

## A Serious Blow to the Promotion of Democracy

Whatever the future holds for this nation's effort to put an end to the Castro regime in Cuba, as well as its program to promote democracy among other nations of the world, it will have to be admitted that our own state of North Carolina delivered a serious blow to both efforts on last Tuesday. There was a time when an incident such as insulting a diplomat of another country could be done in a corner away from the piercing gaze of others, especially if the diplomat was from a Negro country or a nation not in the category of a world power.

The insult handed a Liberian woman diplomat in Raleigh cannot be justified in this day and time and will not be so easily dismissed among Asiatic and African nations of the world as the managers of the hotel and cafeteria would have it. Modern inventions have shrunk the world to such an extent that an act, whether good or bad, done in one corner of the earth is front page news in the farthest corner the next day. The communist mills will be sure to make the most of the Raleigh insult to the Negro diplomat of Liberia among the black, brown and yellow peoples of the earth.

The notion that a person engaged in a

public business has a right to kick another human being in the teeth, solely on account of his race or color, is so stupid that only the weak and depraved would raise such a defense. The license issued an individual or a group of individuals to operate a public place of business entitles the holder or holders to the right to use the public owned streets, sidewalks, police department, fire department and other facilities, owned and operated at the expense of all the taxpayers, when needed. Common sense would dictate, therefore, that to deny a person the same service offered to others on account of his race is questionable if not technically unlawful.

It appears to us that the managers of the hotel and cafeteria in Raleigh, and all other worshippers of the rod of segregation, are out of joint with the times. Their refusal to serve the Liberian diplomat has focused the attention of the nation and the world that in spite of what N. Carolina's governor says about improving the lot of the Negro he is unable to do anything about it. In the end the course they followed will do more to put an end to segregation than if they had acted otherwise.

## The Case of Preston Trice--Who is to Blame?

We do not know the answer to it nor do we have the remedy for the night of terror caused by young Preston Trice on last Wednesday when he went on a rampage and set fire to the East End elementary school, broke into a local grocery store and set fire to an automobile. The fire at the school resulted in a total loss of over \$500,000 before it was halted by firemen. The automobile, we understand, was a total loss. Along with the three incidents mentioned above, Trice has also admitted starting several grass fires the same night.

Most any day you read in the newspapers of such wanton crimes committed by both fortunate and unfortunate youths until one is forced to wonder what or who is to blame for the total break down of the moral standards once cherished and guarded so carefully by the leaders of our social order? Charge it, you say, to broken homes, irresponsible parents, the failure of our churches, the failure of our schools, the failure of our police departments. Or you may even place the blame on the kind of entertainment being furnished by our theatres, radio and

television programs.

In the case of Preston Trice our investigation discloses that he never in his entire life actually had a home, the loving care and guidance of parents or friends. The youngest of a family of 12 children, he has been shifted from pillar to post almost the entire 16 years of his life. Thus, finally as a ward of the county, he has been allowed to grow up in the midst of our so-called highly civilized society in a fashion that is more becoming a wild animal than a human being.

So, will they try Preston Trice for arson in a few days, probably before a jury of 12 men of his peers, "tried and true." What the outcome will be, none of us can tell. Whatever it is, there will always linger with this newspaper the question as to who is to blame for the plight of Preston Trice. Probably in the not too distant future mankind will be able to put its finger on the cause of such cases and, finally, the remedy. Until that hour comes, every intelligent person must feel to some extent that he is personally responsible for the let down in the morals of our present social order.

## A "Whipping Boy" for Durham County Health Dept.

The Durham County Health Department took another side swipe at Lincoln hospital last week when it emphasized through the daily press that the institution was given a "B" rating for the quarter ending March 31. To our recollection, this is the second time that the local Negro hospital has felt the lash of the Durham County Health Department. It thus appears that Lincoln has become the "whipping boy" of the local agency and raises a suspicion in our minds that there is a sinister move or objective behind the continuous and sometimes unwarranted mauling of this particular hospital that is not altogether healthful. The undue publicity given the matter adds further suspicion that there is a "dead cat" up the line somewhere.

