

Concern for the Future of NCC

Rumors and whispers to the effect that conditions at N. C. College, between the Administration and student leaders, are far from being settled continued to circulate unabated in and around Durham this week. Such was most graphically reflected in the letter of Dr. B. T. Elliott, Jr., written to the editor of the Durham Morning Herald which appeared in the Tuesday, May 22, edition of that newspaper.

We think there immediately arises a great concern among all good citizens of Durham and the state, as well as loyal and devoted alumni all over the nation, when any condition develops that threatens the continued growth and success of NCC. Proof of the above statement has again and again been revealed through the years that have seen NCC grow from a small educational institution into one of the leading of the state and nation.

Here is what Dr. Elliott's letter had to say in part:

"Student attempts to communicate with the administration have been heard and forgotten. The seniors' request for a Negro commencement speaker was simply ignored as a case in point. NCC does not have a free atmosphere oriented toward freedom of thought, speech, and expression. Negro students who have demanded first class citizenship off campus are insisting on a similar on campus status. Violence similar to that on other Negro College Campuses must be considered a possibility. If it occurred; to blame it on a convenient scapegoat such as Stokely Carmichael would not resolve the guilt of those who failed to deal with the students in a responsible manner. It may be pertinent to mention that Carmichael spoke at Duke recently but NCC officials announced that he was not invited to speak at NCC. If the

administration does not respond with changes that are overdue, then they will be held responsible for whatever the future brings."

The Carolina Times feels that it is in a most strategic position to interpret and express the feeling of the alumni, as well as the many friends of NCC, with regards to what now appears to be a most explosive situation existing at the institution. Our one and only purpose, therefore, is to endeavor to help avert a similar situation from happening on the campus of NCC that has happened on several other college campuses during the past several weeks.

Certainly it is too late now to undo what has already been done, or that which the present administration has arranged to be done in the immediate future, especially as it regards the racial identity of the commencement speaker for the graduating class of 1967. Thus it would appear that wisdom would dictate that the administration and the leaders of the student body at NCC rise to the heights of nobility and find the humility to confess that both have from time to time made blunders—blunders of the head and not of the heart. In their efforts to find a solution to the very perplexing problem of endeavoring to operate an educational institution of higher learning in the face of the changes now taking place in our social order, they may discover ere it is too late that such humility is an attribute of the strong and not the weak, it "becomes the throned monarch better than his crown."

Our greatest concern, therefore, for the present plight of NCC is not for the administration, its student readers or its student body as a whole. Our greatest concern is for the intangible NCC, the soul of the institution that can only be felt and understood by those who are in love with its future, its destiny.

All-Negro Political Parties Not Wise

The Freedom Democratic Party candidates in the two towns in Sunflower County, Mississippi where they ran candidates were all defeated, although in one town the Negro voters were a substantial majority of the registered voters. The Freedom Democratic Party is an all-Negro political party in effect (it has two white members in Miss.) It has been backed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee as part of their Black Power drive.

The fundamental reason for their failure is that the tactic of setting up all-Negro political parties is wrong, and intelligent Negroes who have fought against segregation know that. In Jefferson County, Miss., there is also a majority of Negro voters, and they did elect a Negro to the school board there. Robert Williams, a member of the NAACP, not by setting up an all Negro party but by going into the Democratic Party primary. Charles Evers, the NAACP state organizer for Mississippi and brother of the martyred Medgar Evers, says they expect to elect a Negro sheriff there at the next election.

In Alabama there were eight counties in which Negroes were a majority of the registered voters. The NAACP has had sufficient political muscle in Washington to get a law protecting the right of Negroes to enroll as voters, and if they are denied such rights by the local regis-

trars the Federal Government can and does at times send Federal registrars to register them.

In seven of these counties the SNICK set up all-Negro parties, the Black Panther Party. In all seven counties the Black Panther candidates were all defeated but in Macon County the political tactic advocated by the NAACP of integrating Negroes into the existing political parties was followed. It was successful and in that county there is now a Negro sheriff as well as a majority on the school board. Thus the only elected Negro officials in any county in Alabama or Mississippi were elected by integrating Negro voters in the Democratic Party, not by segregating them in all-Negro political parties.

In general this policy is beginning to pay off. There are now 15 Negroes elected to state legislatures throughout the country, including 10 in Georgia, 6 in Tenn., and 3 in Texas. There is one Negro U. S. Senator, Edward Brooke of Mass., and Negroes have been elected to state-wide offices in at least two other states, Conn. and Mich. This could not possibly have been done on any Black Power basis. It has been done by integrating Negroes into existing political parties just as other ethnic groups such as Italians, Poles, Jews, Irish, Scandinavians or French Canadians have been so integrated.

