

Tremendous Opportunities In Africa For Those of Vision, Stout Hearts

The recent American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa was attended by more than 100 "leaders." Africa looms larger in the arena of world affairs than ever before in modern history. The participants discussed and argued for two nights and three days in the former 19 million dollar mansion of Averell Harriman about how best they could help their struggling and persecuted brothers in Africa.

It was established as a fact that native Africans expect great support from American Negroes. This is most important for the reason that many Americans have endeavored to get the idea over that Africans preferred "white" ambassadors, ministers, and other officials to Negroes. Top government officials have given this as the reason for not sending more American Negroes to Africa as representatives of the Department of State. Since Africans themselves declare that they would welcome their blood brothers to join them in their struggle for freedom and political and economic development, the Department of State must change its age old policy which is based on fiction rather than fact and select qualified Negroes to serve in Africa.

Then, too, it is important for American Negroes to consider

the business possibilities in Africa. One of the greatest weaknesses of African natives is the fact that most of the business interests in Africa are in the hands of those "who know not Joseph." Even the African nations which have gained their independence and freedom will not be able to develop properly unless the economic conditions in those countries improve and their productive resources are under their control. Perhaps the American Negroes may not be able to contribute as much cash to those underdeveloped nations as the Jews have to Israel, but they can consider ways of doing much more than at present. Israel has advanced rapidly because of the vast sums of money poured into it by American Jews. It is high time that American Negroes get it into their heads that their progress in America depends to some extent upon the advancement of their African brothers. They must realize that only the stupid will declare that they "ain't lost nothing in Africa." Africa offers tremendous opportunities to those who have great vision and stout hearts. If American Negroes refuse to accept this challenge they will have no one to blame except themselves.

—TRIBUNE, Dec. 8

A Merry Christmas For All Needy Families

Efforts on the part of the local branch of the Salvation Army to see to it that every needy family in Durham will enjoy a Merry Christmas should receive the support and co-operation of every civic minded citizen in the community. As reported elsewhere in this issue of the Carolina Times the Salvation Army is anxious to have individuals and organizations interested in bringing Christmas cheer to needy families to work with it and through it. By so doing its officials hope to avoid the duplication of effort that has often resulted in the past when the same family or families have been helped by more than one person or organization.

Special attention needs to be focused on the fact that since abolishment of the Empty Stomach Fund the entire matter of providing Christmas cheer for needy families of the

city and county has been turned over to the Salvation Army. Its officials are now in the process of placing needy families, receiving cash contributions and inquiries as to how a needy family or families may be adopted. Individuals and organizations such as Sunday School Classes, clubs, fraternities and other civic groups are being urged to contact the Salvation Army at 101 Morris Street for instructions and information as to how they may cooperate with the effort.

In any event the Army hopes to make Christmas this year one of giving rather than one of receiving. With an expectancy of over 2,000 needy families to provide for it is hoped that all interested individuals and groups will put their shoulders to the wheel. In this manner it will give assurance that no needy family will be denied a Merry Christmas.



REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Cadillac Brains and Bicycle Pocketbooks

We have observed with grave concern here of late the growing tendency on the part of many middle-class members of the race to invest in Cadillacs and other expensive automobiles that are entirely out of line with their income or earning capacity. Indeed the practice is becoming so prevalent that we think it is time for someone to call a halt or at least sound a warning to prevent the race from breeding more persons with Cadillac brains and bicycle pocketbooks.

In the first place only a crack-brained person or one possessing an inferiority complex feels it necessary to ride around in an automobile costing \$6,000 or more when his income or earning capacity is not sufficient to sustain such or pay for its upkeep. In most cities the size of Durham, and many much larger, the number of Negroes who are actually able to own such an expensive car can be counted on the fingers of one hand. In the second place, the few who are should refrain from doing so for fear of setting a bad example, especially if they hold places of leadership in their respective communities and if they make their living off the earnings of a constituency composed for the most part or entirely of members of their own race.

It is our opinion that a person whose net income is below \$60,000 annually has no business owning or trying to own an automobile costing \$6,000 or more. The one exception,

undertakers who because of competitive reasons, must put on funeral show-offs when some insignificant person dies to satisfy the whims of relatives who are forced to make one last desperate effort to prove to the public that the deceased was somebody.