Certainly this newspaper would give its full support to every effort of the local health department to safeguard the health and lives of all Durham citizens in making its inspection of the various establishments that come under its jurisdiction. The responsibility of such an agency is of grave importance that only the highest caliber of officials, employees and service should be tolerated. For that very reason we are of the opinion there might be times when some inspecting of the inspector or inspectors is in order to guarantee that the same yardstick of grading all hospitals, eating places, hotels and other institutions is used.

It seems rather unusual to us that the management of Lincoln hospital would request an inspection of its facilities and not be prepared for it. Had the representatives of the health department not been expected we might not have been suspicious of the motive in magnifying the findings of the inspection.

We are of the opinion that there is a segment in Durham County officials that for financial or other reasons would take delight in seeing Lincoln Hospital closed.

We are also well aware that Lincoln Hospital is no perfect institution. There are many improvements that are needed, and we suspect the same could be truthfully said of similar institutions in Durham. In spite of what the Durham County Health Department says or reports, we are of the opinion that under the circumstances, Lincoln Hospital is doing a fine job in providing medical care for the Negro citizens of Durham County and vicinity. Our faith in its management, its physicians, its nurses and its entire personnel is unshaken.

We would like to suggest to the Durham County Health Department that on its next inspection tour of Lincoln it inspect the county's record of not providing adequate financial support for the large number of indigent patients it dumps on Lincoln hospital. Once this is remedied it is our opinion that it will go a long way toward eliminating many of the shortcomings that may exist at the institution.

## East End School Problem

There are entirely too many unanswered questions in the solution to the situation created by the recent fire at East End Elementary School. While the parents of the pupils attending the school, and interested citizens of the community and city, are perfectly willing to put up with certain disadvantages that cannot be avoided on account of the fire they will not be satisfied with seeing a substandard replacement of the destroyed structure. Add to this the already overcrowded condition that existed at the school and its lack of sufficient ground area and the question naturally arises as to what is the wisest course to pursue in the matter?

We think the Durham City Board of Education would take a wise step if it invites the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs to assist it in working out a satisfactory solution to the problem. After all the schools belong to the people and at least when an emergency arises in one of them they should be heard.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

REV. HAROLD ROLAND

## The Message of God in Our Times Has A Critical Urgency

"He spoke urgently of the Kingdom of God." Acts 28:23.

The message of the Kingdom of God in our times has a critical urgency. Are we sufficiently aware of this urgency of the Kingdom in this year of Our Lord nineteen sixty-three? What is the idea of the Kingdom of God? It involves the idea of God's having the priority or supremacy in our hearts and souls. The righteous loving and merciful rule of God in our hearts, this is the essential idea of the Kingdom of God. Who can doubt that this is the urgent need of our times. Yes, God's rule in our hearts is our one hope of escaping complete disaster. God, in Christ, is our hope. Perilous tides of godlessness and sinfulness sweep the world and the nation? How can we escape this tidal wave of destruction? We can escape through the recognition of the urgency of the Kingdom of God in our hearts.

Each individual who claims the one true God as revealed in Christ must face up to the urgency of the Kingdom. God's rule must save us in a hurry from man's greedy and sinful rule. We have deserted the old eternal truths. And the ones we are run-ready failed many in the past history of mankind. What shall we do then? We must stop our mad headlong rush down the broad road that leads to failure and disaster. We must search for and find again the fundamental principles of the Kingdom of God. What are the principles of the Kingdom of God? They are love, mercy, repentance, righteousness, truth, regeneration, honesty and justice. It is a simple return to God.

Apart from God we are lost. In God we are saved and made triumphant. Let us have a spiritual house-cleaning. We must clear out all of the accumulated junk and let God reign in our lives. God must have the first place. If we give God the second place we are lost. If we are to be saved from failure and disaster then second place for God just won't do. The Old Testament right reminds us—"Have No Other God Before Me." And the New Testament reaffirms this great spiritual-moral truth. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and

all other things will be added unto." Tragically, we have changed this great truth. We now say, if I have any time left I'll give God a little. This is the pathway to failure and defeat for mankind. If we are to be saved, God must have the first place. You, the individual, must face the urgency of the Kingdom where you are this day. You do not have to wait for some great awakening in the Church or the nation. Jesus says the "Kingdom of God is in you. It is in you the humble Christian. You, therefore, must take seriously the urgency of the Kingdom of God. You must stand for truth, justice and mercy. You will witness for Jesus this day. You must be right and holy where you are today. You must be loving and truthful for God. Yes, in simple daily Godly living you as an individual will be a cell or center of the Kingdom of God. And with enough such individuals God can bring the Kingdom and Save the World in this Critical Hour. O, God, give us an urgent sense of the Kingdom of God so that thy great redeeming love may rule in our hearts.

