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### THE PLATFORM OF THE CAROLINA TIMES INCLUDES:

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- Equal educational opportunities.
- Negro jurymen.
- Higher wages for domestic servants.
- Full participation of Negroes in all branches of the National Defense.
- Abolishment of the double-standard wage scale in industry.
- Greater participation of Negroes in political affairs.
- national governments.
- Negro representation in city, county, state and Better housing for Negroes.

### WHAT IS IT WORTH?

The announcement this week that Cortegidor had fallen to the Japanese ought to focus the attention of American Citizens on the fact that we are still on the losing end of the war. It ought to arouse enough patriotism in the breast of every citizen of the United States to the realization that it is going to take something more than a lot of lip service to win this war. It ought to knock enough sense into certain blockheads in this country that defending white supremacy is not worth a tinkers damn, when we are not defending the rights of American citizens of all races, creeds and colors, to fight anywhere and in any manner they choose, to protect this country against Hitlerism.

In spite of the gains being made by Japanese troops, fighting against our soldiers, there are still in the United States, in North Carolina, in Durham a group of idiots who are so dumb that they cannot see that they are throttling this nation's effort to save our shores, to protect our women and children, to speak, act and live as free men, when we persist in certain un-American practices.

The Board of Education of the city of Durham, in spite of consistent pleas made to it by honest, law-abiding and patriotic Negroes of this community, are so hell-bent on keeping Negro boys, girls and men from learning trades, that will fit them for work in defense industries, they cannot see one inch from their noses.

Nobody but a bunch of contemptible jackasses has time to give a whoop about who operates a welding or brazing machine or any other instrument in this country, so long as we are getting planes, ammunition, food and other necessities to our soldiers now sweating, bleeding and dying to preserve everything we hold dear in America.

The Carolina Times has been patient, and soft-pedaled this mess long enough. It has also winked at the blockade placed on Negroes being employed in certain defense plants now operating in North Carolina and Durham. It has listened to certain so-called Negro leaders make excuses for members of their race not being trained or employed here and not getting jobs there, and we have tried to string along with them. But when battles against the common enemies of democracy are being lost on every hand as a result of "too little and too late" with supplies, we think it is time to speak out.

What the hell is white supremacy worth or anything with a power drunk Jap or German poking a bayonet in your back, or lining you up against a wall to be shot because you forgot to salute Hitler's picture? What is it worth with concentration camps and a gestapo that dares one to take a deep breath?

The enemy we face in this war is no weakling or fool. Practically on every hand he has outwitted, out-fought and out-generated our fighting forces. Negroes and whites ought to lay aside this matter of race discrimination in defense industries and everywhere else long enough to realize that those white and black boys fighting and dying to preserve our way of life are our boys, our fellow Americans, and that any act, however small, that would rob them of the chance to fight on equal terms with the enemy, is a dishonorable, un-American and damnable

## THE MILLS OF THE GODS

By Henry Clay Davis

### WHY NEGROES SHOULD FIGHT

The expressed conviction of many Negroes that we have nothing to fight for is a delusion which stands immediately in need of our most serious contemplation and our most critical analysis, and those of us who think at all will almost certainly agree that our race has more to fight for now than ever before.

Equal to any duty which circumstances have imposed upon us is the urgent necessity of our waging battle to rid ourselves of that part of our leadership which is self-appointed, conceited, incompetent, untrustworthy, and which tells the ruling class on the one hand that Negroes are willing and anxious to die for the country and tells Negro youth on the other hand that it has nothing to fight for. Such people are our greatest menace and Quisling could have had some valuable instruction from them before he made his nauseating debut as a traitor to his race.

Nobody can or will deny that the preachments of the American ruling class are the direct antitheses of their practices where we are concerned and that is an excellent reason why we should fight to the utmost of our capacity in our effort to harmonize the two. Time and experience should have taught us long ago that the deep-rooted American traditions are not of suicidal temperament and will not die or give up without the most sanguinary of savage struggles.

In our hard and discouraging battle to exist at all in this one-sided, so-called Democracy we have, by the grace of God, been agreeably prolific in propagation, passably successful in business and the professions, and commendably persistent in the acquisition of property and if our families, businesses, and property are to be protected in this grave crisis who, other than ourselves, can we expect to furnish that protection?

