

# A Grandstand View of the Henderson Strike

The resort to violence in the cotton mills strike at Henderson is to be regretted. Without attempting to argue here as to who is to blame for the bombings, gunfire and other violations of the law, this newspaper hopes that leaders of both labor and management will realize the futility of violence and decide to mediate their differences rather than slug them out with guns, sticks, dynamite and other weapons.

Both sides in the Henderson strike would do well to take example from that provided by Negro citizens of the state who, in spite of the difficulties they face in the matter of employment, housing, equal school facilities and other disadvantages, have never resorted to violence in their efforts to reach a satisfactory agreement on such questions. Though often on the receiving end of violence, Negro citizens have always refused to be the instigators.

It does appear to us that our fellow white

citizens who have been exposed to the best in education, culture, employment and living conditions could find a way to settle their differences without resorting to guns, dynamite and clubs. In the end, neither management nor labor can win. Even though one may shoot, dynamite or club the other into submission, the wounds will remain only to become inflamed again the very next time negotiations are necessary.

Negro citizens of North Carolina will watch with amazement the lack of restraint and the resort to violence exhibited by representatives on both sides in the Henderson strike. This is strictly "white folks business" and they want no part of it. Their greatest satisfaction comes in knowing that for once they are not on the receiving end of the dynamite, gun fire and clubs that are being used in Henderson. Sometimes it is nice to have a seat in the grandstand where you can get a good view of the so-called superior people.

# Should Weigh The Facts Before Moving

The officials of the C.I.A.A. Basketball Tournament have indicated that as soon as they can find a larger place than the North Carolina College gymnasium they intend moving the annual sports event from Durham. It will be recalled that when the tournament was first started that it was played in Washington, D. C., off the campus of one of the C.I.A.A. schools and at an exorbitant price for the use of an auditorium. When the N. C. College gymnasium was built a few years later with a seating capacity of approximately 5,000, tournament officials were happy and quickly moved the tournament to N. C. College where it has been played for the past several years at a great financial success and in an atmosphere more befitting a college sports event.

Tournament officials feel that because they were compelled to turn away several hundred cash customers when the final game was played this year that the tournament could make even more money if it could be played in a place to accommodate more spectators. In other words, they now feel the tournament has outgrown the gymnasium at N. C. College and must be taken to a larger place if it is

to become a greater financial success than it is at the present, whether that place is on or off a college campus.

Now we would not be so naive as to expect tournament officials to entirely disregard financial considerations. We do think, however, that there is a danger of their becoming too sure that the financial success they are now enjoying in Durham at N. C. College can be transferred without a hazard to another college or city and built to such proportions overnight.

There is also the matter of paying such an exorbitant fee for a larger place that it would offset whatever financial gain might be had at the ticket office. This newspaper has been advised that before the tournament came to Durham that each game played cost in the neighborhood of \$500 without any rights of concession privileges. Unless tournament officials are able to secure a place on a college campus without the exorbitant prices charged for city auditoriums we feel that moving the event to another place would be a mistake. With this in mind, we trust officials will carefully weigh all of the facts before them before they decide to move the site of the tournament.

# Tribute To A Fine Citizen

The Carolina Times is happy to join with the many friends of J. W. Jeffries in felicitating him on his retirement after 36 years of faithful and meritorious service with the agriculture extension program of North Carolina. His last position in the program was that of western district farm agent for the state. Jeff, as he is affectionately known to his hundreds of friends all over the state is probably one of the most respected and best loved of all the farm agents and other employees of North Carolina. Because of his affable and friendly disposition, his friends and admirers are strung from one side of the state to the other. They are happy to know that Jeff is retiring from his job as a state farm agent but they do not expect him to retire from the civic, religious and social life of the state.

Jeff is the kind of fellow by whom one would rather be "cussed" than to receive praise from some others. He is too big in heart and soul to carry malice in his heart, and his friends and acquaintances get a kind of satisfaction at "cussing" him and being "cussed" by him. He is more or less an institution in North Carolina.

It is altogether fitting and proper that Jeff's friends have agreed and set aside a time and place to honor a fine citizen, a hard worker and a loveable character. The occasion gives all of us an opportunity to felicitate him and to say we hope he will live many more years to serve his native North Carolina and to continue as one of its most deserving citizens.

