

Stupid Action of the UNC Trustee Board

We predict that future generations will look back at the 1966 action of the Executive Committee of the University of North Carolina Board of Trustees, in barring Herbert Aptheker and Frank Wilson from speaking at UNC, as the most stupid and asinine of this age. The vote of the executive committee, being 8-3 against allowing the exercise of free speech on the UNC campus, should have the names of those voting against and for the action recorded in such a manner as to leave no uncertainty that posterity will be able to point each of them out.

We hold that any form, type or manner of loyalty to the United States that has to be guarded on any campus of a state's educational institution by a trustee board, is not worth preserving. The action of the UNC trustees actually implies that its student body and faculty are so weak that they cannot be trusted to listen to a speech by a Communist or Communist sympathizer without becoming a convert.

The trustees are, therefore, ap-

parently attempting to impose the same kind of paternalism on the faculty and students at UNC that whites have imposed on Negroes since slavery. As a result of the trustees' stupid action we will not be surprised to see the already planned student demonstrations at UNC increase and departure from the university of many of its top-ranking faculty members. Certainly no self-respecting person can sustain such insults, either directly or indirectly, without a feeling of deep resentment.

As it now stands the decision of the Executive Committee of the UNC Trustee Board, to ban from the campus Aptheker and Wilson, will stand at least until a full meeting of the Board on February 28. It is our hope that somehow the trustees will see the wisdom of allowing free speech at UNC and thereby indicate their faith in the loyalty of the faculty and student body to the United States rather than the implication that they do not possess the stamina to listen to an address by a Communist without joining up with the movement.

The Proposed Hospital Bond Issue

The announcement this week that Watts Hospital officials are going forward with expansion plans for that institution amounting to \$14.1 million, is a cause for thoughtful consideration by every citizen of Durham. We think there is little argument against the fact that there is much need for improving the facilities at Watts. As brought out in the announcement, the County Commissioners will eventually be formally asked to call for a bond issue election this year to meet the cost and a public hearing on the matter has been set for February 12.

We think there is more to be considered in the Watts Hospital proposal than presently meets the eye. This is plainly brought out by the fact that in the planning of Watts little or no consideration is being included for the future of Lincoln Hospital, that for more than a half-century or more, has been the refuge of Negroes for their unborn, sick, lame and dying. It so happens that in furnishing such a refuge Lincoln Hospital, by careful and wise management, has not only been able to keep its "A" rating but continues to maintain its reputation as being among the best.

In spite of the fine record of Lincoln it now appears that the prevailing

opinion of the Watts officials and the County Commissioners is to abolish Lincoln Hospital entirely. Behind such a grotesque and monstrous proposal there also looms the awesome spectacle of the token membership for Negro doctors on the Watts staff, the fear of Negroes that once Lincoln is abolished they will be relegated at Watts to the usual second-class status which they are always expected to accept and grin at in other areas and situations.

Lastly, but of even more importance, is the mere fact that for over 50 years Lincoln has not only maintained an integrated staff but its trustee board as well has been fully integrated. At present, there are five white persons on it. So we may as well face up to the issue now and request that in the planning for the future of Watts Hospital that those in authority spell out in detail what Negro voters are to expect for Lincoln Hospital before they are asked to go to the polls and vote a \$14 million bond issue, which it now appears excludes the one and only hospital in the city and county that assures Negroes equal treatment from bottom to top.

The Durham Housing Authority

It is going to take many years, if ever, for the Negro citizens of this city to regain any respect and confidence in the Housing Authority of Durham as it is now composed. The sordid and slippery tactics of the members of the authority, along with the behind-the-scenes and slick capers of Durham's mayor, other city and county officials, sank to a new low here Wednesday when for the fourth time within 15 years the Housing Authority by passed the name of J. J. Henderson for its chairman.

The Wednesday's meeting of the Housing Authority is typical of Durham's power structure and proves conclusively and once again that when it comes to racial matters or issues Durham's city officials will sink to the lowest depths to preserve their sadistic notions of white supremacy. Their recent actions plainly indicate that if they have not torn a leaf from the book of the Watts community rioting in Los Angeles, California, they have certainly read what is on it.

The mayor of Durham, members of the Housing Authority, other city and county officials, like those of Watts, may feel they are pursuing the right course when they kick Negroes

in the teeth, as they did last Wednesday when they repudiated a Negro leader of Henderson's caliber. We would remind them, however, that such vile actions on the part of city and county officials of Durham merely undermines the confidence of the Negro masses in the leaders of their race. This is exactly what happened in Watts and other cities, prior to the riots and turmoil which exploded in them.

