

AND BUILD WE MUST!

Suggested Appointment of Dillard Teer

The suggested appointment of Dillard Teer of the Nello Teer Construction Company, to the State Board of Conservation and Development, is probably a debt that has to be paid by Governor Dan K. Moore. Teer is vice president of the giant constructioners, outside of his business, about all Jr., is president. Both were unusually active in behalf of Moore during the gubernatorial campaign of last year and probably contributed more than their personal influence.

If and when the appointment becomes a reality, it is certain to meet with the enthusiastic approval of a majority of Negro voters of the state, without which Governor Moore would never have been elected to the post he now holds as North Carolina's chief executive. With the exception of his position on the trustee board of

North Carolina, Dillard Teer has had little or no contact with prominent Negro leaders of the state. It is, therefore their consensus of opinion that in matters, outside of his business, about all he has to offer is money.

Whether justifiable or not, a majority of Negro leaders of Durham would probably interpret Dillard Teer to others of their race as one of those powerfully wealthy, but immature young men, who when dealing with Negroes, delights in throwing his weight around, the same as a bulldozer throws mammoth rock, and dirt around on a construction job. Because of such, Negro leaders consider Dillard Teer not quite ready for performance under the big tent of politics where mutual respect is a MUST whatever the racial identity of one's associates or contemporaries happens to be.

CORE's Program for the Future

Wednesday's Durham Morning Herald published a most penetrating editorial on the future political action program endorsed by the Congress of Racial Equality Convention which met here last week. Under the caption: "CORE Picks A Tough Alternative," the Herald said in part:

"CORE, for its part, has concluded that tactics which got the Negro inside an otherwise public hotdog stand won't gain the more complex social and economic aims he now seeks. This is not to suppose that CORE will give up direct action demonstrations in select cases. This is not to suppose it will embrace a form of political orthodoxy that will make it just another political action group."

The new program endorsed by CORE, if properly executed, we think, is certain in time to prove just as effective, if not more so than the street demonstrations used during the past several years. It should be remembered, and it must under no circumstances be forgotten, that the growing Negro vote

in the South made it possible for the demonstrations to escape total prevention or abolishment by law via of police brutality and such.

It must also be remembered that in states of the deep South where the Negro vote is practically impotent, attempts at street demonstrations, sit-ins, marches and other forms of protests met harsh treatment and often abolishment at the hands of local police and deputy sheriffs. We predict, therefore, that many of the injustices Negroes now suffer will disappear in states like Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama once the Negro gets the ballot in his hands.

We urge CORE, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, other organizations and individuals to continue a relentless campaign to double the voting strength of Negroes in this country and to insist that the federal legislation which will place the ballot in the hands of Negroes in the deep South be enacted by Congress.

Former Governor Coleman's Appointment

Whatever President Johnson has promised the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, even unto a seat for Robert F. Weaver at the right hand of Jesus in Heaven, to say nothing about a seat in the president's cabinet as secretary of the New Urban Affairs department, we do not think it amounts to enough for the NAACP to give the president the weak little tap, tap on the back of his wrist for his proposed appointment of former Governor James P. Coleman of Mississippi to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

We would like for our readers to distinctly understand, here and now, that we are not accusing the NAACP of making an "under the table deal" in the Weaver-Coleman situations. We do say, however, that we cannot understand the NAACP's watered down condemnation of the president for proposing an admitted and avowed segregationist to a post in this country where he will be in position to help cut into shreds every civil rights matter that comes before the Circuit Court of Appeals to which he is proposed for appointment.

President Johnson's courageous stand in the civil rights struggle since taking over the office of president, deserves the admiration of every lover

of freedom in this country. We think, however, that his proposal of the former governor of Mississippi for a federal court appointment abolishes in one stroke all the good that he has done otherwise.

It must not be forgotten that an appointment to a federal court is for life, while the appointment to a cabinet post is only for the term of the president under whom the appointee serves. Therefore, even if and when the Robert F. Weaver appointment to the president's cabinet is confirmed by the Senate, its assurance is for no longer than President Johnson's term in office.

Whatever the circumstance, we think the members of the NAACP and the 20 million Negro citizens of the country are entitled to an explanation for the organization's half-silence in a matter that every respectable Negro feels the NAACP should oppose with all its might.

Through the years, this newspaper has stood solidly behind the NAACP in its most effective fight for the rights of the Negro in this country. To oppose any action the organization takes is, therefore, to us, a most unpleasant task, especially when it challenges the solemn covenant we have made with our God and our fellowmen.

A Prayer for the Middle-Aged

"Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

"Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details . . . give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by . . . I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains but help me to endure them with patience.

"I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cockiness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

"Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so. Amen."

—from THE MASON NEWS



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Sin's True Nature is Seen In Its Vicious Destructiveness

"Sin exposed its true character. . . . Rom. 7:23.

Sin's true nature is seen in its vicious destructiveness. Sin would mislead us but its true nature is continually revealing itself. The Devil its agent comes in deceptiveness. He would disguise his dark, destroying powers in the affairs of men. Thus we humans must be on the alert we ate deceptively taken in by the sweetness of the old vicious agent of sin. But if we will with God's help just hold our ground for awhile evil will show its true colors.

