

The Necessity of Registering and Voting

The Carolina Times wishes to call attention of its readers to the fact that Saturday is the last day to register for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 6. We trust that every qualified Negro man and woman who has not done so will not rest until he has registered before the books close at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27. In several cities and counties of the state the registration books are always open. In such cases we advise those not registered to not wait until Saturday but do so now.

Many of the ills that confront Negroes as a race in various sections of the state and the south would disappear if all of those who are qualified would only register and vote. In several counties and congressional districts of North Carolina where the Negro population constitutes from 50 to 72 percent of the whole, there is not one Negro holding a public office. This is a sad state of affairs and is due to a lack of leadership, and, in some

instances, to downright ignorance or lethargy in the matter of registering and voting.

There are several congressional districts in North Carolina in which a Negro could easily be elected to Congress if members of the race would only register and vote in proportion to their percentage of population. Instead, these very sections are those in which there is prevalent a serious lack of interest in registering and voting.

We urge those in positions of leadership to bestir themselves and see to it that every member of the race who can qualify becomes a registered voter. We urge our young people who are below voting age to organize youth movements in section where Negroes have not been aroused to the necessity of registering and voting and make a door-to-door canvass in an effort to enlarge the voting strength of the race. Once this is done many doors now closed to Negroes will swing wide open.

The Selection of the Next President of NCC

The special committee appointed by the Board of Trustees at North Carolina College to find a person to succeed Dr. Alfonso Elder, who is soon to retire as its president, has a difficult and tremendous responsibility on its shoulders. To begin with, there is a serious shortage of men qualified and available to run an institution the size of NCC. Even if the trustees have to offer more money than the present president is receiving, the right kind of persons is sure to take into consideration several other factors before accepting such a position.

It is, therefore, our hope that the special committee will not comb the nation to find the most harmless creature to place at the head of the school. In this we think we have the support of the alumni, the faculty and friends of NCC. This is no day for conformists or persons who have no convictions of their own. The challenges which NCC and all other educational institutions are going to be called on to meet in the immediate days ahead are going to call for strong and courageous leadership. A man with this quality in no probability will not be acceptable at all times to

certain segments of the citizenship of this state, but he should be generally acceptable to the progressive element of Negroes whose sons and daughters will be sent to NCC to be educated.

The responsibility of conveying the thinking of Negro leaders of the state to the remainder of the citizenry on a matter as important as the naming of a president to one of its leading educational institutions rests squarely on the shoulders of the Negro members of the NCC Trustee Board. The white leadership of North Carolina must not under any circumstances be led to believe that any person possessing academic achievement only will be acceptable to Negroes as president of the school. The next president of NCC should bring something to the school rather than have it confer some stature on him. Certainly, his past achievements should be of such magnitude that he would not take from the school what prestige it has. These are important factors the special committee appointed by the NCC Trustee Board should take into consideration in their search for the next president of North Carolina College.

Revelations of the Spirit

Several years ago we stated in these columns that it was stupid to snatch a perfectly good classroom teacher from behind a desk and thrust on his shoulders the full responsibility of administering the affairs of a college or university. We further suggested that it might not be a bad idea to have prospective heads of educational institutions of higher learning serve an internship or serve a period of understudy to a college administrator. We predicted at the time that if the practice of placing novices at the heads of our colleges continued that some of them were certain to get into trouble of one kind or another.

It now appears that in one case, least, our version and our prediction were revelations of the spirit rather than the flesh. Although it has not leaked out yet it is being whispered in certain circles that Shaw University is now in serious financial difficulties. It is being further whispered that its former president, Dr. William R. Strassner, informed the Trustee Board before he left the school that the current indebtedness of Shaw was only \$20,000 while it has been revealed that instead the school owed at the time over \$225,000 with an

added capital indebtedness of over \$200,000.

As disconcerting as the indebtedness is, it could be easily wiped out in view of the fact that there are over 300,000 Negro Baptists in North Carolina provided the ministers of the churches in which the memberships are held would furnish the leadership for a concerted financial effort to get Shaw out of its present predicament. There are those who feel that the leadership should come from the present president of the State Baptist Convention but because of some unknown reasons he has failed to furnish it. They further feel that if he would furnish the leadership that the present indebtedness of Shaw could be easily wiped out.