The Carolina Times actually has on record several cases in Durham and other cities in which Cadillac and steel vault funerals have been pulled off in all their grandeur and glory only to discover that the undertaker was left holding the bag. In other words the family of the deceased has never paid one dime of the funeral expense. We are of the opinion that it would have been far more honorable and respectable to have funeralized the deceased in a pine box and hauled his carcass to the cemetery in a wheelbarrow than to have put on a Cadillac funeral show-off at the expense of the undertaker.

We think the time has come for Negro leaders and others as well to grow up and act with some sense about the tendency to invest in expensive automobiles whether for everyday use or for funerals. A car parked under a rented tree, especially if the car is an expensive one, appears to us to be out of line with common sense and decency. Home ownership should be the first desired goal of every Negro who wishes to see his race rise above the level of poverty and dependency on others for it.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT



Jesus Is God's Remedy For Plague of Human Sinfulness

Festus, the Rome governor, had heard of a strange religious personality called Jesus. And consequently, he wanted to know who this Jesus was about whom there was such an uproar. Paul the Evangelist had created a Crisis in Jerusalem on account of his passionate witness for this strange man called the Christ, the Savior of the world. This someone called Jesus had become the determining factor in his restless Jesus had made him a new and dramatic career. This Jesus had great power in his wild career on highway at night on one day this Jesus had become the driving or motivating power in his soul.

This Jesus reigns in love. This Jesus is God's prescription for a world of hate. This Jesus

penetrates and conquers the world through love. If you are plagued with hate, then let this Jesus have his way in your life. This Jesus will regenerate your soul and fill it with the power of his love. This Jesus offers the love that refines, builds and heals above the shattered ruins of a sinful past. This Jesus takes away the sinfulness of sin and fills with love. Then let this Jesus come into your heart and soul with the matchless beauty and power of his healing love. This Jesus is like him. Yes, in a world like this you need this someone called Jesus.

This Jesus is God's remedy for human sinfulness. God in love gave his Son Jesus to save us from our sins. This someone called Jesus is the world's

Savior. Many masters had come but this Jesus is the master of sin. Great scientists have come but this Jesus is the one who saves the soul from sin. We have had great industrial geniuses but this Jesus is the one who has become God's prescription for the spiritual sickness of sin. This Jesus is the answer for this age of anxiety. This Jesus must save the three billion inhabitants of this earth from Nuclear suicide. This Jesus, and he alone can save the world from sin.

Let this Jesus have his way in our lives and we shall share in the life that is abundant and eternal. He is the master of life, the healer of sin, and the conqueror of death. And the world can find a haven of blessing in Jesus, the life giver.

Family of Six Saved by Welfare Aid

By Bernadette W. Hoyle
"At times we seem to forget that the source of support for public assistance is no different from the source of support for public education, or public health, or many other governmental services for the citizens of our nation."

Dr. E. Winston, Commissioner Mrs. C's husband was killed in an automobile accident, leaving her with six children to support. They ranged in age from one year to 19 years. She had a small insurance policy and used most of it to pay off the indebtedness on their small home, the remainder of the money was used for living expenses, but it was soon exhausted. The oldest child, a son, was able to get part-time work and his earnings were used to help support the family, but they were not sufficient.

An aid to dependent children grant was approved for the family by the county department of public welfare. As a result, all of the children were able to remain in school.

When the oldest son was graduated from high school he enlisted in the armed service and made a serviceman's dependency allotment for the family. The aid to dependent children payment was terminated during this period, but when he was discharged from service, the public welfare payment was reinstated.

In the meantime, the second child, a daughter, was graduated

from high school as valedictorian, and secured a clerical job. The oldest son went to college and with his G. I. college payment of \$75 a month, plus earnings from a part-time job was able to graduate with a degree in agricultural engineering. He now has an excellent position. During college he was able to help his younger sister finish business school.

The third child, a son, enlisted in the Air Force, and made a dependency allotment to his mother.

The fourth was graduated from high school and worked her way through college.

The fifth child quit school before graduation and enlisted in the Army, but continued his school work during the time he was in service and was given credit for high school graduation. During his six years in the Army he took training as an electrician and was able to secure a good job when he returned from high school and is now married.

The sixth child was graduated. During the few years that these six children needed help so badly, the aid to dependent children payment supplemented family effort so that they were enabled to stay in school.

