

Before It Is Too Late

Only a miracle can prevent the City Council from ramming down the throats of the Negro minority of this city the Bacon Street site as the location for another public housing project in its southern section. In spite of the ardently expressed opposition of Negro leaders, both on and off the Council, it is apparent that a majority of its members are only mere puppets dangling on strings in the hands of Durham's white power structure and, therefore, are without the freedom to act of their own accord.

We think the action of the City Council in its unholy alliance with the Durham Housing Authority is plainly a case of a bully imposing his wishes on a smaller adversary not because he is better but merely because he is bigger. It is a case of the City of Durham repudiating its adult Negro leaders by deliberately pulling the rug from under them in the presence of the Negro masses as well as the citizenry as a whole. What is now happening in Durham is exactly what happened in Watts, Detroit, Newark and other cities where frustration, discouragement and desperation overcame the Negro masses to the extent that they assumed a suicidal attitude.

Let there be no mistake or misunderstanding about it, let it be plain-

ly understood that Negroes are aware that they are outnumbered, ten to one in this country, and do not have the weapons nor the money to engage in violent demands for their rights or even defend themselves against the most rabid injustices they suffer in an encounter with a bigger and stronger adversary. Let it also be understood, however, that there comes a time in the existence of the most humble, the most wretched, even the damned and the doomed, when one can neither give nor take any more nor back up any further.

For over 300 years now Negroes have given, and given in this country. It doth appear, therefore, that here in Durham, where they have demonstrated beyond any doubt their worth economically, intellectually and otherwise, its city officials have a great opportunity to point the way to interracial cooperation and understanding to other cities of this country. It cannot do so, however, by browbeating and bulldozing methods. It can only do so by sitting down and reasoning together. We, therefore, urge, we plead with those on both sides of the controversy now under way to "come let us reason together." Let us do so before it is too late, too late.

Governor Wallace's Record

The meetings that Ex-Governor Wallace of Alabama has been having in northern states in pursuit of his presidential campaign have been too large for comfort. His daring to run for President is a political obscenity considering his record.

When he was first elected governor in Alabama, apparently with Ku Klux Klan support, he packed the Alabama State Parole Board so that they gave a premature parole to Jesse Mabry and Bart Floyd, two Klansmen who had been convicted in 1959 by an all white jury of castrating an inoffensive Negro, Edward Aron, and given 20 years in jail.

Four Negro girls, Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley were bombed to death while attending Sunday School in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on September 15, 1963 because that church had been used for civil rights meetings. The Alabama State Police under Governor Wallace failed or refused to arrest the bombers.

The same day two Negro boys were shot by a couple of white hoodlums, and one of them, Virgil Ware, was killed. The two white men who committed the crime were tried and convicted. The state court Judge gave them the ridiculous sentence for a deliberate killing of seven months in jail; and they did not even serve that, he put them on probation.

Mrs. Luizzo, the wife of a Detroit union organizer, came to Alabama to take part in the march on Montgomery intended to gain for Negroes the right to vote without interference. She was shot and killed on March 25, 1965 by four Klansmen while she was driving a young Negro home in her car. One of the men in the car was an undercover agent for the F.B.I. who had succeeded in joining the Klan. He testified exactly how the murder was planned and carried out, but the killer was acquitted in Wallace's state court. Later he was convicted in the Federal Court of conspiring to deprive Mrs. Luizzo of her civil rights, i.e., her right to live, and sentenced to 7 years in jail. When it is possible to get into the Federal Court there is some chance for justice.

Willie Lee Jackson, a young Negro, was shot and killed by an Alabama state policeman in Marion, Alabama on February 17, 1965 when he was trying to protect his mother from being beaten by the state police because she was taking part in a protest march to gain for Negroes the effective right to vote. Nothing ever happened to the state policeman. Wallace did not even reprimand him.

Rev. James Reeb, a white Unitarian minister from Boston, was clubbed to death in Selma, Alabama on March 9, 1965 while trying to help Negroes gain the right to vote, nothing ever happened in the Alabama state courts to those who killed him.

