

Is LBJ Backing Up on Civil Rights?

It appears that President Johnson is shifting his political stance away from that of an outspoken advocate of social reform for the American Negro. Apparently, Mr. Johnson's political advisers have concluded that the major issue in the 1968 presidential campaign will be race and not Vietnam. This is based on a conviction that the 1968 voter will be "un-young, un-poor, and un-black", and that the Democratic campaign should be aimed at the urban middle class.

Thus, President Johnson has shifted from a position reflected in his 1965 "we shall overcome" speech, to one in which he recently described Negro militants as "wretched, vulgar men."

There can be no doubt that events during the past year have resulted in an urban middle class back-lash directly traceable to the violence and riots in our cities. These riots are not identified as social class phenomenon, the rampant outrage of the oppressed poor, but rather as Negro rebellion. This back-lash was evi-

dent in congressional actions this summer. In order to secure the vote and insure his re-election, President Johnson is adapting himself to the beat of the national pulse.

To the extent that advocates of "Black Power" and Negro Nationalists have been identified with the riots in the cities, they have contributed to the hostility and alienation of the White American with respect to Negro civil rights. They have done the Negro a disservice and have placed the movement in peril.

We must adapt ourselves to the fact of white reaction to riots and identification of riots as Negro rebellion. We must recoup ourselves. Progress for the Negro in America is going to slow down for a time, the going is sure to be tough, but we must not lose our heads over it.

Mr. Johnson's shift must not precipitate a withdrawal of Negro political support. He has been our sometimes friend, and at the moment, he is the only presidential hopeful whose election promises to be favorable to the Negro.

The National Election of 1968

With a national election facing them in 1968 it is not too early for Negro citizens of North Carolina, especially those who vote, to begin making a thorough study of the sad state of affairs which now prevails among Negroes in this state under the existing one-party system. Even a casual visit to the many state offices, located in Raleigh, the capital city, will reveal that so far as the more than one million Negro citizens of North Carolina are concerned, they are, for the most part, on the outside looking in when it comes to employment in a majority of state agencies and programs.

Frankly, this newspaper blames only the present belly crawling and buttocks kissing set of Negro leaders, who apparently for personal gain and gratification, are willing to sell their race down the river. So with a majority of the one-million Negroes on the outside looking in the present set of Negro leaders continues to scream to high heaven, come election time, "vote democratic," right or wrong.

Let it be said here and now that had it not been for the canine loyalty of stupid Negro voters in the gubernatorial election of 1964 there would now be a Republican governor in Raleigh. For such loyalty one would think that out of gratitude the present occupant of the gubernatorial office in Raleigh would do something to give Negroes more and better employment in state offices and programs. Not so, however, instead North Carolina's present governor, more than any other within the past 20 years or more, has consistently kicked Negroes in the teeth on every

turn of events.

In addition to the general policy of denying Negroes employment, only on a limited scale in state agencies and programs, there is an established policy of an automatic ceiling for those who may get on the state's payroll by chance. In short, the established policy appears to be thus far shall you go and no further. A point at issue is the case of Dr. John R. Larkins of the North Carolina Department of Welfare. Dr. Larkins has held the position he now holds with the state for over 25 long years. In spite of the fact that when he was originally employed he had the maximum qualifications, a Master's degree in Social Work and since has done further study at two of the nation's largest universities toward a doctoral degree in his field, is the author of several books, including a study he did in 1957 on, "The Negro Population of North Carolina," Larkins holds the same position he held when he was first employed.

Another point at issue is that of Durham's Housing Authority Vice-Chairman, J. J. Henderson, who, in spite of his qualifications from the standing of training and experience, has been bypassed three times for the position of chairman. Such action is typical of the ceiling that is always placed on Negroes in this state irrespective of their training and qualifications. So again, we send out the clarion call, we sound an alarm for an answer to the question Negroes of North Carolina must face in the coming General Election in 1968, Where Do We Go From Here Politically In 1968?