There is probably no race of people in the world whose young men need discipline, physical culture, experience in collaboration, instruction in the art of modern warfare, and confidence in each other as badly as ours do and if the armed forces is the place for them to acquire such priceless things then let them go into the armed forces with our unrestrained sanction and blessings.

Our superstitious fear of death gives the lie to our professed religion and is therefore one of the most implacable impediments lying athwart our path of progress thus challenging our willingness to do battle. Another enemy to be vanquished. None of us will ever leave this earth until the Master calls and that could be on the street corner or in the home as easily as on the battlefield.

If these things do not call to arms every self-respecting Negro in America then by all means let us refuse to fight and take the consequences, but if they do inspire in us the spirit of Frederick Douglas and his kind, we will all rally to our banners without selfishness, without fear, and without hesitation.

## BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock for ANP

### Interracial Hypertension

Hypertension is a fancy name for high blood pressure just as delinquency is a fancy name for old fashioned devilment, or pre-variation is a fancy name for old fashioned lying. Scientists have a way of giving new names to ailments and disorders they cannot correct; and the ordinary laymen in his confusion of names, is disposed to forget his afflictions, momentarily at least. When we call our old fashioned "consumption," tuberculosis, we are not getting anywhere especially, except in increasing our vocabulary. Hypertension if not properly treated will result sooner or later in a stroke and all that follows.

There can be no doubt that there is a hypertension in race relations today, which unless treated with greatest care, is bound to result fatally. After all of our smooth talk about Christianity and education as they bear on the problem of race relations, the fact remains we are entering a dangerous phase of the interracial conflict. The outbreak of riots here and there about the country is symptomatic of an undercurrent of racial bitterness that demands the most careful thinking and planning on the part of the best elements of both whites and Negroes. It is not enough for Negroes alone to take great care in this matter, neither is it enough for whites alone to guard carefully against certain aggravations of the color question.

If we are to avoid serious trouble, both white and Negroes must face the ugly fact that race rela-

and rupture; and that our best is demanded if certain important previous gains are to be preserved. Riots and rioting are not going to settle the race problem in this country we are trying to save. Just as no great moral issue has ever been settled on the battlefield; so no victory in race relations can be won by outbreaks of rioting throughout the nation. However resentful the Negro may feel towards the injustices and indignities to which he has been subjected, it is just as well that he know that these are not to be corrected by riots.

This article is inspired by a speech I heard by a prominent Negro made within recent weeks. Before an audience of nearly a thousand and this prominent man stood for nearly an hour and delivered one of the ablest speeches we have ever heard. But from beginning to end the speech was one continuous rehearsal of the wrongs that the Negro had suffered in this country. By innuendos and direct charges he built up one of the mightiest cases against the white man that I have ever heard. Slightly he was casting himself in the role of hero, by merely enumerating his race's wrongs. The audience of course responded with an enthusiasm that was contagious. When the speech was over, there fell over that vast audience ominous spell of resentment and bitterness that is bound to do damage somewhere, somehow and sometime.

This prominent speaker did not seem to know that when only one side of a question is stated the statement becomes propaganda and

Negro, the victim of a propaganda of the most hellish sort, resorting to propaganda equally hellish. He was following the same procedure that has wrought damnation to Negroes a thousand times. He called himself "fighting fire with fire" appearing himself oblivious of the fact that in the fight of fire with fire there can be no victory but defeat. Not a word was said about the resurgence of justice for fair play in the heart of the new south that is forcing itself upon the attention of the nation. Not a reference was made to the Abolitionists and northern philanthropy that laid the foundations of the schools that shelter 40,000 young aspiring Negroes.

No mention was made of the fast revising policies of the southern press whereby the voice of justice for Negroes is becoming louder and more insistent. Our prominent speaker seemed to overlook the fact that everybody knows what the south and nation have done against the Negro; but many do not know what they have done for him. Even the south is not totally lost when it comes to race relations; for if it had been all bad the Negro could never have made the strides of which we boast from time to time. Strangely enough the Negro's greatest advancement is in the south. Durham, the Negro's business capital and Atlanta the Negro's educational capital, are in much maligned south. The south is fast becoming a haven for northern educated Negroes. Just as the white man is no getting anywhere by cultivating hatred for Negroes, Negroes are not getting anywhere by cultivating hatred for whites and thereby increasing interracial hypertension. Negro leadership had better look well the problem being created by a few of our power-maniacs and honor-hungry orators; for Negroes themselves, will pay the greater price of their folly!