Governor Wallace in his campaign speeches has been talking mainly

against "Big Government in Washington." This pleases the owners of industry who do not like to pay the heavy Federal Corporation profits taxes, and who object to Federal regulation of industry on behalf of workers and consumers. But the real reason why Wallace is so strongly against "Big Government in Washington" is because he is afraid that the NAACP and other progressive organizations working for civil rights will be able to get Congress to pass a law to make it a Federal crime to assault or kill civil rights workers or Negroes trying to exercise their rights. He wants to keep an all year round open season on such Negroes and civil rights workers so the K.K.K. or other bigots can shoot them at any time with impunity. The facts show that there is a virtual break down of law and order so far as the safety of Negroes are concerned in Gov. Wallace's state. That is why his daring to run for President is a political obscenity.

The NAACP or other civil rights organizations should demand equal time on radio and television wherever Wallace holds meetings. It is probably unwise to threaten to picket his meetings, which would simply give him additional publicity. Instead they should alert the newspapers, radio and television stations about his record as outlined here, and use their equal time, plus letters and interviews in the press, to tell the facts the day he comes or after he has gone.

Must Work As Brothers

A recent editorial in the Germantown Courier, captioned "A Long Way To Brotherhood," is being published on the front page of today's Tribune. It brings into focus the sinister underlying causes for racial unrest which few people openly discuss. "Some people, we are sure, genuinely feel that common justice demands better treatment for the Negro. But we strongly suspect that beneath these overt marks of acquiescence in Negro 'progress' there is little genuine acceptance of the Negro as a person deserving as much kindness, consideration and affection as the next white guy. Behind the facade of acceptance of legalized equity there still lurks an indomitable feeling of superiority and easily triggered contempt and hostility."

The editorial wishes that the position taken is wrong. "But every sign supports it. And if it is a correct conclusion, then true equality for the Negro . . . equality as a brother, as a social equal . . . is still far, far in the future; and the ceaseless struggle that this condition breeds has a long, long way to go before there will be any real peace or any true brotherhood," concludes the editorial.

Unfortunately, both for the Negro and America, there are many facts which tend to support that position. The concept of racial superiority is the basic cause of much of the turmoil which exists in the world. And [it is time for so-called Christians, regardless of color, and Jews to practice what they preach — the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The Philadelphia Tribune

Strong Leadership Needed Now, Mr. President



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Loathing the Evil and Clinging To the Good Things of Life

"Loathing the evil and clinging to the good . . ." Rom. 12:9.

Here is an admonition of the highest wisdom: HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD. So often this is most difficult to do. The glittering allurements would break our hold. There are so many fascinating calls to let go of the good and grasp the deceptiveness of the evil. We must pray, fight and struggle incessantly to maintain our HOLD ON THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE.

There is a winsome kind of fascination that goes along with that which is evil. Too often it seems so reasonable and easy. We are taken in by the surface deceptiveness of the glamour of the evil things of this life. Thus we are called to keep our eyes open; and our sense of values in true perspective. Our values are so easily got out of focus. We must, therefore, ever be reminded to shun, escape and

loathe the evil. On deeper analysis we can readily see the falsities of the glamourousness of evil. Thus we are called to cling and hold fast to that which is GOOD.

In letting go of the good we are taking a step that will lead to unhappiness and disappointment. Many have been deceived at this point in life. We get tired of the seeming slow plodding of goodness. So we rush out to grasp and give our allegiance to that which is evil. And finally one day we wake up to be the prisoners of the false charms of that which is evil. And then in bitterness, tears and heartaches, and too late, we can see and understand the blessedness of clinging and hold fast to that which is GOOD. We learn the hard way that it is wisdom in "LOATHING THE EVIL AND CLINGING TO THE GOOD."

Man, in giving himself to goodness? In terms of spiritual

go wrong. The rewards are immeasurably great and satisfying. What are the rewards of goodness? In terms of spiritual mathematics it adds up to rich bliss and blessings. Goodness gives a peaceful conscience. Goodness rewards with its inner soul peace and quietness. In goodness we can face the world in serenity and confidence. There is a blessedness in knowing that you are in fellowship and, therefore, acceptable to God. Goodness does away with the distressful warfare in our souls so that we can rest securely in the peace of God. Goodness brings the spiritual riches of God to the human soul. Then let us cling and hold on to GOODNESS: THEN WE SHALL KNOW THE WONDER OF GOD IN THE SOUL OF MAN.

