

# The Gates of Hell Against the Church

Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18.

Only the church could stand a blow like that dealt it at Kansas City, Mo., last week when a minister died as a result of a fractured skull which he received in a fall during a turbulent session of the National Baptist Convention. Whether he was pushed or fell from the platform will matter little when the convention is finally weighed in the balances. The fact remains that the minister came to his death as the result of turmoil and strife that went on in a meeting held by God's so-called ministers of the Prince of Peace.

The very fact that this was the second or third meeting of the National Baptist Convention in which many of its officials and members acted more like a gang of cutthroats than ministers of the gospel is strong evidence that the man may have come to his end as the result of an attack rather than an accident. It matters little whether he fell as

the result of a deliberate or accidental shove off the platform. The fact remains that at the time ministers, who stand in the holy place on Sunday mornings with pious faces and preach about the Prince of Peace, were raising so much hell that 80 policemen had to be called in to quell the disturbance which ultimately ended in the death of one of them.

When the spiritual leaders of a people become so rotten and void of decency someone must speak out, not against the church but for it. Hence, we cannot wink at the kind of conduct which went on at the National Baptist Convention, and we take our stand against ministers or laymen who have so little regard for common decency.

It is our hope that the tragedy which befell the meeting in Kansas City will be a lesson to other church groups that have too often resorted to similar conduct. If it serves as a warning for them to set their houses in order, then the unfortunate minister who lost his life has not died in vain.

# A Civil Rights Commission With No Authority

There is only one thing wrong with the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, and that is that it has no authority to do something about the many customs and acts of discrimination it is continuing to uncover. The voluminous report which the Committee has compiled and had printed of its work from time to time is evidence that it is permitting no grass to grow under its feet in carrying out its duties as far as they go. It is our opinion, however, that they do not go far enough and that any attempt to assign more authority to the commission before it becomes a permanent establishment will only mean its abolishment.

We think every effort should be put forth by those who want this nation to become truly a citadel of democracy to see to it that the Civil Rights Commission becomes a permanent fixture of the government the same as other important agencies and departments. Once this is accomplished the periodic

squabble over Congress appropriating funds for continuance of the commission will cease, and efforts to delegate more authority to it can be sought and eventually achieved.

As it now stands, the commission is limited only to doing research and publishing its findings in the field of civil rights. This does not go far enough. The commission should be a kind of grand jury delegated with the authority to bring in indictments against those who unlawfully take from others their rights in this country on account of race, color or creed.

As distasteful as it may be to the southern states to extend equality to Negro citizens of this country, they must be made to fully understand that denying full citizenship to one on account of his race, creed or color endangers the freedom of all other citizens. In addition, it undermines the efforts of the United States to sell democracy to people of other nations who are now being enticed with every means by Soviet Russia.

# More Lines for Communication Needed

The Carolina Times has observed here of late that there is entirely too little understanding between leaders of both races in the major cities of North Carolina, to say nothing about its smaller cities, towns and rural sections. This, we think, is due more often to a lack of lines of communication than to any inborn animosity or interracial hatred. As a result, in far too many instances when an interracial crisis arises, there is no one able to correctly interpret the aims, aspirations or intentions of either side of the conflict.

We think the time has come here in North Carolina when those in places of leadership in both races should seek to establish more and better lines of communication so that when difficult situations arise leaders on both sides will be in a better position to prevent them from getting out of control.


It is a sad indictment of our white and Negro churches here in Durham that they have never had the foresight to provide an occasional exchange of pupils. Instead, it is almost always the white minister who is guest speaker in the Negro church with no thought of reciprocity or ever extending an invitation to the Negro pastor for a return visit. The same applies to commencement speakers in

Negro schools and other white persons who appear before Negro audiences from time to time. Seldom if ever do members of white churches, schools, clubs or groups get an opportunity to listen to a Negro of training and experience express himself on important questions of day.