The NAACP has only a very small part of the minimum cost of \$12,000 a year to pay for the maintenance of this bureau. Since this agency can conceivably do much towards wiping out segregation and discrimination in the armed forces, and can put into the pockets of Negroes millions of dollars in wages in defense industries, and can project the citizenship right of 13 million Negroes, we ask through the medium of your columns, generously contributed by

## THE MAIL BOX

Editor Carolina Times:  
 Dear Sir:  
 An extension of the service by the NAACP to the Negro has just been put into effect the establishment in the national capital of a bureau to battle seven days a week and as many hours a day as necessary to protect the rights of Negroes during this most crucial period of the world's history. These headquarters are located at 100 Massachusetts Avenue, two blocks from the Capitol Station and

## HANDCUFF WEDDING



## IF AIR RAIDS COME?

By RUTH TAYLOR

In our coastal cities whenever two or three people are gathered together, there is one subject that is always under discussion. Will the spring bring air-raids? Feeling rides high on this subject as those who say "Impossible" and those who say "Certainly" thrash out their respective strategies.

But, while we prepare nationally and locally for air-raids, let us reason it out. If an air-raid comes, what will the enemy hope to attain? We all admit that the destruction would be comparatively small considering the size of the country—though that thought is of small comfort to those who are bombed.

The enemy, however, has one bigger object in view—to create panic. There are those among us who say that would be the case. I do not think so. I have infinite faith in the ability of our people to face a crisis or a crushing tragedy with calm fortitude. We have always risen to the need of the occasion and we will not fail.

But the enemy feels that we will become jittery, that our morale will be shaken, our nerves upset. That is what they want to accomplish. Are you going to give in?

How can we face the crisis when and if it comes? We know the rules. We can obey the physical ones—that is merely a matter of intelligent cooperation. But how can we conquer our instinctive reactions? How can we remain cool? How can we beat the Axis nations at their own game?

One way we can do this is by self-control. No air-raid can last forever. We can't run away from it. But we can obey orders and then hang on for just a little longer. It may call for all our staying qualities, but we can do it—if we face the unescapable facts that we are in a war; it is a war which must be fought until it is won. There must be no retreat on the home front.

There is one abiding thing that will help us hold firm. We can follow the command of Him who said "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." For in the words of the Psalmist: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress. My God, in Him will I trust."

## BOND DRIVE

Citizens of this county are being counted upon to more than do their part in the War Bond Week campaign that opened on Monday, May 4, throughout the State.

It is the most far reaching campaign ever made in North Carolina to enlist savings in this country's war effort.

Volunteer workers in every community have begun an intensive drive to pledge all income earners to purchase regularly, by the week or by the month, as many war bonds and stamps as they can afford.

Plans for the campaign have been carefully worked out during the last several weeks by county and town chairmen and local committees, and, if they achieve their goal, every wage earner will have

been given an opportunity to sign a pledge card before the drive ends Saturday night.

Reason for the special campaign now is that the federal government must know how much income it may expect from these war savings securities with which to buy guns, tanks, ship and planes.

The money for the nation's fighting forces must come from some source, and the more dollars voluntarily pledged for bonds, the less will be the nation's tax load.

Governor J. Melville Broughton, who is Honorary Chairman of the campaign, in a proclamation issued recently, designated May 4-9 as War Bond Week and called upon the full and prompt cooperation of all citizens.

Every pledge is conditional upon the signer's remaining financially able to make the stated purchase. This condition is expressly stipulated in the pledge. It will be left to the signers to decide whether or not they are able to continue their purchases.

The money invested in these safest investment in the world will be taken out of competition for consumer goods, thereby preventing inflation and building up a cushion of savings for the individual when the war ends.

Following up Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau's recent announcement that North Carolina's quota of war bonds and stamps for May had been set at \$5,888,500, State Administrator Charles H. Robertson and State Chairman Julian Price of Greensboro said in a joint statement that "we are confident North Carolinians can be counted upon to exceed the quota set for our State."

The type of campaign varies for different communities, it being left up to the local chairmen to determine the type to reach the most people. All

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