The stupid notion that Negroes are never to play at quarter-back or call the signals on any team that has white members, is stupid, asinine and in time is certain to lead to disaster. Not only do we hold that J. J. Henderson is the best qualified member of Durham's Housing Authority for its chairman but we also hold that the Negro citizens of Durham are entitled to additional representation in the organization. In short Negroes are getting tired of only token representation on city and county boards. Likewise they are getting tired of trying to cater to ante-bellum whites who are so senseless as to believe that God Almighty sent their race into the world to rule all mankind and kick others around.

Heads In The Sand

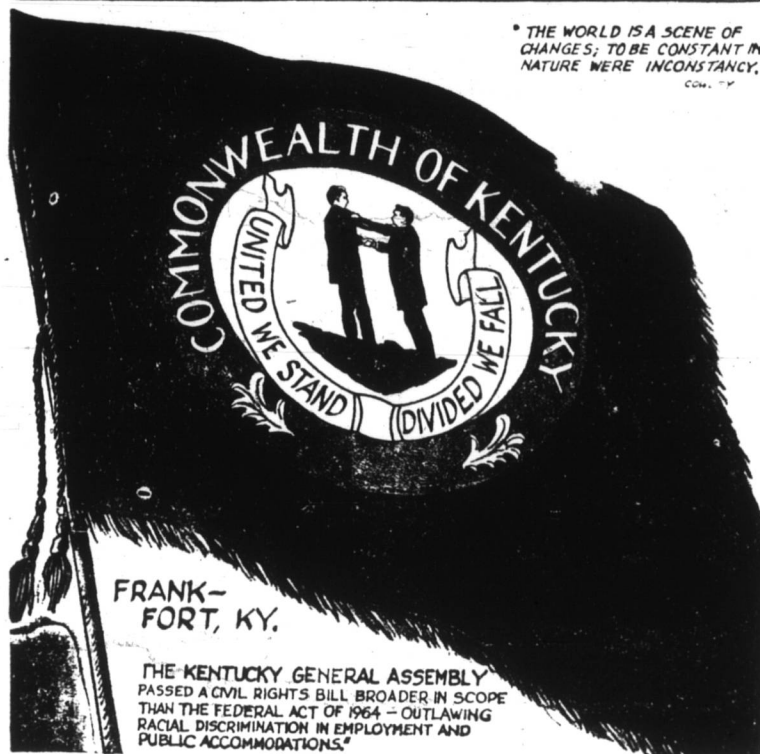
The ostrich, as has often been observed, is not the only creature which deals with problems by putting his head into the sand. Human beings appear to have been doing this for as long as ostriches.

Americans are doing it now with regard to the U. S. surgeon general's report on smoking and health. That report, which came out two years ago, was based on a comprehensive review of research and statistical data. Findings since then have only served to reinforce its basic conclusion that excessive smoking of cigarettes may lead to lung cancer and a variety of other serious ailments.

So how did Americans react? At first, they ran a bit scared; consumption of cigarettes went down 2.5 per cent in 1964. But by now they have their heads pretty much back in the sand, and are just not paying attention to the warnings of those best fitted to judge.

Last year, more cigarettes than ever before were consumed. This year, smokers are expected to puff even more than in 1965. Like the ostrich, they seem to feel that if you can't see the enemy, he can't see you either.

Kentucky...Just Might Mean It!



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Christ Stands Pleading For The Redeemed Souls of Men

"Christ who died and was raised from the dead, who is at God's right hand, and pleads our cause." Rom. 8:34

The glorified Christ stands as pleading intercessor around God's throne for the redeemed souls of men. What a wonderful thing it is to know that we have Christ as our intercessor in that celestial realm. Thank God for this advocate. Thank God for somebody to speak in behalf of sinners saved by Grace. We, the sinners, saved by Grace need an intercessor around the dazzling throne of God. In our weakness and unworthiness God knows we need someone to plead our case before Him. Why? For there are times when we all need a second chance. In blindness and weakness we are guilty of sin and error. So we are thankful that Christ who died and was raised from the dead is at God's right hand to plead our cause.

Every sinner saved by God's Grace needs an intercessor before God the high and Holy One. Weak, wretched and way-

ward sinners need someone to beg for mercy before God's throne. We try so hard but we find ourselves falling short of God loving demands upon us. Thus we need someone to plead our cause before God. And Jesus the crucified Son of God is our pleader before God's throne. Jesus, in His Grace and love, is worthy of being a pleading intercessor before the God of righteousness. An earthly or a human intercessor helps us out in so many cases. Then what about that Holy, loving intercessor who pleads our cause before God's throne. Thanks be to Jesus who pleads our cause before God's throne.

