

Labor Union Discrimination has helped to delay this team work

# The Other Side of The Deep South

In a guest editorial appearing in the November 17 issue of Saturday Review, Ralph McGill, noted publisher of the Atlanta Constitution pens a most penetrating and thought provoking piece on the situation as it obtains at the University of Mississippi since the entrance of James Meredith to that institution. Mr. McGill's editorial also gives an enlightening view or look into the minds of some of the forward looking faculty members of "Ole Miss" and plainly shows that even in Mississippi there is another side to the Meredith story, small and weak though it may be at present. In quoting a statement from one of this particular group, whose name for obvious reasons was not given, Mr. McGill wrote in part as follows:

"I trust it will not be misunderstood," wrote a member of the faculty at the University of Mississippi, "if I say that every time I see James Meredith on our campus the tune and words of an old spiritual run through my head: 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot, coming for to carry me home.' Some of us here see in him, and the slow evolving meaning of his entrance and presence, a destiny-sent chariot, swung low, to lift this university and all who love it and hope for it out of the morass of fear, educational inadequacies, and make-believe in which it has so long lived.

"To speak in the vernacular of the times," he continued, "we are freedom riders riding the hope symbolized by Meredith's presence. Through him freedom may come to thought and teaching. We may, in time, be able to turn the business of education and creating a university worthy of the name. It will not be soon. But hope has been born."

Elsewhere in the article Mr. McGill goes on to say: "Standards at the University have remained relatively low, despite efforts to raise them. One factor contributing to this is a state policy admitting any high school graduate who has completed the required secondary school courses—regardless of his grades. The curriculum is not regarded as

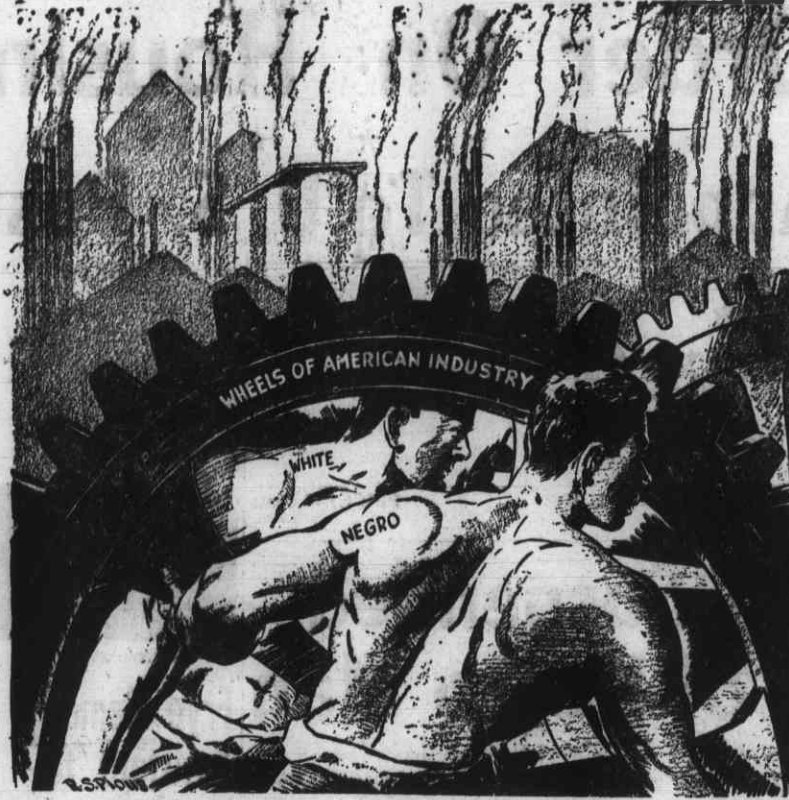
sound, though some individual teachers are superior and obtain excellent results. The university supports no debating society, no student literary publication. It has never been able to obtain a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Newspapers and magazines are not readily available on the campus or in Oxford. The student newspaper has been harassed by the state legislature and the CC's (Citizens Councils) . . .

