

EDITORIALS

CAN THE KLAN COME BACK?

It is too early yet to tell how far the movement to revive the old Ku Klux Klan will get this time. It does seem, however, that there are those who are definitely at work to bring it back.

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"I, the undersigned, a native born true and loyal citizen of the United States of America, being a white male, gentleman of temperate habits, sound in mind and believed in the tenets of the Christian religion, maintenance of white supremacy, principle of pure Americanism, do most respectfully apply for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

The juxtaposition of the three phrases emphasized here by bold type vividly reveals the perverted interpretation of both Christianity and Americanism shared by some of our fellow Americans.

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As to the relation of racism to "pure Americanism," all who consider themselves and wish to be considered by others as true Americans should recall that neither the Declaration of Independence nor the Constitution of the United States makes any reference whatever to race, except to forbid discrimination against persons because of it.

HELP FIGHT CANCER

The multiplication of drives for funds is likely to inspire the average citizen of limited means (and that includes nearly all of us) with a slight feeling of dismay. Now comes the Cancer Control organization's drive; and this year Negroes are being invited to take part in the campaign in Raleigh and Wake County.

Cancer Control is a "must," however. The death rate from cancer continues to mount, and as a matter of fact, cancer is responsible for more deaths than is tuberculosis. Infantile paralysis claims far fewer victims than does cancer.

Cancer is not a communicable disease. Taxes are high as it is; but will an addition of 2 cents per \$100 to the city tax rate prove burdensome in proportion to the advantages to the community of an improved airport? That is the main question.

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On the whole it attacks those of middle age and beyond, though no age group is exempt. These facts, and the unexpected nature of the disease, plus the circumstance that it is widely regarded as incurable, account for the lesser attention it has received in comparison to certain other killing and crippling maladies. But cancer can be cured, if detected and treated early enough by one of the three effective methods.

An appeal for funds to fight cancer is an appeal which cannot be denied. Many of the diseases which in the past have been great killers have been brought more and more under control; cancer is killing more people every year. In the interest of yourself and your own family, as well as for the benefit of others, you should contribute to the organized effort to support research, public education and treatment to bring this dread disease under control.

The Rev. M. W. Williams, chairman of the Negro Citizens' Committee, has named Dr. W. B. Pettiford and Mrs. Vinit Pullen co-chairmen for the drive, and a team of solicitors will work with them. When you are asked for a contribution, remember how important this cause is, rather than how many contributions you have already made to other worthy causes.

FACTS ABOUT TB

The United States Public Health Service revealed on the eve of Negro Health Week that the incidence of tuberculosis infection among Negroes is no higher than among whites, and as a matter of fact not quite so high. But three times as many Negroes die from TB as do whites. It seems that the disease progresses more rapidly among non-whites once it starts. It is also true that because of the greater ignorance and poverty in the Negro population, the proportion of colored victims in which the disease is discovered at an early stage is much lower than among whites.

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All the facts point to the extreme importance of Negroes of the prevention of advanced tuberculosis. Public health facilities in this line have been greatly improved for all in recent years, and prevention and detection facilities are generally more available for Negroes than are beds in hospitals for the tuberculous.

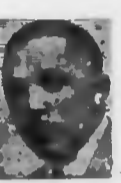
Cure of tuberculosis, especially for Negroes, rests on early discovery and prompt measures. The death rate can be materially reduced when the Negro public realizes and acts on the fact that periodic physical examinations should be taken by everyone, and that tuberculosis discovered early is one of the definitely curable diseases.

BE PUBLIC-MINDED

In deciding how you will vote in the special city election to determine whether or not Raleigh should tax itself to provide by a \$100,000 bond issue for its share in financing improvements on the Raleigh-Durham airport, you should consider carefully the benefit which may be derived by the city as a whole, as well as how you would be personally affected.

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Commercial aviation is due for great expansion within the next few years. Raleigh was inconvenienced and placed at a disadvantage for many years by poor railway terminal facilities. It may be that failure at this time to do our share in providing air terminal facilities will prove disadvantageous to the city in the not too distant future.



Second Thoughts

By C. D. HALLIBURTON

They would get up with the best of them, and would be the best of them. These they knew were necessary. But they rebelled against the democratic privilege and injustice when they were fighting for a democracy and to protect democracy.

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BETWEEN THE LINES

By DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

DISILLUSIONMENT II.

It is doubtful if this country has known a more depressing than the Negro's disillusionment at the conclusion of World War I. The Negro soldier fought valiantly against dreadful odds to save, as thought, the world for democracy.

