

The Black Power Movement

The so-called Black Power conference held in Newark last week appears at best to have ended with a group of frustrated persons, from the leader on down, being all dressed up with nowhere to go. To begin with the call for black or Negro separatism from the mainstream of American life is a foundation and an objective that within itself is certain to come to no good end.

Any movement that has as its objective the withdrawal or the exclusion of a segment of the citizenship from the main facets of this nation's machinery, for no other reason than race, is no better than the Ku Klux Klan and other such organizations that limit their membership to "Whites Only" and we therefore place the advocates of Black Power in the same category. We cannot be fair to ourselves in opposing anti-Negro movements at the hands of white people in this country without opposing anti-white movements at the hands of Negro people.

It also appears to us to be somewhat of a paradox that for over one

hundred years since slavery, Negroes have fought on every hand for a place in the mainstream of American life only to discover when the door is beginning to come open that there is such a movement among them as Black Power that advocates absolute withdrawal from every facet of American life that is not black.

We predict, therefore, the Black Power movement will get no further than that of the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Council. While the movement might have had a measure of success in the beginning among the frustrated and unintelligent Negroes, so long as it advocated anti-White or anti-draft, we are of the opinion that it cut its own throat when it included as one of its objectives "anti-Christians", or a movement opposed to Christianity. It is our further opinion that the Black Power movement has about shot its biggest gun and that a year from now will find it practically extinct within the realms of a majority of Negroes in this country.

The Case of Howard Fuller

The attempt of the Durham White Power Structure to have the salary of Howard Fuller cut off, with the hope of ridding this city of his presence or the leadership of the underprivileged of his race, is one of those nasty techniques sometimes resorted to by white people in administering reprisals to any Negro who stands up and demands his rights or the rights of his people. The case of Howard Fuller can be reproduced again and again in every southern state or wherever Negroes have suffered the injustices of racial discrimination and attempted to demand their rights.

This newspaper would like to know outright, now, henceforth and forever if an employe of any department or auxiliary of the city, state or the federal government is expected to forego his right of protest, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and other rights as a citizen, merely because he is employed by such government? If this is the case, we suspect that the price is too

much and will not be paid by Fuller or any other self-respecting Negro.

It might be of interest to the white leadership of Durham to observe the picture carried on the front page of this week's issue of the Carolina Times which shows Howard Fuller in action during the crisis which prevailed in this city on last Monday night. Facing a street lined with white hecklers who were endeavoring to inflame Negro marchers to the City Hall, it was Fuller who stood in the path and held back those of his own race and the white hecklers from engaging in a free for all the end of which might have been entirely a different story.

This newspaper has not always been able to see eye to eye with Howard Fuller, even in racial matters. We think, though, that the local White Power Structure is knocking at the wrong door if its members think that they can purchase Fuller's self-respect at any price across the counter of crooked politics.

Sen. Erwin's Opposition to Marshall

The fiasco created by North Carolina Senator Sam J. Erwin's recent questioning of Thurgood Marshall, on the meaning of the 5th Amendment at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee, should cause every intelligent citizen of this state to bow his head in shame. It took no student of law or psychology to discern that the only objection Erwin has against the solicitor general's appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court is that he is a Negro. Thus it now appears that Erwin, to the embarrassment of every intelligent citizen of North Carolina, has taken his place along side of Senator John Stennis of Mississippi as a Congressional race baiter.

In spite of the opposition of such men in Congress as Erwin and Stennis it is our opinion that Marshall will be confirmed as a member of

the United States Supreme Court. In the meantime we would urge Negroes everywhere to insist on all qualified members of the race registering, and voting in all elections. Such public officials as Erwin and Stennis will change their course of action once Negroes in this country secure more power at the ballot box.

Not only will such mean more respect from Congressmen, and the white world in general for Negroes, but it will mean the election and appointment of more of them to public office. If every Negro who is now a registered voter would make it his objective to register at least one more of his race between now and the 1968 General Election, we are satisfied it would bring about a great change for the welfare of all Negroes in this country in education, employment and otherwise.