As it now stands the 300,000 or more Baptists of the State are at a standstill awaiting for the leadership that will save their school from its present embarrassing situation. The big question now is will the present president of the Baptist State Convention lead the way or prove to be just another mediocre leader sloshing around in shoes that are too big for him?

Better Arrangements For NCC Homecoming

There were two unfortunate conditions that obtained in connection with the N. C. College Homecoming celebration last Saturday which it appears to this newspaper might have been easily avoided had those in charge of the affair used a little foresight and ingenuity. The first involved the very poor organization of the parade. The second was the lack of seats available for those who had paid the price of admission to witness the game.

There were several breaks in the parade's

line of march which ranged from one to five or six blocks. As a result it consumed over two hours when it could have been completed within one hour had the participants been better organized and better instructed. It is our hope that those in charge of the Homecoming celebration next year will see to it that the line of march will be so organized that part of the parade will not arrive at its destination before the other part moves off from the starting point.

So far as the shortage of seats was concerned, it appears to us that it would cause less complaints and confusion if the NCC athletic officials would limit the sale of tickets to the seating capacity of O'Kelly Field or provide more seats, especially for the Homecoming events and others that are most likely to draw a larger attendance than under ordinary circumstances.

IF WE HOPE to end up with anything in the asset column, we must learn that constructive self-criticism is imperative.

ONE DAY you seem broke, and the next month you are offered all you ever prayed for, so keep praying, son.

FACTORS OF RACE HATE THAT MUST BE DESTROYED TO RETAIN LEADERSHIP



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Man Must Remember There Is Divine Power Greater Than His



"It was travelling with authority from the chief priests . . ." Acts 28:12

God's sovereign power stands above the fading, feeble power of man. Amid the fears and anxieties of the use of so-called human power, we should remember that there is a higher power. Men through the permissive Providence of God, Almighty exercise a brief and passing power. Men strut in pride and use their little power for a brief day and then they must lay it down. Paul failed to realize this that day as he got his grant of power from sinful and dying men. Look at him going in the fading grab of a brief grant of earthly power. He goes with "AUTHORITY FROM THE CHIEF PRIESTS . . ." He forgets that in God Almighty there is the highest power.

God rules in the majesty of absolute, sovereign power over time, space and eternity. Paul rides on and at high noon he is dramatically reminded that there is God the Creator, the higher power. Governments and

individuals are permitted by God to wield the scepter of power for a brief period. Then nations and individuals lay aside their garments of power and go the way of all the earth. Men need reminders that God Almighty is the ultimate source of power. The little power we may be granted to use is only for a brief, fleeting moment. This is God's world and he is the ruler too. We all need to realize the brief, uncertain nature of our tenure of power. God has the last word and he rules in sovereign power.

We are dwellers in houses of clay with a dusty foundation. What can be weaker than a house of clay with a dusty foundation? You know this is the great spiritual truth that Job culled out of the smashing impact of his disastrous sufferings. Why should we be so prideful and arrogant with our brief grant of power from God the ground of all power. We have nothing to brag about. All we have comes from God the firm source of power. We play our

little part on the stage of life and then we must pass on to our eternal destiny. Then let us ever remember God the higher power. Then let us get wise and use our grant of power for the service of mankind and glory of God.

We are, therefore, stewards of God Almighty, the higher power. In this ultimate power, God, we live and move and have our being. In love and service let us use our grant of power. We shall be held accountable before God the Ultimate power one day. Then we all should be faithful in the use of our God-given gifts. Let us not be guilty of misusing and abusing our powers. Jesus said that God would give a joyous welcome and well done to those who use their powers and gifts in love and faithfulness. Then let us exercise our stewardship of God-granted power that we may hear his well done.

God is sovereign in power and we are given brief grants of this power and we shall be held accountable before God the Ultimate source of power.

UN 'Best Shelter Yet for Mankind', Says Author of 'Road to Peace'

NEW YORK—"The best shelter yet devised for mankind." That is what the United Nations represents to more and more nations, says Vera Micheles Dean in ROADS TO PEACE.

In this new 25-cent pamphlet issued this week by the Public Affairs Committee (22 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.), Mrs. Dean describes the world as operating on three levels: (1) the nation-state; (2) the regional organizations, as for example NATO, the Warsaw Pact, the Organization of American States, the Common Market; (3) the world community—the UN and its specialized agencies. Each of these she considers a road which "if well-marked and delimited, serves a useful purpose in the search for peace."