The cessation of immigration saved what looked like a fatal situation in that it left labor shortages which Negroes were called upon to fill in the north. Of course this alleviation came by the way of fortuitous circumstances rather than by any genuine recognition of white America of its color barriers.

He entered World War II disillusioned but hopeful that some hope as one of the stepchildren of the nation might profit by the suffering which he shared in full measure.

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It has come about that the Negro veterans are being rebuffed on every side. The doors of job opportunities are being slammed in the faces of our brave sons who have a just right to expect better things of our country.

The Common Defense . . .

HOPE AND PROMISE IN AMERICA

Something significant is happening in professional baseball. For some Negroes have been barred from membership on a team in the big leagues.

Branch Rickey, President of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has signed up Jackie Robinson a Negro to play short-stop for Montreal, one of the Dodgers farm teams.

Rickey was asked why he did it. His answer, in LOOK for March 19th, was, "I'm doing it because I can't help it. I cannot face my God much longer knowing that His black creatures are so separate and distinct from His white creatures in the game that He's given me all that I can call my own."

That is in the record now. And Jackie Robinson is part of a major league baseball team. What Mr. Rickey has said and done is a sharp rebuke to those

critics of American democracy who, in unrestrained bitterness, sometimes condemn America as if it were a land of unrelieved injustice.

Injustice there is in America. No one can overlook it. But, neither can anyone, reading our history, deny that we have made progress toward the creation of the kind of country in which opportunity is open to all regardless of race or religion.

And because there is hope and promise here for all men — as in no other country under the sun — in spite of our shortcomings, Americans are every day more and more realizing how good a thing it is to live under our form of government — how good it is to be free, free to speak, to print, to worship,

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to vote — how good it is to be able to work toward a better democracy here — to bring the fruits of justice to those of our people who yet do not enjoy them — to be able to do this without fear of reprisal by the government.

How good it is to be an American! To live in a country where Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Whites and Negroes have an opportunity to carve out their own destiny and, over the years, to make progress toward that better, juster order of which America gave promise at her birth.

Despite almost universal lip service for integration, plenty of pressure continues to be placed upon Veterans' administration by Negroes themselves for more segregated housing in the south. Question, how are these proponents for segregation propose to staff these hospitals with qualified Negro doctors who, in the field of justice in those of our people who yet do not enjoy them — to be able to do this without fear of reprisal by the government.

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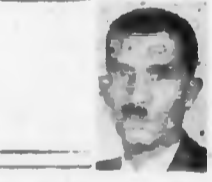
By W. L. GREEN

CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION OF POPULAR MASS EVANGELICAL MOVEMENTS

Since our previous column, we find it wise to indicate the mass evangelistic efforts of the on-the-ground ministers without high degrees or through training but neither should they ignore the important should be evaluated and the minister himself should be taken into all professional and interdenominational organizations sponsored locally by the church leaders.

TEST WE FORGET.

The tendency to type and promote in the spirit of showmanship such movements often observed in chambers of commerce, radio stations, certain local newspapers and magazines, and even commercial sponsors of radio programs should be recognized for the schismatic scheme that it is. So long as the vested interests of a community in respect to economic exploitation and social repression of a community group and hide behind subsidizing the groups religious institution the practice will continue.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. M. W. Williams

Support How Jesus Friends Responded. Mt. 1:16-25. 1:18-20. 1:21-22. Lk. 5:27-32. Mt. 9:9-13. Key Verse: And he left all, and followed him. Luke 5:28. Nearly two thousand years ago, a New Movement was started by one man, whose teaching, words and actions were destined to spread around the world.

men in the picture, but we have not much information on their activity in the carrying forward of the New Movement. Let us note though that there were many educated and influential Jews who were widely looked for by the Messiah to come and perhaps they thought if recruits were to be had for the movement, they would have to be gotten from men of their class. But not so. These apostles whose work it would be to carry on the movement must be friends of the Originator; they must be trained for the task trained in self-denial, taught the cost of leaving their nets to be fishery of men and above all the had to get the vision by association and daily contact with the Source, the Head of the Movement.

kindness. Not only was Jesus kind in making friends of those who follow him but His message — the presentation of the principles of his kingdom — was so heart-searching and compelling that those who accepted the disciples' commitment. It is well to note the unqualified obedience of the disciples to Jesus and the breaking of their program to follow the program of their friends. We are useful and loyal to any cause when we are thoroughly committed to its leadership. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Jan. 13-14. DOES IT PAY TO RESPOND? TO SUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT? Any business man is anxious to respond or be connected with a movement which is successful, because it helps him in a material way. Well, we are materialistic,



By Ed Stinson for the American Cancer Society