

Outcome of New Bern Bombing Will be Watched

We trust the law-abiding and respectable white people of New Bern will not, as the daily press has indicated, undertake to write off the recent bombing of their city or take comfort in the fact that those responsible for the trouble are citizens of New Bern. Such acts of violence, committed against citizens for merely exercising the right of free speech and the right of assembly, should concern every lover of liberty and justice in this country. In the end, we must all come to recognize the truthfulness in the statement that no man's freedom in this country is safe so long as the freedom of the humblest citizen is unsafe.

The sad state of affairs in New Bern, which became unexpectedly the scene of the bombings, can truthfully be said to exist in practically every city of the South if not in all of them. Generally speaking, the respectable white people, the white church and even the police departments, have done little or nothing in the average city to impress upon the minds of the ignorant whites, like those who usually go to make up the Ku Klux Klan,

other anti-civil rights groups and individuals, that Negro citizens have any rights they are bound to respect.

The mere fact that the bombings were committed in New Bern is an indication that somewhere along the line those who were responsible for them had been led to believe that they could bomb Negro homes, businesses and individuals with the full sanction of those who belong to the power structure or the leading white citizens of the city.

Now that the FBI has arrested those responsible for the bombings, the reaction of every leading citizen of New Bern, from the mayor, the pastors of the white churches and the law enforcement agencies on down will be watched with keen interest. It is our hope that the courts, both federal and state, will have the open and full support of every respectable white citizen of New Bern and Craven county. Unless this is done, those responsible for the bombings, and those who sanction them, will resort to other crimes against Negroes that in time is certain to reap a harvest of violent race relations.

No Segregated YMCA for Durham

Several days ago our attention was called to the fact that Durham is the only major city in North Carolina that does not have a Negro YMCA branch. Because this newspaper recalls that approximately 35 years ago, it opposed, along with the late R. L. McDougald, efforts on the part of certain influential persons of both races in Durham to establish a segregated YMCA in this city, we think it only fair to say here and now that we are still opposed to such an idea.

Certainly YMCA facilities for the Negro men and boys of Durham are badly needed. We still hold, however, that if they must be had at the price of encouraging segregation, in what is supposed to be a Christian institution, and to provide a soothing salve for the consciences of those who pretend to believe in the teachings of Jesus, that it is better to be without them forever.

Frankly, we are of the opinion that all of the YMCA and the YWCA branches in the South should remove the word Christian from their names and refer to themselves simply as young men and young women associations. To include the word Christian in their names is downright mockery and hypocrisy.

It appears to us that recent demonstrations staged against businesses, churches, schools and other institutions in North Carolina and the remainder of the South, should have included the YMCA's and the YWCA's. These two so-called Christian institutions are not only practicing segregation, they are encouraging it. As badly as such facilities are needed for the Negro men and boys of Durham, we think their self-respect is by far more important and that what they are paying for it is well worth the sacrifice.

A Plea for the Air Force Cadets

When you read of the 98 cadets, who have resigned from the Air Force Academy because of classroom cheating, you will need to be reminded that the line that separates right from wrong, good from bad and success from failure in all of us is so frail that none of us is so sure of himself that he is able to foretell what tomorrow may bring forth. The young men in the Air Force, like those at West Point and the Naval Academy, are a select group, representing the best the nation has to offer in young manhood. That they allowed themselves to become entangled in a cheating scandal is indeed regrettable.

As regrettable as it is, it is our hope that some way may be found to give each one

of them another chance. If they are the type of young men the nation needs in its military forces, they will emerge the stronger because of their unfortunate experience instead of surrendering to the stigma that goes with such incidents.

So short is life and so demanding are its problems, even under the most favorable circumstances, that it is hard to determine what the best of us might do if placed in the same position as that of the cadets at the Air Force Academy. It is in the spirit of forgiveness for 98 young men, whose lives are yet in front of them, that we ask that serious thought be given to the idea of giving them another chance.

Bombing and Burning of Churches

It is hard to understand what passes through mind and soul of any human being who is so minus the reverence for religious buildings that he would bomb or set fire to a church. If such acts of revenge are the only answer, the white people of Jonesboro, La. have to give for efforts Negro citizens have made in their civil rights struggle; may God have mercy on the young white people of that city who must grow up under such influence.