# What Price Superiority?

We congratulate Negro citizens of Halifax County for the orderly manner in which they conducted themselves during the strike for a new school building at Hollister. Striking for improvements is the American way of protesting conditions and focusing the attention of others on the fact that your rights are being trampled upon. So long as striking is done in an orderly and respectable manner, no person of sound mind can object to it.

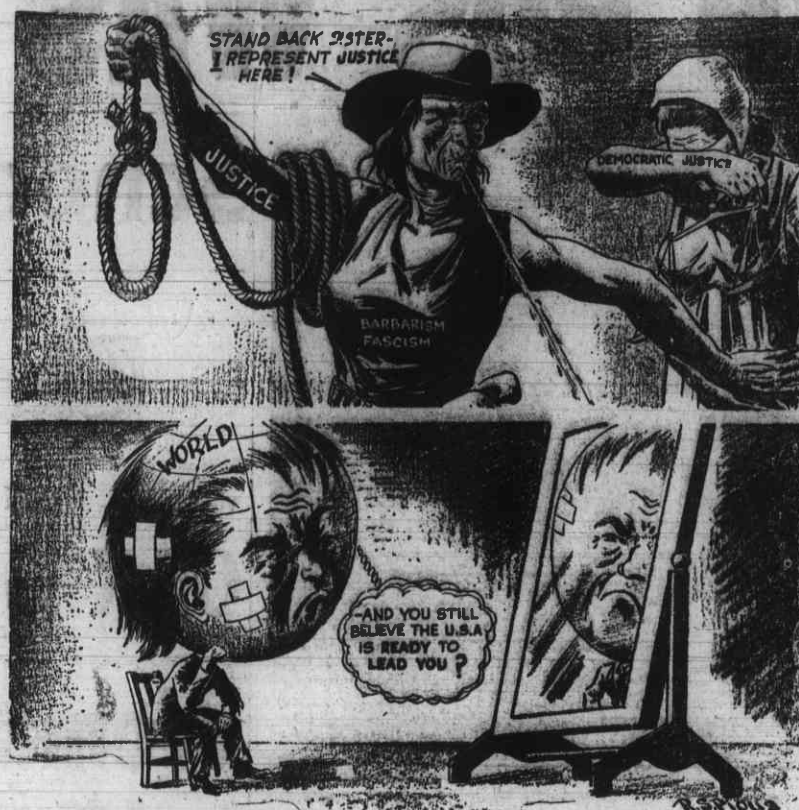
Now that the Halifax County Board of Education has definitely promised to erect a new elementary school building, we trust both parents and students will exhibit a degree

of patience and cooperation with the board. By so doing they will prove that they are worthy of a new building and will gain further respect of other citizens of the county.

Members of the Halifax County Board of Education, whether they admit it or not, must see the stupidity of segregation in that they are forced to maintain three separate school systems, all of which, comparatively speaking, are bound to be below standard or decidedly expensive to all the citizens of the county. It thus appears to us that integration in the public schools of the county would not only be a solution to a difficult problem but provide a better education for all the children than is now possible under a three-way segregated system.

As it now stands, the Indians, the Negroes and the whites all have inferior schools. This means they all get an inferior education. Ten years from now segregation in our public schools will be a thing of the past. Both the members of the Halifax County Board of Education and the leaders of the Indians will then look back with regret at the tremendous price they paid for the luxury of an inferior, segregated school system.

# Leadership Demands A Better Dispenser of Justice



## WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK

# The Big Test Ahead For Texas' Senator Lyndon B. Johnson



Washington THE BIG TEST FOR "LBJ"—The best thing to do, Lyndon B. Johnson's worried friends were saying, is to pretend it didn't happen. Act as if there is no Senator William Proxmire from Wisconsin. At all costs don't get into a name-calling contest.

In the first week after Proxmire brought out in the open the undercurrent of resentment against the Texan's leadership (that's the course Johnson's friends followed. There has been only one serious answer to Proxmire's demand for "more democracy and less autocracy" by the Democratic Leader. It came from Sen. Richard Neuberger of Oregon.

Many people were surprised, but they need not have been. Neuberger has long admired Johnson's skill as a politician. It was Neuberger who set the theme, since repeated by Johnson's political friends, namely, that Proxmire is something of an ingrate for voicing his feelings in public.

