

The World's Blackest Hour

You will need to read the August September issue of the Social Question Bulletin, published by the Methodist Federation for Social Action, to begin to realize what a mess the world is in over the matter of the awesome nuclear bomb. In an article written by Reverend William M. Justice he declares: "Not only Soviet Russia but also Red China are now fully mapped for destruction," in quoting the testimony of Major General John P. Lavelle, U. S. deputy chief of staff and director of aerospace programs.

Says the article further: "The United States has targets picked out in China that would destroy, in the event of a general war, key government and industrial centers as well as Peking's new nuclear facility." It adds "my government stands before the world drunk with military power."

The article also quotes Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara as saying: "that with a 5-1 margin in nuclear striking power and with an atomic arsenal equal to 40 to 50 billion tons of TNT, the United States could absorb the largest surprise attack that could be launched against it, and strike back with enough missiles and bombers to assure the simultaneous destruction of both the Communist Chinese and Soviet Russia."

Says McNamara: "Since it is the policy of this country to never attack first, the U. S. must be prepared to suffer a first strike by Russia in which 100 million Americans might be killed. He suggests that this country must maintain enough power to take a first blow, suffer great damage including the total loss of our 50 biggest cities, then be able with certainty to kill 150 million Russians in return, and leave no big Russian city habit-

able. It is a shocking thing that persons in high position in our government would contemplate a course of action that would lead our country and the rest of the world into such unspeakable horrors in the name of liberty and a free society of nations. Have our ethical judgements gone haywire? Are we on the slide toward barbarianism? Is this to be our national policy? Do our national planners realize that government strategists in Washington are now taking it for granted that with the outbreak of nuclear war there will be no survivors in the section of the U. S. east of Cleveland?"

It must now appear to even the dullest American citizen that it was one of the blackest hours in the history of mankind when in World War II President Truman, as Commander in Chief of the military might of this nation, issued orders for the dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

If and when the leaders of the nations of the world are senseless enough to launch a third World War, we agree with the Social Questions Bulletin that: "In the conditions that prevail at the present time, the third World War is the greatest possible evil that can befall mankind. In comparison with it all other calamities become lesser evils. Its dilemma, which consists of either killing innocent millions or being killed among guiltless millions, is absolutely unacceptable in both parts. Whoever accepts it, especially its first part, becomes a full moral bankrupt. A Democracy or Communist regime that kills millions of innocent persons ceases to be a Democracy or Communism and simply become Murder Incorporated."

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Segregated Beneficiaries of Durham's UFC

Durham's 1965 United Fund Campaign opened last Tuesday with \$562,755 as the goal to be reached. If the effort is to be acclaimed a success for this year, every intelligent and loyal citizen of this city cannot escape the personal feeling of responsibility in helping to raise the more than one half million dollars necessary to reach the desired goal, the highest in the history of the United Fund Campaign. The challenge is a big one and every good citizen should feel obligated to put his shoulder to the wheel and help put the drive over.

In supporting the annual United Fund Campaign Negro citizens of Durham face a challenge that is going to call for a far greater amount of unselfishness than is demanded of other citizens. Such a condition has been brought about by the fact that two of the beneficiaries of the United Fund, the Boys Club and the YMCA, have not yet found it possible to practice Christianity and democracy in their every day operation. Instead both the Boys Club and the "Y" continue to maintain a segregated policy in the face of the fact that they are recipients of money from the United Fund that gets its support from all the people of Durham.

As a result of the segregated policy of the above mentioned institutions the average Negro citizens of Durham is going to find it hard to muster up the kind of enthusiasm that is desirable in support of the United Fund Campaign. In short it is going to take more than ordinary altruism,

Cuba: Further actions for disarmament

A number of actions took place in Cuba during July and August as part of the campaign for disarmament and peace and to celebrate the first anniversary of the World Congress in Moscow. The Congress Message to the Peoples of the World was printed in 80,000 copies and distributed throughout the country. Lectures on "Disarmament and Peaceful Coexistence" were held in the Universities of Havana, Las Villas and Oriente. The first lecture, at Havana University, was given by Dr. Jose Antonio Portuondo, Rector of Oriente University and President of the Oriente Peace Council.

Press and radio reported on all these events while the television showed an interesting documentary film on the Moscow Congress.

A photo-competition on the theme of "Peace and Sovereignty" was also organized and a leaflet printed explaining the aims of the disarmament campaign.

In a leading article of its Bulletin, the Cuban Movement for Peace and Sovereignty.

