

The Proposed Sterilization Bill

A study of the attempt now being made to enact a sterilization law in North Carolina raises a grave doubt in our minds that the proponents of the legislation are in earnest about their desire to lower the percentage of illegitimate births in this state. We cannot bring ourselves around to believe that these people who pretend to be so concerned about illegitimacy do not have ulterior motives in their hearts instead of an honest desire to improve the morals of that segment of society which they refer to as "grossly sexually delinquent."

If the proponents of the bill are in earnest, we think they will find if they look a little further that a great amount of the illegitimacy in this state may be attributed to the economic status of those involved. It appears to us that an effort to raise the wage level of that segment of society known as the common laborer, maids, janitors, farm workers, porters, bellmen, etc., would do much to lessen illegitimacy in North Carolina and all other southern states.

According to press reports the highest percentage of illegitimacy in North Carolina is among Negroes. Likewise the highest percentage of low income workers is among Negroes. Illegitimacy, like disease, follows the poverty stricken and the underpaid. Whether the advocates of this atrocious piece of legislation intend it or not, the low economic status of Negroes makes them its principal target. If the bill is enacted into law, it will be the poverty stricken Negro women who will be damned and doomed. It will be they whom evil men will have the right to seize and sterilize.

A statement recently issued by the four North Carolina Chapters of the National Association of Social Workers, we think, strikes a most devastating blow at the bill. Said the statement:

The four North Carolina chapters of the National Association of Social Workers, which includes 450 members, agrees that il-

legitimacy is a matter of grave concern and has been for many years and is an age old problem.

We feel strongly as a result of experience and working with the problem that illegitimacy has no single cause and will not be eliminated by a single punitive measure.

In H.B. 248 we see the following difficulties in the proposed solution to this social and moral problem:

1. Enforced sterilization is an invasion of human and legal rights.

2. The bill recommends the sterilization of women only.

3. New and serious problems could very possibly arise, such as increase in illegal abortions, promiscuity with resulting increase in venereal disease, hidden or unregistered births, to name a few.

4. The solution is treatment rather than prevention.

5. Enforced referral for psychiatric help is ineffective and could be of doubtful benefit to the mother or children.

6. The expense of creating adequate facilities and machinery to carry out the proposal would be excessive.

7. The problem with its many facets and implications is not truly known.

We, therefore, suggest that a commission be established to study the problem of illegitimacy in North Carolina as a basis of formulation of a constructive program of prevention and treatment in this state.

The NASW appears to have recommended a sound and sensible approach to the most perplexing problem of illegitimacy. Certainly a commission to study the problem is more sensible than granting an authority to man than should only be exercised by God.

As it now stands the bill will probably be enacted into law. Only on rare occasions has the legislature of North Carolina refused to enact a law that was aimed at taking rights from Negroes. Unless the voices of the intelligent and respectable white people of the state are raised the proposed legislation is certain to be made law.

Dr. Simkins' Appearance Before Civil Rights Body

It is our sincere hope that the North Carolina Advisory Committee of the Civil Rights Commission will comply with the request made by Dr. George W. Simkins last week. Dr. Simkins has asked for an investigation into the closing of Gillespie Park Golf Course and Nocho Park Swimming Pool in Greensboro. If and when the investigation is made we predict that the Advisory Committee will find that both the golf course and the swimming pool were closed because they could not operate under a segregated pattern.

In his statement Dr. Simkins referred to the fact that the swimming pool was sold

only after "petitions had been presented to eliminate segregation at the city's swimming facilities. He contended that both transactions violated the original agreement between the city and the federally sponsored WPA.

We salute Dr. Simkins for his forthright stand in this matter and this demonstration of honest leadership. Too long our so-called leaders in Greensboro have stood by and either kept hands off of important matters or refused to cooperate in helping to bring about improvement. The time has come for those who wish to assume a role of leadership to stand up and be counted or stand aside and be counted out.

Too Much Lethargy About Registering and Voting

Time is slipping by without an organized effort being made on the question of increasing the number of Negro voters in this state. At the moment there is a city election facing the voters of Durham and Greensboro with a more or less indifferent attitude being assumed by the rank and file prospective voter in both cities.