Taxpayers of North Carolina, through public welfare, are helping hundreds of such children become self-supporting, tax-paying citizens themselves.

Time Running Out On Ignorance In The Pulpit

More and more this newspaper is becoming disturbed about the future of the Negro church in this country. Although we have made no detailed survey of the matter our recent observations have caused us to wonder if Negro ministers, as a whole are not trailing behind their constituencies or members in intelligence, training and objective. There was a time when the pastor of the average Negro church needed no special training for his profession or calling to become a success. If he possessed a strong pair of lungs or had a fat roll back of his neck, a nice round or fat stomach and was well dressed, he was sure of rising to the top of the ministerial maggot heap.

We think, however, that the day of the preacher with only such attributes and little or no training and brains has gone forever. The members of the average Negro church of today who become excited because a preacher knows how to moan well, holler loud and say nothing in a sermon are becoming fewer and fewer. Whether some Negro ministers like it or not, their members, generally speaking, want them to be able to match other leaders of the community in training, intelligence and achievement.

At the present some of the ignorance displayed in Negro pulpits is being off-set to some degree by the minister putting on a show with a shiny car, erection of an educational building or some other grandiose display of money spending. Such naturally must precede continuous money raising stunts or stints, all of course out of the pockets of those in the pews, to and for the glory of the man in the pulpit and not to and for the glory of God as the members of the past have been made to believe.

This worship of the temple, the creature and the things of the temple, instead of the creator has become so pronounced that even the average revival is no longer considered as a serious effort to save souls but merely another means or excuse to raise money. We think, however, that time is running out on such procedures and methods. At the present, the line is being held in check solely by the remaining few oldtimers who believe their preacher can do no harm. The day is not far away, however, when those who pastor Negro churches are going to have to not only put their houses in order but keep them so, with well prepared sermons that are thought-provoking as well as emotional, along with achievements in training and civic welfare, the same as those in other fields.

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"Listen Here Nigger . . ." Is Distressing But True Picture of Unreconstructed White Man In Statesville

By REV. W. WILSON LEE
On the morning of December 4, Mrs. Mamie Connor, of Route 3, Statesville, called us and informed us of a conversation that she had with one of Statesville's businessmen. The business man was J. H. Owen, the manager of the Consolidated Credit Corporation. The office is located at 214 West Broad Street. Mrs. Connor stated that she had a loan with the establishment and was late making her monthly payment. Her sister had been to the office the day before to make the payment for her, but when she arrived, she met J. H. Owen coming out of his office. Her sister told Owen that she had the money to make the payment and he murmured something to indicate that his office was closed. He did not return to his office to receive the money. The next day Mrs. Connor was trying to explain to the manager, J. H. Owen, why she was late, and that her sister had taken the money to his office the afternoon before. She said he replied, "Listen here nigger, all I want you to do is to get my money down here."

Immediately, the Reverend R. R. Woods, the Rev. J. C. Harris, and the Rev. Wilson W. Lee went to see Owen, and to question him pertaining to the insult. We arrived about 1:45 p. m. and asked to speak to Owen. We were told that he was out, but would be in shortly. We left and returned and found Owen in his office. He was told by one of his employees that we wished to speak with him. He came over to the counter and the Rev. Wilson W. Lee made the introduction and told him that we had been informed by Mrs. Connor that he had made the remark to her in a conversation over the

telephone: "Listen here nigger, all I want from you is my money." He was then asked if he said this. Without any sign of emotion, though in a tone of arrogance, he replied, "That is correct."

The Rev. Woods is the pastor of Mrs. Connor, and the president of the local branch of the NAACP. If all J. H. Owen wants from one Negro is his money, the same is true for all Negroes. The Negro's patronage of Mr. Owen's service is accepted, but in the eyes of Mr. Owen, he or she is the same nigger that he called Mrs. Connor. Therefore, it seems to us that a little "selective service" would be in order. In some people's book, this is boycotting, but in our case, we are selecting companies and establishments who do not have managers with such little respect for people and business as the Consolidated Credit Corporation.

