

EDITORIALS

ON PUBLIC CONVEYANCES

In commenting on the Durham (or Chapel Hill) bus segregation test case now on the docket of the State Supreme Court, the Fayetteville Observer, as quoted in the Raleigh News and Observer, explains that it "has to do with a couple of white men who persuaded a couple of Negroes to disregard the laws which require members of the white and colored races to occupy different portions of public conveyances."

As a matter of fact the four men were a team from the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The Negroes were not "persuaded." The whole group set out to test the legality of the segregation statutes of the states in the light of the Supreme Court decision in the Morgan case which ruled segregation of interstate passengers on the basis of race unconstitutional.

In the course of the Observer editorial there was the following statement:

"As a matter of fact and as a matter of necessity, hardly a day passes in interstate travel when white and colored citizens do not take seats side by side in buses with politeness, courtesy and with no animosity or feeling of imposition."

Trouble arises when at the point of contact there are rude, discourteous, or touchy individuals.

It is the fact that both races do contain a certain percentage of rude, discourteous and touchy individuals that makes racial segregation under certain conditions a public order necessity in the South."

In the first place, it is doubtful in our minds that white and colored passengers today every day take seats side by side on inter-city buses in North Carolina. We have never seen it happen, but we admit that we do not frequently travel by bus. We would like very much to hear from our North Carolina readers and others who have had wide experience in bus travel as to how much sitting side by side of white and Negroes they have observed on buses traveling the highways of North Carolina.

Secondly, there is no question that there are rude and discourteous individuals of both races, and rudeness and discourtesy as well as touchiness, are to be deplored wherever found. But we hold that the laws to which the Observer refers inevitably promote, encourage and protect white people in their display of such traits, and in their enforcement these laws not only penalize Negroes for the same traits but also simply for being Negroes no matter how courteous and considerate the individual Negro may be. Negro passengers may be beaten up, arrested, or even killed, simply by insisting in the most orderly way on the service for which they have paid the same price as others.

"Separate but equal" is pure fiction. It is necessary, for the sake of peace and order, for the Negro always to be disadvantaged by inferior accommodations? Segregation is wrong whenever it is unfair and unjust, and for just that reason: because it is unfair and unjust, injustice cannot be adequately defended on the ground of expediency.

IT HAPPENED IN ALABAMA

In these columns a short time ago there was a comment on the eight months' sentence meted out in a Tarheel Court to a white man charged with attempted rape of a Negro woman. The original charge

of attempted rape had been reduced to one of assault on a female, conviction and sentence following without a jury trial. The comment was to the effect that a conviction and even a light sentence, considering the racial angle of the case was better than nothing.

Soon afterward, two white men were sentenced in an Alabama court for the rape of two Negro women. The first to go on trial was convicted by a jury; the other entered a plea of guilty, and both were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

"Show the Negro that he can get justice in court," was the plea of the prosecutor to the jury, as he urged that the all-white panel decide the fate of the defendant on the same basis as though he were a Negro on trial for the same offense against a white. There is hardly any doubt that Negroes under such circumstances would have received the death penalty. Nonetheless the outcome of the case was a gratifying surprise, taking place as it did in Alabama, and if executive clemency is withheld, a great deal will have been accomplished toward the goal of equal justice asked for by the prosecutor.

There is no single thing more important to the Negro and the South than color-blind justice in the courts. A good deal of the disrespect for the law found in the South undoubtedly stems from the bias with which it is enforced. The Negro disrespects it because it so often disrespects him; the white man disrespects it because of the relative impunity he often enjoys when he violates it to the injury of black men and women. There is no place in a democracy for a double standard in the application of the law.

BOWLS

The rash of "bowl" games continues to spread. It has gone to such an extent that there is danger that the supply of names for such post-season classics will soon be exhausted. It all started years ago with the Rose Bowl game, and for a while that was the only bowl classic. This year we have arrived at the Fish Bowl, and then the Iodine Bowl (derived from South Carolina's publicity nickname, "The Iodine State"). Incidentally, the Iodine Bowl name suggests that some bruises and abrasions might be expected in the game.

In view of this threat that the promoters might run out of appropriate and catchy names for the bowl games, we suggest that there are two bowls not yet pressed into service as designations for post-season classics, both of them associated with domestic life and therefore certain to register in the minds of all. One of them is the washbowl.