The biggest job of registration for the city election is going to have to be done in Durham where an entirely new registration has been called for in three predominantly-Negro precincts. Fortunately, the political division of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs is making a determined effort to arouse at least as many persons, if not more, to re-register as were on the books prior to the splitting of the old Whitted School precinct, a move which was evidently used as an excuse to call for a new registration.

In Greensboro too much of an indifferent attitude also prevails, and we are calling upon the leaders in our churches, schools, businesses, clubs, fraternities and elsewhere, as well as individuals, to get busy and make a determined effort to increase the voting strength of Negroes. We have said in these columns again and again that "a voteless people is a hopeless people."

With the registration books open for the entire year in Guilford County the highest per capita registration among Negroes of the state should be in Greensboro and High Point. This cannot be achieved, however, unless a determined and concerted effort on the part of Negro leaders is assumed.

In Durham the registration books will open Saturday morning, April 4, and remain open through Saturday, April 18. In view of the fact that there is now not a single Negro registered in precincts 10, 11 and 12, it is urgent that every resident of voting age in those precincts see that his or her name is placed on the book in his respective precinct.

Opportune Time

The occasion of the 53rd NCTA Annual Meeting in Greensboro April 7-8 would be an opportune time for all of us in TB association work, professional and volunteer, to resolve to eliminate such words as "complacency" and "public apathy" from our vocabularies.

What does this decline in the sense of urgency mean to the hope for TB eradication?

It means that following time-worn trails blazed by pioneers of the past won't be sufficient to complete the job. The job will be harder but we must remember that the progress made against TB came about through hard work and effective organization. We must use the know-how gained through this experience plus imagination to come up with new ideas for programs to meet problems as they have changed and will continue to change.

The 53rd NCTA Annual Meeting will look to the future.—NCTA Newsletter

Evil Forces Would Silence He, But They Will Not Prevail



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Christ Offers True Way To Escape Prison of Sin

"A message by which you will be saved, you and your household." Acts II: 41.

God offers you in Christ Jesus Repentance and forgiveness of sins. Have you claimed your blessed spiritual heritage which God offers you in Christ? Why would you delay and procrastinate in receiving this great gift of Grace? This is the Good News—God offers you—Salvation through Christ.

What do I need to be saved from? You need to be saved from sin. We all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Christ would save us from sin and give us a life of spiritual blessedness. Christ calls us to repentance through his Gospel. And Christ offers us forgiveness of sins.

In Christ there is a message by which you can have Salvation. Christ came and died on the cross to save us all from our sins.

Christ is the one and the only way for you to be saved. Christ embodies God's plan of Salvation or deliverance from sin. All of us in our finer moments would like to be free from the dominion and power of sin. We are ashamed of that life of sin.

Thus, in our finer moments we want to become that wonderful

person of loveliness that God in His eternal plan intended that each soul should become. Now, you can move into this new life with Christ.

How can I find this Gospel Salvation? We move into it by FAITH IN CHRIST AND REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD. You can try other schemes, plans or panaceas, as many souls have done, but there is one way to be saved or redeemed from sin—the plan God gave in Christ. All other means will fail to lead you to this state of spiritual blessedness. In Christ is . . . "A MESSAGE BY WHICH YOU WILL BE SAVED . . ."

Christ alone can save mankind from the destructive fruits or consequences of sinfulness. This is the Good News. God in Christ has made it possible for us humans to escape from the ravaging influences of the fruits of sin. Man imprisoned, enslaved by sin now has a way of escape through God's redeeming love as revealed in Christ Jesus.

Yes, Christ and his Cross is the way of escape from the enslaving bondage of sin. Christ's atoning sacrifice has indeed become the way the truth and the life . . . "The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from

the law of sin and death . . ."

No soul needs any longer to be the imprisoned slave of human sinfulness. Why? For in Christ God has given a way of escape. Through Christ your soul can be saved today. Jesus will save you now . . . "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved . . ."

What about giving Christ, now, a chance to save you? You have tried other things and they have failed you. All around you, you can see others failed every day apart from Christ. You see sin wrecking lives and homes. You see the hurts and the tears of sin. You see that sin has engulfed many in conflict and confusion. You see sin robbing many of the health and vigor of their bodies. You see sin leaving lives empty and meaningless. You see sin leaving many heart-broken, burdened. Why not now turn to Christ and the fruits of salvation—forgiveness, peace, joy, love, fellowship, hope, courage, health and the richest fulfillment of life.