The Kiwanis, Rotary and Exchange clubs, the chambers of commerce in our various cities, and other groups composed entirely of white persons, would also do much to engender a better understanding between the races if they would have the courage and the foresight to invite a Negro as guest speaker occasionally at one of their regular or luncheon meetings. By so doing they would establish a line of communication that would take the guess out of their opinions as to the hopes, aims and aspirations of Negroes.

This newspaper hopes that somehow the thoughts expressed in this editorial will find their way into the proper channels so that before it is too late Durham and other cities of North Carolina will begin immediately a program toward the establishment of more lines of communication in all our cities, towns and rural communities.

# Things You Should Know



**Rev. Andrew BRYAN...**

**A SLAVE, UNDER WHOSE PASTORSHIP GEORGE LIELE BUILT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOR NEGROES IN SAVANNAH, GA. IN 1733 / WRITES**

**TRIED TO ABOLISH IT BY WIPING OUT ITS MEMBERS AND JAILING BRYAN, BUT IT WENT ON; AND THE SECOND ONE WAS ERRECTED IN SAVANNAH IN 1792!**

# ENFORCEMENT OF LAW WILL END HIS REIGN



By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

# The Protective Power of the Holy Spirit Has Meant Victory to Many

"Now, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem". Acts 20:22.

There is a protective power of the Holy Spirit. Paul had long ago decided to put himself into the protective power of God's Holy Spirit. Many perils and danger attended his path of holy consecration. Everywhere he found potential dangers. Thus he accepted the promised gift of Divine power.

He saw that there was one way that he could carry on successfully and that was to go under the protective power of God's blessed Holy Spirit. His friends warned him of the many dangers that awaited him in Jerusalem. And here we have the answer of this consecrated preacher of the Gospel. "Now, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem."

We are safe amid perils under the protective power of the Holy Spirit. In our power we fail. But shield and defender. In the spirit we can say there are dangers

but I am clothed in the armour of God's mighty power and everything will be alright. Clothed in this protective power of the Holy Spirit we can weather the storms, battles, trials and troubles of the journey. Thus we hear the old weather-beaten warrior of the Cross of Christ saying I am under God's protective power and everything will be all right.

When you are clothed in the armour of God's Spirit you are ready for anything that may come as your share in this life's journey for the Master. You remember He said to the Ephesians I am ready for I have put on the whole armour of God. He said also to Timothy I am ready to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ? Why Paul? I am clothed in the protective power of God's Spirit. The he said again I suffered many things at Lystra, Iconium and Derbe and God brought me

successfully through it all. Bound in the Spirit of God we can do in God's army unless, and until we are clothed in the protective power of God's Spirit?

This protective power of the Spirit has meant victory for unnumbered souls in the cause of Christ. This power, remember, is yours for the asking. What is the cost? The price is a soul redeemed and given to God in holy consecration. I heard Jesus say in the great sermon on the mount—"Ask and it shall be given." God will keep you. God will lead you. God will defend you and give you the victory. And with these spiritual assurances Paul says "Now, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem." Yes, God's Spirit is a guarantee of victory.

Let us remember that the protective power of God's Spirit is the Christian's ground of hope in this world of sin and evil.

# Despite Miracle Drugs, Syphilis on the Climb

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Despite the fact that penicillin has been hailed as the sure "cure" for syphilis by some medical authorities, infectious syphilis is on the rise and has increased over 200 per cent during the past two years.

In the country as a whole in 1958-59, there was a 23 per cent increase in early syphilis. In 1960, there was an increase of cases.

Dr. William J. Brown, chief of the Venereal Disease Branch of the Public Health Service, says that he believes that 1,200,000 persons in the United States need treatment for syphilis now.

Sixty thousand new cases are reported a year. If these are not treated, one in 200 will become blind, one in 50 will become insane, one in 25 will become crippled or incapacitated to some extent and one in 15 will die of

syphilitic heart disease. Statistics show that 4,000 people died from syphilis in 1959.