The Bacon Street Housing Project

It now appears that the Durham Housing Authority is one step nearer its goal of erecting another housing project in the southeastern section of the city, that of the Bacon Street "turnkey" housing project. Thus it is perfectly clear to all concerned that only a vote of approval of the Durham City Council stands between the 35,000 or more Negro citizens who oppose the project and the determined intentions of the Durham Housing Authority to create another ghetto in the designated section of the city.

The unfortunate decision of the Housing Authority proves once again that the Negroes of Durham, in spite of their mammoth achievements in the field of business and education, are without the proper lines of communication with the leaders of Durham's segment of white citizens. It also proves that Durham's city officials, as well as other white citizens are without the full knowledge of

the serious problem now facing the Negro population of this city with regards to housing.

The determination of city officials to erect another housing project in the southeastern section of Durham, against the wishes of those mostly concerned, its Negro citizens, raises the suspicion that there is an ulterior motive behind the move. Be that as it may we urge all of our Negro citizens to remain calm whatever the outcome.

In the meantime, we would also urge every church, club, fraternal organization and other organized groups to begin preparing now for a mammoth register and vote campaign once the books are opened for such. By so doing it is our feeling that it will be possible to place on the City Council some new members who will give a more sympathetic ear to the pleas of all the citizens in preference to the clique that is now operating from behind the scenes.

'None Are So Blind, As Those Who Won't See'



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Let Us Use Our Gifts and Meet The Divine Requirements of God

The gifts we possess differ as they are allotted to us by God's Grace.

—Rom. 12:6

Have you and are you now making the greatest use of your many gifts from God Almighty to you? What mark would you make as a good steward of God's gracious blessings? Have you thought about this? If not, maybe it's about time for a little stocktaking. Yes, you may need a personal evaluation or analysis in terms of the gifts given you by God out of the rich abundance of his Providence. We must ever remember that no one else can use our gifts. And no one else but you will be held responsible before God for what use you make of your gifts from God.

Too many of us worry about how the other fellow is using his gifts. In envy we are too preoccupied with the other fellow and the use he makes of his gifts. Why would you spend your precious God-given time in this kind of useless worry? Thus we all must guard against that loathsome sin of envy. It

can rob us of some of the true joy in life. It can make our lives miserable. We all have seen people who never get around to using their own gifts for worrying about how the other fellow is using his gifts. This is an operation in true futility. Then let us stop worrying about how the other fellow may be using his gifts and rededicate ourselves with a holy, loving passion in the use of our gifts to glorify God and work for the enrichment of the life of needy people all around us.

There is enough to be done in our world for all of us to be busily engaged in the loving, gracious use of our God-given gifts. Everywhere we can hear the agonizing cry of the countless needy souls. They need your help. The use your gifts in a loving ministry of helpfulness. The sick needs healing. The lonely needs comfort and companionship. The broken hearted needs to be bound and healed. The burdened and distressed needs an understanding one to share their almost unbearable burden. The lost

needs the good news of salvation in Christ. Yes, there is so much needing to be done that we all should be kept busy using our many gifts from God to spread Christ's blessed promise of the life abundant among needy souls.

The Master will hold us accountable for what he has given us. Yes, to use what God has given us is our inescapable responsibility. We must give an account of the stewardship of our gifts. God is expecting of each in accordance to what he has given us. This is the message of the parable of the talents. If our talents consist of one, two or five, let us use what God has given us. The utilization of our talents is what God is expecting of us. The need is great. And the reward is an enriching fulfillment. Then let us use our gifts and meet the Divine requirements.

And those who will use their gifts lovingly and sacrificially will hear the joyous welcome and well done of God the Giver of all gifts.

-Eaton

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Church, Montgomery, Alabama, for almost five years.

He was employed for three years by Howard University as administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Religion. He also worked at Howard as assistant to the dean of the University Chapel and director of the Student Christian Association.

Eaton holds the B.S. degree from NCC, the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Howard University, and the Master of Sacred Theology degree from Boston University.

He has also studied at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the Ecumenical Institute of Chicago.

Mr. Eaton has had clinical experience in pastoral counseling at the Philadelphia State Hospital, the Norfolk Prison in Massachusetts, and the Cambridge Neighborhood House in Massachusetts. He has also had training in psychoanalysis.

