

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

Another Look

Several days ago a Negro man, Mr. James Harris, was tried and convicted in Raleigh City Court of disorderly conduct. The charge resulting in his conviction alleged that the man created a disturbance in the police station when he and his wife appeared there to inquire why nothing was done about a telephone call the man had made to the station requesting action against two white men the Negro claimed had insulted his wife.

According to Mr. Harris' story, he and his wife were driving down town when the two whites, in another car, invited Mrs. Harris to leave her house and come with them. When Mr. Harris showed his resentment of the invitation to his wife, the white men drove off. The visit of the Harris' to the police station was made, Mr. Harris said, to ascertain why the desk sergeant had hung up when Harris called to report the incident.

We do not know what happened at the police station that night. Two policemen testified that Harris came in banging on the desk, loudly protesting his telephone request being cut off and demanding action, stating that if a white woman had been involved, the Negro men accused would have been found and "hung to the nearest yardarm". The police claim that Harris became so violent they told him he was under arrest and admitted that force had to be used to subdue him when he resisted being arrested.

Mr. Harris, as was his right as a free American citizen, went to the Raleigh police station to protest, what he considered a slight given him by the policeman who answered his telephone call. While there, it is understandable why he could become resentful because of the indifference shown him both over the telephone and during the conversation at the station.

Signs Of Progress

As far as we are concerned the real signs of racial progress are the lowering of race barriers and the incidents along the way which point to enlarged opportunities, better understanding and a more tolerant approach in race relations.

The first incident or happening occurred in Texas and at first glance it might be considered a defeat. Its aftermath proved it to be a significant racist victory.

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force was used as was found necessary to subdue Harris, why were both of them a straddle of him on the floor after he had been subdued. Why were they holding him on the floor and how can a person be disorderly in a police station?

According to a Brooklyn, New York judge, that is impossible. Disorderly conduct, according to this New York jurist consists of public disorder, conduct involving a breach of the public peace. Ruling in favor of a defendant charged with being disorderly in a police station, this judge pointed out that a person could not be convicted on such a charge because the public peace was not involved, that a police station full of armed policemen was certainly not a public place needing protection against disorderliness and, until a person had broken the public peace and offended society, he could not be found guilty of disorderly conduct.

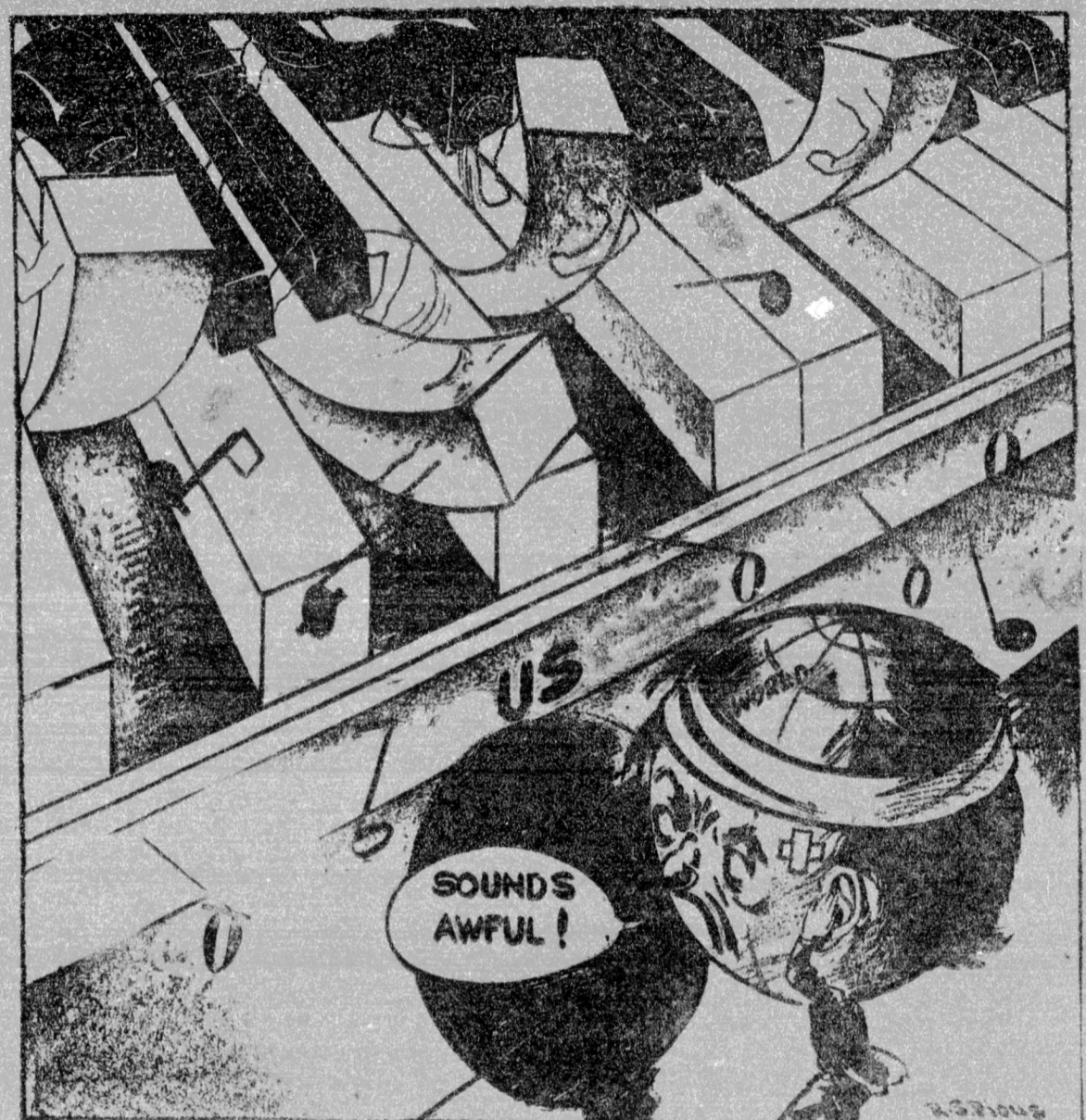
In passing we would like to comment briefly on two other facets of this case. One, the matter of Lieutenant Bailey's commendation of his policemen for their actions in "subduing" Harris is directly related, the other, the wide spread and growing habit of white men molesting Negro women in the streets of Raleigh is indirectly related.