The United States States spent twelve million dollars for treatment and maintenance of the syphilitic blind, and 46 million to care for the syphilitic insane. Dr. Wendell Freeman, Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the Howard University College of Medicine, attributes the increase principally to the fact that physicians have been lulled into a quiet indifference and a false sense of security, and syphilis is being relegated to the list of diseases which are no longer a menace, no longer of great concern to the medical profession."

Dr. Freeman says physicians must be aroused to action if syphilis is not to reach the prevalence of earlier years. "Few diseases can spread so rapidly or insidiously," he said.

"An infected prostitute or homosexual may spread the disease to a dozen or more without knowing he is infected. As long as infectious syphilis exists, it is a serious menace to the American people. With modern travel, infected persons in New York can spread the disease in California or Europe the same way.

"One man or woman with infectious syphilis can start a chain of infection which, spreading out, can infect many people. The people in turn, infecting others, soon create an epidemic, widespread and almost impossible to control."

The dermatologist said that he and other physicians have been alarmed at the recent reports of the tremendous increase in the incidence of infectious syphilis in various sections of the country.

Upperclassmen will begin registering Thursday, September 21. According to reports from the registrar's office late Sunday upward of 900 freshmen and new students have been accepted for the first semester. Expectations are that this number will raise the overall enrollment at WCC to nearly 2,500 students.

Orientation for the new comers will continue through September 24 with classes scheduled to begin on Monday, September 25.

A life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Reynolds served as President of the White Plains branch of the NAACP for six years and as President of the Cleveland, Ohio, branch of the NAACP for three years.

Continued from page 1 Mrs. Media G. Warren, chairman of the life members council of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Zion Church, will be guest speaker on Sunday, September 24 at St.

Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. She will speak at the regular 11 a.m. worship program.

Mrs. Warren's appearance is part of a celebration of Women's Day at the church, located on Robeson and Pickett streets in Durham.

**IT'S A GIRL FOR THE BELAFONTES**  
NEW YORK—Mrs. Julia Belafonte, wife of actor-singer Harry Belafonte, gave birth Friday, September 8, to an eight pound, five and one half ounce girl at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

**Garbage**  
Continued from page 1 and \$1.10 an hour within 90 days.

2. A promise to create an employee merit promotion plan whereby garbage collectors could become truck drivers. Two men will probably be named drivers within 30 days since the city has plans to buy and start operating three new trucks.

3. Ice water and salt tablets on all garbage trucks during the summer months.

4. Establishment of an orientation program for supervisory personnel in the department concerning the welfare and treatment of the workers.

The workers, who staged a surprise strike last week, their second in a month, returned to their trucks after employing attorneys and meeting with Aull and other city officials concerning their grievances.

They had complained of low wages (most of the men were making less than \$1.25 an hour), nasty bosses and had working conditions, and the lack of opportunity for advancement.

**Heroines**  
Continued from page 1 several Negro colleges, administer each year to high school seniors.

But when they entered Durham High, they closed the door to these opportunities. With the possibility of scholarship aid removed, the girls' only chance lay in earning enough money themselves to pay their own way.

Both have been working at various jobs they could find since the closing of school last June. But good-paying jobs for young Negro girl high school graduates in Durham are not easy to find. Maxine finally left the city to work for awhile in Atlantic Beach, N. C. Claudette is now a waitress at a Duke hospital cafeteria.

The girls have fondly nursed hopes over the long and somewhat disappointing summer that somehow they could make it to college. Claudette wants to study in nursing education. Maxine is interested in Commerce. But unless a miracle happens these two young heroines in the struggle for the extension of democracy will have to tuck their dreams away along with the other things in their lives that somehow didn't quite "pan out."

**Feted**  
Continued from page 1 tation for women and men dormitory counselors.

Coach Herman Riddick's gridgers have been on campus going through their paces since Sept. 1 in preparation for the season opener against Allen University in Columbus, S. C., on September 23.

