

The Resignation of Officer O. W. Justice

The resignation of Officer Owen W. Justice from the police department of Durham should be viewed by all good citizens as regrettable in the least. About the best that can be said is that it is a good thing for Mr. Justice but an unfortunate happening for the police department in that it removes from it one of its most efficient and respected men.

Another angle that should be considered in the resignation of Officer Justice, is the apparent policy on the part of the Police Department of Durham to hold the promotion of its Negro members to a minimum. As a result, there is little or no encouragement for members of the police force to continue in their position unless they are white. The record discloses that as a rule Negro officers have served on the force as patrolmen for as long as 15 years or more without any mention of a promotion.

The record will also disclose that, from an educational standpoint, the 17 or more Negro members of the Police Department of Durham out-

rank, to a great extent, that of the white members. While education may or may not be the sole qualification of a good police officer, it should be one of the requirements, especially when promotions are being handed out.

It, therefore, must be of little encouragement to men such as Justice to continue as a police officer of Durham when after serving on the force ten or more years they are never mentioned for promotion while their brother white officers, many of whom are less qualified, are handed promotions all around them. Such a policy must be, not only discouraging to the Negro officers but demoralizing as well.

We join with all good citizens of Durham in extending congratulations to Officer Justice for having been selected as a parole officer of North Carolina. We are satisfied that in his new position he will continue to serve with the same efficiency and faithfulness as he did as a member of the Durham Police Department.

Wrong is Everybody's Business

David S. Coltrane, whose opinion on any question affecting North Carolina is respected by all intelligent citizens of both races in the state, feels that every county in North Carolina should set up a Good Neighbor or Human Relations Council. Such organizations, according to Mr. Coltrane, would have the responsibility of dealing with all race relation problems of their respective counties. Says Mr. Coltrane further, "My observation is outside agitators are reluctant to come into a community when there exists a good strong Good Neighbor or Human Relations Council."

While we agree with Mr. Coltrane that a Good Neighbor or Human Relations Council in each of the state's 100 counties is a most desirable goal, we do not like the idea of conveying the impression that so-called "outside agitators" have no business becoming concerned about the welfare of their fellow citizens in states or counties other than their own. Such concern appears to us as being, not only a patriotic duty but highly Christian in that it moves men to act in behalf of their oppressed fellow citizens wherever and whenever they are found.

If Mr. Coltrane's interpretation of outside agitators is allowed to go unchallenged the great God above might be considered acting in the capacity

of an outsider when He left His high seat in Heaven and entered the Garden of Eden to interfere with the slaying of Abel by his brother Cain. In doing so, we think God set the example for all mankind, an example of becoming concerned wherever wrong is found on this earth. Wrong is everybody's business.

It must appear most amazing to all intelligent citizens of this state to discover that the Negroes of Plymouth, at this late stage of the game, have been brought to the point of begging their city and county officials to employ for the community just one Negro policeman and one Negro deputy sheriff. Negro policemen and Negro deputies are now so common in a majority of the cities, towns and counties of the state that for a city not to have them is now the exception rather than the rule.

The greatest need of eastern North Carolina is a change of attitude on the part of local white citizens from that of master-servant toward Negro citizens to one of mutual respect and acceptance. If this is done, either through a Good Neighbor, Human Relations Council or otherwise, it will do much to solve the unpleasant racial problems that arise from time to time in the various cities, towns and counties of this and other southern states.

Bishops and Ministerial Doctorates

It is hard for us to determine which is the more sickening and disgusting, the large number of so-called "bishops" in the several branches of the Holiness church or the numerous so-called "doctors" to be found among Negro clergymen here of late. About the only things we know of on this earth that are more numerous than holiness bishops are fleas on a country hound.

To top it all, there are several branches of the Holiness church that even have women parading around and calling themselves bishops. This, in spite of the fact that the Bible, in mentioning such a high office of the church, plainly states that, "If a MAN desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good thing." Then, to add greater emphasis to the office being limited to men only, it further states that "A bishop then must be blameless, the HUSBAND of one wife," etc. It even goes so far as to say "For if a MAN knows not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God."

As disgusting as the numerous bishops of the Holiness churches are they are only outdone by the large number of Negro ministers who indiscriminately appropriate the title of "Doctor" to their names. We even know of one instance in which a minister—either

out of pure ignorance as to the proper source of honorary degrees or downright brass—had his congregation to award him a Doctor of Divinity degree. Since that momentous occasion he has had the title attached in big letters to his name appearing on his stationery and elsewhere.

We also know of another instance in which a minister even signs his checks with the title of Dr. attached to his name. In both cases, that of the numerous holiness "bishops" and the many ministerial doctorates, we think the church could very well get along without. In short, the title of bishop in the holiness church and the title of "Doctor," which many ministers insist on attaching to their names, are both becoming big jokes.

