

# LET'S CLOSE RANKS

(An Editorial)

There comes a period in the life of a city's leadership, when in order for it to remain effective, some cardinal principles must be observed. Individuals who operate on guessing, malicious gossip, opinion or spontaneity of thought without due regard to the basic facts, understanding and knowledge of the premise or subject in question, are as dangerous to a community as the immature youngster whose limited experience prevents a wide and clear horizon in the arena of some of the specifics that must be dealt with. This must be done, void of error or guessing, although the grams, enthusiasm and oratory are very prevalent.

Last Tuesday evening, at the First Baptist Church, is a case in point. Here, a demonstration of individualism shocked even some of the most vociferous, outspoken and fearless of this city's standard bearers. In fact the lack of dignity displayed, charged the climate with such selfish personalization, that visiting white friends left the meeting in disgust.

It must be remembered that no one has special privileges, because of his presumptuousness as a leader, to chastise, abuse and insult others. These things show great need for schooling in the prerequisites of leadership. Not only do we need decorum, dignity and proper parliamentary procedure, but there is much needed penetration of the correct aims and objectives in all matters, civic and political, without regard to individuals, but certainly with respect for the occasion as well as for those who are present, and especially for those in positions of trust.

We are all subject to error, but errors are sometimes enemies to society. Meetings that may become charged with enthusiasm, eagerness and even anger amount to nothing, when permitted to take on the many personalities of individuals instead of intelligent presentation of the task at hand. It is not our purpose, however, to say that everyone should so temper his spirits that he would refrain from rising and expressing himself with dignity, forthrightness and honesty on any matter under discussion.

From what we have learned in attending two special meetings, namely, one in which a small group of leaders asked John W. Winters to confer with them due to the fact that he had written his resignation, and another where Mr. Winters asked the group to hear his, and his wife's considered decision, it is the opinion of this newspaper that Mr. Winters acted unequivocally in the best interest of the minority group when he prevailed upon Mayor Enloe not to resign at this time.

The distorting of the whole matter, as far as the public is concerned, stems from the council chamber, when a fellow-councilman referred to Mr. Winters as "John". Immediately, the telephone and the grapevine squad proceeded to tear him to pieces.

The true picture is that Mr. Winters, in this particular instance, made a distinct contribution to the continued progress in inter-racial relationship here. This is witnessed by the signs coming down at the Ambassador Theatre, through the efforts of the Mayor, who is both the manager of the Ambassador and the Mayor of the city. Had Mr. Enloe resigned, the possibilities are that the whole matter could have resolved in a much more prolonged affair and maybe in court action and the spending of money, not to mention some impairment of whatever good relations now existing between Negroes and whites.

It is because Mr. Winters has been able to establish intelligent human relationship with his fellow councilmen, that he was able, in cooperation with them, to accomplish such things as traffic light at the Ligon High School crossing; opening of the swimming pool to all citizens; the appointment of Negro firemen and clerk-typists in both city hall and the main library; downtown lighting for the third ward area; resolving the correction of the intersection of Tarboro Road and Oakwood Avenue; the Oberlin situation on reasoning and many others.

It is possible that Mr. Winters has made some mistakes, but there is an image of the man that represents us. We should support it as we develop it to the fullest extent.

Another objection that should come into focus is that during the past four years of Mayor Enloe's tenure, much has been accomplished in Raleigh. Certainly, we have not, and do not agree with all decisions affecting Negro citizens, made by the Mayor, but he has, in most instances acquitted himself well. He has made a unique contribution to all the citizens of this city. As an example, we well remember our difference with the Mayor regarding the Joe Louis Park area and its lack of sanitary facilities. The Mayor did say that before he leaves office the Joe Louis area would get the necessary conveniences. And so it has.

This newspaper can recall no incident when Mayor Enloe evaded any meetings, Negro or otherwise, when his office should be represented.

All this is by way of clarifying, in a measure, the need for burying all selfishness, and erecting bigness and consideration for our revered institutions, officers and organizations. It will be to the good of all when we can measure up to the needs and demands of our city and our fellowmen, who are trying to do their best for our institutions, organizations and for the city in general and the minority group in particular.

If we have been lengthy, it was purposeful. Too much do we deny the good deeds of some of our people, white and Negro, and too little do we trample evil, hate and bigotry.

