

A Prayer for Writers and Newspaper Men

"O THOU GREAT SOURCE of truth and knowledge, we remember before thee all whose calling it is to gather a window of facts for informing the people. Inspire them with a determined love for honest work and a staunch hatred for the making of lies, lest the judgements of our nation be perverted and we be taught to call light darkness and darkness light. Since the sanity and wisdom of a nation are in their charge, may they count it shame to set the baser passions of men on fire for the sake of gain. May they never suffer themselves to be used in drugging the minds of the people with falsehood and prejudice.

Grant them boldness to turn the unwelcome light on those who love

the darkness because their deeds are evil. Put into their hands the shining sword of truth, and make them worthy successors of the great champions of the people who held truth to be a holy thing by which nations live and for which men should die. Cause them to realize that they have a public function in the Commonwealth, and that their country may be saved by their courage or undone by their cowardice and silence. Grant them the heart of manhood to cast their mighty influence with the forces that make the people strong and free, and if they suffer loss, may they rejoice in that as proof to their souls that they have fought a good fight and have been servants of the higher law."

A Bombshell Explodes in Wilmington

Tom Jervay, publisher of the Wilmington Journal, exploded a bombshell in his newspaper last week by exposing the damnable situation of the United Fund of Wilmington in refusing to accept a donation of \$100 from Mr. Jervay on condition that his son, Tom, Jr., will be able to use his membership card in the Wilmington Y.

To get straight to the point in the matter we are publishing below the exact contents of the exchange of letters between Mr. Jervay and the president of the United Fund in Wilmington.

UNITED FUND
City
Sirs:

Attached is my check for \$100. to be accepted on condition that my son, Tom Jervay, Jr., who enters business with us this coming June, 1968, when he finishes N. C. College in Durham, will be able to use his YMCA card here as he might other places. He is a Christian.

Sincerely yours,
T. C. Jervay
Publisher

October 31, 1967

Mr. Thomas C. Jervay
412 South Seventh Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jervay:
The United Fund of New Hanover County received a check from you for \$100.00 and attached to it was a condition with which we are unable to comply.

The United Fund cannot control nor change the internal policy of any of its Member Agencies as we

would have to do in order to accept your gift.

The United Fund needs your support and the support of everyone in the community but we cannot accept it with the condition put forth with your check. Regrettably we must return your donation.

Respectfully,
Allan T. Strange
President

The Carolina Times, along with the help of the late R. L. McDougald, succeeded in throwing a block in the way of efforts to establish a Jim Crow YMCA in Durham several years ago the same as the YMCA has in Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte and several other cities. We thought at the time, and still hold, that no sincere Christian can square his conscience with the ungodly practice of segregation, especially in the church, or any other Christian institution.

We, therefore, take our stand beside Tom Jervay, in opposing the United Fund, or any other public agency, in the soliciting of funds from all the people that are not going to be used or administered on an equal basis for all the people. Tom Jervay and his newspaper, the Wilmington Journal, are making a distinct contribution to the people of Wilmington, the state and the nation that only those possessed with prophetic vision will presently be able to see or understand. History is on their side and one day will "read their titles clear to mansion in the sky," in their support of the eternal truth that "God is no respecter of person."

The Attempt to Close Lincoln Hospital

We have observed with great concern, as well as amusement, the apparent efforts on the part of the power structure of Durham to close Lincoln Hospital. The present sinister and subtle move against Lincoln Hospital is in tune with that of the recent hospital bond issue here, when the same white power structure had the brass, the gall and the guts to ask the Negro citizens of Durham to vote a \$15 million Hospital Bond issue, \$14 million of which would be handed over to Watts Hospital, while only \$1 million would be given Lincoln Hospital.

Let the Negro citizens of Durham, their children and unborn generations never forget the awesome and ungodly plot that was only halted when the present generation of Negro voters had the self respect to rise up en masse and defeat the Hospital Bond issue by voting against it. Let those in the future read the record and understand that their forebears, along with a segment of fairminded white citizens, took such an aversive action only after the proposal, on the part of Negro citizens, to accept a measly \$3½ million of the bond issue had been flatly refused.