IN HOLDING TO GOOD, GOD WILL HOLD US TO SEE US THROUGH SUCCESSFULLY.

Letter to the Editor

REFLECTIONS ON HISTORY

Editor CAROLINA TIMES

The present unrest that hovers over our city of Education and Industry, has caused me to reflect on the past, to find out where I stand in terms of the issue of "Black Power" versus "White Power." To try to find the answer, I asked myself several questions: among them were three that were most disturbing. They are as follows:

1. Am I a citizen of Durham and the United States of America?
2. Am I free?
3. What are my duties as a citizen?

After careful consideration. I have concluded that, I can not be a citizen without being free: I cannot have freedom without fulfilling my responsibilities; I cannot fulfill my responsibilities without being free. Drawing these conclusions I began reflecting on history, and this is what I find.

That no great social change is initiated by those who are at ease and secure. That freedom must be won on the battlefield and maintained by constant vigilance and struggle. And the battles are not fought by those who seek honor seats in high places. Rather, they are fought by those who feel the sting of the lash and eat the crumbs that fall from the tables of those at ease.

The unrest now prevailing in our fair city, is a brief reminder of the sit-ins that spread over our country a few years past, and brought promises that were soon forgotten. The sacrifices made to break down the bars of segregation in the public schools in spite of the rulings handed down by the Supreme Court of this country. The unrest is being brought on by those who remember and believe the saying of Abraham Lincoln that "a nation cannot survive half slave and half free."

— W. G. RHODES

--SCLC

Continued from front page "The Movement for World Peace."

Two thousand grass-roots delegates including members of SCLC affiliate chapters throughout the nation will meet with leading political figures, government officials, economic and other experts, civil rights leaders, and SCLC Executive Board and Staff members.

--Barnett

Continued from front page meet the problem of dissemination of news, of about and for Negroes, to newspapers throughout the country.

During its span of operation, ANP served newspapers not only in the United States, but in the Caribbean area and Africa as well.

An extensive traveler, he and his wife, the former Etta Moten, of stage, screen, and television fame, visited numerous countries in Africa—both prior and subsequent to their independence—the West Indies and in Europe.

The wake was held Friday at Quinn Chapel AME church, and funeral services Sunday, also at the church. Burial was in Burr Oak cemetery, with the Collins Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Barnett; three daughters, Sue, Gladys and Etta Vee, several grandchildren, other relatives and close associates.

--Commission

Continued from front page

a number of greater than the attended such schools in these 2.2 million Negro pupils who States at the time of the 1964 Brown decision, the Commission reported. "In the 11 Southern States, 83.1 percent of the Negro pupils attend all-Negro schools. In each of the Deep South States the percentage is higher than 90 percent.

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To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

A Time For Reason

I'M GETTING PRETTY ANNOYED about the way some people are using this summer's riots as an excuse to avoid doing anything about the basic social problems which caused them.

Senseless and irrational as they are, the riots have shown America the deep frustrations and bitterness in the ghetto. These feelings are the result of joblessness, poor housing, poor schools, and discrimination. The way to ease tensions is to improve these conditions, not to worsen them. Injustices cannot be ended by blood and fire, but neither is justice served by vindictiveness and reprisals. It is especially wrong to deny justice to all Negroes because a few took part in irresponsible violence.

Too many Americans focus on the three percent who rioted, and are willing to make the 97 percent of Negro citizens who are law-abiding pay for it. But this is nothing very new; Americans have always practiced a double standard for Negroes.

Let one Cassius Clay refuse to go into the Army, and 100 white boys who flee the draft by running away to Canada are forgotten. Let one Negro politician abuse his power, and dozens of crooked white politicians are forgotten. Let one Negro throw a brick in Detroit, and the thousands of Negro soldiers who are bearing the disproportionate burden of the fighting in Vietnam are forgotten.