HIGH SCHOOL TALK

Negro citizens were encouraged by the news that the city Superintendent of Schools, the City Council and representatives of the Citizens Committee have met together to discuss the matter of a site for the proposed new Negro senior high school building.

The meeting, at which definite sites for the school were discussed, was especially encouraging in view of the fact that a gymnasium is being completed at the Washington High School, which fact has caused some uneasiness over the probability that the city authorities were going on with the assumption that the Washington School would remain indefinitely the Negro senior high school plant.

The educational authorities have definitely committed themselves, however, to the proposition that a new high school, in a different location, is needed for Negro students and that it is to be built some time in the not distant future. The CAROLINIAN hopes that this new school does not die in the planning stage. It is the duty of the Negro citizens to see that it does not.



Second Thoughts

By C. D. HALLIBURTON

It is fitting that the program for regional graduate and professional education in the South by co-operation among the states should be launched with veterinary training. As diversified agriculture becomes more and more a part of the plan for a better and more prosperous South, the care of animals becomes correspondingly more important. There will be four regional schools of veterinary medicine, three strategically located to serve students from sub-regions of the South, and one to serve Negro students from all over the South.

It is also proper that the program for regional graduate and professional education in the South be inaugurated with veterinary training. Since, undoubtedly white animals in the clinics and hospitals connected with the veterinary schools would not want to be associated with black animals, or be subjected to treatment by Negro students.

In all seriousness, though, the regional idea as such is perfectly sound educationally, and economically. No sensible objection can be raised to the principle of interstate co-operation in higher education, and from a practical standpoint it is admirably suited to the South, which is poor in graduate and professional educational institutions, and poor in the resources to finance such an individual state basis.

But the segregation aspect of the regional plan is something else again. It does not on the face of it square with the spirit promulgated by the U. S. Supreme Court in the famous G. I. Jones decision. That decision placed upon the states the necessity of providing equal educational opportunities for all its citizens, regardless of race; and a regional school, or regional schools, supported by the states, presumably would have to meet the same requirements. It is also to be presumed that if white students from Florida are to be sent under the



"You'll have to wait, son, till we check on your race and religio-!"

Courtesy Institute for American Democracy, Inc.

auspices of Florida to a professional school in Georgia, Negro students would also be eligible to be sent to the same institution; that is, following the reasoning of the G. I. Jones decision. There is nothing inherent in the regional plan which makes the contribution of racial segregation in higher education mandatory. On the other hand, there is nothing in it which would indicate that it either supersedes or meets the mandate of the Supreme Court. It is possible that the whole issue will have to come before the Court for further clarification as the regional plan begins to

be implemented. It is unfortunate that as some states are beginning to meet the problem of graduate and professional education for Negroes within their borders by the logical device of simply admitting them to existing institutions already operated by the state, but previously open only to whites, the regional plan, sound in itself, but conceived to perpetuate a costly and illogical bi-racial system, is gaining momentum. We heartily endorse the regional plan, put with the colored gentleman removed from the woodpile first.

IN THIS OUR DAY

YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

BY REV. C. A. CHICK
Christmas is an annual festival in memory of the birthday of Christ. The time is here when all people are thinking of the Christmas season. Whether they be Jew or Gentile this season appeals to every heart. It has its place in the economies of our business, its place in our homes, its place in our worship, its approval in our conscience.

Indeed, it probably is celebrated by a larger number of people and over a wider territory of the earth's surface than any other holiday. There is no story that has so stirred the heart of humanity as the story of the birth, life and labors of Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the Great. The

story has been told more often than any other story, and men tell it in all lands, and joy over it, as if it were an event of yesterday. It is new at every Christmas, and the whole world lays aside its cares and its labors to listen to it over again.

We are about to celebrate the birthday of One Who came to bring peace on earth. Indeed, on the night of His birth the heavenly angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Alas! after two thousand years the world is still far from peace. It is still torn asunder with political, economic, racial, and yes, religious strife. The world is still spending more money preparing to destroy people than it is spending to benefit them.

However in this article the writer is thinking of our attitudes as individuals toward Christmas and the Christ. How shall we as individuals celebrate December 25, 1948? Many of us, I hope, will eat delicious dinners with our families and friends; many of us I hope, will receive and give gifts. But let us remember that the individual who gives millions does not give as much as the individual who gives himself as a servant of mankind. The supreme need of the world today, as always, is sacrificial service and only through such Christ-like service will it find its full life. The gift most like that of the first gift is the gift of a life of sacrificial service. What are YOU giving to the world on that memorable day, December 25, 1948?