It is against this melancholy background that James Meredith has emerged as a symbol of change. Resistance remains strong, angry and determined. But the state has reduced its payments to the CC's Forum. The governor has had to call off a Chicago dinner at which he was to have addressed 200 Midwest industrialists on happy life and advantages in Mississippi. One hundred business leaders have called for a recognition of law. The faculty supporters of the CC's no longer seem quite so arrogant and assured. They and the student informers have seen that the CC's are not, after all, greater than the government of the United States. They have been forced to think on constitutional rights, common to all.

Hope, therefore, glimmers at "Ole Miss." It is a tiny flame. But it burns."

Here, again, is the voice of the little known deep South, speaking out, not too loudly, but at least speaking out in no uncertain terms against the running, putrid and cancerous sore which infects the social order and moral fiber of this section of the nation. As weak as the voice is now it gives hope that some day it will be heard above those of the Citizens Councils, the Ku Klux Klan, other organizations and individuals that are making it impossible for the deep South to keep abreast of progressive sections of the nation.

That there are those even in Mississippi, however few in number, who realize that it is utterly impossible to build a great state, a great people or a great nation on bigotry, race hatred and segregation is encouraging to those of us who wish to see the South grow and prosper.



## SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

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### A Clear Conscience Is Very Essential to Good Christians



"Brothers, I have lived with a perfectly clear conscience before God . . ." Acts 23:1.

A clear conscience before God is a supreme spiritual blessing. Human beings desire and search feverishly for many other things in this life but a clear conscience is a rare treasure. We seek for influence, prestige, education, power, wealth and position. Yes, we run in hot pursuit after many things in search for that inner state of satisfaction called happiness. But here Paul reminds us of one of the real sources of abiding happiness that he had found: A Clear Conscience before God. What greater blessing is there beneath the vaulted skies than a clear conscience giving you peace before God and with man?

me . . ." And O how blessed it is to find and live in this spiritual state. It gives you peace when you meet your brother. It gives freedom from agonizing burdens of guilt that know and nag you into a state of restlessness. A clear conscience means restful, refreshing sleep at night. The clear conscience gives that peace of God that is beyond all human understanding.

A clear conscience is a basic element in the peace of body, mind and soul. If you would really be healthful then go to God and get your conscience clean. Your conscience, maybe, needs a spiritual dry cleaning. The Writer of Psalm Fifty-one took his dirty conscience before God and ask that it might be washed and cleaned that he might enjoy again health of soul and spirit. We hear him crying out for healing . . . "Create within me a clean heart God . . . and renew a right spirit within me . . ." Many are sick because they have a sick conscience that

needs God's spiritual healing and cleansing. Thus if you would enjoy health of body, mind and soul take that conscience to God for cleansing.

A clear conscience gives a foretaste of Heaven on earth. What a wonderful and joyous feeling it is to be in union with God and man. It is Heavenly to be in fellowship with God. With a clear conscience we can skip light heartedly and joyously about life facing its joys and sorrows. Yes, with a clear conscience we can turn life's troubles and sufferings into a song. Job felt that his conscience was clear before God regardless of what his friends in their misunderstanding could say. Thus we hear Job rising from the darkest depths of his suffering and bereavement crying out joyously and triumphantly . . . "GOD MY MAKER GIVETH SONGS IN THE NIGHT . . ."

This precious coin of the spirit—a clear conscience before God—can be had by all men.

## Frye's Appointment No Credit for N. C. Democrats

Senator Samuel J. Ervin's statement made last week, following the announcement that a Negro lawyer had been appointed assistant attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, to the effect that he had nothing to do with naming a Negro to the post, uncovers no surprise or startling information to the Negroes of the state. While a majority of them may not know that both the state's senior senator and its junior senator, B. Everett Jordan did everything in their power to block the appointment, they are fully aware of the fact that both North Carolina senators have voted against every piece of civil rights legislation that has come before the U. S. Senate. Likewise Negroes of the state are aware that both of them also opposed the confirmation of the appointment of Thurgood Marshall for the Circuit Court of Appeals.

