was that a woman did not give the proper encouragement to her husband who had great gifts. All he needed was that word of encouragement. A little child stopped by the other day to show me her report card. We gave her a word of encour-

agement and she went joyously on her way. That word of encouragement could mean the difference between success and failure. Barnabas brought Saul from Tarsus and gave him a chance to use his great gifts in the Church at Antioch.

There is great joy in awakening the good in others. Here we have one of the joys of the ministry. Inspirational teachers do a great job at this point, too. Motherhood, too, is richly rewarding in nurturing and bringing out the good in children. Even the business executive can do great wonders in discovering and utilizing the good in others. Why would you miss the great joy that comes from seeing and encouraging the good to be found in others?

Let us always be alert and gracious enough to see and encourage the good in those around us. There is a rare joy in knowing you have helped someone along life's way.

WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK



ANOTHER TEAPOT DOME?

Another Teapot Dome?

Every professional politician is likely to agree with a remark attributed to President Harding's Secretary of the Navy, Edwin Denby, that "You cannot touch oil without getting dirty."

There is something about the black gold—I suppose, it's the easy money—that makes men do things they wouldn't do under ordinary circumstances. American history and world history, too, are full of the tales of men and governments falling apart because of oil politics. There is not much doubt any longer that it was the realization that Alaska is a potential source of great oil wealth that helped pave the way for her becoming the 49th state.

Where petroleum is concerned men tend to become compulsive and sometimes they seem unable to account for their own behavior. The vigor with which responsible politicians put themselves on the chopping block in order to pass the Natural Gas bill, with its bonanza for the oil interests, is testimony to this pattern of behavior.

Now once again, while public attention is focused on the illness of Secretary of State Dulles and diverted from other matters, the oilmen are busy at work

They are trying to get their hands on the huge Naval oil reserves on the West Coast.

There are three of these reserves: No. 1 is at Elk Hills, Kern County, Calif. and consists of 38,969 acres of land; No. 2 at Buena Vista Hills, Calif. consists of 29,341 acres; and No. 3 is at Teapot Dome, Natrona County, Wyoming and consists of 9,481 acres.

No one is exactly sure how much oil there is underground. But the most conservative estimates indicate that Reserve No. 1 is worth at least one billion dollars worth. This is the prize that Standard Oil of California is now eyeing.

HUMPHREY VS. KENNEDY—The Democratic battle lines for 1960 are beginning to take form, although it is far too early to make predictions about how they will finally turn out. Several of the Democratic hopefuls are beginning to move into the open with obvious political appeals but they are all advancing warily.

Vice President Nixon appraised the possible Democratic candidates the other day in a speech at Los Angeles. He was singularly objective and, in fact, went out of his way to say nice things about several men who might

become possible rivals.

In Nixon's opinion Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts is by far the front-runner. With this appraisal there is not much disagreement among Washington correspondents. Some of Kennedy's Democratic rivals are delighted that he seems to be so far out front now. That means, they say, that he will be the major target of brick-bats while they can all seek cover, without seeming to be trying to get out of the line of fire.

Unless Adlai Stevenson should suddenly emerge as a compromise choice—a not too likely prospect—the liberal Democrats are sure to cluster around Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota. So what Humphrey does and says now becomes quite important, both for his own prospects and for the possible direction the party will take.

Just to keep the record up to date, here in short form are the two lines of approach now being employed by Humphrey and Kennedy:

KENNEDY—He is trying to get his name attached to a labor reform bill that seems to end some of the abuses disclosed by the McClellan Committee, without being anti-union. He is also determined to remove the so-

Next Time "Chet Huntley" Says "Too Fast," Ask Him To Give Some

By CHAS. P. HOWARD, SR.

(HNS) UN Correspondent UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — The General Assembly of the United Nations resumed its 13th Session here at UN Headquarters Friday, February 20 to consider the question of the independence of the trust territories of the Cameroons. The Session having recessed Dec. 13, 1958.

Since 1914, when a British and French invasion team conquered them, the Cameroons have been divided into the French Cameroons and the British Cameroons. That division is going to be important in this session of the UN.

FRENCH CAMEROON INDEPENDENCE EXPECTED

There seems little doubt that the independence of the French Cameroons on January 1, 1960 will be agreed to by the General Assembly. France has formerly placed before the grant independence to the French Cameroons January 1, 1960.

On Friday, Louis Jackquiot, Minister of State for France asked for a unanimous vote granting independence to the French Cameroons. Actually little opposition to this independence is expected.