NCC's 120 piece marching band arrived August 24 and began preparations for performances at the Eagles home football games. They will perform over a national television network in November, between the halves of the New York Giant-Baltimore Colts game.

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**Driver**  
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"He was leaning back under the wheel. His wife was sitting there so shook up until she couldn't say anything. Another fellow and I took him out of the car and laid him on the sidewalk. Then I pulled his car out of the street." Partidge told the TIMES.

Another eyewitness, Albert Wright, also an employee at this station said she called the station

lance. George L. Howard, 920 Thaxton St., nursing assistant at the VA Hospital, said he was attracted by a large crowd and stopped to investigate. He said he observed the man lying in the seat and attempted to revive him, and after feeling his pulse, knew the man was dead.

Wilson was reported to have worked the Pine Street Cab Co. for more than 20 years. He was well known by other cab drivers throughout the city.

Funeral services will be held at Amey's Funeral home Monday afternoon, September 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Beechwood cemetery. Among his survivors are his wife, Mrs. Eunice Wilson, and a daughter, a resident of Miami, Fla.

**"Mr. T"**  
Continued from page 1 664 Dowd St. and Bruce Albright, 405 Gray St. collected \$1 each after showing a copy of last week's paper. They failed to answer the jackpot questions.

As if you didn't know, Mr. T is a part of the Lucky Sign Contest sponsored by the Carolina Times. Each week he canvasses several neighborhoods in the city seeking someone who wants some free money.

Here's how the contest works: This week in the Times appears a large ad announcing the arrival of Mr. T. In the center of the ad is the Lucky Sign with the name of the paper printed in large letters.

Cut out the Lucky Sign and place it in your window or some other place visible to Mr. T when he visits. The Lucky Sign is very important because if Mr. T cannot see it on his way by your house, he may not stop.

Secure a copy of the latest issue of the Times, read it thoroughly and keep it available.

When Mr. T visits you, he will ask you a jackpot question taken from one of the stories of an ad in the current TIMES. If you can answer the question and have a copy of the TIMES in your home, you can win a big \$15.

If you fail to answer the question and you still have a copy of the TIMES, you will win \$1.

So don't be caught napping. Mr. T will be in your neighborhood soon. Be ready for him.

Next week, Mr. T just might make the rounds in one of the city's business districts. So businessmen, you aren't counted out. Better be on the lookout for him.

**Bias**  
Continued from page 1 The report, entitled "The Right to Vote" is the first of a series of five volumes prepared by the Commission on five areas of civil rights: discrimination in voting, education, employment, housing and administration of justice.

Pinpointing evidence of discrimination in some 100 counties in eight Southern States, the Commission urged Congress to enact legislation barring States from denying the franchise except on the basis of reasonable age or residence requirements, legal confinement of the time of registration or election or conviction of a felony.

This and another recommendation for legislation which would make a sixth grade education sufficient proof of literacy, are designed to deal with the use of "educational" or "interpretation" tests as devices for disqualifying Negro applicants.

**Baptist**  
Continued from page 1 the Rev. J. H. Jackson was elected by a 2-1 margin over the Rev. Gardner C. Taylor.

The voting by states began at 10 p.m. Thursday and continued all through the night. Jackson led the voting in particularly every state but New York, Gardner's home state.

Following his concession, delegates of the Taylor faction left the Municipal Auditorium satisfied that the election had been fair and honest.

The disorder earlier in the convention was key off when opposing faction failed to agree which one of the two convention presidents would preside at the meet.

Jackson was holding the floor at the beginning of the meet when a delegation from the Taylor faction decided to "take over." As they reached the steps to the convention hall platform, the fight began. Blows were thrown and the entire hall was in an uproar. It was reported.

Eighty Kansas City police were dispatched to halt the riot.

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Continued from page 1 most of the major news stories of that time. He accompanied former Vice President Nixon on his 1957 African tour and covered the opening of the World Fair in Brussels.

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