It is also being revealed that whereas District Attorney W. H. Murdock did not oppose the appointment of the Negro lawyer, he did nothing to aid it. Thus, it now appears that the naming of Attorney Henry B. Frye to the post was designed and consummated entirely by high officials of the present administration in Washington, without the approval, the blessings or even the suggestion of Democratic Party bigwigs of North Carolina.

Whether the state's two senators will admit it or not, they now stand before the eyes of the nation and the world as opposing two preeminent qualified persons for the posts to which they were appointed for no other reason than they are Negroes. Thus, without any moral ground to stand on both stultified their conscience to do what they felt was politically expedient rather than what was morally right.

In spite of this tragic situation North Carolina will not fail to exploit the appointment of attorney Frye to the rest of the nation as evidence of the state's favorable climate of race relations and as part of its efforts to lure industry to North Carolina. Negro leaders who have been able to out maneuver the wishes of the Democratic Party leaders of the state and nail down the appointment of Frye are beginning to wonder if it's not time for the party to begin trotting out for high public office candidates of a higher caliber. They are beginning to wonder just how much longer they will be required to remain loyal to a state administration that is never willing to reward such with political appointments that have the approval of high officials of Democratic Party in the state.

## Don't Support South African Bias

The General Assembly of the United Nations has passed a resolution condemning the racial exclusion (apartheid) policy of the Union of South Africa and calling on all members of the UN to boycott South African goods and shut off all exports to that country. The vote was 62 to 16 with 23 abstentions. Unfortunately, the resolution is not compulsory but merely a recommendation. In the next place, the United States, the United Kingdom, and France were among the 16 nays.

The unwillingness of the United States to boycott South African goods does not, however, leave the American consumer power-

less. The individual buyers should let stores offering Union of South African goods for sale know that they will not buy them. If Americans, and particularly Negroes, will take a definite stand against the importing and sale of articles made in the Union of South Africa, the importers will refuse to bring them in.

Those stores which continue to support the rigid policy of racial discrimination of the Union of South Africa by spending money with it ought to be boycotted by all Americans interested in seeing to it that the repressive policies of the Union of South Africa are discontinued.

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## Yes, We All Talk

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

**Q—For whom does the VA provide guardian service?**  
—During the past fiscal year, VA provided guardian-ship service for 104,469 veterans, 390,341 minors, and 16,163 adult dependents of veterans. At the end of the fiscal year their estates amounted to more than \$757 million.

**Q—How do VA expenditures for compensation compare with amounts spent for pensions in a given year?**  
—In fiscal year 1962, the VA paid an average annual payment of \$850.30 to 2,372,683 compensation cases for which the total expenditure

was \$2,017,482,704. During the same period annual pension payments averaged \$880.05 to 1,854,881 pensioners whose total payments amounted to \$1,632,387,762.

**Q—Where can I get information explaining the choice between the old VA pension plan and the new pension plan that went into effect July 1, 1960?**

A—You may visit, write or telephone any VA office for this information. A choice of the two pension systems is open to those pensioners already on the rolls or June 30, 1960. Those coming on the pension rolls after that date automatically come under the new pension law.

## Answers to Veterans Questions

**By MARCUS H. BOULWARE**  
Question: Can you recommend a phonograph record containing lessons to improve one's speech?  
—H. L.  
Answer:—I recently received some advertisement literature listing the title of a phonograph record "Speak Well Off the Record." The record (CL 1361) uses the modern method of overcoming pronunciation problems, incorrect speech habits and speech handicaps. There are 12 participation exercises with a 16-page manual of instructions. The advertisement says the record is excellent for remedial

speech classes, all grade levels. The record was created by Paul Mills, consultant to industrial and United Nations personnel. You may order this record and manual from: Columbia Records Education Department, Order Service Pittman, New Jersey. Other offices are located in Los Angeles 48, Calif., and Terre Haute, Ind. (Allow me to say that I have not auditioned the record.)  
**READERS:** For my parliamentary law chart of motions, send fifty cents to Dr. Marcus H. Boulware, Box 310-A, Florida A. and M. University, Tallahassee, Fla.