THE ROAD TO HEALTH

EARLY TUBERCULOSIS

By J. JEROME PETERS, M. D., Chief, Radiological Service, Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala.

Jim Davis was on his way home from work when he noticed a mobile X-ray unit parked outside the health center. His community had just started its mass X-ray survey to find unknown causes of tuberculosis and Jim became interested as he saw the lines outside the entrance to the unit.

As I approached in the opposite direction he stopped, greeted me, and tucked his lunch box firmly under his arm. It was plain that he had something on his mind.

"Doctor, I read in the paper that they were bringing a truck with X-ray equipment to town so that they could find cases of tuberculosis," he said. "This must be it, but these people going in for their X-rays all look healthy. They're all talking and laughing as if they were perfectly well."

"Maybe they are all perfectly well, Jim," I answered. "But they are getting X-rays to make sure."

"But isn't it a waste of time for healthy people? I thought that tuberculosis means you were thin and tired all the time and coughed a great deal."

"Lout are describing some of the signs and symptoms that come with tuberculosis in a more advanced stage. You see, Jim, tuberculosis in an early stage—the stage in which it is easiest to cure—brings with it no outward, obvious symptoms. Yet the X-ray can detect damage done to the lungs even in the early stage of tuberculosis. That is why apparently healthy people are being X-rayed. A person can have tuberculosis without feeling ill in the beginning."

Jim looked very thoughtful as he moved aside to let three extremely healthy young men get in line.

"I feel fine, doctor, and I think I look well, he finally said. "but I guess I will have an X-ray, too. Will I be late for supper if I stop right now?"

"You can see how quickly the lines are moving, Jim. It takes but a few minutes. I would do it now."

Jim didn't even have to undress to get his X-ray, so he came out, smiling broadly, in almost no time.

There are many people, unfortunately, who think as Jim did that a chest X-ray is mainly for those who feel and look ill. However, since tuberculosis has no obvious symptoms when it first strikes, the search for early cases must be made among apparently healthy persons.

When tuberculosis is found in an early stage, the sick person can take steps to get treatment immediately, before graver damage is done and his illness is more difficult to cure. At the same time, since tuberculosis is spread from person to person, finding these unknown cases and getting them under the treatment means that the further spread of the disease can be prevented.

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ADVISORY COLUMN

P.N.C. — My first husband passed before our little girl was born. I married when she was one and a half. Now I have two little girls by my present husband. My oldest girl is eight. She loves her father as if he were her own dad. Should I tell her better. No one here knows the difference.

Ans: Why cross a bridge before you get to it? There is no apparent reason for bringing the subject up — it couldn't do any good, and there is a strong possibility of it causing some unhappiness. Your husband has accepted your first child as his own — he shows no partiality between them — it would grieve him if the matter was discussed.

S.M.S. — This man I am going to marry says he loves me but I don't believe him. I like him very well now but when we meet I did not care so much. Do you think he will make me the right kind of man if I were to decide to marry him?

Ans: He's not for you. Do not take a man for your husband whom you have had reason to be distrustful of ever since you first met him. You doubt everything that he says. If you were married, you would live a miserable existence. The happiest marriages are those where each mate has complete trust in the other.

Should I go back where I came from or go further on?

Ans: Go back home. You can get your old job back the first of the year. The salary on this job isn't big money, but it is regular and you have managed to live comfortably on it for a number of years. Your family needs you at home.

M.M.A. — I am a senior in teachers college and I am to finish next May. I do not want to teach. So I am planning to join the WACS. I will be grateful for any advice that you can give.

Ans: This should prove a good regular (legal segregation, that is) opportunity for you. Get in touch with the Recruiting Office in your section. Discuss with them fully your plans and ambitions. Also over-talk the matter over with any ex-ovary held in Dr. Ralph Bunche WAC you might know. The Army, by the UN Security Council, and army discipline can be heart-breaking as many an ex-GI can mendous responsibility with more tell you. Before you take this step dignity and courage. God bless — investigate all angles —

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BETWEEN THE LINES BY DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

THE DAY OF THE UNDER DOG

Whether the old adage, "Every dog has his day," had any reference to the under-dog is not made clear in the annals of tradition. But we are beholding times in which the under-dog is bidding stubbornly for notice and recognition. The football season just closing has afforded fine examples of the rise of the under-dogs in football. There were times when the under-dog was under-dog, and he acted accordingly and played dead before the charges of the favored teams. Today things have changed most noticeably — and for the best, perhaps.