All you need to do is turn to Christ in repentance faith and surrender; and you will receive soul-healing or salvation. Christ offers salvation. Why delay? Accept Christ and be saved today?

WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK



Pitfalls Await Uninitiated Dealing in Stock Market

The telephone rang and the conversation went something like this:

"Listen, Bob, I've got something really good for you. It's stupendous. Do you have a thousand bucks? I've got some stock that's selling for \$2 now and is certain to double or triple before the end of the year. If you get 500 shares now you'll probably be in time for the next quarterly dividend. It will be about 5 per cent."

"Who is this?" I asked. The voice was familiar, but the line of patter was not. "It's Earl Phillips," the man replied. "You remember me, don't you? You wrote in and asked our company about the possibility of buying insurance company stock. Remember we ran an ad?"

I did recall the ad. It was in a Sunday paper financial section. I sent a postcard and asked for a prospectus on a new stock offering. I did not know Mr. Phillips or his company and I did not like being called by my first name by someone I had never even met.

But curiosity got the better of me and I decided to look into the stock offering. I could not afford to send the man \$1,000

but I told a businessman about it. I asked if for the sake of doing a newspaper column he might want to put some money into the stock just so we could see how it worked out. My acquaintance did make an investment he could afford. Then he and I kept a running record of the experience.

We Learned

Here are some of the things we learned: The securities salesman "forgot" to tell my friend that there was no public market for the stock he bought. That is, when he was ready to sell this "gilt-edged" security he could not get rid of it on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange.

So far as any profit "guarantee" was concerned the salesman "forgot" to mention that the company was just starting operations.

There was very little likelihood of any immediate dividend. In fairness to the salesman this was mentioned in the prospectus—but that came several days after the initial high pressure sales talk. It was in fine print and clouded with so much legal verbosity you needed a lawyer to figure out what the language

said.

Technique

Whether my friend gets "hurt" in this operation remains to be seen. I gather from some inquiries that this sort of high-pressure salesmanship is becoming rather typical. Many investors, looking for a quick way to make an easy buck, are likely to come in for a rather rude awakening.

On Wall St. the term for this sort of stock-selling is "boiler room" operation. It sprang up during the speculative fever of the 1920s and then vanished after the stock crash of 1929. The term "boiler room" came to be used to describe the high-pressure spiels made by telephone salesmen, working in close and noisy quarters.

Among the illegal or unethical practices used then and, apparently still the custom, are for salesmen to "forget" to tell you that stocks they are selling are unregistered securities. Or that the company may be on "the verge of bankruptcy."

The Securities and Exchange Commission is alarmed over the rapidity with which "boiler rooms" are springing up all over the country.

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Highly Industrial Atlanta Is Desegregation Storm Center

Editor's Note: Following is the first part of a two part installment of an article dealing with the impact of the movement for desegregation in Atlanta, one of the South's major cities. The article was written by Bruce and Barbara Ridge for the March Southern Newsletter.

Atlanta—Industrial, financial, distributive, cultural and educational center of a vast section of the South, is becoming a storm center in the fight for desegregation. This is an inevitable consequence of its high degree of industrialization.

Following the Civil War, during the era of Henry Grady's "New South," Atlanta's industry expanded and its population mushroomed. Today it is the third largest city in the South with a trade area extending east of New Orleans, Dallas and Memphis and south of Richmond and Louisville.

Population trends in Georgia, as in the entire country, indicate the squeezing out of the small farmer. In Georgia this is intensified by the fact that mechanized agriculture is eliminating sharecroppers.

Atlanta is growing by immigration from rural areas at a rate greater than any of the other metropolitan centers of the state. These rural people, both Negro and white, are either going to urban areas in Georgia or leaving the state for northern cities.

Here in Atlanta, of course, opportunities for these people are severely limited, especially for Negroes. However, there is a good deal of construction and other business activity going on, even though it is at the expense of the rest of the state.

Strict Segregation

Segregation is strictly adhered to in every phase of life. Nevertheless, there are powerful Negro organizations in Atlanta such as the church and the NAACP, which are beginning to make themselves heard. With the threat of school closings hanging over their heads, the white citizens are also becoming more vocal.

The burning question is whether the pressure of these forward-looking elements will become great enough to force the reactionary rural-oriented legislature to move with the times.