Mrs. Dean is a distinguished author whose most recent books are THE NATURE OF THE NON-WESTERN WORLD, NEW PATTERNS OF DEMOCRACY IN INDIA, and BUILDERS OF EMERGING NATIONS. Former research director and editor of the Foreign Policy Association and director of the Non-Western Civilizations Program at the University of Rochester from 1954 to 1962, Mrs. Dean is now professor of international development in the Graduate School of Public Administration at New York University.

In ROADS TO PEACE she an-

alyzes concisely the three levels given above, taking into account current developments, potentials, and limitations. Of "the nation road" she writes: "Far from being obsolete, nationalism shows greater vitality than ever as one people after another in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America demands its place in the world community. . . . There is no doubt that the nation continues to serve essential purposes. . . . But in the increasingly complex world of our times . . . the nation is no longer the principal road to a people's security and prosperity."

Of "the region road," Mrs. Dean concludes: "In all continents, regional organizations valuable as they may be for certain practical purposes, do not seem able to hold within bounds the larger aspirations of nations which are increasingly aware that trade and science, armaments and politics, not to speak of outer-space exploration, cannot be fully developed or controlled within a framework narrower than that of the world."

The major section of ROADS TO PEACE is devoted to a discussion of "the world road"—the UN, which "serves as a 'multilateral umbrella' for world diplomacy, under which the great and small can thresh out and adjust their differences."

Yes, We All Talk

Refer to Committee By Marcus H. Boulware
Very often a question comes before the club before all of the necessary information has been gathered.

A good way to propose this motion is as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, I move that we refer this motion to a committee of five people who will report to us at the second meeting in July."

The chairman calls for a second, debate, and finally a vote on the motion "to refer to a committee." If carried, the motion goes to the committee.

Debate or "referral to a committee" is limited, and what ever debates there is centers around the number of persons on the committee, or the time for the committee to report to the organization.

READERS: For my parliamentary law chart of motions, send fifty cents (to cover cost of handling) to Dr. M. H. Boulware, Box 310-A, Florida A. and M. University, Tallahassee, Florida.

The farmer gets less than three cents for the wheat that goes into a 20 cent loaf of bread.

Farmers have twice as much money invested in machinery as the steel industry and five times as much as the automobile industry.

What the White Man Needs Most: A First Class Awareness That All Humans are Fallible--Even He

(In reply to John Fischer's "What the Negro Needs Most: A First Class Citizens Council")

By JOHN W. FLEMING

Since John Fischer, a white man, was so bold as to write about the Negro's basic need, I, a Negro and just as bold, am writing about the white man's most pressing need. As indicated in the title, the white man's greatest need is the recognition that he, as all other men, is fallible susceptible to mistakes, and erring as all other humans do.

Throughout Mr. Fischer's article one could hear ringing from every line: "White is right." And from that basic hypothesis his scathing criticisms were aimed at the Negro for failing so many times to achieve the established standard (established by the white man).

Not only did he criticize but, as so often with the case of the self-righteous, he failed to see in the Negro's mistakes a reflection of the sins of all men.

Crime, immorality, illegitimacy, broken window panes, unkempt lawns, and unpainted houses are not things that characterize a race. There is, however, a correlation between these things and poverty and ignorance.

Clarence Darrow once said, "You are a criminal not because of what you do but because of who you are." Certainly the color of the skin has been responsible in many cases for Negroes going to prison. And vice versa, the color of the skin has kept many whites out of prison. The men who murdered Emmett Till are typical examples. Crime is a legal term based on conviction. But wrong doing is still wrong doing whether the perpetrator is convicted or not.

The same is true of immorality. The immoral acts in Hollywood though glorified and dignified are just as immoral as the same acts committed on South Side Chicago, the Central Area, Cleveland, or in Harlem, New York.

Illegitimacy, the white man in times, is a racial (Negro) trait. As Professor Stember of Rutgers stated so well in a recent letter to Harpers, the ratio of Negro illegitimacy to white would be different if the abortion, which Negroes are often unable to pay for, was eliminated as a face-saving technique for whites.

On this matter, another point is worth pondering. From the color of the skin and the texture of the hair of many of these so-called Negro illegitimate children, we wonder if the white man, recognizing his fallibility, would not admit that he too is responsible for this illegitimacy?