It is hard to visualize what any white minister can say to his congregation on Sunday morning, or any time thereafter for that matter, when he climbs into his pulpit in an attempt to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. We can only picture him as a hypocrite with a long pious face and slobbering out words about the fatherhood and the love of God, and the brotherhood of men—that is, white men.

Well, we have news for those of both races who get the silly notion that the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man can be achieved through hatred and acts of revenge. The path of history is strewn with bleached bones from the carcasses of nations and individuals who thought they could achieve their dirty ends by might and power rather than by the grace of God who left His new com-

mandment nearly 2,000 years ago and admonished all of us to love one another.

So we say to Negroes everywhere, both young and old: Let them hate but let us love, let them resort to revenge but let us resort to forgiveness, let them bomb and burn churches, but let us have reverence for all churches and all things pertaining to the church. If we do this, we cannot lose. Truth is on our side, the law is on our side and those who resort to burning churches will some day be weighed in the balances and found wanting.

THE GREEN CROSS

INDUSTRY has made such strides in the study of the causes of accidents and has applied remedies with such vigor and intelligence that it is far safer now to be at work in a modern factory than to be at home or on the street.

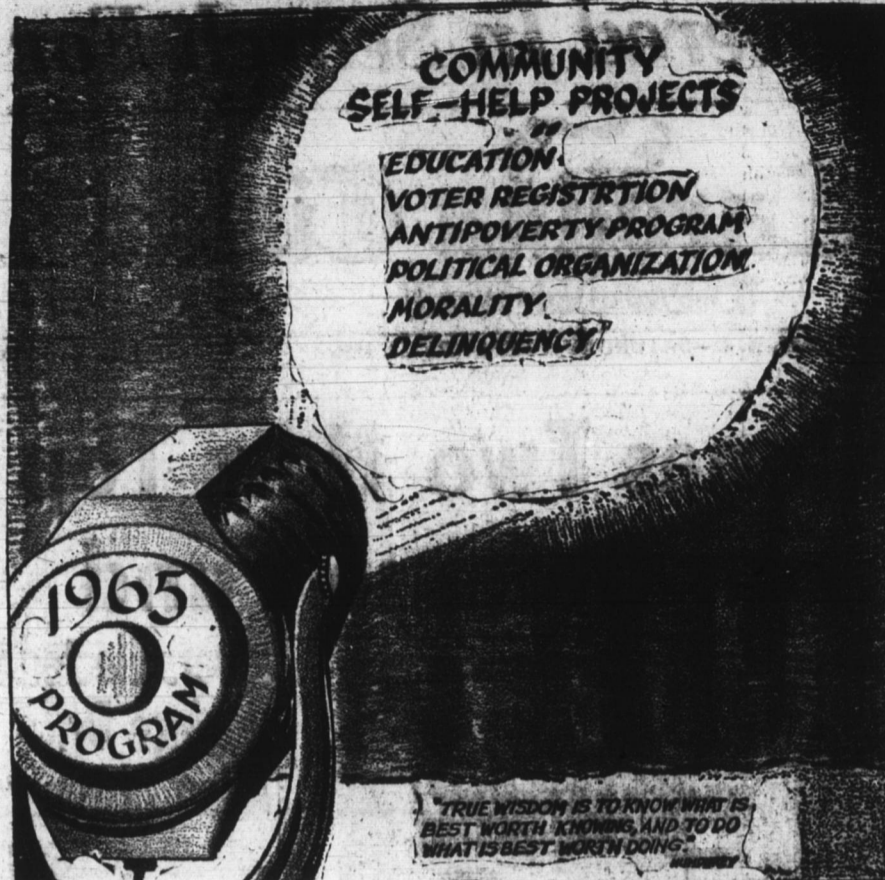
In the factory, store, office building it is the business of some one to see that stairways are properly lighted, that they have safety rails, that the treads are solid, that nothing projects either at the top or on the steps that would trip some one.