The Red Smear Attempt at Dr. King

Efforts on the part of certain sources in this country to pin a Communist button on the lapel of Dr. Martin Luther King or smear his name with being connected with the reds in any way will get nowhere with those of his own race. It is also our feeling that such stupidity will come to naught with all intelligent citizens of this country who believe in right.

As a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Dr. King or no other believer in Christianity, will be able to find room in his heart, soul or mind for both the teachings of Jesus and Carl Marx. Whatever blunders or errors Dr. King may have made in the past in his stand on the controversial question of the Vietnam war, those who know him best are satisfied that the idea of embracing communism has never entered his mind.

We would advise those who wish to find some source of undermining Dr. King's position as a leader of his people to hunt for another

red herring to drag over his trail. The respect, admiration and faith millions of Negroes and others have in the loyalty of Dr. King as an American citizen remains unblemished and untouched by the silly efforts on the part of his enemies to smear his name with communism.

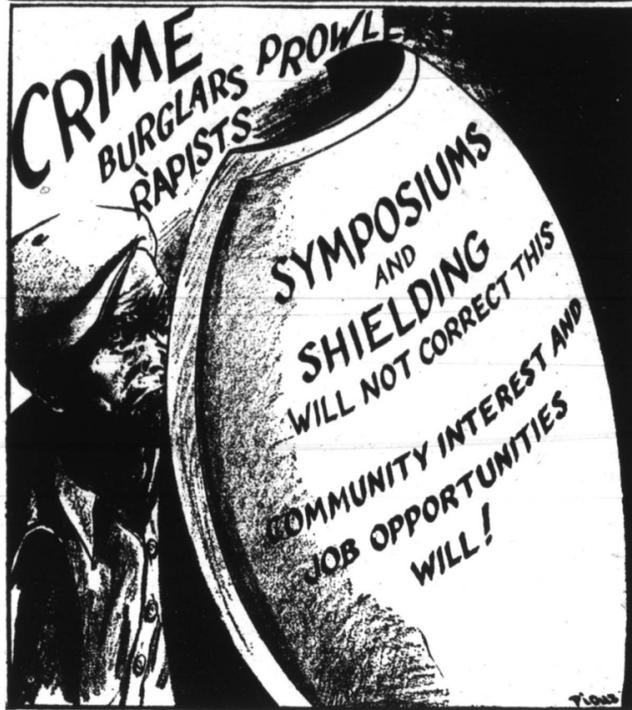
France & U.S. Bases

Negotiations have broken down and the United States is now required to the unpleasant fact that France will give the United States no guaranteed re-entry rights to its bases in France.

President Charles DeGaulle in effect kicked U.S. armed forces out of France in a press conference announcement seven months ago, giving them until April 1st, 1967 to get out. Since then men and supplies have begun to move to Germany and England.

However, much cannot be moved and will be lost—or left for France.

Time For Action . . . Congress And Community!



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



In Christ We Have Power to Endure and Overcome Afflictions

"Can affliction, hardship, persecution . . . ? Rom. 8:35

With a ringing shout of jubilation triumph the great Christian says neither affliction, hardship nor persecution can separate him and Christ the Savior. There is no willingness to give up, in the face of great nor little difficulties. His resolve is to stand firm, unshakable in the spiritual riches of Christ. Then what about us who claim this great, triumphant Christ and are so easily wilted in the face of little trials and ordeals of this life. In Christ and his spirit's power, we too, ought to be able to stand unmoved — letting nothing separate us from that great, gracious love.

In Christ we have power to endure and overcome afflictions. If we are in Christ, instead of complaining, we too ought to be able to say none of these afflictions will move me. Too many of us become cymbals in the face of little difficulties. We run from little afflictions. We wilt and fade away under the vicious,

crushing blows of afflictions. A runner a cry-baby never grows into the full stature of Christian nobility. The train can run because of the friction between the wheel and the track. And how can we grow spiritually unless we confront and pass successfully through our afflictions? Afflictions faced and passed through will mean spiritual growth for your soul.

Hardships are essential for the growth of a truly great soul. Ease never made a great man nor woman. Call the roll of the truly great souls and what do you find? It was not the ease of Pharaoh's court that made a Moses, but the hardships of the desert years. Some hardships must be interwoven into the fabric of the human soul. It was not the security of the little farm at Tekoa that made an Amos but the difficulties he encountered at Bethel. Yes hardships are indispensable for the enrichment and growth of the spiritual life of man. The hardships

of the Military Academy helped General Benjamin Davis become a great soldier. He would not let little hardships separate him from his lofty aims in life. Hardships for those in Christ and the spirit's power help to fashion the ladder by which we climb the heights.