Again we warn the Negro citizens of Durham and vicinity that the efforts to close Lincoln Hospital have not let up. They need only to look and listen to the local news media to understand that the enemies of Lincoln Hospital are still up and doing. We warn them that it will be a black hour in Durham and the surrounding territory when their sick, their lame, their aged, their unborn and their newly born are solely dependent upon segregated hospital facilities and all the vicious practices that go with any part and parcel of such.

That Lincoln Hospital, in the face of receiving only the crumbs that have fallen from the table of the city and county of Durham, has been able again and again to maintain an "A"

rating with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, is an achievement worthy of the praise and admiration of every intelligent person of Durham and vicinity. We think it might not be a bad idea to give some of the persons, connected with the management of other hospitals operating in this area, an opportunity to find out just how the management of Lincoln was able to achieve such.

Instead of criticism we think the time has arrived for the Negro citizens of Durham and vicinity to rally to the cause of Lincoln Hospital, which for more than a half century has stood as one source to which they could turn for hospitalization without fear or favor. We, therefore, call upon our churches, fraternities, business institutions, the Committee on Negro Affairs, and individuals in all walks of life to come together and organize a mammoth financial campaign in behalf of Lincoln Hospital.

Progress

In Mississippi, Democratic Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, a hardline segregationist, defeated a more moderate Republican opponent for the governor's chair. But the picture in the Magnolia State had its brighter spots. ROBERT G. CLARK, 37-year-old Negro, became the first of his race to win a seat in the Mississippi Legislature, defeating state Rep. JAMES P. LOVE in Holmes County.

Six other Negroes won local governmental posts in five Mississippi counties, bringing to 22 the total number of Negroes elected to various offices this year. Fifteen Negroes were chosen to county offices in the Democratic primaries last August and had no opposition in the general election.

At Louisville, Ky., Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS, a housewife and real estate broker, was the winner of the first Kentucky Senate seat ever captured by a Negro.

Rising Crime...A Community Concern



TELL IT LIKE IT IS

By KENT R. AUTOR

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There appears to be some confusion at this time as to just what the American Negro's position should be with respect to President Johnson. This derives from the fact that the President is an important and powerful friend of the Negro, and simultaneously, the person mainly responsible for our country's involvement in a war that threatens all his liberal and progressive domestic programs, including the advancement of the Negro in America.

The impact of the war in Vietnam on the national and local scene cannot be questioned by anyone with the eyes to see. Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, stated flatly last week that he would resign if Congress does not allocate the money required to support the anti-poverty program. He pointed out that 75¢ out of every dollar is allocated to defense - mainly to support the war in Vietnam which is costing over one hundred million dollars a day - while only 1/16¢ of the budgetary dollar is spent on the war on poverty. It does not make sense, he said, to cut such a meagre amount in our budget that supports a program of critical importance to the health of our nation.

According to the National Association for Community Development, community action programs throughout the country are closing shop because they are not being funded.

The President told Americans that this country could afford both guns and butter; that we could prosecute the war in Vietnam and still support the vigorous development of the Great Society. He has come to admit what he has been told all along - it can't be done! His solution to the problem is to raise taxes which he rationalizes as an attempt to curb inflation. Congress is reluctant to do this. Rather, the Congress has seen fit to hold up and/or cut back on domestic spending.

Locally, the consequences of Congressional actions the past three months have been felt by the Low Income Housing Corporation, the N. C. Fund's Manpower and Mobility programs, the Multi-purpose Training Center, the Education Improvement Program, the Regional Education Laboratory, Duke University and UNC scientific research programs, and many others. Even the North Carolina water and air pollution program has been placed in jeopardy. Every program designed for the betterment of our own people is threatened.

Neither the President nor the Congress seems willing to put an immediate end to this costly war in southeast Asia. Aside from the humanitarian and moral questions involved in the war, our government is sacrificing more than the lives of our youth, more than our prestige in the community of nations, more than our resources - it is sacrificing our own country. And we are feeling it.

Now, the Negro has a vested interest in improving his own situation as a citizen and human being in this land of ours. If the war in Vietnam continues unabated - and it might very well, if the Administration's present policies are pursued - we can expect the wheels of progress to slow down and even

slip into reverse. This is a distinct possibility if President Johnson is re-elected to office, or if a Republican "hawk" gets into the White House.