But is that really the issue? There are those who like Proxmire and those who do not. Proxmire may be in the independent liberal tradition of Wisconsin's Bob LaFollette. Or he may be a brash young man who wants to project himself into the national limelight in a hurry. Too little is still known of the man to be sure into what category he fits.

But Proxmire isn't the issue. The question is who determines Democratic policy in the Senate and what is that policy going to

be? Is it going to be Senators from states with less than 10 per cent of the population of the country many of whom are beholden to big oil companies, Wall Street banks and the giant insurance combines? Or will the men who come from California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Michigan and other populous areas at least be given a look-in?

Of the entire Southern senate contingent only a handful can be said not to represent some special interest.

SENIORITY WHEN CONVENIENT—So far as the Proxmire incident was concerned Johnson's big mistake was to employ the seniority system in the Senate when it suited his convenience and to ignore it when it suited his convenience.

He by-passed Proxmire for the Senate Finance Committee. Instead of Proxmire, he put two freshmen senators on the committee, one from Minnesota and one from Indiana. If Johnson had been consistent about the seniority custom he might still be the unchallenged political boss of the Senate.

But it's clear to many observers here that Johnson's fidelity is first to conservative business interests, rather than blind adherence to the custom of seniority.

The nation's big banking interests have looked suspiciously at Proxmire, even though he did a stint at J. P. Morgan and Co. after leaving Harvard Business School. They would not be happy with him on the committee.

They are suspicious of him because he is suspicious of the "tight money" policy. He is asking too many questions about what it may have done to the economy and who got rich out of it.

But this isn't the first time Johnson has ignored seniority, when he felt like it. For a while he kept Estes Kefauver from heading the Senate Anti-trust Committee when the big Tennessee seemed to be going after certain utility companies, which are also said to "keep" some Southern senators.

The issues Proxmire has raised won't disappear. They will continue to pop up until they are met head on.

How will Johnson handle Proxmire? More important how will he handle the issue posed by Proxmire? Will he call Democratic senators into a caucus more often than once a year? Will he allow them to discuss subjects of national, local and party interest? Will he abide by majority decision on what bills should be called up and in what order?

Or is that too democratic for the Democratic leader?

RECOMMENDED READING—If you want to know how big oil men operated in the past and ever wonder how they still manage to get what they want, I highly recommend a new book published by The Viking Press. Title: "Teapot Dome" by M. R. Werner and John Star (\$5). It's a fascinating history of the Harding era.

## SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



# Helping Others One of Real Experiences In Christianity

"A HELPING HAND" "The disciples determined to send relief to the brethren . . . ." Acts II:29.

Have you ever been a helping hand to someone in great need? Most of us have been the objects of a helping hands at sometime in our lives. Life is of such a nature that at times we all are in need of helping hands.

Here we have the very beginning of the great loving concern for human need that has been a part of the Church's long and glorious history. The Church's great missionary efforts have been the extension of help . . . to those in need of salvation, healing, rehabilitation, training and simple human helpfulness. Jesus was concerned about extending a helping

hand to those in need. And the Church, too, has continued this beautiful spirit of loving and compassionate service amid human need.

A helping hand in time of need is evidence of Christian love. Misfortune had come to a portion of the body of Christ. The Body of the redeemed community as found in Antioch extends a helping hand to the little band that suffered misfortune or disaster in Judah. Thus, the saints in the Church at Antioch shared their God-given blessings with those in need in Judah. In love they extended a helping hand to the brethren and sisters in Christ.

A burden shared is a burden made lighter. You remember Jesus said on one occasion . . . "By this

# Alternative Between Love And Hate Is Plain, Says New Author

Editor's Note: Following are excerpts of a recent letter to the TIMES from Vernon Ward, poet of Belhaven, North Carolina. Ward's latest volume, "Of Dust and Stars," was reviewed by Don West in the TIMES for February 7. His book is on sale currently at \$3.

These have been difficult times for us all. We often don't act as we feel, because we don't consider it expedient. Yesterday, for example, in the airport at New Bern, a Negro service man sat down beside me in the airport waiting room — the first time this has ever happened to me in the South. (Once in Paris I shared the same room and bed with a haloved Negro friend for two months — which was all too short a time!) Now my seatmate of yesterday was a kind and gentle soul — forced into uniform, of course. He had looked at me and made sure that I would not mind before he sat down beside me. Without a word, I had invited him. I already had my arm around the back of his seat before he sat there; I left it there. At first he sat on the edge of the seat. Gradually he leaned back.