We have talked about the man Owen and his attitude toward Negroes, though it is hardly fair to feel that a man is not part of his environment. This is the same Statesville where Negroes were sprayed with insecticide by a city-owned jeep, while they demonstrated peacefully. It was in Statesville where men were placed under \$500-\$800 bonds on the charge of trespassing. Really, it could be better stated for trying to eat in Howard Johnson restaurant. It was in Statesville where the police beat a 15-year her in jail and then he charged her with assault on an officer. This also happened during a peaceful demonstration. This is the same Statesville where the judge told a Negro attorney to "sit down and shut up" as he tried to defend his clients who were charged with trespassing, growing out of an

attempt by Negro to eat at Howard Johnson restaurant. This is the same Statesville where it is unlawful to picket unless you get a permit from the chief of police, and Negroes have been told by the chief that they will not get one. It is in Statesville where ugly, slanderous, racial remarks are made by the arresting officers to Negro. Even though this is reported to the officials of the city, you do not get an answer. This is the same Statesville where men have honestly and sincerely tried since 1960 to have an organization set-up to bring about a better understanding of the racial problem here. Until this day we do not have one, and moreover it is denied by some that Statesville has a racial problem. We cannot help from feeling that the man, J. H. Owen, is a product of the environment, and that his action, though unwise and mean, was aimed at preserving a system that is doomed to die.

CHRISTMAS SEAL TIME
As shoppers go about their Christmas gift-buying and card-sending, we hope they will reserve a portion of their spending money for the purchase of Christmas seals. Both the Tuberculosis and the NAACP seals deserve our support. Both are for good causes. The sale of Christmas seals provides the only income that the National Tuberculosis association receives during the year. Proceeds from the NAACP seals go for the financial support of the fight for civil rights. Your Christmas will be all the merrier if you support these two worthwhile efforts. Buy a sheet of Christmas seals—or as many as you can.

—THE KANSAS CITY CALL, Dec. 6

CORE Moves Against City Bonds

NEW YORK—Taking a new step in CORE's recently launched campaign of economic sanctions against ultra-segregationist states, James Farmer, national CORE director, announced initiation of legal action to prevent these states from issuing tax-exempt municipal bonds.

Farmer has sent a letter to ten leading investment banking houses announcing the intention to start legal action at state and Federal levels to prevent Southern states from issuing tax-exempt municipal bonds.

"States and municipalities practicing segregation continue to market bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to build illegal parks, schools, and other facilities," the letter, sent Friday said, "Heretofore, these bonds have enjoyed tax exemption. In practical effect this tax exemption provides a Federal subsidy for the act of breaking Federal law." The letter continued:

—Tempo
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Jr., 34 year old white man whom he convicted of assault on a young Negro student picketing the Royal Ice Cream Company on Saturday night.

Allen was charged with assaulting Walter Riley, 16 year old Merrick Moore student,

The campaign against Royal Ice Cream Co. got started in 1957 when the Rev. Douglas Moore and a group of other young Negro students were arrested and convicted for trespass when they sought service on the side of the establishment reserved for whites.

The Drive was pushed intermittently in the intervening years but largely lay dormant until this fall when a group of NAACP youth and East End community leaders began work again in attempts to desegregate the establishment.

Rev. A. D. Moseley, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, has worked as a liaison between the NAACP youth groups and adults of the community.

A week ago, it was reported that the establishment offer to negotiate with the protest group if it would call off the pickets. The firm reportedly offered to remove the "For Colored" and "For Whites" signs over the separate entrance on Jan. 15 if the picketing were halted. The NAACP refused the offer and the campaign has been continued.

The firm is located at North Roxboro and Dowd Street in what was once a predominantly white neighborhood. The section is now overwhelmingly Negro.

Action of Durham City Board of Ed. Not Compliance

The appointment of a three-man committee by the City Board of Education to "consider, study and submit to the Board within 90 days a plan for further desegregation of pupils in the Durham City Schools" is only the first step in the direction of compliance with orders of the Four Circuit Court of Appeals in its recent ruling on the matter. It is not within itself compliance, and we trust that Negro leaders and citizens here will temper their enthusiasm with common sense and restraint concerning the board's action. We have absolutely no faith that members of the board, with the exception of the lone Negro member, ever had in mind complying with the orders of the court until they are forced to do so.

We have reasons to believe that the City Board of Education is set on continuing the same stalling and delaying actions that it has resorted to since the Supreme Court's decision on the matter in 1954. If the board ever had honest intentions of complying with the rulings of the courts, it is certain that it would have gone further in the direction of compliance than it has within the last eight years.

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