There can be no doubt that the improvements in the condition of American citizens generally, and Negroes specifically, are due to President Johnson's administration. But he is embroiled in a course of action abroad that could emasculate what he has done at home. However grateful the American Negro may be for what Johnson has done for him, he must not permit this to lead him into blind loyalty. (After all, he only did what should have been done long ago.) The Negro must leave open the question of whom he will support in the up-coming presidential election. It is conceivable that a liberal Republican, friendly to the Negro and a "dove" with regard to the war, might be more deserving of support in terms of the long range interests of this minority group.

To say that some people will use the war in Vietnam as an excuse to cut Mr. Johnson down because of what he has done for the Negro ignores the valid point that the war is a distinct and demonstrated threat to Negro interests.

To touch upon difficult areas of a garment such as pleats, collars and cuffs, there's a small, portable hand presser that plugs into an electric outlet. By inserting the garment between the flat pressing irons, ties or handkerchiefs and such can be touched up. It also works to speed up drying of lingerie. The presser comes in zippered travel case.

Homesley, Daryle Cherry and Lorenzo Pearson.

The Eagles, coached by James Stevens, have three very talented quarterbacks in sophomore Herman Matthews, junior Terry Cole and senior Walt Funderburk.

Matthews is an excellent passer and runner who has sparked in North Carolina's attack all season. Matthews' target is sophomore end Julian Martin and Gilbert Smith. Other veteran Eagle players are fullback Roger Foust and Gilbert Smith, Willie Ray Taylor and Thurman Jones.

Making their final appearance for A&T will be seniors Henry Hipes, Homesley, Cramie Elmore, Bethea, Tom Alston and Willie Vaughn.

--Meet

(Continued from front page) tribute to a very fine Christian woman of distinction and character. The Progressive National Baptist Convention is becoming a powerful force among Negro Baptists as she shares leadership responsibility through the process of tenure for her officers.

The Convention will hear a report from the National Executive Secretary, Dr. L. Venchael Booth, whose sponsorship of the Voluntary Monthly Support Plan for churches of the Progressive National Baptist Convention is a revolution of the Progressive National Baptist Convention is revolutionizing Convention support Dr. Booth has led Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati in building one of the few Federally sponsored Nursing Homes for the aged and infirm in America. His leadership in the Progressive Convention is a challenge to greater Christian stewardship among Negro Baptists.

All roads lead to Durham for members of the Southern Region and their friends. A royal welcome awaits everyone who is concerned with meeting the challenge of the present age. The public is invited.

--Foreman

(Continued from front page) city and county with an appeal to these citizens for support of the Christmas Seal Campaign.

--Leaders

(Continued from front page) tunity there may be for a share in a larger future. More than ever before, the Negro youth has the opportunity and the responsibility to establish his goals in education, economics, and politics at new breakthrough levels.

"The call for separatism strikes a responsive chord in an undetermined number of Negroes," Williams said, "particularly the Negro youth. Clearly the slogans for separatism hold an appeal, too, for the middle class Negro who has seen his high hopes crumpled against the brick walls of racial prejudice."

Sociologists tell us what we already suspect is the truth - that the new desire for separatism grows out of despair," Williams said.

He quoted an estimate by the President's Council of Economic Advisors that racial discrimination costs the country \$20 billion a year. "We are talking about the Nation's oldest treasure hunt - the search of a people for equality of opportunity - educationally, politically."

--Game

(Continued from front page) Pearson and Aaron Patterson and fullback Richard Armstrong.

In upsetting Virginia State last week, the Aggies showed they have a lot of potential. Defensively, A&T will be led by Elvin Bethea, Henry Frye, Dennis

THE WAY I SEE IT

By DAVID W. STITH

An editorial entitled "Wake Selection A Sign Of Rising Trend" in the Durham Sun of Thursday, November 9, while commenting on the appointment of Mitchell as assistant judge in Raleigh, makes some pleasant statements that "an increasing number of qualified responsible Negroes have been elected or appointed to position of public trust in this and other states." The editorial goes on to call this a "normal, trend" but "one whose tempo will not be speeded by arrogant pressures or disruptive tactics."

This is certainly true. But what is not clear all is the source of the "arrogant pressures" and "disruptive tactics." The token Negro representation on the boards and commission cited by the Durham Sun has continued relatively unchanged for some time, and always has been representative only of a certain element within the Negro community. And, in a very clear example of blatant prejudice, J. J. Henderson, a member of the Durham Housing Authority, has twice been passed over as chairman of the Housing Authority, on the other hand, was a relative newcomer to the Housing Authority with little experience. Here is a "qualified, responsible Negro" (whatever that means) and yet this still does not mean that he has access to the position of public trust to which his training, knowledge, competence, skill and honesty entitle him.