Buffalo Was Slow to Learn Its Lesson

"Give me a chance to get the business structure to provide jobs," was the plea made by Buffalo's Mayor Frank Sedita to Negroes recently as he tried to calm his riot-torn city. The beneficiaries of any new-found jobs would hopefully be the restless Negro youth who were on the rampage for several nights.

We hope Mayor Sedita is successful, but why do representatives of the white power structure wait until violence is upon them before seeking to remedy the cause of that violence?

Urban leaders should have learned their lessons from Watts, Rochester and Chicago. The tragedy of Buffalo would indicate that some have not.

Shooting, rock-throwing, firebombing and attacks on pedestrians and drivers accounted for some 40 injuries, 14 of them bullet or pellet wounds. There were 45 arrests.

N. Carolina's A. & T. "Graduates"

The Senate of the General Assembly of North Carolina deserves praise for its change of heart in voting for the inclusion of A. & T. College at Greensboro as one of the four State institutions in the State's regional universities' bill.

The Senate had previously rejected the inclusion of A. & T., but when the House

of Representatives passed the bill with A. & T. included, the Senate concurred.

A bright future is in prospect for this college. We have no reason to doubt that the president and faculty will so administer the college as to justify its inclusion in the list of North Carolina State universities. —The Philadelphia Tribune

Self-Development Calls For Action



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



God is the Source of All Things Essential to Our Life

"Source, guide, and Goal of all that is."

Rom. 11:26

Man's restless search ends in God. God the Creator is the ground of all being. He is the desire and the fulfillment of man's deepest longings. And nothing else can ultimately satisfy man. The Holy writer is thus trying to say that God is man's satisfaction. Then we must finally realize that all other things can bring only partial completeness or satisfaction. All things then separately and combined can give man a partial fulfillment. Man's complete fulfillment and satisfaction must come from God—who is the Source of all things.

Man must ever be restless until he can find rest and peace in God. Nothing in the creation can give this inner satisfaction. Thus in our times we can see the utter futility of whole nations trying to find satisfaction apart from God, the source of all things. No wonder these nations stand at the heart of the restlessness of our times. They are engaged in

vain and fruitless strivings to lead a people to real fulfillment apart from God—the Source of all things. What is the result? The result is a rich harvest of emptiness, confusion, conflict, bloodshed and the devastation of incessant warfare. Man must continue to end up in the deadend of confusion and conflict apart from God. For God is "Source, Guide and Goal of all that is."

Since God is the Source of all things, then ought all men to stand in gratitude before God for his gracious providence. God is the source of all things. And God therefore, gives us all things to enjoy. All that we have or may hope to have must come from God. Then ought we all to come before God in worship and gratitude as the Source of all things. Too many take God's gifts for granted. So many of us never turn to God the Source of all things in humble gratitude. God is God and God is great and we all ought to thank Him for the gifts out of his bounty. Thus we have nothing to brag about; but we should recognize that

all that we enjoy has come from God the "Source of all that is." Then let us turn to Him in Thanksgiving.

Let us then remember God as our Creator and sustainer. God is the very ground of our being. We are not the products of chance. We are the crown of the creation. God is the source of all things essential to our existence. The water you drink, the fresh air you breathe, the food you eat and life itself. John is right, God is the true vine and we are but the helpless fading branches. Apart from Him we can do nothing. Then let us bow in worship before God the Source of all things. Come let us bow before the Lord our maker. For it is He who hath made us and not we ourselves. In the final analysis true worship is the recognition on the part of man that God is the Source of all things.

All men then should follow the wisdom of the Psalmist, "Be still and know that I am God."

-Council

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tion, better streets, adequate representation on governing boards, etc., as it applies to the Negro community.

The time has long since passed for our city officials to take positive action in solving human problems for the maintenance of peace, tranquility, and good race relations. There are also those who have playing politics with these issues for personal advantage. The causes should be attacked rather than the individuals who are espousing better conditions for the community. If the people of Durham are wise, they will insist that the city officials will come to grips with these vital issues rather than wait in blindness or in hate for violence and disaster to strike.