We believe that much has been gained in understanding throughout this community during the past week. Much, we hope, has been learned. But there is still much to be done. This can be made pleasant and worthwhile in joining hearts and minds in the tasks and responsibilities that await us in the immediate future.

# J. W. Winters Threatens To Quit

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# Shot At Church

## Local Groups In Freedom March



**RALEIGH FREEDOM MARCHERS** — Part of the hundreds of Raleigh citizens who marched Easter Sunday from the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium to the Capitol Square, and then to the First Baptist Church as a protest move. (Top) Mrs. Virginia Newell, Charles McClain and a student seen holding banners. In the background J. J. Sansom and other marchers. CENTER—Banner inscribed with "Freedom For All People" borne by (l) John Fleming and (r) Ralph Campbell. BOTTOM—Students of Shaw and St. Augustine's and Chas. Sammons look on as Charles McClain holds banner with Mrs. Harvelaigh White and son.

## Bullet Was Meant For A Man

**GOLDSBORO** — Carl Artis, 23, Rt. 6, is said to have become so enraged over the alleged slapping of his brother, by Thomas Townsend, that he took his pistol to church Sunday night and decided he would "avenge" his brother's slapping.

He was not able to hit his intended victim. Instead he struck a 10-year-old girl, Carolyn Darden, who was standing on the church steps. She was hit in the neck, by one of the three bullets, that the alleged angry brother, fired from a .22 caliber pistol.

The injured child was taken to Wayne Memorial Hospital, where she was treated for a head wound. Artis was taken off to jail and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

He is said to have fired at the congregation was going into the church, located on Hooks River Road, north of the city.

## Marchers Continue Protest

Several hundred persons marched from the Memorial Auditorium to Capitol Square Sunday afternoon as a protest measure advocating "Freedom For All People." The parade was quiet and orderly. The group then went to the First Baptist Church.

At the church meeting Councilman John Winters introduced Louis Austin, editor of The Carolina Times, Durham and said to the marchers "today we are assembled here for the cause of human freedom."

Editor Austin told the audience that voting is important not only to the Negro but for all of America

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## Reconsiders After Reassurance Of Trust, Confidence

Leaders of the Citizens Committee and the NAACP called a special meeting at the First Baptist Church here for the purpose of ironing out differences arising between Councilman John Winters and the members of these organizations over the recent picketing of the Ambassador Theatre, by Shaw and St. Augustine's students.

Some members of the group actually took Mr. Winters apart on the grounds that he acted contrary to their wishes in asking Mayor Enloe not to resign at this time. It appears that Mr. Winters, along with the Rev. J. Oscar McCloud had a meeting with the Mayor at which time they asked him to hold up his intended resignation pending a meeting with the leaders of the demonstration. According to one observer, the meeting degenerated into "name calling" and abuses, such that white sympathizers who were in attendance left in disgust.

A further development, according to the same observer, came when Mr. Winters called a meeting of friends at his office, to meet with him and his wife to discuss the whole situation. At this meeting

which took place Thursday at 1 p. m., it seems that Mr. Winters had already decided to resign as City Councilman, and that he had written the said resignation but had not mailed it. The letter was addressed to Mayor Enloe and copies were made out to the other councilmen. Excerpts from the letter follow:

"... Dear Mayor Enloe: During the early part of the year I stated that due to operational difficulties in my business and the lack of time to devote to my family, it would best serve my interest not to offer my services to the community for a second term. Instead, I yielded to requests to again offer my candidacy. My former convictions plus recent health problems force me to reconsider this decision and I now withdraw my candidacy and request immediate approval of my resignation as councilman for the city."

The upshot of the whole matter was that the persons present, re-

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WINSTON PETER PHILLIPS

## Phillips Held For Illegal Operation

**DURHAM** — As late as Wednesday morning Winston Peter Phillips had not been able to make bond, for his release from the Durham County jail, where he is charged with allegedly performing an abortion on a white woman, who is reported to have given her name as "Mrs. Mary D. Woodard" of Rt. 1, Middlesex.

The local man was arrested on an order from Raleigh police officers after the woman was admitted to Wake Memorial Hospital, after having been carried there, by ambulance, from a Raleigh drive-in, where she is reported as having become sick.

The officers are said to have requested arrest of Phillips after hospital authorities are reported to have announced that the woman's illness was due to the fact that an unsuccessful abortion had been performed.