What about the accusation that the Negro ignores the run-down condition of the home in which he lives while keeping his car shiny and in good shape? In many cases he is renting the house in which he lives. Low salaries and restrictive covenants have kept him from buying a home of his own. He does, by straining, make enough to buy a car. It is human nature for a man to take better care of that which he owns than that which he rents. Even the white man must admit that.

A husband who toils all day in a sweat shop, a wife who labors all day in a laundry or in somebody's kitchen will not feel too much like mowing a lawn, patching a roof, or painting a window when work hours are over. It may come as a surprise, but most Negroes in a middle class salary bracket and with leisure time to perform chores around the house, keep it in good shape.

One thing that the "Superman Fallacy" has made the white man adept at doing is finding sociological and psychological causes to account for any mistake of a white individual. But in viewing the Negro's errant act, he looks for symptoms. He never sees poverty and ignorance, the fact that he is the last to be hired and the first to be fired, inferior schools and response to prejudice behind a crime committed by a Negro.

Another thing that his lack of awareness that he too is fallible has caused him to do: Crime when committed by a white person, is always personal and in individual. Crime, when committed by a Negro, is indicative of a racial trait. "Jack is a rapist because all Negroes are rapists." "That house with the rags in the window belongs to my cook Sally. All Negroes live in run-down homes. That accounts for the shabby appearance of Sally's house."

Did it ever occur to this person that Sally could probably live in better quarters if he would only

pay her a just salary? As a letter replying to Mr. Fischer's article has stated: "The Negro is not seeking the white man's acceptance." He is seeking constitutional rights. He realizes that men are more fallible than the ideals of the constitution.

In moving toward the Democratic Creed it is not necessary for me to lose my identity. If my music seems queer by the white man's standard; if I have other idiosyncrasies contrary to his pattern, is that any indication that my mores are wrong? My jazz cannot sound any queerer to him than his hillbilly music does to me. But it is his constitutional right to play and sing hillbilly music if he so desires, and who am I to say that he should cease and desist from doing so?

Yes, Mr. White Man, like all people, we have our bad and our good. We have some people whose acts make us bow our heads in shame. And then we have others whose heroic lives cause us to hold our heads high with pride. If a Citizens Council could help us eliminate all the mediocre, all the criminals, all the poor house-keepers, and all those who show one or more of the weaknesses of human nature from among us, I would be all for it. But I fear that is asking too much. Man is not an angel. And I am afraid that earth is not ready for a whole race of angels.

We have many group and units working for the uplift of humanity, but we don't have, and don't need any more than any other ethnic group of "do-it-all" reforming Citizens Council.

As the white race has had its Benedict Arnold, Baby Face Nelson, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and John Dillinger; as it has had its robber barons, embezzlers, political grafters, and gangsters, so have we had people of ill-repute. As the white race has produced its outstanding people, so have we produced Benjamin Banneker, George Washington Carver, Percy Julian, Ralph Bunche, Martin Luther King, and many more. We are proud of them as the white man is proud of his great ones. But we would not expect the Caucasian race to be labeled a race of geniuses and saints because it has produced some geniuses and saints. Nor would we expect every Negro to have horns and carry a pitchfork simply because some Negroes are devils. And, as implied in Mr. Fischer's article, we would not want a standard of sainthood set that every Negro must meet before any Negro can achieve first-class citizenship.

All of these burdens that have been placed on the Negro could be lightened IF the white man would only see himself as he should. What the white man needs most is to free himself of his "Messiah Complex," of the "Superman Fallacy." He needs to realize that he has made mistakes, is making mistakes, and will continue to make mistakes. What he needs to realize is that Americanism cannot be equated with the white man's standard or the Negro's standard. Americanism is moving toward the fulfillment of the American dream; justice and fair play for all. It is pooling talent, energy, abilities—black, white, red, whomsoever—for the common purpose of promoting freedom and liberty for ALL.

Veteran's Corner

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—Can the Veterans Administration pay for emergency treatment of the service-connected conditions of veterans in private hospitals?

A—Yes, provided the medical emergency was such that an attempt to obtain admission to a VA hospital would have been hazardous to the veteran and if the emergency treatment is reported to the nearest VA hospital or regional office within 72 hours after the veteran's admission to the private hospital.

Q—Is the U. S. veteran population growing or declining at present?

A—Latest VA figures show the U. S. veteran population declined 127,000 during the 12 months preceding August 1, 1962.

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