Learning Center

Atlanta is the world center of Negro learning. There is a well-coordinated system of colleges, which enroll a total of nearly

4,000 Negro students. These are Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Morris Brown, Clark College, and Gammon Theological Seminary.

The largest white universities in Atlanta are Georgia Tech, Georgia State, and Emory University. These are also a number of smaller schools such as Agnes Scott and Oglethorpe.

Emory Leads Way

Of all these institutions of higher learning, Emory University is proving to be the most outspoken in favor of desegregation. Emory's faculty was the first to come forward with a petition protesting the closing of schools. This petition was signed by 95% of the faculty, most of the non-signers being persons who were unable to take part because they were absent from the campus at the time of polling.

It should be pointed out that Emory is a private school, not a part of the state system. Its teachers are not subject to quite the same political pressures that can make life so difficult for progressive-minded individuals in more vulnerable positions. The Emory petition, however, undoubtedly was a big push in starting the protest that has since been taken up in other quarters and that daily increases in volume.

The Ministers' Manifesto followed shortly after Emory's declaration, and subsequently, petitions were also signed by a large majority of the teachers at Agnes Scott, Oglethorpe, and even Georgia Tech.

No Dark Skins

There is no Negro student attending any of Atlanta's white universities. Although all these schools take part in the current exchange-student program, the foreign visitors are always people who could not possibly be mistaken for Negroes.

At Georgia Tech, for instance, are boys from South and Central America, Europe, the Near East and the Far-East, where in many cases, the majority of the people are dark-skinned. However, by careful screening, only those who can "pass" are accepted.

At Georgia Tech and at the University of Georgia in Athens, students have taken polls among themselves to determine the feeling for or against segregation. In both instances, there was a definite majority who believed that admission of Negro students was certainly preferable to closing any school.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir: I see by the papers that Pope John XXIII (The Second) is pushing forward his plan for a great Council of all the churches, whereby he hopes to woo the Protestant churches back to the mother church, the Church of Rome.

As it was nothing less than conscientious conviction as to what constituted true doctrine that brought about the founding of the various sects of Protestants, even so, any reunion with Rome could be brought about only through the forsaking of these convictions and a compromise of conscience. The scriptures admonish us to "take heed to the doctrine," and Christ Himself warned us, "Beware of the heaven (doctrine) of the Pharisees."

Incidentally, I am still puzzled as to why the new pope chose the name of John. It is customary for new popes to choose the name of some predecessor on the papal throne for whom he has great admiration, but it is difficult to find much to admire in all those using that name in the past. In fact, between the year 1415, when Pope John XXIII (The First) ceased to reign amid great confusion and schism in the papacy, and the present year, when the present John XXIII (The Second) came to the papal throne, a period of 540 years, no new pope had been able to summon the courage to assume this name, which had been the cause of so much dis-

grace to the Holy See.

Maybe the present pope found something to admire in Pope John XIV, who died of starvation and misery, or was murdered by order of his successor, in 984 A.D. His successor, Pope Boniface VII, had taken John XIV a prisoner and had him thrown into the Castle Sant Angelo a few months before his death.

In fact, Pope Benedict had been removed by Boniface's partisans a few years before this, thrown into the same dungeons, and put to death by Boniface, but Boniface, not being able to maintain himself, robbed the treasury of the Vatican Basilica and fled to Constantinople. For more than a year Rome endured this monster steeped in the blood of his predecessors, and now recognizes him as one in the unbroken chain of lawful popes. We, who are to be reconciled to Rome, would like to know more about such a system.

R. R. Miller

Each morning that God grants us is a new opportunity, a new beginning and a new life, if we choose to make it so. It should begin with prayer, thanking Him, seeking His presence, His love, His will—and then we will enter into the new day strong, confident and blessed.

fidence men," the agency said recently, "have been encouraged by the expectations of a substantial segment of the public that it is possible for the unsophisticated investor to reap large and quick profits in the securities markets."

Just to warn the wary investor how to detect a "boiler room" operator, the SEC says the most common technique is to sell se-

curities "primarily over the telephone, particularly the long-distance telephone by high pressure methods, ordinarily accompanied by misrepresentation, deception and fraud."

While it is true that stock prices have soared in the last year to an all-time high, it is also true that you still can't get rich-quick.

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