We stand united in support of the efforts of UOCI in its protests against intolerable conditions under which many of the citizens are forced to live in Durham. We are ready to give aid and leadership in helping the City of Durham to face its many problems and solve them in a constructive and creative manner.

Following the statement by Wheeler, Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church here, and former head of the local branch of NAACP spoke to the council. The full text of Rev. Brown's address which will appear in the next issue of the Carolina Times, centered around the slogans "black power" and "white power."

-Whiting

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be made to create a sense of pride and self-esteem with regard to ethnic and racial identification," he added. NCC must seek to discover and develop techniques, he stated, which will enable the college to repair initial educa-

tional handicaps related to social deprivation and restricted cultural participation. This must be accomplished alongside of, or within, quality programs which will simultaneously serve those not so handicapped, he said.

-Poverty

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employment and the systematic exclusion of the Negro agrarian workers from the economy of the Delta," veteran social workers Alex Waites and Rollie Eubanks said in their special NAACP-sponsored report on poverty among Negroes in Mississippi.

The 442,000-member NAACP unanimously approved the Mississippi report and adopted resolutions calling on President Johnson to declare the 12 counties investigated by Waites and Eubanks "a disaster area" for immediate Federal action under which food stamps would be made available to people without income or minimum health and welfare services. The NAACP urged President Johnson to launch an immediate investigation of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Labor and the Office of Economic Opportunity, "with the view of ascertaining and correcting continued racial discrimination in their respective programs in Mississippi."

-King

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create jobs, it cannot govern. It cannot have white affluence amid black poverty and have racial harmony. Mr. President, I urge you to use the power of your office to establish justice in our land by enacting an implementing legislation of reason and vision in the congress.

-Johnson

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of improving living conditions, educational and employment opportunities where the people are—and they are in the cities. We can't correct it overnight. We can't correct it in a day or a year or a decade. But we are trying at this end of the line as best we can—in rent supplements, model cities, poverty, education."

-Baptist

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the Memorial Auditorium on Monday, August 14.

On Monday evening, August 14 a combined Chorus made up of the church of Raleigh and vicinity, Durham and Chapel Hill will present a pre-conventional musical. The Chorus is under the direction of Hubert Walters, Director of Shaw University Choral and the Accompanist is Mrs. E. M. M. Kelly. Many local, state and national speakers will appear on the program during the week of celebration.

Dr. J. W. White, President of the Convention, feels that the anniversary celebration will be a historic making meeting. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, reports that the state of North Carolina is showing the kind of interest in the meeting never before seen in any Baptist Assembly or Annual Convention. He says, "The Baptists are coming to Raleigh."

-Labor

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vania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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To Be Equal

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Another Hot Summer

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AGAIN, MANY AMERICAN cities have been torn by rioting. It's the same old story—the intolerable living conditions in the ghettos create a feeling of powerlessness and anger which erupts over an incident which symbolizes to the ghetto dweller how little importance is attached to his needs and his dignity.



MR. YOUNG

The reason for riots is not mysterious. It is obvious to anyone who has eyes to see with ears to hear with. But too many civic leaders act blind and deaf when it comes to the Negro's just grievances.

They say "it can't happen here" and when it does, they blame it on outside agitators. That's a lot of nonsense. Little evidence has been produced to prove that outsiders cause riots, but there is a lot of evidence to prove that every American city is a potential tinderbox because of ghetto conditions.

"Outside Agitator" Theory

But the "outside agitator" theory is so strong that Congress seems to be determined to pass a bill making it a federal crime to cross a state line with "intent to incite street violence and rioting." This is one of those medicines that is more poisonous than the disease. Besides being of doubtful constitutionality, history shows that such laws are usually used against legitimate dissenters. Who is to say what constitutes "intent" or what language "incites" violence?

But it is far easier to legislate against imaginary causes than it is to deal with real ones. The very real problems which cause riots—racial discrimination in jobs, housing, and other areas, can't be ignored. So long as they are, riots will be a part of American summers.