During the football season Saturday after Saturday, we saw some under-dog team rise up and smite the over-dog with a vengeance that has been the marvel of us all. Southern California goes into its annual clash with the mighty Notre Dame as under-dog and comes away with a tie and a moral victory. Navy that just could not hit the win trail through he season comes up and holds the mighty Army to a tie. The University of Pittsburgh an under-dog rise up and smites Penn State to its first defeat in many months. Little Bonaventure rises to unexpected heights and defeats William and Mary of known football power.

The same trend worked in the case of Negro colleges. Hampton an under-dog team whips Wilberforce, supposedly a national champion, and Virginia Union an under-dog, humbles Hampton. West Virginia State about the hottest team in the CIAA was knocked cold by Virginia Union, an under-dog. And to climax it all Virginia Union goes to the Orange Bowl and wipes up for supposedly invincible A and M Rattlers of Florida State. Not only was Virginia Union an under-dog, but its victory was not one of the eked out kind. It soully trounced the mighty Rattlers 39-18. Taylor's Tarsians!

Not alone in the field of athletics but in the political realm the under-dog had his day. Little Harry Truman the "Little David" of the campaign just closed an under-dog par excellence, just took a small smooth stone of moral courage, and laid low the "mighty Goliath" Dewey, with all his armor and strappings that Republican money could bestow. Truman chose to live dangerously for a few months and has emerged the tallest midget figure in the world. He is no longer our step-president, he is president in his own right and will be for the next four years.

Here is hoping that the world may have its most majestic example of how great an under-dog may become, when backed by his conscience, God and the people. It is true that the old hecklers are coming into the open, but Truman, who whipped them once, can whip them again.

David Lawrence steps aside to prove that Truman does not have a mandate from the people, since he did not get a majority of the people's votes. This does not detract one whit from Truman's glorious triumph. He took the firmest moral stand any presidential candidate ever took; he took one of the most unpopular issues ever to bedcloud a campaign; he went against a nation with a four-way split in things political; yet, he emerged victor of victors.

Nor do we have proof that if Dewey had won, he would have received a majority of the nation's votes. The stubborn fact remains, under-dog Harry Truman just rose up in his moral might and captured the imagination of the American voters and their votes in a way Dewey or Wallace or Thurmond could not do. The nefarious attempt to gang up on Truman failed ingloriously. This is truly the day of the under-dog!

Throughout the world under-dog peoples are stirring. India has driven her British conquerors out in boldest fashion; and what is more, the riots seem about over. Although England looked well to dividing India before she departed, India seems disinclined to remain divided.

Unhappy Palestine is gradually attaining a measure of calmness and open warfare has about ceased. The Arab-Jew wedge that Britain drove like the Moslem-Hindu wedge seems destined to be withdrawn. The Negro in this country and the world is an under-dog race but we should be encouraged to know that no man is whipped until he stops fighting. You cannot whip a man who will come back for one more round. Let's keep up the fight. We are winning!

Sentence Sermons

It is best to never boast of being so very great, but it does amount to great inward satisfaction when you know the people grant you a pretty high rate.

Folks who have to tell you what they are, are usually found too far below par.

If the other fellow claims to be better than you, you simply trust God and forever remain true.

There are many men who have money to burn, but in proportion have as many real lessons about life to learn.

In human life there appears to be a lot more talking than evidence of sincerity in upright walking.

There is too much hitch-hiking these days in an effort to succeed, not caring who is hurt or whose progress we impede.

A color-line is about the surest sign that a civilized nation is falling into decline.

Fooling mankind and antagonizing God has never saved any nation from the chastening rod.

If any of us were responsible for being here like we are, we then might favor a few and others bar.

But God having the key to all creation, He is angered even at the very thought of segregation.

For it was not His plan that man live by caste nor creed for He promised to treat all men alike and supply their every need.

But men has sought a substitute rule, and is trying to color some of the truth he learned in school; but it is now coming to light every passing day that the world can't be run just that way.

transform a saint to a sinner. The you expect to gain — and the love in your case, friend, is to see ligations you will be assuming for that your potential wife does not indulge to the extent that she loses her self respecting. It might be well to have an understanding with her before you step out — that she limit herself to a social drink or abstain altogether. She knows she can't hold the stuff and she loves you enough to cooperate.

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