The Jewish people in their history of persecution throughout the world present the way in which persecutions can be made creative. Persecutions instead of crushing them have given a kind of spiritual elasticity. In the face of persecutions they have gone bounding on to higher heights. Persecutions can indeed become spiritually creative. In response to persecutions we can fashion great spiritual resources. Then let us stop crying about our persecutions—turn them into spiritual gems.

With faith in God we should not become the unfortunate victims of afflictions hardships and persecutions but we should let them make us victors in life's struggles.

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To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

Facts About Welfare

THE MYTH that people on welfare are "chiselers" who don't want to work has been repeated so often that it falls into the technique of the Big Lie—repeat it often enough and people will believe it. Every time a politician wants to make a hit with the home folks or a newspaper wants to boost circulation, they go back to the old welfare chiselers routine.

Now they will have to find another horse to flog, because a White House official has made public the figures on welfare recipients and they show that only 50,000—less than 1 per cent—are able to work.

There are 7.3 million people in the U.S. getting some form of welfare aid. A little over 2 million are aged, 700,000 are blind or handicapped, 3.5 million are children, and the rest are the parents of these children who are unable to support them. Almost a million of these are mothers who can't leave their kids to go to work, while most of the 150,000 fathers on welfare are handicapped in one way or another.

These people don't sound like chiselers to me MR. YOUNG or to any other fair-minded person. They are victims of a system which has failed them and they are people who may have met with misfortune in life, but they must be accorded the basic dignities due all human beings. The present welfare system treats them in a manner which robs them of dignity and frustrates efforts to make them self-sufficient.

Helps Break Up Many Families

This nation reveres the family and everyone agrees that a strong family unit is essential to society, yet the welfare system actually helps break up many families. Children who receive welfare in the Aid to Dependent Children program often pay for the aid by losing their fathers. That's because of the "man-in-the-house" rule which forbids assistance to the children if there is an able-bodied man living with them. So many fathers must leave their families to keep their children from starving. The rule is enforced by Gestapo-like raids, usually in the middle of the night, to check on whether a man is home.

There are many other abuses—most states pay benefits which don't even come up to their own standards, payments average below the federal poverty standards, eligibility is often denied on unfair grounds, clients must submit to harassment and humiliating investigations, and incentives are dimmed because benefits are cut by a dollar for each dollar earned by anyone in the family.

There is also another myth about welfare—that Negroes gravitate to big cities because welfare payments are better there. This is false. Only about a third of welfare recipients are Negro, and those who go to the cities are doing what millions of immigrants before them did—they go in search of work and they go to escape the brutal repression which still exists in large sections of the United States. They are no different from the white families who leave poverty-stricken areas of the South or the Appalachian region in search of jobs and dignity.

Don Topics by NEWKIRK



Things You Should Know

Richard Henry BOYD
 1843-4

BORN IN MISSISSIPPI OF SLAVE
 PARENTS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR HE DRIFTED AROUND THE U.S. AND MEXICO ON ODD JOBS:
 COWPUNCHER, FARM HAND, SAWMILL HAND —
 HE WAS ORDAINED A BAPTIST PREACHER ABOUT 1874. HE PASTORED THE SAME CHURCH IN WILLIS, GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THIRTY YEARS!



John J. PARKER
 SUPPORTED FOR ASSOCIATE

JUSTICE U.S. SUPREME COURT BY HERBERT
 HOOVER — HE WAS DEFEATED BY NEGRO
 VOTERS BECAUSE HE HAD RUN FOR GOVERNOR
 OF NORTH CAROLINA IN 1920 ON A PLATFORM CLAIMING NEGROES ARE UNFIT FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CITIZENSHIP!



—Signers

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 lion signatures of support for passage of this crucial legislation.
 Emphasizing the need for additional civil rights legislation this year, Mr. Wilkins pointed out to the long list of civil rights murders committed in the South where "no one has been convicted in these crimes."

—Felder

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 monial occasions.
 After a brief period during which he worked in Atlanta, Felder entered Howard's Law School in September of 1964. He has served as treasurer of the Student Bar Association and as the Howard representative to the American Law Student Association.
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 Felder is married to the former Charletta Pickering of Sumter. They have one son, age four.
 The South Carolina Voter Education Project is a state-wide organization engaged in programs of voter registration, citizenship education and leadership training. It has played a major role in boosting Negro registration in South Carolina beyond the 100,000 mark.