Jesus died for us so He and He alone qualifies to plead for us before God's throne. He came from glory to live a life of perfect Holiness and Love and thus he qualified to plead our cause before God's throne. Oh what hope and assurance this gives to weary, struggling sinners in our feeble efforts to live for God. When our best efforts fall short, there is a

word from him on our behalf. And we need this word from our Savior. Father have mercy on them, Father give them another chance, and what a joy it is to know then that we have an advocate before God Almighty. So the Christ who died for our sins has qualified to place our cause before God in the glory world.

He who has overcome all things pleads our cause that we too may overcome and win the victory. In his intercessions he is desirous to help us to stand at last in that great multitude of the 'Overcomers' who will stand around the throne of God in the joyous shouts of triumph. In Jesus and through His intercessions we shall overcome one day.

What then is the ultimate conclusion of this great spiritual message we have here? It is that we shall be victorious over the forces of sin and darkness in Christ who has redeemed our souls from sin and pleads our cause before the throne of God.

-VTA

Continued from front page most Key To Learning"; Dr. John T. Blue, acting director, Research Development Branch, Bureau of Research, Washington, D. C., discussing "What Does New Research Reveal About Improved Classroom Teaching?"; and Dr. A. G. Richardson, associate supervisor, Elementary and Secondary Education, State Department of Education, Richmond, who will serve as moderator.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a panel discussion on "Innovation in Education, A Case Study." Two representatives of North Carolina's famous Learning Institute and the Governor's Advance Placement School will lead the discussion. They are Dr. Gordon McAndrew, assistant director, Learning Institute of North Carolina and Director of the Advancement School and Earl Russell, director of the Reading Clinic, the Advancement School, both of Winston-Salem, who will discuss their state's new concept and practice of improved instruction.

-Sister

Continued from front page voter registration thrust will serve as a memorial to what he gave his life to accomplish."

-Player

Continued from front page Dr. Marlowe F. Shute, director of self-study and evaluation services and Dr. Chauncey G. Winston, dean of instruction, who will serve as chairman. Dr. Winston will assume the position of acting president on March when Dr. Player takes up her new duties. The trustees also appointed a committee on the selection of a successor to Dr. Player

and this committee will report its recommendations to the board when a selection has been made.

-Relations

Continued from front page partment of English at North Carolina College as the speaker. This program will start at 6:15 p.m.

Nathaniel B. White president of Service Printing Co., is chairman of the general steering committee planning the institute in cooperation with White Rock's pastor, the Rev. Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch.

-Miller

Continued from front page boards of the Durham and N. C. Tuberculosis Associations, the Durham chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Durham chapter of the American Association of University Women. She is vice-president of the North Carolina College chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Mrs. Miller is married to Paul R. Miller, director of the School of Industries at Virginia State College. They have two sons, Ronald and Terry.

-Trustees

Continued from front page be any void in the presidential functions of the college. "Those things that need to be done will be done. However, this committee does not propose to sponsor any revolutions—and we certainly hope you will not," he added.

The college, he said, can move ahead only with the real cooperation of faculty, staff, and students. "Each one of these elements will have to use its wisest judgement in its ac-

tion. Each must use its patient restraint if it thinks by its actions such will put a blemish upon the name of the college or slow down its orderly progress."

-Housing

Continued from front page using to serve since that time. I have served as vice chairman under every previous chairman."

Said Henderson further: "I don't quite understand why we consistently by-pass this particular individual." Henderson was referring to himself. "If there is reason other than the color of my skin and the texture of my hair, I would like to know. I have served diligently and this is a matter that concerns me very much."

Wallace Seeman, who had nominated Harris for the chairmanship remarked that no personalities are involved." He then stated further that Henderson's position as a vice-president of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company often required him to be out of town.

Said Seeman further in reply to Henderson's remarks: "No one could possibly say you haven't done an excellent job."

In answer to the criticism of Seman about being absent from the Housing Authority meetings so often, Henderson replied that he would like to review his Housing Authority meeting attendance record against that of any other member.

Following the flare-up between Henderson and Seeman, Commissioner Charles Roach nominated Henderson, who immediately withdrew his name and pledged his loyalty to the work of the housing facility.

In climbing, you're safer if you take hold of the hand of the man below you.