## Randolph To Address Sigma Conclave In Dec.

CLEVELAND, Ohio — A Phillin Randolph, the International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters will be the principal speaker of the Public Meeting of the 48th Anniversary Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, which will convene in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Pick-Carter Hotel, from December 26th through December 30th.

Randolph is scheduled to address the National body and their guests in the main ballroom of the Pick-Carter Hotel on Thursday evening, December 27th, at 8:00 p.m.

Frank Brown, General Conclave Chairman, said, "The Theme of the 48th Conclave is Victory through Enlightened Leadership." Randolph is a Vice-President of the Negro American Labor Council.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is one of the four National Negro College Societies with more than 200 chapters located on Negro College campuses, in cities of the United States, the Virgin Islands, Europe and Africa. The Fraternity was organized at Howard University in 1914 by A. Langston Taylor, L. F. Morse and C. I. Brown. Dr. C. U. DeBerry, of Greensboro, N. C., is director of the Southeastern Region for the fraternity.

## All Money Created Equal, Says Los Angeles Multimillionaire

LOS ANGELES — The patriarch of America's richest Negro family simple in a \$125 a month apartment, reveals the December issue of Ebony.

He is 84 year old multimillionaire L. M. Blodgett of Los Angeles, who amassed a saving and loan fortune estimated at more than \$3 million. He is so rich that, even if he loses a law suit which is now threatening half his holdings, he will still be a millionaire.

He leads such a quiet life that Ebony says, he is "known to few outside of the Liberty Savings and Loan Association of Los Angeles, which Blodgett guided from a \$18,000 beginning to an institution with assets of more than \$20 million." Blodgett sold his half interest in Liberty last year for \$2 million.

The only frankly luxurious item in Blodgett's quiet, tasteful apartment is a \$500 television set, Ebony points out. But "if upstairs, he listens to the radio; two TVs would be extravagant."

Ebony spotlights Blodgett and his family and chronicles his rise to riches.

Blodgett does not pay rent on his \$125 a month apartment, because he owns the building and most of the pleasant, middle class neighborhood. His bachelor son, A. J. Blodgett, lives nearby in an equally simple apartment and his daughter, Mrs. Josephine Blodgett Smith and her husband and two children, have a home in the neighborhood too. Less retiring than her father and her brother, Mrs. Smith is active in civic and charitable work and "believes that money has three fundamental uses: security, education and enjoyment."

Ebony chronicles Blodgett's arrival in California in 1906 at the age of 28 in response to railroad advertising. "They were urging all us young people to go west," he tells Ebony.

He worked his way up from bricklayer to building contractor, and then with other successful Los Angeles businessmen, during the depression, Blodgett took

over active management of the firm, and not only rescued it from the brink of failure but built it into the thriving institution it was when he sold it. "I didn't give up and I had no fear of failing."

"A fellow asked me how I learned to build houses and lend money and run a financial institution. I told him I learned from experience," Blodgett tells Ebony.

The richest Negro, says Ebony, "is dedicated to the position that all money is created equal and that once earned it should be used primarily to earn more."

Unlike the Horatio Alger stories, it isn't all happy ending for Blodgett. Says Ebony, "In the shark infested water of big business, it is not unusual for the kingfish to incur something other than starry eyed admiration along the way upstream. L. M. Blodgett is no exception. His tight fiscal policies have not endeared him to all those with whom he has come in business contact."