Scalds and burns and falls are the commonest causes of serious household accidents. Ways have been found to minimize such dangers in factories whose processes call for the use of hot water, acids, explosives.

For the most part, the safety movement has been sold on a business basis.

NO MATTER how poor we may be in grammar ourselves we enjoy detecting the mistakes of the other fellow.

LEADERSHIP'S 'NEW LOOK'



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Peace, True Peace is a Gift of Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace

"Justified through faith, let us continue at peace..." Rom. 5:1.

Justification, a right relationship with God gives peace. Deep though will reveal the very practical nature of this idea of right relationship with God as a basis of true peace for man. Being right in the sight of God, takes away all disharmony. Having been settled in God there is no real reason for discord. Thus the soul that is justified finds God's peace. True peace, then, is grounded in fellowship with God. Sin, seen in this light, becomes a disruption of fellowship with God.

Peace, true peace, then is a gift of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Christ, you remember, said to his followers, "My Peace I Give Unto You." This is the most precious spiritual possession. Christ in thinking of the preciousness of his peace says let not the world take away

your gift of peace. You know how that little sin robs you of your peace. We do wrong and then fear and anxiety eat away our peace. Peace, wonderful peace, is a gift of Christ. Then let us ever be on guard lest this precious gift of peace is frittered away and we are left in restlessness.

Are you willing to pay the price of this peace of God? You can have it but it costs something. We all long for this peace. Then remember that the path to peace is simple. The path is lined with daily acts of right living. So its not too difficult. You do not have to take righteousness in such big chunks. All you have to do is just live right only one day at a time. It is easy anybody can do it. Make up your mind and you are on your way. Anybody can do right for twenty four hours Just fight the battle for

twenty four hours and you have it made. Yes, this is the way to daily peaceful living. Let's give it a trial.

Do you see any evidences of peace around you? What about you and your family? Look at the face of human beings for just one day to see if you can see evidences of the peace of God. What will you find? You will find some calm, serene and composed faces. These can be the mirrors of God's abiding peace. And then you will see other faces shattered by the disquieting effects of inner fears, hates and anxieties. The love of Christ will drive out the peace-disrupting inner influences. Justified through faith we may continue in God's peace. Christ offers you the gift of peace. Accept it.

Christ the Prince of Peace can and will give you peace for your disturbed and restless souls.

TO BE EQUAL

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR.
THE SOUTH WILL RISE AGAIN

The South could achieve racial justice before the North.

If this sounds like a surprising or far-fetched declaration, one not supported by the daily reports of unrest and turmoil from that troubled region, I would like to suggest that northerners may be viewing the South from a moral valley, not a mountain top.

Many northerners look down on southern whites because so many of them often refuse to serve Negroes; because many employers pay Negro workers less than white men for performing the same labor; because integration of the schools is slow and voter registration, as in Selma, Ala., is often marked by violence and mass arrests.

The fact is the South is undergoing a vast confrontation over civil rights. Long pent-up hostilities are flaring into the open as Negro citizens challenge the status quo and bitter whites resist.

Northerners who "deplore" an Alabama sheriff for clubbing a colored woman over the head because she sought to register might ponder this: many northerners who secretly harbor prejudice against Negroes haven't even gotten to the point of expressing it yet.

The South may be a sick patient, racked by fevers and convulsions, but at least it has owned up to the fact it is ill and is undergoing treatment. In many ways, the North is no better than the South; its system of ghettoization and segregation is just as deplorable as Dixie's, and just as harsh and inhumane.

Take housing, a field where social scientists like the eminent Dr. Karl Taeuber, of the University of Chicago's Population and Research Center, can

measure the extent of segregation. In his analysis of census tract data—Dr. Taeuber finds that Spokane, Wash., is as segregated as Miami, Fla.; that Flint, Mich., is more segregated than Shreveport, La.; that Chicago is more segregated than Atlanta; that Omaha, Neb., and Birmingham run neck-in-neck; and that Dayton, O., beats out Mobile, Ala. by a firetrap.