GDR Peace Council pays tribute to Joliot-Curie

A commemoration meeting was held on 14 August in the Berlin House of German-Soviet Friendship in memory of the French scientist and peace worker, Frederic Joliot-Curie, who died five years ago. It was convened by the GDR Peace Council, the Central Executive of the Scientists' Association and the German-French Society in the GDR. The crowded audience included representatives of peace movements in the USA, Australia, France, Belgium, Great Britain, Holland, Austria and West Germany.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Our Outlooks are Determined By the Level of Our Environment

"Those who live on the lower level have their outlook formed by it." (Rom. 8:5).

Our outlooks are determined by the level of the environment in which we live. In living on the lower level of our sinful natures, then our outlook is set by the pattern of the lower level. Redemption or regeneration is supposed to effect a transformation. And this transformation is a spiritual operation. Its primary aim is to prepare us to move from the lower life of sin to the higher life of the newness of life in Christ Jesus.

There must be an inner spiritual change or conversion if the outlook of the lower nature is to be changed. Every human being needs this spiritual change. There is nothing in us that can produce this change. We are unable to lift ourselves from the level of the lower nature by our own bootstraps. The power

for the change and the move must come from God. In Christ, and in Christ alone, we are made new creatures. God in Christ effects the inner spiritual change which makes us ready to move from the lower to the higher round of life. Christ redeems and moves us from the dark, miserable outlook of the lower nature.

The outlook of the lower nature leads to darkness and misery. No one loves darkness and misery. Finally we all want to escape this darkness and misery of the lower nature. We want the higher life in Christ Jesus. We would escape the dark pit of misery. We would leave behind the terrific burden of our unhappiness. Weary of the burden of the lower nature we would lay it aside. To live on the lower levels of life we must be determined by its OUTLOOK. Every soul cries out for the

higher grounds of the abundant life offered by Christ Jesus. The life in Christ is life at its best. Then let us lay aside the burden of the old life of the lower nature through repentance and come and accept God's gift of higher life in Christ.

Let us give Christ a chance in our life. And as you take of the sweetness and beauty of this higher life in Christ you will never want to return to the old with its darkness and misery. Life redeemed by Christ is life indeed. Life on the lofty heights of redemption is meaningful and satisfying. This life gives acceptance with God. This life is full and rich. This life is peaceful and joyous. This life ceases to be restless for it finds its rest in the ultimate security in God. Thus it can cry out joyously-peace, peace at last with God.

Concern In the White House

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG

The White House has indicated that its forthcoming conference on race relations will emphasize the tragic plight of the Negro male.

Stirred by the recent U. S. Labor Department study of widespread disorganization among the Negro poor, President Johnson has asked his braintrust to plumb beneath the surface and to produce some far-reaching solutions.

"There will be no social peace in the United States for generations" (unless the Negro male has the same opportunities as his white counterparts), the report warns. His lot is regarded as the key to the future of the Negro poor — and that's every second family of color in this country.

The Urban League movement, of course, has long been trying to focus public opinion on this question. In fact, the Federal report cites these paragraphs from my "To Be Equal" book (McGraw-Hill): "Both as husband and as a father the Negro male is made to feel inadequate, not because he is unlovable or unaffectionate, lacks intelligence or crime. Or he may escape. But in a society that measures a man by the size of his paycheck, he doesn't stand very tall in comparison with his white counterpart."

"To this situation he may react with withdrawal, bitterness toward society, aggression both within the family and racial group, self-hatred, or crime. Or he may escape through a number of avenues that help him to lose himself in fantasy or to compensate for his low status through a variety of exploits."

As I read these words again I can imagine the fresh batch of letters I will receive accusing me on "making excuses for Negro criminals" and the like.

But just as I tell Negro citizens that "We must do more than deplore injustice by whites" I say it is not enough

of our Judeo-Christian heritage, the slaveowners had to convince the Negro that slavery was Holy Writ, and moral in keeping with the servant tally they forced the slave to assume. At the same time, they fed the vanity of unthinking white people with the pipe-dream of a superior race — to justify slave-holding. Only in America has the Negro male been so deeply injured.

My understanding is that President Johnson intends to hit hard the issue of the Negro male. Hopefully, his solutions will include far-reaching, meat and potato programs to encourage Negro youth, to rehabilitate their poverty-struck fathers, and to improve their housing and economic prospects.

Most of the signs of over discrimination ("white" and "colored") have been taken down. Now the unwritten sign over our ghettos must be removed. For too long it has read: "Abandon hope all ye who enter here."