It so happens that within the past 35 years or more, there have been only three Negro churches of Durham that have been pastored by ministers with earned doctorate degrees. However, the present situation reveals that several now pastoring churches of this city have secured some type of honor as "Doctor" rather than "Reverend." sources and insist on being addressed as doocorates from various and sundry. The latter we think is more becoming a minister of the gospel than any other title that can be given him.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Christ Comes in the Spirit as a Guarantee of Successful Living

"God sending his own Son in our own sinful flesh." Rom. 8:2

What a sublime mystery—God coming in the flesh—clothing himself in our common fleshy garments to rescue man in his lostness. This idea of God, the high and the Holy One, coming to us in the flesh confounds us. Why? God had to come in such a way that we could understand and have no reasonable excuse. Had God chose to come to us clothed in the majesty of His celestial or supernatural glory we would have had an excuse. But God came so plain and simple that we are now left without a good excuse. God came to live the life in the flesh as we live it. Now we have no excuse. Christ came and clothed himself in our fleshy garments to show us that life can be lived in this world pleasing to God.

In Christ and in the flesh we can now live life acceptable to the God of Grace and love. Jesus did it. Jesus set the example and left us without an

excuse. Now all we need to is to get on with the business of living this life, with the help of Christ, acceptably before the God of Holiness and Righteousness. It can be done. Thus let us get on with this most important business of being Christian witnesses for God in this world. Jesus has performed the great experiment. It was successful — he lived successfully and victoriously this same life we are called upon to live. Jesus lived this life in spite of the sin, heartache and tears. And we redeemed and in Christ can live it too.

Christ has given us the help — The Holy Spirit! Yes, Christ set the example and sent us a helper in the person of the Holy Spirit. To keep us from confusion and frustration he has given the Holy Spirit the helper. So again we must conclude there is no excuse whatsoever for man. You can't hide behind an excuse now — you have all things needed to

live this life. So we say on with the business of living this life at its best—living it as Jesus did. Christ redeems—takes away the sin—and comes in the Spirit's power as a guarantee of successful living. Then Christians, let us stop making excuses. Christ takes away sin and gives you the sanctifier so there is no excuse.

This life can be made manageable with a day to day approach. You remember, Jesus said just one day at a time. Live this day and let God Almighty take care of tomorrow. Let yesterday and its failures go. Ask God to forgive you and wipe the slate clean and make a new start. Forgetting all things in that ugly past. God will forgive you.

God came in His Son Jesus Christ, our Savior, to show us how to live this life successfully with all of its rich potentials. The Savior lived it. And we too, in Christ, can live it.

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-N. C. Mutual -Convention
 (Continued from front page) the check indicated that the purchase price of the building was approximately \$150,000.
 In addition to Wheeler, other officers of the firm are Asa T. Spaulding, vice president; J. S. Stewart, vice president; Vivian R. Patterson, secretary; and I. O. Funderburg, treasurer and assistant secretary.
 Realty Services, Inc., holds title to a combination bank and insurance building constructed in 1961 at 101 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, and occupied since erection by North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

-NCC
 (Continued from front page) students. The Marinette County University Center, one of nine freshman-sophomore campuses of the University of Wisconsin, has an enrollment of approximately 175 students. It will occupy a new campus this fall.
 Miss Thomson and Miss Liljestrand, education majors, will enroll in the NCC Department of Education. They both plan completing their junior and senior years at the University of Wisconsin's Madison campus.
 Arranged by Lon W. Weber, director of the Marinette County Center and C. L. Patterson, chairman of the Wisconsin Liaison Committee at NCC, this is the first such student exchange by Wisconsin students. In April of 1965, thirty members of the Wisconsin Student Association spent ten days visiting three predominantly Negro colleges in North Carolina, but to date no students have spent an entire semester in an exchange program.

-SNCC
 (Continued from front page) Georgia are gathering evidence of Violations of the Act, hoping Justice Department officials will send additional registrars into counties where discrimination is still practiced.

-Union
 (Continued from front page) employed in the design to disfranchise, thus flouting the constitutional commands of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments."
 The attorneys declared that the House has the constitutional power and duty "to act, noting that in the past it had refused to seat members in 40 instances where violence, intimidation or fraud was practiced against Negro voters to influence an election contest."

-Palmer
 (Continued from front page) NCTA and president of the NCTA Department of Elementary School Principals. His leadership over the year as Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Teachers Association won for him the commendation of the board.
 Palmer's editorials and his speeches on the "Merger" of the State Associations; and the Teacher Dismissal problem, have resulted in comments which recognize him as a writer and speaker of ability. His foresightedness in keeping teachers and the public all over the country informed about the Teacher Dismissal problem, has alerted many agencies to the gravity of the situation, and has resulted in their desire to help.

-Mrs. Daniel
 (Continued from front page) served as Basileus of the Alpha Theta Omega Chapter, and as a member of the National Scholarship Committee; and the Treble Clef and Book Lovers Club of Richmond and vicinity.