Northerners who habitually heap scorn on Mississippi and Georgia for the fiery crosses that light up the night sky in those uncivilized backwoods regions conveniently overlook the charred bodies of families taken out of slum housing—people who die because suburbia says "Keep Out!" and because, to some banks, the slum is a profitable business.

They overlook the slum schools and the inferior jobs and the discrimination in the trade unions and all the quiet "people of prejudice" who loiter at night and day behind the scenes to keep their block or their union hall all-white. They vote down, as New York State voters did in the last election, bond issues for public housing. And they cheer the demagogues and hate-mongers who mask their hostilities in bills to "cut taxes" by cutting welfare allotments and medical care.

Northerners have too long taken their racial bloodpressure by fastening the armband around the man down South. Each time the man in Jacksonville or Oxford, Miss., had a fit they pointed to his apoplexy to prove the state of their own health. "Things are okay here because New York is better than New Orleans," they say. But is it? There are some people who find nothing to choose from between Harlem and Hattiesburg, Miss.

Yes, the South is in turmoil. But the sacrifices of its Negro citizens lined up to vote, to pray, to buy a meal, to sit down in a bus depot, to enter a school, are beginning to bear fruit. Integration of the schools are tragically slow—is at least moving in the right direction. And qualified Negroes are nailing down jobs in the banks and corporate offices of big southern cities.

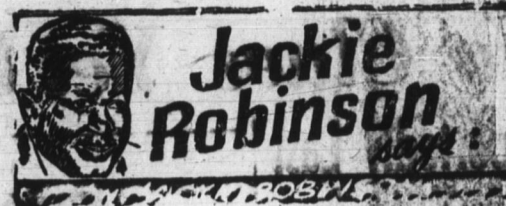
The South has a long way to go. It has a hard road to travel. But when the sheriff of Selma, Ala., and the city's Public Safety director glare at each other over the mass arrests of Negro citizens who want to vote, we know that opinion is forming that is favorable to the side of justice and fair play. We know that the southern monolith is being broken. We know that a new hope is taking shape and a new prosperity.

So it is quite possible that racial justice will come to the South before the North. The South will rise again, someday, not in anger or rage, but with the courage to accept the inevitable, to live with itself.

ST. MARK YOUTH DEPT. OBSERVES YOUTH WEEK

The Youth Department of St. Mark AMEZ Church is sponsoring a week of activities in observance of Youth Week which is January 31 through February 7. St. Mark youth along with youth from community churches are in charge of services throughout the entire week.

On Sunday, January 31, Jerry Council and Jennifer Durham served as Sunday School superintendent and secretary, respectively. Continued on page 5A



Last week, a committee of citizens from Tucson, Arizona, represented by Robert Choate, invited me to be one of the principal speakers at sessions of the Southwest Conference on Poverty. They emphasized that they wanted someone who could be depended upon to speak his mind and to discuss frankly such problems as those they face in the region. There are large numbers of Negroes, Indians and persons of Spanish descent who live in ghettos, face job and housing discrimination and many of whom have to take care of families with incomes of less than \$2000 per year.

I was intrigued by the invitation since this area of the country is known as Goldwater country. Arizona was one of the eight states which did not go for Lyndon Johnson and the voice of Goldwater conservatism is still strong there.

I was also intrigued by the fact that, in Goldwater territory, I would have the opportunity not only to talk about the anti-poverty program as it regards minorities, but also that I would be welcome to say whatever I wanted to say with regard to my ideas about the Republican Party and how it regain its power, if it wishes to do so.

Although I dealt with many of the bread and butter issues which had been under examination during the sessions, I placed heavy stress on what I called the poverty of the Republican Party. I asked the question: "Does the Republican Party need an anti-poverty program?"

I think the party does. I think so, I pointed out, because, at the convention of the GOP in San Francisco, the Republican Party, often referred to as "the rich man's party," exhibited a miserable poverty—not a poverty of money or resources, but the poverty of principle. The embarrassing weakness of Mr. Eisenhower, the cynical oratory of Mr. Dirksen, the miserable opportunism of Mr. Nixon, the capitulation of Mr. Scranton—all demonstrated to this country and to the world that the leaders of the party believed that the Republicans are so bankrupt that they had to go along with men like Goldwater and Scranton who made no secret of their contempt for minorities and for the fundamental principles upon which the party and this nation were founded.