Mrs. Woodard is said to have told hospital authorities that she was sent to Phillips and that she went to his home, unaware of the fact that he was a Negro, and that he agreed to do the job for her. She

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## La. Names Negro As Postmaster

**LOS ANGELES** — Politicians have gestured with it, hopefuls have sought it and Chicago and New York have discussed it, but it remained for this, "the city of angels" to do it.

Leslie H. Shaw was sworn in Monday as postmaster of Los Angeles, thus becoming the first Negro to head the postal operations of a major city.

The Rev. Archibald Carey, ardent Chicago Republican, was mentioned, during the beginning of the Eisenhower administration and at one time was given the inside track to the vast mail operation of the windy city.

Shaw's nomination was time Republican member of the Pennsylvania legislature and now head of the IBOF of W. was considered a certainty for the post in the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia, Pa. at one time. He, too, was side

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## Wake Man Held On Assault

A white merchant, Vance Rayborn, resident of the Lizzard Lick area in eastern Wake County was arrested recently charged with assault with intent to rape a young colored woman. Rayborn was freed under a \$5,000 bond for his appearance in a Virginia Circuit on a charge of rape.

F. M. Stayton, common wealth attorney of Halifax County, Va., said the white man is scheduled to be tried for the rape of the 24-year old Negro farm woman. Rayborn was arrested by Wake Sheriff's Deputy Ed Watkins at his store on Zebulon Bypass of Highway 64. The sheriff's deputy charged Ray-

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**WRESTLE ALABAMA STYLE** — Shown is a Negro wrestled to the ground by Birmingham police during a racial demonstration broken up by dogs. Chief of Police Jamie Moore (center with dark hair) said that the man pulled a knife and tried to kill a police dog as officers dispersed the crowd of 600 Negroes (UPI PHOTO).

## Denied Special Bus Service

**GREENSBORO** — Integration in Caswell County was back in the United States District Court last week and Judge Edwin M. Stanley ruled that the 16 Negro children, who are attending school, with white children, did not have the right to special bus service.

The ruling was seen as victory for the Caswell County School Board. An attorney for the board drove home the fact that any harassment to the 16 children was not being condoned by the board due to the fact that it had not furnished special transportation to the

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## Zion Bishop Featured

## Freedom Rally Here May 5th



The 1963 Freedom Rally, which will be held in the J. S. Dorton Arena, May 5, is expected to be well attended for two reasons — the re-awakened interest in picketing and the appearance of Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, chairman of the board of directors, NAACP.

Bishop Spottswood was chosen when Robert Weaver was named Housing Administrator. He has made an enviable record as a freedom fighter. He headed the D. C. chapter for a number of years and spearheaded many equality movements in the nation's capital.

He presides over the 4th district of the AME Zion Church, comprising Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and part of Pennsylvania. The denomination is observing the centennial of freedom with a special observance and he was chairman of the committee that formulated the plans.

He is well known in the state, having pastored Goler Memorial

AME Zion Church for a number of years. He also pastored in Indiana.

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## ODDS-ENDS

BY JAMES A. SHEPARD

"To shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." THERE MUST BE AN ANSWER

During the past few days there has been a great deal of undertone rumblings going the rounds relative to the part Councilman John W. Winters and the Rev. J. Oscar McCloud played in the decision made by Mayor W. G. Enloe not to resign his mayoralty post here.

We feel there are one or two things we should say with the clarity that what we say will help clarify

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## WEATHER

The five day weather fore cast for the Raleigh area beginning Thursday, April 18 and continuing through Monday, April 22, is as follows:

Temperatures will average above normal through Monday. Scattered light and widely scattered showers about Friday or Saturday.

## NOTICE!

The Raleigh Citizens Association is inviting all persons who are registered to meet with the body Thursday, April 18, at 8 p. m., at the Bloodworth Street YMCA. You are urged to be present.

## Couple Drowns

**MT. OLIVE** — Even though the Easter weather was conducive to outdoor life and many took to the highways and some to the byways, there were those who went to sudden death, instead of rising to an abundant life.

Two persons are said to have met death, by drowning, near here Sunday. Herman Boyette, 37 of Albertson, and Mrs. Gertrude Allen Robinson, Mt. Olive, were reported to have drowned at Outlaw Creek.

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