The Trusteeship Council on Tuesday last, recommended it by a vote of 12 to 1 (The Soviet Union). With the United Arab Republic abstaining.

A-BIT-OF-THIS-AND-THAT

The first time a "Chet Huntley" tells you, that "you, the NAACP, the Urban League, The Montgomery Improvement Association, The Tuskegee Civic Association, The Negro Ministers are pushing too hard, too fast" — Ask him to write down what rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, he is willing to give up for himself, his wife and his children, tell him don't tell you about it just write it down. . . . It is interesting to watch the Negro who's always talking about "we're not ready" Ask him to list the people who are ready, and be sure and find out what he means by "we."

When an indigenous people are in the midst of the effort to throw out their Colonial Overlords, they often find their greatest roadblock to be members of their own group, who are the recipients of "special favors" from the colonial powers. We wish it weren't so but that is why there is so much fighting within the African Family in Africa at this time.

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A Half Century Of Achievement

Congratulations to the NAACP on its 50th anniversary! They have been 50 years of real accomplishment. No one—not even its bitterest enemies—can say that the NAACP has been a "paper" organization or one whose greatest achievement is that it has existed over a long period of years.

The NAACP has been a fighting, performing organization during all of its 50 years. Carrying on its struggle for full citizenship rights for the Negro through the courts, the NAACP has won more than 30 cases in the United States Supreme Court, establishing right after right for America's tenth citizen.

Now that the NAACP is 50, it is not yet ready to sit back on its laurels. It is not ready to give up. It plans to fight on and on for first-class citizenship until the United States is free of all distinctions and discriminations based upon race or religion. Appropriately, the NAACP was born on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in the year 1909. It has always been an interracial organization, founded by a group of 53 men and women, white and Negro, who believed in the principles upon which this country was founded and who believed that they should be carried out not only on paper but in every day life. The goal set then is still the goal today.

We are pleased that Missouri's governor, James T. Blair Jr., issued a proclamation designating February 12 as "NAACP Golden

It's interesting how often the Guy putting out that noise hopes it will get back to the white folks he's trying to impress. . . . Watch out for the "segregationists" to try to make capital out of the "technique of 'white children' staying away from integrated schools. That's just a facet of 'no public schools.' That's their problem there. . . . That's their stumbling block. . . . Senator Lyndon (Lying-down) Johnson's integrity is going to rise or fall on whether or not his 'filibuster legislation,' pushed thru the Senate at the opening of the Senate 'was genuine' or just a slick politician's trick."

I keep reminding you, the Guy is running for President like mad. We don't want a "slicker" for the Leader of this Great Nation. . . .

So Louisiana is trying to tighten up her election laws so she can erase more than 100,000 Negroes from voter registration rolls. Says Sen. Itanach, Chairman of the Legislative "Watch Dog" Committee on segregation — "A large number of Negroes just can't pass the tests for registration. The tests are based on intelligence, not education, and intelligence is something bred into people through long generations."

Senator, you really don't want to stand on that one do you? An awful lot of Negroes in Louisiana can qualify under your 'breeding test' and a lot of the others will meet you coming back under your other rules. All we ask is that you make your rules apply to everybody and enforce them fairly, we'll go for ourselves from there. . . .

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Anniversary Day."

In his proclamation, Governor Blair recognized the NAACP as an organization designed "to promote equality of rights and to eradicate caste and race prejudice among the citizens of the United States, to advance the interest of colored citizens, to secure for them impartial suffrage and to increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment to their ability and complete equality before the law."

These words in Gov. Blair's proclamation form as good a statement on the principles and objectives of the NAACP as we have seen anywhere.

In signing the proclamation and affixing to it the great seal of the state of Missouri, Governor Blair was sincere in wishing the NAACP "many happy returns of the day." The governor's family, one of the most distinguished ones in the state of Missouri, is known for its belief in equality and fairness for all people regardless of race, creed or color. The governor is proud, and justly so, of the record along this line made by members of his family.

The NAACP has wrought well during its first 50 years. May it continue to live and to prosper until America is really the "land of the free and the home of the brave" and there will be no further need for any organization to protect the rights of any segment of our population. —Kansas City Call

STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS
The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.
—(Proverbs 15:3.)
Ever present and enveloping us as the air we breathe is the Holy Spirit of God. He knows the good and helpful things we do for others, and we are blessed. He also knows every evil thought and desire we hide, but in His mercy will help us overcome them.

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