We need to see sin undisguised in all of its frightfulness. How can we have this eye-opening confrontation with this vicious power? We need only take a little time and make some true, realistic life observation. Let us take this case study of what it has done for this man. It comes first as a very innocent and secret thought. But the little seemingly harmless thought begins

to grow and is magnified. It digs in and achieves for itself a stronghold in the mind. Remember it started out as just an innocent idle thought. No harm just a thought. The little harmless seed grows and grows. There is the little peeping bud and then it bursts forth in its fruitfulness, and the fruits come with a vicious, destructive impact. And then like an addict with his dope, you are hooked.

And then one day you wake up in the presence of the real power of the enslaving nature of the fruits of sin. The true nature of sin is seen—you know it to be an enslaver. Personally, you are held helplessly in its fearsome grip. After sin grows it shows its real nature. Then you are suffering from the consequences of its fruits. Its fruits are seen as tears. By nature it is the beginning of a river of tears. You go through life with the fruit of an uneasiness called a

guilty conscience. You have seen the fruits of broken hearts. You have seen lives shattered. Yes, sin will finally show its true nature.

O how blessed it is that God has done something to wipe away the viciousness of sin in the life of men. God's act to do something about the nature of sin in man's life is seen in the Gospel of the New Testament. God is in Christ saving men. God is in Christ reconciling and mending broken men and relations. God in love would do away with all of our sins. God is love. And this love has moved in to break the power of sin in our lives. Though God's love and Grace the grip of sin is now broken. In Christ, then, let us claim our gift of spiritual freedom.

Finally, let us all see sin in its true nature—it will rob us of life as God intended we should live it. Cease now to be duped by the false fruits of sin.

Editorial of the Week

The following editorial appeared in THE DENVER (Colo.) POST, June 30, 1965:

ON THE UPPER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

We doubt that Denverites will see a more interesting convention this year than the current meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Why? Simply because this is a very unusual group of people.

One of the rarest combinations in human psychology is that of real militancy and real intelligence. Usually the fighting man can't be bothered with figuring out complex situations. And the thinking man hates to get involved in a fight.

But if it is rare to see these usually antithetical traits in one person, it is even rarer to see them pulling together in an organized group of people. Yet this is what Denverites are seeing in the NAACP, and the combination was never better exemplified than in the convention keynote speech of Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive director.

Wilkins opened on a militant note in asserting that, "We were . . . and still are . . . the real radicals in the racial civil rights field. The only radical idea in this century has been that introduced and championed by the NAACP. . . . We wanted integration in 1909; we want integration in 1965."

And he returned to that militant note again and again, in urging the organization to see that all provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act are put to work and made to work, and in calling for political action to win the remaining civil rights victories needed in housing, employment, education and against poverty.

But as he turned from the hard road already traveled, to the road ahead, his tone be-

came more thoughtful. He warned that many of the problems ahead will not yield to simple militancy.

"Fifty-six years ago when the NAACP began," he said, "we started a grim and determined drive, but it was easily understood in the sense that it was a knock-down-and-drag-out-the-barriers affair. . . ."

"We are today nearer our goal than ever before. But the new day brings new problems. . . . demands greater vision and more refined, more honest and more compassionate skills."

He quoted approvingly from President Johnson recent address at Howard University. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through these gates."

Wilkins noted that the next problem to be overcome are the results of "long years of slavery and a century of oppression" as "the breakdown

-Coleman

Continued from Front Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, were about to begin testimony against Coleman's appointment.

Stennis said Coleman had called him at 7:30 that morning to report his illness. He later said he'd been ordered to a hospital bed by his doctor.

In testimony designed for the morning, Negro Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.) called Coleman's appointment "incredible."

The Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), did not set a date for future hearings on Coleman.

SNCC Chairman John Lewis, just released from 10 days in a Jackson, Mississippi jail, said: "I feel obligated to put this committee and our nation on notice that appointment of this

in Negro family life and in the self-esteem of the Negro man."

These are indeed the new problems. And they will be solved mainly by compassionate programs of education, training and motivation. Wilkins then asked: "Will we . . . be able to measure up to this fresh demand, one often baffling, one requiring clear knowledge, willing talent . . . and understanding hearts? I think we will," he concluded. ". . . We have come to this place on the upper side of the mountain. We will reach the top. . . ."

Given this rare breed of fighting and thinking leadership, we believe that the NAACP, and those for whom it fights and works, will indeed reach the top of the mountain.

We are glad they are planning their next steps on that road in Denver. And we wish them well.

outspoken segregationist is such a denial of justice that it may cause Negroes of the Deep South . . . to lose faith in the judicial process."

"They may be forced, in the name of freedom, to carry on mass social dislocation and civil disobedience throughout the south."

"Gentlemen, the decision is yours," Lewis added.

"If this body wishes to ignore the years of suffering, of death, and of dingy prison cells that the Negro has had to face, then let it confirm the appointment of J. P. Coleman."