of economic conservatism. If quoted correctly, you reveal that you have learned nothing from your experience in the last Presidential campaign. Evidently you are not persuaded, as many others are, that no man will become President of the United States in this day and time, who does not have the confidence of the Negro voter and the millions of decent Americans who believe in our democracy.

This is a lesson of which your fellow-Republican, Senator Barry Goldwater, is not aware. The Senator seems to think that he or someone else who embraces his philosophy can win the Presidency on a platform of conservatism and writing off the Negro vote in the North. He has been quoted as saying that when someone questions him about integration, he counter-questions with: "Where are you from?" I think the Negro knows where Goldwater is from. I don't mean where he lives. I mean that he is strictly from hunger on the race issue. I believe Barry Goldwater, or does, would be trounced handily if his party made the fatal error of giving him the baton to carry in 1964. Let's set the record straight. I have no illusions about my ability to sway masses of people politically. I have no pretensions to leadership. Yet, I would exert every ounce of whatever influence I might have in order to help defeat Goldwater or anyone of his ilk.

I have great faith in Governor Nelson Rockefeller. I find



### DON'T BE SIMPLE

"Nobody in this world almost ever does everything right" said Simple, "so everybody ought to have the right to sometimes do things wrong—including Adam Powell, who should also have that right."

"What did Powell do wrong?" I asked. "I do not know," said Simple, "but he is accused. Since white folks are usually making the accusations, I doubt if there is any truth in them. According to the Bible, Christ was accused of doing wrong, too."

"Surely you do not compare Congressman Powell to Christ, do you?" I asked. "No, but Christ was a Christian, and so is Adam Powell. Powell is also a Baptist. When were a child in Virginia, the Baptists could do no wrong. Also, down South if you was not a Baptist, your soul was lost. To be sprinkled a Methodist, your soul was just not saved. You had to be dipped—with water—in your ears Baptist-style—to be saved. When I was baptised, I was almost near drowned. That Sunday when I come up out of that holy water, the minister said, 'Jesse B. Semple, what have you to say?'"

"I said, 'Reverend, all I can say is, you are trying to drown me.'"

"Ole Rev. said, 'Has the Spirit entered into your soul this morning?'"

"I said, 'all I know is, I am full of water this morning.'"

"Rev. said, 'You are one of these hardened sinners. You must

go and come again.' I went—but I have not been baptised again. But, since I have been having a toothache lately, I think I will be a Christian Scientist like my wife, Joyce, who has lately become interested in Science. She says toothache is all mind."

"I thought you told me you went in for gospel songs," I said. "There is no gospel singing in the Christian Science churches."

"What?" asked Simple. "Then I will go to Brother Brooker's else Bishop Charles' temple where there is a fine choir. I was just trying to save dentist's bills and follow my wife's advice."

"Religion is designed to save your soul," I said. "not your pocketbook."

"Neither does religion help you on your income tax," said Simple. "Look at Adam Powell, pastor of the biggest Baptist church in the world, and they got him in the income tax wringer. I asked Joyce what the Christian Scientists would say about that. Joyce said Science would say, 'It is all mind. Nothing is but thinking makes its so.'"

"I said to my wife, Joyce, if that be so, what about our budget for food, house and upkeep. Some weeks you tell me you cannot balance our budget unless I give you all my salary that week. Why don't you just think that I have gave it all to you—then our budget would be balanced and everything would be O. K.?"

"Joyce said, 'Jesse Semple,' she said, 'now don't be simple.'"