Mrs. Eaton, the former Miss Delores Sankey of Montgomery, Alabama, is a graduate of Alabama State College and has a master's degree from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. She teaches at Little River School in Durham County.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton are the parents of two children, Eric, 13 years old, and Herbert Edward, 19 months.

-Clement

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Williamston where he graduated from E. J. Hayes High School in 1961 and on May 30, 1965 was awarded the B.A. Degree at North Carolina College.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson who reside at 826 Church Street, Williamston.

-Morehouse

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On Friday evening at 7 p.m. the Inaugural Banquet will take place in the Ballroom of the Regency Hyatt House, where 1000 diners will gather to hear a scintillating program.

After the banquet, the guests will repair to Paschal's Motor Hotel for further fellowship and conviviality.

The inauguration of Dr. Gloster will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, in Archer Hall. Other participants in the inauguration ceremony will be announced later.

-Howard

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walks into a class today has to admit that he is just an Uncle Tom.

Most of the students remained to hear Dr. Nabrit's 20-minute talk and applauded him repeatedly as he urged the Black Power followers to "teach the people in the ghetto how to cope with dirt and rats, how to read, and how to apply for jobs."

-Labor

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Labon F. Chappel, supervisor of the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions' field office at Room 253 Federal Building, 324 Market Street, Greensboro, N. C. 27402, said litigation resulted from an investigation by his staff.

-Banks

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action; the mere absence of open discrimination is not enough.

President Johnson's Executive Order 11246 is the authority under which the Treasury Department requires banks to adopt equal employment practices in order to get Federal deposits. These deposits average \$4 billion a year and are a valuable source of income for some 12,000 banks in the United States.

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-Students

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 practice in the entire South," said LDF Director-Counsel Jack Greenberg. "This suit aims to change that picture. Taking discrimination out of sports will be a strong force in promoting integration generally."

The LDF suit was filed against the Florida High School Activities Association, the white organization, and the Florida Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association, its Negro counterpart.

These defendants, the LDF attorneys said, "by the provisions of their charters, forbid athletic competition with non-members of their respective athletic associations."

"Said provisions," the LDF maintains, "result in the exclusion of Negro schools from white athletic leagues and contests," and vice versa.

The plaintiffs in this action are David G. Walker, Jr. and his father, David W. Walker and Anthony C. Harris and his mother, Theresa Roberts.

Young Walker attends Middleton High School in Tampa and is a football player there. Harris attends Blake High School in Tampa and also plays football for his school.

Their suit, a class action, is done in "behalf of themselves and all Negro junior and senior high school students who attend schools belonging to the Florida Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association," the Negro group.

The LDF suit specifically asks the District Court to:

*enter a preliminary and permanent decree enjoining defendants from prohibiting integrated inter-scholastic competitions

*order each association to amend its charter to allow integrated activities.

*order the two associations to meet and plan athletic schedules along integrated lines.

-Wedding

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cal figures indicated that he did offer his resignation to President Johnson if his daughter's marriage embarrassed the administration.

The two sons of the Secretary of State, David, 26, who is the director of the Washington chapter of the Urban League, and Richard, 21, a junior at Cornell University, said they were delighted with their only sister's marriage and wished her and her husband "every happiness."

The bride, who is known to her family and friends as Peggy, is a sophomore at Stanford University.

The bridegroom is a native of Washington, D. C. where he was reared and attended the better predominately white private schools. Last June he was graduated from Georgetown University with a major in history and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the active Army reserve. He is now awaiting orders to report for active duty and training as a helicopter pilot.

About 50 of the bride's family and friends witnessed the ceremony with the exception of the bridegroom's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Smith. They were the only Negroes attending the ceremony.

The senior Mr. Smith is a chief analyst with the Army Correction Program in the Office of the Provost Marshal General. Mrs. Smith is a guidance counselor in the public schools of Washington.

After the reception, the newlyweds left for their honeymoon. The location was not disclosed.