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IN THIS OUR DAY

BY DR. C. A. CHICK, SR.

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SENTENCE SERMONS

By REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY For ANP

WHEN SHADOWS FALL. 1. How ever beautiful may be the day, dark shades must eventually follow, and weary earth adjusts its soft nightcap and awaits a better tomorrow. 2. How much like this is life, with its changes like a movie on the screen... joyous pleasures and good fortune in the daytime, but evening some tragic scene.

ODDS and ENDS

WARNING: This is the time of year when young boys all want to go swimming. There is certainly nothing wrong with that because swimming is one of the most healthy forms of recreation possible for one to engage in. But swimming should be done in the proper places and under supervision.

Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

TRIAL BY JURY

The current representatives of the Old South in Congress are making a stubborn fight to throttle the civil rights program. Their delaying tactics are highly effective, and there are reasons to believe that the longer the bill is delayed, the greater the chance of killing it altogether.

This is a sorry state of affairs and one that should cause worry and shame by the upright citizens of the nation. A nation that is afflicted with such moral corruption in high places is riding for a fall. Such brazen displays of race prejudice are noted around the world and make our country a laughing stock to the rest of the world.

It is getting high time for the liberals of the North to wake up to the fact that the behavior of the gentlemen from the South not only brings condemnation to the South but to the national Eastlandism is not going to help our prestige abroad and it is not going to advance the cause of justice and equity at home.

It makes the heart sick to reflect on the injustices that have been inflicted upon Negroes by prejudiced white juries through the generations. The hardships meted out to Negroes are paralleled by the moral contamination, meted out to the whites themselves, in their dispensation of injustice.

DISGRACE: It may or may not have been the right thing to put the 300 unit low cost housing project in the South Raleigh area already being prepared for it. Uprooting 150 families, half of them home owners is a sad thing, regardless of the reasons.

At this late date, all of the residents of that area have not been able to find places for relocation. These people are now wandering around the town literally begging for places to live. To make it so very bad, none of these are older people and there are several small children included in the lot.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many of us who follow the activities of the legislature were shocked by the attempt of Senator Jolly to have enacted into law a bill that would provide the sterilization of unwed mothers who gave birth to at least two illegitimate children. We are thankful to God that the measure was killed by thoughtful minds who recognized the far-reaching implications of the bill.

POET'S CORNER

MY NATAL DAY BY WILLIAM HENRY HUFF I love the twenty-seventh day of May Because it is my own—my natal day. It is the day that I was born 'Mid Georgia's cotton fields and corn. Inside a lowly cabin built of logs, I elected representative. The thing was fit for only cats and dogs. That's why I struggled day and night to learn So, in some happy future, I could earn A happy home upon some boulevard.