Last year a group of white businessmen won a battle for Liberty Savings and Loan Association. Says Ebony, "Resisting the bitter end, L. M. Blodgett finally sold out. Perhaps more than 20 years ago he would have fought and won, but now, a little more than a decade away from a century of living and under doctors' orders to rest his weakened heart, Blodgett had to settle for the soothing feeling of another couple of million dollars and the proud memory of the financial institution he had built."

Says Blodgett himself, "I had the satisfaction of knowing I had the best organized business the Negro ever had, barring none." Blodgett is currently being sued by relatives of his late second wife, who claim half his holdings under California's community property law. In Ebony he sums it up philosophically, "Even if they get all they're asking for, I'll still have a million in cash."

## --Greensboro

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drawal of the bands the fact that sentiment was high among Negroes over the arrests of the Bennett and A. and T. students in the sit-ins.

The sit-ins and subsequent arrests were staged prior to the parade. Also this week, it was revealed that a film company, hired by the United States Information Agency, had recorded on film scenes from the sit-in on Tuesday at the S and W cafeteria.

The company, Van Dyke productions of New York, is preparing a documentary for the USIA on the progress of Negroes in the U. S. over the past century.

## Sigma Honor Former Officers

NEW YORK—Fifty former chapter officers, national and regional officers of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity were awarded seats in the fraternity's Orchid Circle at a reactivation ceremony at Sigma House here last Saturday.

Among those honored were the late Dr. Elmo Anderson, James (Billboard) Jackson, Augustine A. Austin, and Clifford Clarke, and living members, Alston Norwood, Eugene Whitlock, Amos Charles, Julius Castan, Clyde Jordan, A. F. Lomax, John Shepherd, Guy Cozier, Leslie Coles, Charles Frost, A. F. Morse, Louis Wilkerson, Daniel Nighthale, Rudolph Adams, B. A. Applewhite, B. Rvas, George Daley, C. M. Patrick, Oliver Eastman.

## --Edenton

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picketing license, notify police authorities 24 hours in advance of picketing, stay within a five foot area prescribed by police and carry signs of a certain size.

On the first day of the trial, Judge Williams Bundy ruled that the \$10 picketing license fee was unconstitutional and ordered it stricken from the ordinance. However, the eight were subsequently convicted by an all-white jury after a brief deliberation on Wednesday of violating the remaining provisions of the ordinance.

All were convicted of violating the provisions requiring 24 hour advance notice and of violating the prescribed 5 feet picketing area. In addition, Barbara Roberts was convicted of carrying a sign over 24 inches large. Others convicted were Rev. Frederick LaGarde and students Jessie Ellis, Frances Lawrence, Robert Capehart, Lois Carter, William Copeland and Emma Brothers.

The charges stemmed from demonstrations in front of Mitchiners Drug Store in February.

## --Brown

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Ushers Home in Franklinton on Sunday. Rev. Brown's speech will highlight the closing of the Ushers fund campaign to complete renovation of the home to be used for unwed mothers.

## Non-Violence Praised

ATLANTA, Georgia — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told an audience at Atlanta University Center that non-violent action is still the most potent weapon in the continuing struggle for civil rights.

Dr. King said that if democracy is to live, segregation must die, for "segregation is a cancer which must be cut out before the full moral health and strength of our country can be realized." Our love for America and the American way of life makes it imperative that we fight unjust systems. "How ever," he continued.

The N. C. Interdenominational Ushers Association has been working for the past three years to turn the old Franklin Christian College into an institution for unwed mothers. It has received several gifts from philanthropic organizations and individuals throughout the state in the campaign.

C. R. Craig, of Greensboro, state supervisor for the Ushers, is expected to announce the gift of 22 rooms of furniture from a firm in the piedmont area of the state at Sunday's meeting.

Also on Sunday, a deep freeze chest will be given away at the program on Sunday. It will be awarded in a drawing to the holder of the lucky ticket. Rev. Brown's trip to the Holy Land was made last summer following his victory in the Carolina Times Ministers Popularity Contest. He toured Israel, Jordan, Athens, Rome and Paris on the trip.