-Ruffin

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Durham who are sympathetic with the cause of local reform, and who could support UOCI but are not doing so, stressed the importance of giving such support. He challenged members of the Council on Human Relations to give voice to their concerns as an organization and to take action. "Come on down to City Hall when we are raising issues, and speak up," he said. He observed that at meetings of the City Council he had not seen very many of the 70 or more people who were in the audience.

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ted Mayor Wense Grabarek for political machinations, controlling the appointment of committee members for his own interests and to the disadvantage of the Durham Negro. The young Negro activist interpreted the difficulties that UOCI in particular and the Negro community in general have had with the City Council and the community power structure as the result of a "conspiracy" to keep the Negro disadvantaged. He also interpreted the Mayor's calling out the National Guard this summer during a march on City Hall organized by Ruffin as an attempt "to frighten us." Ruffin criticized the Mayor's action as "unnecessary."

Ruffin's speech appeared to endorse the view that progress for the Negro requires a cooperative coalition with sympathetic whites. In speaking to the Council on Human Relations, he seemed to be asking for members of the Council to do their part in forming an effective coalition in Durham.

In the discussion that followed, one member of the audience pointed out a problem deriving from Durham's urban renewal program about which the public should be concerned. People are moved, he said, from relatively spacious residential areas into the compact, and comparatively crowded situation of public housing. With more people living in a smaller living space, population density itself becomes another source of stress, affecting the lives of these people.

In response to a question, the UOCI Director said that the press had given good coverage to UOCI activities during the summer, and that information concerning City Council meetings and the agenda could be obtained from the newspapers, especially the Carolina Times.

-Project

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planning board is giving the project further consideration before it is presented at a meeting of the City Council.

Spokesmen for the Negro community have criticized the proposed Bacon Street Project as a step toward further "ghettoization" of the southeast Durham area. The area is already overpopulated, and lacks proper school, public transportation, and shopping facilities. In a comment on this issue made to a meeting of the Durham Council on Human Relations Monday evening, Ben Ruffin, Executive Director of the United Organizations for Community Improvement, said that the next few weeks will see increased friction between the Negro community and the City Council regarding the Bacon Street Project. Ruffin urged the Human Relations Council to add its voice to the Negro protest.

In a related matter, the Housing Authority postponed action on a choice of two alternative policies for placing tenants in public housing. A federal directive issued two months ago ordered tenant placement to conform to one of two alternative policies. One alternative calls for the tenant to be offered a housing unit. If the prospective tenant declines, his name would be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. Under the second alternative, the applicant would be offered a unit in the project having the most vacancies. If this unit is declined, the applicant is offered a unit in the project having the second most vacancies. This procedure allows three refusals before the applicant's name is placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

Owing to confusion as to the details of implementing either of these alternate policies Durham officials have shelved the matter until some clarification comes from the federal agency. The Housing Authority still has thirty days in which to take action.

The ordinary-looking watch is replaced either by oversized numbers or ones with minidials. Bands on the big ones dwarf the wrist. Watch also for color on dials and straps and with numerals looking like telephone dials.

"Skinny" cultured pearls come in from designers catering to the pierced ear faddists.

'Don't Put God In A Box,' Pastor Pleads

DALLAS — Pastor Neal T. Jones moved his Shiloh Terrace Church services to the outdoors for the summer and reported the arrangements had "astounding results." Sunday evening worship services were held on two baseball diamonds in June, July, and August. Attendance rose 30 per cent, Jones said.

"THE OUTDOOR services caused our people to focus attention on those outside of the church rather than themselves," Jones said.

He is closing summer message was "Putting God in a Box." ONE OF the toys that has survived for generations is the Jack-in-the-Box," he said. You crank out a little tune and Jack pops out his head and everybody gets a laugh. But after you have done it two or three times you grow tired of it.

"You push him on the head and place him back into his box. You clamp the lid on it and place the box on a shelf where it stays until you want another laugh.

"THIS IS what people are doing today with God. This is why we moved to the parks. We did not want to put God in a box."

Forty-nine years ago (1918) on Wednesday of this week a Negro soldier in World War I was awarded the Croix de Guerre, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Medaille Militaire for heroic action near Busay Farm in France.

He was Corporal Clarence R. Van Allen. Other Negro soldiers won high praise in World War I.

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