World Peace Program Set By Baha'is
 Gerald L. Underwood, associate director of Operation Breakthrough, will be the speaker on a public program observing the seventh annual World Peace Day, Sunday, at 6 p. m., at the Friends Meeting House, 404 Alexander Ave.
 The event will be sponsored by the Baha'is of Durham and will mark the 72nd anniversary of the first mention of the Baha' Faith in the western hemisphere.
 Underwood holds bachelor's and master's degrees from N. C. College and served five years on the college's faculty before taking his present position with the local anti-poverty program earlier this year. Speaking on the topic, "World Peace — Dream or Destiny", he will discuss the teachings of the Baha' Faith on universal peace and what its members are doing to achieve it.
 The Durham Baha' Assembly, in announcing plans for this year's World Peace Day, stated that in 1964 the event was marked by special proclamations by the governors of more than 30 states who called upon their citizens to support the faith's efforts in its quest for peace.

In addition to Durham and Raleigh, the Baha' Faith has members living in more than 1,800 localities in the United States and over 250 countries of the world.
 Along with universal peace upheld by a world federation, the faith holds among its major principles a belief in the essential harmony of science and religion, the oneness of mankind, the unity of religion and the prophets of God, and the common foundation of all religions.
 Funeral services will be held Friday, September 17, at 3:15 p.m., Gillfield Baptist Church, Petersburg.

World News Round-Up
MOSCOW — A gang of Russian art thieves is believed to have sold some of its loot to foreigners living in Moscow, reliable art sources said. There was speculation some of the loot may have been smuggled abroad. Members of the gang are under arrest and are expected to go on trial soon, it was reported. A portrait of St. Luke by the 17th century Dutch master Frans Hals, stolen from the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow last March, now has been returned. The painting is valued at \$150,000.
WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., says that despite the recent settlement in the Dominican Republic revolt, democracy there "is a promise which remains to be fulfilled." Mansfield warned that the new government under Hector Garcia Godoy "is not an end-all for the troubles which have long plagued that unfortunate nation." He said that Garcia "faces a monumental task."

FACTS ABOUT THE NEGRO by J. A. ROGERS illustrated by A. S. MILAI

DR. SADIE P. DELANEY

CHIEF LIBRARIAN AND ORGANIZER OF THE TUSKEGEE VETERAN'S HOSPITAL. INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED FOR TRAINING LIBRARIANS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE BLIND. IN 1948 RECEIVED AMERICAN LEGION AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE. LISTED IN 54 PUBLICATIONS, AMONG THEM WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA; PRINCIPAL WOMEN OF AMERICA; WHO'S WHO IN LIBRARY SERVICE. WAS NAMED "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" THREE TIMES. LOOK MAGAZINE CALLED HER "MASTER OF THE GREATEST OF ALL ARTS—AIDING HUMANITY."

NEGRO MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME IN THE UNITED STATES IS MUCH BELOW THAT OF WHITE, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPT. OF LABOR. IN THE CITY AREAS IT WAS \$3,445 WHITE AGAINST \$1,869 COLORED. IN SOME PLACES THE LATTER WAS 58 PERCENT LESS. THE RURAL NEGRO FARED A LITTLE BETTER. HIS INCOME WAS 40 PERCENT LESS THAN WHITE.

ON JAN. 1, 1975, WHEN THE THEN AMERICAN FLAG WAS UNFURLED ON SESTON COMMON FREE NEGROES STOOD IN THE RANKS SIDE BY SIDE WITH WHITE MEN. INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF CRISPUS ATTUCKS THEY FOUGHT BRAVELY BUT THE SLAVE MASTERS OBJECTED AND THEY WERE DISCHARGED. WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, APPEARED TO CONGRESS, WHICH DECIDED THAT THE FREE NEGROES WHO HAD SERVED FAITHFULLY IN THE ARMY AT CAMBRIDGE MIGHT BE ENLISTED BUT NO OTHERS. LATER, HOWEVER, THEY WERE GLAD TO USE EVEN SLAVES.

Will Have To Change Tune

However, if Negro leaders are successful in implementing the Federal voting law to enable their followers to vote, southern politicians will have to change their tune. The old days of turning a Democratic party meeting into a kind of Ku Klux Klan rally with southerners waving the old bloody flag of intermarriage are out. Cooperative interracial planning for mutual socio-economic educational advancement is in.

If Southern leaders are obliged—by virtue of the Negro vote—not only to cease obstructing progress and justice but to advocate it if they seek to remain in office and win higher office, then business in the South is certain to prosper. An economy cannot thrive if half its contributors are prevented from contributing or turned into chronic, disgruntled dependents.

U.S. To Aid Army Centers

WASHINGTON — The army is expected to announce plans this week for opening one or more training centers to handle recruits in its 235,000-man Viet Nam war buildup.
 A spokesman said that Ft. Benning, Ga., and several other camps were under consideration as locations. The others were believed to include Ft. Bliss, Tex., and possibly Ft. Sill, Okla., and Ft. Hood, Tex.