## Letter to the Editor

EDITOR CAROLINA TIMES CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

On the evening of March 23, election day in Statesville, Frank C. Shuford was arrested for being drunk on a public street. The action thus far is a common occurrence in most cities, but with Shuford, he ended up with a broken leg. Shuford, states that two officers came up to him on Bristol Road here in Statesville, and one of them said, "Frank you are a little drunk, ain't you?" He said no, I am not drunk, though he admits he had been drinking. The officer then said yes, you better come with us. They got out of the car to put him in. He insisted that he was not drunk. They pushed him into the car, and one of the officers hit him on the leg. His leg immediately became painful and inactive. They managed to get him in the car except this particular leg which was allowed to hang outside of the door until they drove to the jail which was about a mile away from the spot where they arrested him.

Upon arrival at the jail, he was ordered by the officers to get out of the car and walk up stairs. He told them that he could not get out, because his leg was broken. The officers dragged him out and upstairs where he was to be imprisoned and when the cell was opened they allowed him to fall on the floor and left him. He could not get up. His fellow inmate took a mattress and put it on the floor and helped him on it, and that is where he stayed until the next day, and they then helped him to a bunk. Shuford complained of a hurting leg and asked for medical aid, but none was given him, not even an aspirin. The following Monday the doctor came and looked at his leg but did not render medical aid. Later in the morning, he was helped to trial where the judge ordered him sent to the hospital, and it was here that they discovered his leg was broken.

The officers say that they did not break his leg. Shuford says one of them did. We hope that justice through the will of the better thinking people will soon decide this. But there can never be any justification for putting a man in jail on Saturday, with a broken leg and allowing him to stay until Monday without giving him medical aid. Shuford was not given an aspirin, though he asked for aid, and other inmates joined him in an appeal for aid. Can it happen here? IT DID

party - honest enough to admit that, at this hour, reaction means ruin for the Republicans; the kind of reaction which is labelled Barry Goldwater; the kind of reaction which is labelled Everett Dirksen.

Personally, as little as I believe in President Kennedy, I'll take him for another term against a Republican conservative. At least I know what to expect from President Kennedy. Nothing - unless he can be put under the same tremendous pressure by the Negro masses as is applied by Southern Congressmen.

I believe that the Negro in America is increasingly aware of what Dr. Martin Luther King calls his "somebody-ness." He knows that his ballot can win a national election. He knows that the withdrawal of his dollar can cripple a huge corporation, I submit Mr. Nixon, that something seems to have happened either to your sense of history or current events.

I hope that you were misunderstood and that if you were not, you will revise your thinking. I invite you to answer this open letter in this column.

Rev. Wilson Lee Statesville



### AN OPEN LETTER

On my desk at Chock Full O' Nuts, there is a beautiful bronze memento inscribed "from Pat and Dick." You will recall that you and your charming wife-gave me this gift after I had taken a leave of absence to campaign for you when you ran for the Presidency in 1960.

When the political battle over and the returns were in, you will recall that, Robert Kennedy attributed his brother's election to the fact that he had won heavy Negro support in large cities. The Republican National Committee post-scripted that had you made a bold play for the Negro vote, you might have won. You yourself have admitted this.

I am not one of those people who regrets having been with the loser. I supported you on principle. I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat. I vote for people who I believe in, regardless of their party affiliations. I fought for you because I believed you to be sincere on the racial question and because I believed Senator Kennedy to be insincere.

I think events have proven that I was correct about the President. While I regard him as personally concerned about human rights, I believe

he is a clever tokenist. I believe that he wishes to substitute a few fine job appointments and social flattery in the form of White House receptions for genuine strong civil rights action. The President evidently believes that weak executive orders, lukewarm civil rights proposals and phone calls to Mrs. Martin Luther King will again pull the wool over the eyes of the Negro.

Personally, I would again oppose Mr. Kennedy in a political campaign.

I have to say sorrowfully, however, that there is a strong question in my mind as to whether I would again support you or a candidate with your blessing.

I say this because I am deeply disturbed about a United Press International dispatch which quotes you as saying that you believe civil rights will not be the prime 1964 political issue in the South. I know that you have said you will not be a candidate but that you intend to exert some influence over party policy, platform and choice of candidate.

If quoted correctly, you are counselling the 1964 front runner to take it easy on civil rights and to attempt to carry the South on a platform

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