Moreover, because

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 the Declaration of Independence."
 Mr. Collins revealed that: —In most cases during his tenure as director of the Community Relations Service the agency was "called in" to help troubled communities begin the "dialogue" between the warring factions. In only a few cases did it volunteer its service.
 —The greatest challenge to the community Relations Service was to "crack the dark silence of a closed community where sterile monologues had strangled the free exchange of ideas and hope of growth."
 —The fundamental effort of the community Relations Service was to go in and seek through persuasion and conciliation to secure voluntary compliance with the law without the "eruption of conflict."
 —To avoid the "closed community," no single influence is more important than local human commissions. "It is significant that communities lacking this kind of help—this effort by local citizens — inevitably experience the most trouble."
 —The settlement of a dispute is often only a beginning. The "real work" come in ferreting out its root causes. "The cracking of centuries of segregation in the South or (the loosening of) poverty's imprisoning grasp in a northern ghetto, in many situations (that have been "conclated") still remains."
 Mr. Collins declared that a solution of the "basic problems" that underlie "temporarily racial upheavals" would be expedited by making communities aware of "the great number of federal programs available to them." These include, he said, services on a completely non-discriminatory basis through many programs: poverty, urban renewal, low-income housing, manpower retraining and technical assistance program.
 The effort to secure full opportunity and equality for all is not just the Negroes' fight, nor that of any one minority group, Mr. Collins said. "There civil rights leadership to be as broadly based as possible."
 The Negro American has opened "a new path," Mr. Collins added, and has "roused a prospering people and its Federal voice from slumbering apathy. But the struggle belongs to the whole nation, which should rally its support and commit itself to achieving civil rights goals quickly and completely."

--Meeting
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 the Youth and College Division of the NAACP.
SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION
 Julius L. Chambers, Vice Chairman of North Carolina Legal and Defense Staff, will discuss the Civil Rights Acts of 1965, its meaning and implementation.
 Conrad O. Pearson, Chairman of the North Carolina Legal and Defense Staff, will discuss Branch Problems in reference to the administration of the NAACP legal program.
 Convention Headquarters will be the St. James A.M.E. Church.

--Basketball
 Continued from front page during the '65 "Blayoffs," scoring 343 points in 12 games for a 28.6 average, best on the Celtics, in their ultimate victories over Philadelphia and Los Angeles for the championship crown.
 Without doubt, the ex-North Carolinian is one of the finest bank-shot artists in the game. He acquired this peculiar shot as a student at Laurinburg Institute.

Second Trial Is Set For Ku Klux Klansman
 HAYNEVILLE, Ala.—A murder charge against a Ku Klux Klansman accused of killing a white civil rights worker is set for retrial this week.
 The Klan member, 21-year-old Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., was present in court with his attorney, former Birmingham mayor, Arthur Hanes, when Circuit Judge T. Werth Thagard officially put the case on this week's docket.
 Thagard also drew the names of five prospective jurors in addition to the 60 already on the jury panel.
 Wilkins was tried last May for the ambush slaying of a white Detroit housewife, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, who was shot to death last March 25, following the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery. The 12-man jury was unable to agree on a verdict and a mistrial was declared.

--Funeral
 Continued from front page for his feats in football. He was born in Philadelphia and attended both Morgan and Lincoln.
 He began his career as a teacher in the city schools of New York, but ere long he left the classroom and began promoting various enterprises. He was considered a top salesman and reached his peak as a representative for Standard Wines and Liquors.
 He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and attended many of its national meets. Many of his fellow awaited his dramatic entry into the sessions and the first order, upon his arrival was to address the chair and say, "Mr. Chairman the Conclave is now open for business, due to the arrival of Rip Day." He was also a Shriner and attended the recent Imperial session, held in San Francisco.
 He leaves a wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Dora; two grandchildren and a brother, Howard.

Peace Has Priority Over Everything
 WASHINGTON President Johnson reiterated Thursday night his satisfaction and relief at acceptance of a ceasefire by India and Pakistan.
 Speaking off the cuff to some 50 directors of the Lions Club International and their wives in the White House rose garden, Johnson said peace takes priority over everything.
 He recalled a list of common concerns — the length of the work week, whether youngsters get on school honor rolls, the outcome of labor-management negotiations in the steel industry — and said: "Those things don't amount to anything if your son is going to get killed in Viet Nam tomorrow or if there is a spreading war in Asia or if World War III is knocking at the door."

--Fisher
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 7:30 The Senior Choir will present "His Hour of Music"