The Carolina Times

Published every Saturday at Durham, N. C. by United Publishers, Inc. L. E. AUSTIN, Publisher Second Class Postage Paid at Durham, N. C. 27702 SUBSCRIPTION RATES \$5.00 per year plus (15c tax in N. C. anywhere in the U.S., and Canada and to servicemen Overseas; Foreign, \$7.30 per year, Single copy 15c. Principal Office Located at 436 E. Pettigrew Street, Durham, North Carolina 27702

To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

Democracy On The Air

THE CIVIL rights leadership has learned through bitter experience that it is dangerous to cite a specific industry for progress in the area of civil rights, or even to single it out for special commendation, for all too often this is misinterpreted. The industry, for one thing, grasps greedily at such a citation, and holds it up for all to see as proof-positive that it is, indeed, the epitome of perfection.

Negro citizens, on the other hand, understandably suspicious, tend to regard the stamp of approval as premature and prefer the "let's wait and see attitude. And there are still others who disapprove of the citation on the theory that "it's no more than they should have done" so why the praise!

In spite of all this, however, I want to single out for special commendation the broadcast media, television and radio, for the recent noticeable strides they have made in the use of Negro citizens — in commercial spots, and in speaking as well as non-speaking roles in their programs. I extend this commendation publicly because I have been one of those who have been most vocal in my criticisms of this industry—critical of its sins of omission as well as commission; and to give credit where credit is due permits one to continue in the role of constructive critic.



Gains In Broadcasting Industry

The gains that have been made in the television and radio industry were sharply driven home to me recently, when in one evening, talented Negro performers were participating simultaneously in key roles on three different networks. For those of us who have been accustomed to waiting long intervals to see a Negro in a responsible, respectable role, this was unusual, and a welcomed phenomenon.

Yet, here was a dilemma—the kind we now face in trying to decide which baseball team to root for (at least those of us who base our interest in the teams on this use of Negro players). This was no problem years ago when only the Brooklyn Dodgers lived up to our anticipations, but it did become a problem when other teams joined the ranks of the fair-minded and "discovered" a number of Negro players who not only increased the team's popularity, but increased also, the gate receipts!

The civil rights movement needs more dilemmas like these two. And hopefully the broadcast media will provide us with such a dilemma.

This is not to say that the media has done all that it should or could do. In fact, a recent study made by the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Angeles, reveals that, in terms of Negro representation in the industry, we are far from approaching even the so-called numerical or proportionate representation—whether in commercials or in programs. There remains the major problem, also, of entertainers with superior talent being denied their own shows because of race—and certainly a lot more needs to be done in the employment of those Negroes who are equipped to work behind the scenes, as technicians, writers, producers, etc.

Training Qualified Performers

It was for this reason that the National Urban League established a Broadcast Skills Bank, as a part of its National Skills Bank, with the cooperation of the major networks. Through this bank we will be able to recruit, place, or secure for training, qualified persons for the industry.

The major significance of this new utilization of qualified Negroes in this industry goes far beyond the actual employment opportunity it provides. It will demonstrate first, to advertisers or sponsors the fact that the large majority of Americans are more interested in the talent of a performer than they are in his color. It will also expose a large segment of white America, (who for the most part have lived in a bi-racial society with limited contacts among all classes of Negro citizens, to a fact of life never before learned: The fact that Negroes do have the same kind of talents, skills and abilities that all other Americans possess.

Finally, perhaps the most important result of all, is that as we get accustomed to having Negro citizens in our living rooms via the television screen, it will become all the easier to accept Negroes as all others are accepted—in our neighborhoods, schools, churches and businesses.

BIG MOUTH

How Come Duke Don't Blow Soul In Colored Churches

"Being you travels in circles with the leadnest Negroes, perhaps you can hip me on a certain question which is buggin' me," Big Mouth said.

"I will be happy to be of service, if I possibly can," I told him.

"How come they let Duke Ellington blow his jazz sounds in church? When I were coming up in my young days, our reverend would not allow no one to even sing fast and rhythmical, like say Mahalia Jackson and Clara Ward. Yet, I have dug in the New York Times, which Sarah Lou reads religious, that Mister Edward Kennedy Ellington is making gigs in big, fine, rich white churches—blowing them sounds. Now, I am not one to knock any cat's hustle but, Jim, I do not dig how this have come about."

"As you are very well aware," I told Big, "Mr. Ellington is not just a jazz artist. He is the foremost creative musical genius in the world in the fields of composition and musical interpretation."