Time For Reason To Prevail

It is time for reason to prevail. No other ethnic group in America is expected to be 100 percent perfect.

Rather than embark on a narrow-minded program of reprisals and denial of justice, America must embark on a sincere crusade to end the injustice of discrimination and the exploitation of the ghetto. Only a determined effort to create more jobs and better housing and decent education will end the underlying causes of rioting.

The overwhelming majority of Negro citizens reject violence and anarchy as a means of ending injustice. I hope the majority of other Americans will reject short-sighted reprisals and angry suppression of Negro rights as a means of dealing with the real problems which face us.

As President Johnson put it in his televised message to the nation: "This is not a time for angry reaction. But I think it is a time for action, starting with legislative action to improve the life in our cities."

The Need For Reasonable Men

We are in a race with time to end the poverty and bigotry which distort our national life. There is a need for reasonable men of both races to work together to solve these pressing problems. The frustrations of the young won't be ended by cutting funds for youth programs, and the poverty of the jobless won't be helped by cutting funds for training programs. Constructive solutions to these problems are called for, and mean and petty reprisals won't solve them.

After the last war, many people wanted to take reprisals against Germany and Japan. But wiser men realized that if we made those countries prosperous, they would become more peaceful and we would benefit by expanded trade. So we poured billions into those nations to rebuild their economies. As a result, they are at peace with the world, and thousands of Americans are employed in jobs as a result of the trade that came from their prosperity. A country like Germany now has no slums and little unemployment. Can we do less for our own cities?

America has to bring peace and prosperity to our neglected urban areas. The necessary programs — like job training and better housing and education — shouldn't be seen as expenses, but as investments which will yield great benefits to the nation.

This has been a summer of irrationality and violence. It is time for reason and common sense to take over.

--4-H Club

Continued from front page available to North Carolina's some 55,000 4-H Club boys and girls, both rural and urban.

The delegates will sign in Monday afternoon at the Jack Tar Hotel. The meeting will adjourn following breakfast on Wednesday morning.

The highlight of the congress will be the selection of a state winner and eight territorial winners in the electric project. Eight territorial runners-up will also be named.

The state winner receives a trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in November. Each territorial winner receives a portable television and runners-up will receive tape recorders.

The awards and the congress are sponsored by Nantahala, Duke, Carolina and Virginia electric and power companies and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.

Dr. T. C. Blalock, state 4-H Club leader, will greet the delegates to Electric Congress during registration. The main part of the program comes Tuesday evening at an awards banquet.

The delegates face a full schedule on Tuesday. During the morning the 4-Hers will tour the Westinghouse Meter Plant, the Research Triangle and the State House. In the afternoon there will be forums, project reports and demonstrations.

--Speaker

Continued from front page budget. Since 1961, gifts to Missions have increased more than 200 per cent. Dr. Moseley was the first of

his race to be elected President of the Durham Ministers Association. He is now Moderator of the New Hope Baptist Association, Vice-President of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. of North Carolina and President of the Durham Chapter of the NAACP.

--Bapist

Continued from front page the National Baptist Convention, Inc. Mr. Bradley will conduct the singing throughout the week.

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the Convention, has advised Dr. J. W. White, the president that all major plans are completed for the Centennial celebration.

--Baber

Continued from front page tendance and preside at the annual Retreat to be held at Kittrell College August 14-18. General theme of the Retreat will be "Man In A Changing Social Order."

In addition to Bishop Baber, three other bishops will be in attendance and will deliver sermons during the Retreat. On Tuesday, August 15, at 3:00 p.m., Bishop John Bright of the First Episcopal District will preach. Guest speaker at the Laymen's Hour, August 16, will be Bishop Joseph Gomez of the Fourth District. Bishop Harrison J. Bryant of the 15th District will be guest speaker at the General Assembly August 17.

The Women's Missionary address will be delivered Thursday, August 17, by Mrs. Hazel Gomez, wife of Bishop Gomez. Bishop Baber will deliver the closing sermon Friday, August 18, at 11:30 a.m.