Several years ago the city administration passed over its most qualified and experienced individual in the recreation Department in the person of I. R. Holmes and instead selected a Younger, less experienced white man for the job. Mr. Holmes, in his many years of service to the Department of Recreation, had clearly shown himself to be both "qualified and responsible" as he continues to do in his present position with the Durham Neighborhood Youth Corps. The prejudice of the city administration here again refused a man simply because of his race and despite his obvious qualifications.

If there are any "arrogant pressures," Ruth Clement Bond of Washington, D. C., and Emma Clement Sanders of Fort Valley, Georgia.

In 1953, a year before the 1954 Supreme Court ruling on segregated schools, Dr. Clement was elected to the Atlanta Board of Education, thus becoming the first Negro to be elected to a public office in the City of Atlanta. He was re-elected to the Board for his fourth consecutive term in 1966. The editor of TIME (February, 1966) named Dr. Clement as one of the fourteen most influential University presidents in the country. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa by Brown University in 1957.

The late president was a member of several civic and educational organizations, including the board of directors and executive committee of the Southern Regional Council, the national Board of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, and of the Atlanta Urban League, the Citizens Trust Company, the United Negro

Colleges, Inc. and the National Science Board.

Funeral services were held at Sisters Chapel, Spelman College campus, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, with the Reverend Samuel W. Williams officiating. Interment was in Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, November 13, and short services were held at the Broadway Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, 13th and Broadway, Louisville, at 11:00 a.m.

THE NEXT FOCAL POINT

The local daily papers asked editorially last week "what will the next focal point be?" referring to action being taken by Negroes in quest of their rights as American citizens.

Two points of concern are raised by this question. First, why should the Negroes be satisfied with the so-called progress they have made when all they have done is simply to protest another attempt to deprive them of their rights by imposing an undesirable housing project on them.

Secondly, the question is raised as if any new "focal point" will simply be a matter of making noise about nothing of real meaning. So many are the injustices daily practiced against the Negro in Durham that he needs only to "stick his hand into the bag" and he can pull out any number of legitimate points of concern where he is being segregated and abused.

Any time the Negro community expressed itself the whites try to pretend that it is nothing worth really talking about. But the Negro knows better and so do the whites and that is why they try to hide behind a smoke screen of ridicule as in this editorial.

In answer to the ridiculous question this editorial asks, we must answer that the next focal point may be any given injustice at any given time that the Negro's patience runs out.

--Peace Corps

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As Coordinator of Training and Quality Control in the Division of Programming, Planning and Training the Peace Corps will be able to use the wealth of knowledge and background which Dr. Walker brings to Peace Corps Washington experience from his long years of service at North Carolina College.

Giant Yule Card Set For Vietnam

About the whopping Christmas card of all time is going to the men in Vietnam. It is billed as "one of the largest, heaviest, and most indestructible" cards in history. On it are nearly 100,000 signatures of Phoenix residents and Arizona visitors from many states.

THE CARD weighs in at 736 pounds and is to be flown to Vietnam. It is made from two four by 40-foot pieces of three-quarter inch plywood, each piece five times the size of the normal four by six-foot panel.

It was donated by the manufacturing firm of Georgia-Pacific and the Salt River Valley Hoo Hoo Club, a Phoenix group of forest products dealers and wholesalers. 1,000 thronged the Chris-Town shopping mall for a week to sign the gaily painted greeting.

--King

(Continued from front page) gree awarded to the civil rights leader, clergyman and author, and the second he has received from a European institution. In 1965 Dr. King accepted a Doctorate of Social Science at the Amsterdam Free University in Holland.

The president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference earned his doctorate in Systematic Theology at Boston University in 1955. He went on to lead the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955-56 and helped found SCLC in 1957. In addition to the honorary degrees, Dr. King has received more than 250 citations and awards for his work, including the 1964 Nobel Prize for Peace.

He will be accompanied to London and Newcastle Upon Tyne by Rev. Andrew J. Young, Executive Director of SCLC.

Sir Winston Churchill was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953.

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