-Building

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To Be Equal

By Whitney M. Young OF REDS AND RIGHTS

The Communist Party movement in America has dwindled to an all-time low in terms of numbers and influence, a fact about which the nation can take pride.

Yet some Americans, including some members of the House Un-American Activities Committee, go on taking the Reds as a serious threat to the civil rights movement—when I think it should be just the other way around.

For years, the Communists have been attempting (and unsuccessfully, I might add), to sway Negroes on the grounds that the bloated Yankee capitalists exploited them and discriminated against them. Although they could not shake the basic loyalty of Negroes—as they did some Russian-born Americans and misguided intellectuals—a few thought they had a point.

Now that the civil rights movement, with the backing of the President, is overturning racial barriers, the ground has been cut out from under the Muscovites.

Their 10,000 card-carrying members, (down from a peak of 80,000 in 1944, according to the FBI), just can't do the recruiting job among young people that they used to do. My guess is that the Party sold some of its members as well into middle-age, or better, and that their influence on campus is waning.

By racking up victories in civil rights, Negro citizens are also cracking the image of America abroad as a nation of hypocrites—an image that TASS and Pravda dearly love to disseminate. Sure, there is marching in the streets but this protest is a sign of our changing times and the world is beginning to respect us for changing, at a time when Australia,

Great Britain and South Africa are going the wrong way.

The proper interpretation of the Negro Revolution by the U. S. Information Agency, is certain to produce further propaganda setbacks for the Reds.

Back in the Thirties, many a college student looking for an avenue to channel his energy, was tempted by the Communists. The Party sold some of them on the goal of "replacing the system" to make realistic opium dream, and their efforts came to naught. Today, the rights leaders are being flooded by support from campuses by students who want to "improve the system," to make realistic changes in our way of life so that it is fair to all citizens. And this is realistic, tangible goal for the energies of youth—one that has certainly crippled the party recruiters.

Returning now to our question—and that is always being asked of me—"Are there Communists in the rights movement?" I can only say that (1) there are darn few Communists left anywhere in America today; that (2) the rights movement is a big factor in their decline; and (3) I know of none in our own Urban League movement and the evidence that some have infiltrated the other groups is sketchy at best.

The House Un-American Activities Committee, which has will, I trust, conclude that the civil rights movement, far from being saturated by Reds, is indeed a bulwark against their very existence. Americans should laud any movement that makes of us a more perfect democracy, thus reducing the target area at which our enemies can snipe.

Next week, I'd like to get into some of reasons for the extraordinary loyalty of Negro citizens to our country.

-Derby

Continued from Front victory over Hayes in the Class A finals in 192, was sponsored by George J. Poe and David L. Cope. Graves, who carried the banner for Hall-Wynne Funeral, raced to his best time in one of the earlier heats in 19.3.

Poe's march to the championship started when he upset last year's Class B winner, Chester Holleman. He captured the Class A division by posting wins over Bryant Massey, Joseph White, James Hill and Hayes.

Graves had to win five races to walk away with the Class B honor. He raced two wins over Randall Garner, Carl Scoggins, William Dowdy, David Colvard and Loffman.

The race marred by a hot overcast afternoon with threatening rain, was highlighted with three dead heats, three cars spinning out of control into the crowd but neither participants nor spectators appeared to be seriously injured.

Hayes, the Class A runner-up was under the auspices of the King's Club while Luffman was sponsored by Cardinal Products, Dewy Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gena Harrell, was awarded the sportsmanship trophy.

-McKissick

Continued from Front offices and take part in political activities themselves or as an organization. The CORE constitution previously has not allowed political action by its officials or chapter.

Farmer had predicted earlier that in the future CORE will direct greater effort to action in the political arena. McKissick, who stated the organization has a deficit of \$350,000, announced that contributions had started coming from churches to fulfill these obligations.

ized Jan. 25, 1921 by the late R. L. McDougald and C. C. Spaulding served as President from the date of organization until his death in 1952. E. R. Merrick served as President from 1952 until 1962 when he became Chairman of the Board. The Association has experienced steady growth with current assets of over 6 million dollars.

-NAACP

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his keynote address, "does not include gains in youth members or in members-at-large. Life memberships also have increased and received an extra ordinary boost a few days before convention time of \$45,000 from Detroit. If this rate is maintained, we will be well over the half-million mark on next December 31.

"In Freedom Fund Contributions from branches, the 1965 convention figure shows an increase over the same figure in 1964 of 67.4 per cent."

Unique among civil rights organizations, the NAACP leader asserted, the Association derives its funds principally from its members across the nation. While contributions from well-wishers are welcome, he said, "the members of the NAACP form the solid base of NAACP financial support."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friend Austin:

Just got your paper; it is a great improvement print-wise; the content always was excellent. I am happy for you.

Our supplements just came in trust Stapton can maintain this, as it is the shot in the arm we need.

Best wishes.
Sincerely yours,
T. C. Jervay,
Owner-Editor
Wilmington Journal

Dear Editor,

I would like to emphasize on the publication of your paper. The news print and photographing were excellent.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Glouvenia Thomas
Sparkill, N. Y.