I said these things in Tucson and the audience, many of whom were Democrats who don't believe there is such a thing as a liberal Republican; many of whom were representatives of the minority groups, responded with an approving applause.

Letter to the Editor

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Administrative heads of institutions, both private and public, generally concur that a high level of morale is essential to maximum efficiency and performance. In fact, they deem the two to be susceptible to equation. Yet, in areas vital to the well-being of every citizen, there is presently deep concern for the lack of such morale which threatens the safety and sanctity of private property within our own environs. This concern is currently founded in editorial comment, rumor, and investigation.

Recently, I inadvertently dropped a lit cigarette into a trash can in my home. Fortunately, no measurable damage was incurred. However, during the anxious moments between discovering and extinguishing the fire, the thought occurred to me that I might fare better by not calling the fire protection unit assigned to my residential area. For, only the week before, I had engaged in conversation with members of Station Number 4 and was shocked to discover the extremely low morale which prevails.

You will recall that several weeks ago, some of the men assigned to Station Number 4 were punished for failure to answer a call. While I have no quarrel with that action, I have an abiding concern for the factors which

which surprised me with its intensity.

I also said that there were a few men of principle in this last Republican campaign. I mentioned Nelson Rockefeller and his fight on the convention floor. The applause which greeted the New York Governor's name was thunderous. I paid tribute to men like Ken Keating, John Lindsay and Jack Javits.

As a result of the capture of the Republican Party, by the Goldwater Conservatives, I pointed out, the Republican Party had awoken on the morning after the election, a political pauper.

Despite the fact that anyone with common sense would realize that the way for the party to become enriched is to turn back from the Goldwater Conservatism path, back to the principles of Mr. Lincoln and to the fundamental principles which are supposed to guide this nation the conservatives in every state

are still trying to get the party to go down the blind alleys indicated by the former Senator from Arizona. I warned that the Negro would not buy this. Just as the Negro voter nixed Nixon, buried Barry, I said, we would scrap Scranton and reject Romney—or any other leader of the Party who insisted that the GOP stand pat, try to court the white South at the expense of black Americans or fail to consider the legitimate aims and desires of the Negro people.

I understand that Mr. Bliss, the new Republican National Chairman, is a real expert at political strategy. I am glad to see him replace Mr. Birch who was, after all, Mr. Goldwater's tool. However, mindful of the fact that Mr. Bliss indicated that he would only accept the chairmanship if Senator Goldwater okayed it, and mindful of the fact that there are still some do-or-die Republicans who want to cling to the kind of Negro who will try to sell Martin Luther King down the river to try to get a few extra votes.

I told the audience in Tucson that, if they believe the Negro Revolution is over, they have another think coming. The Republican Party may be willing to wallow in a poverty of principle and really commit suicide. The Negro is not. The Negro is marching up Freedom Road and he will not be stopped. But it would be a shame if we could not preserve a two-party system. For in nations where there is no two-party system, minorities, and the nation, are in trouble.

Maybe we can't expect The Republican Party to have a sense of history, but we think it might be possible for the GOP to display an awareness of current events.

In any way constitute the basis for grievances which reflect themselves in low morale and efficiency so detrimental to the well-being of our community.

A limited investigation of this matter gives rise to some questions.

Why is Station Number 4 managed by a person holding the rank of Private while the other stations are managed by Captains? Are the duties and responsibilities the same? Should not the rank and salary be the same? Does the present arrangement imply so great a difference in competencies? Are the men of Station Number 4 without hope of advancement in rank and salary?

Why was that "ancient relic" assigned to Number 4? Why was the new truck taken from Number 4 and reassigned to another station? Is it true that a department official said that the men of Number 4 don't know how to take care of the equipment?

Do the prevailing conditions reflect a new breed of discrimination? I would not offer the answer to these questions here. Indeed they sorely need the attention of our City Councilman for the Third Ward, as well as other City Fathers.

Meanwhile, to whom shall we cry should disaster fall upon us?

Yours truly,
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