I have said over and over again that riots are wrong. When they occur they must be put down immediately, but without the indiscriminate shooting of innocent people, as happened in Newark. The snipers apparently got away, but the woman at the window and the child in the street were killed.

Victims In Racial Ghettos

Throwing a brick and looting a store are criminal acts. But they must be seen in the context of the more subtle crimes which daily victimize Negro citizens locked into racial ghettos.

These are the crimes of rent gouging by slumlords, consumer frauds, deliberate miseducation of ghetto youth, exclusion from decent housing on the basis of race, refusal to allow Negroes into jobs, unions, and training programs, unwarranted police roughness, and countless others.

These are the crimes which the Negro feels and suffers from every day, but which the larger society seems willing to ignore. We might almost say that the greatest crime of all is indifference—not caring that millions are condemned to poverty and discrimination due to race, in spite of the ideals of equality which America professes.

Cause For Riots Remains

Until these causes of ghetto misery are eliminated, we seem condemned to violent outbursts in the ghetto. After the Watts riot in 1965, the McCone Commission said the "revolutionary change" is needed in the ghetto. But that hasn't happened. The problem today is that the ghetto dweller sees no change at all in his condition.

The riots are being used as an excuse to continue the discriminatory practices which really cause them. This makes no sense. America must come to realize that the riots are the acts of relatively few people driven to desperation and anger by miserable living conditions.

The overwhelming masses of Negro citizens who have borne the evils of discrimination with patience and loyalty should not be made to suffer for the acts of a handful who have lost faith in a system which has continually exploited them. The challenge to America is not to see how quickly the National Guard can be mobilized in the streets of our cities, but to see how quickly we can mobilize the institution in our society to effect changes in intolerable living conditions and bring fresh hope and advances to those so long denied a fair share of our national life.

Gardner, the Exploiter

The tense racial situation in Durham, at least through Friday evening, was contained by a combination of strict Negro leadership which kept the demonstrators in line and a strong show of force by local government, aided by the National Guard. But let there be no mistake, about it, Congressman Jim Gardner's continued irresponsible meddling with the Durham problem is only inflaming the passions and fears of both races. If he does not put down the torch, which he piously labels as a light on the anti-poverty programs (i.e., he is going to set racial fires not only in Durham but other communities in the Fourth District.

No matter what good intentions or public serving instincts Representative Gardner may have, the fact of the matter is that until congressional redistricting took shape he demonstrated absolutely no interest in the difficult race problems in Durham. Yet since that time he has seemed to be at work almost full time finding fault and exploiting the anti-poverty program there. He has flown in from Washington to hold press conferences, issued statements from his office, fired off letters to Sargent Shriver and a telegram to the President, all of them headline grabbers. His critics and admirers alike recognize the extraordinary political effectiveness of his efforts on many Durham voters who, in up Negroes and whites alike, the next election, will be looking at candidate Jim Gardner elsewhere in the Fourth District.

But no attention is being given to the effect of this maneuvering on the simering population of Negroes in Durham's Hayti section, from whence Thursday night's demonstrators marched; and orderly march is the only way to describe the focus of that night's tense situation. Even earlier in the week, when those from the Hayti slum area turned out in large numbers to protest another public housing project in their midst, they followed the commendable legal process of appearing before the Durham City Council. None of the senseless and sickening race riots which have swept America in recent weeks have been preceded by such legal efforts to seek redress as demonstrated by Durham Negroes through Friday evening.

Certainly some of the Negroes have used sharp words, and have been the object of them too. A few among them with more passion than good sense, committed acts of vandalism earlier in the week. But the only violence recorded — on Thursday night — was against Negroes, not by them. Congressman Gardner's unthinking exploitation of this matter has only increased the bitterness and sharpness on one side and fear and resistance on the other. He ought to stop before he sets a fire that burns many Durham voters who, in up Negroes and whites alike, the next election, will be looking at candidate Jim Gardner elsewhere in the Fourth District.