He was the only Negro in the entire waiting room, and there we sat. I asked him what time the plane from Washington was expected. "3:15," he said. That was all we said. After a while he was called to the desk. He had received a phone call from his friends who were somewhere in Virginia.

How did I feel toward this Negro? He was young, handsome, neat, polite. Who could have helped loving him? I am 45, balding, have some teeth missing — not nearly so attractive or promising. After all, with my ideas, I have, like Don West and like a lot of others, suffered quite a bit

—and it has left its mark. The Negro youth was certainly welcome to sit beside me if he could stand it. In the society of our surroundings — which has certainly improved in that we can share the same seat in the same waiting room at all — we operated under a certain constraint. But we were quietly breaking the ice, and all will come naturally in time. Still, if we had been alone, I might have clamped my hand around his shoulder and I am sure we could have talked a lot.

Among the most valued comments on my book is a letter from Rev. C. P. Briley, a Negro minister of Robersonville, who happens also to be pastor of the First Baptist Church of Belhaven. "I purchased one of your wonderful books . . . some time ago," he writes. "I have read many books of poems, but I can truthfully say I don't remember reading one with any more profound truth than yours."

We who believe in the equality and brotherhood of man will continue to suffer at the hands of the advocates of greed and hate until love overcomes evil and selfishness in the heart of each and every one of us, until we all consent to be average and nothing more than average, for to be average is to be equal — and one cannot love others as self without also wanting for others as for self. The wages of continued greed is plain before us — namely, death. The wages of continued greed is plain before us — namely, death. The reward of love is everlasting happiness and life eternal. If we don't make our final choice soon we may lose our last chance even to survive.

Best wishes and cordial regards, Vernon Ward

# Girl Scouts Prove All Youth Not Part of "Lost Generation"

By MRS. HARRY MIDDLETON

It's becoming very fashionable these days to complain that American youth is not as vigorous or hard working as youth behind the Iron Curtain. This week, on the 47th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States, we would like to point out that many youngsters in Girl Scouting and in other youth groups are learning to grow up as alert, self-disciplined and useful citizens.

Last year, for example, a 17-year old Girl Scout won a national science award for her individual research work in astronomy. While not many Girl Scouts are likely to become astronomers, more than three and one half million Girl Scouts are likely to become astronomers, more than three and one half million Girl Scouts are learning how valuable our freedoms and traditions are. Even more

important, they are learning that a democracy depends on citizens who are willing to serve their communities.

The Girl Scouts are celebrating their anniversary this year with the theme, "You Can Count on Her to be Creative." Special emphasis is being given to arts, homemaking and service projects because the Girl Scouts believe that it is essential for every youngster to develop self-confidence and initiative as well as specific talents. This is a very different kind of youth program than those behind the Iron Curtain and one that all of us can be proud of.

We think the men and women who serve as volunteers in the Girl Scouts and in other youth groups should be congratulated. They are not only helping youngsters, they are serving their country as well.

# Troubles In Alabama

The Alabama State Legislature's action making voting registration data subject to destruction 30 days after filing smacks of precipitate haste. This may actually strengthen the hand of the civil rights commission established by Congress, though that would presumably be farthest from the Alabama legislators' hopes.

The civil rights commission has the right, through the Justice Department, to subpoena voter registration information. The commission must have access to such data if it is to do a good job of investigating complaints of discrimination. Laws which hamper the work of the commission play fast and loose with the political freedom of American citizens. Such laws are no credit to the State of Alabama.

The Constitution gives the states the right to determine the qualifications of voters, subject to provisions of the Fifteenth Amend-

ment. Such hindrance to democracy only cause bitterness and promise further racial strife. The Alabama action is a step backward in a situation which requires the exercise of tolerance and reason. —Journal and Guide



"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.

mental in extending to me trying to say here. In the aftermath of war-induced suffering and human need many in our land have been reaching out with a helping hand overseas to help relieve the suffering of men, women and children. We see many beautiful expressions of this helpful hand in times of disaster, sickness, fire and misery among the poor.

Let us be ever alert in the drama of dire human need to extend a helping hand that someone may take hope and live again.

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