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THE PLATFORM OF THE CAROLINA TIMES

- INCLUDES:
- Equal salaries for Negro Teachers.
 - Negro policemen where Negroes are involved.
 - 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.
 - Negro representation in city, county, state and national governments.
 - Better housing for Negroes.

THE HOUR HAS COME

This Board reserves the right to determine the educational needs of ALL students. What a white boy needs to learn is in OUR opinion not always what a colored boy should learn. We shall in time decide what kind of vocational training, if any, Negro students shall have, and that training will be provided at such a time that we consider to be opportune and expedient.

The above statement is, as near as it was possible to record at the time, the ultimatum delivered by a committee of Durham Negro citizens, who appeared before the Durham Board of Education to seek better educational advantages for their children, and not that of a Nazi dictator as it appears to be.

In it is hidden the beginning of a most dangerous Nazi regime in Durham officialdom, which if allowed to continue will not only include Negroes as its victims, but the masses of poor whites as well. The history of the rise of Nazism in Europe shows that it strikes at the most vulnerable spot first, after which it spreads until even the high and the mighty, who dare to differ in their views with those in power, may also become the victims of its ruthlessness. The democratic way of settling problems by conciliation or arbitration is not acceptable to the Board of Education. It prefers to browbeat, to insult, to humiliate and intimidate.

We think the hour has come for court action, we think the hour has come for Negro leaders to lead or stand aside, and let those have their places who love freedom enough to pay whatever price is necessary to purchase it. The hour has come when the present Negro leadership must choose between continuing to live under the illusion that they have influence with such people as constitute the Board of Education, or maintaining the respect of the Negro masses by taking the proper steps to avert these injustices which Durham Negroes are suffering.

The hour has come when the Negro masses can no longer be satisfied with empty promises from their leaders about Durham Negro schools. The humblest Negro in this city knows that Negro leaders have no influence with the Board of Education and that they were practically kicked out of the conference in their last attempt at an amiable settlement.

The laws of North Carolina call for separate but EQUAL educational advantages for both races, the constitutions of the federal and state governments stand behind those laws, of the democracy for which white and Negro men are now dying is a thing of mockery, and they shed their blood in vain. We think the hour has come to try those laws. We think the hour has come for every Negro to put the future of the race above being regarded as a big man with the opposite group to even being mindful of personal safety and financial security. For when the right of the governed to protest — to petition for a change in burdensome laws, is taken away, despotism becomes enthroned and man becomes a thing rather than a personality made in the image of God Almighty.

On this thought the late President William McKinley had the following to say:

"Human rights and constitutional privileges must not be forgotten in the race for wealth and commercial supremacy. The Government of the people must be by the people and not by a few of the people. It rests upon the firm consent of the governed and all of the governed. Power, it must be remembered, which is secured by aggression or usurpation, or by any kind of injustice, is never lasting. We have a right in law or morals

to usurp that which belongs to another, whether it is property or power."

THE MILLS OF THE GODS

By Henry Clay Davis

LEADERSHIP

By HENRY CLAY DAVIS

Fifteen million Negroes living in this country could not possibly avoid the production of some leaders but unfortunately all of us found in that category are not of leadership quality nor capable of dependable leadership and all it entails.

Some of us have acquired the distinction of leadership through a system of treachery base enough to put a Hitlerite to shame, through forcible and unscrupulous domination, and through a ruthless disregard for the well-being of the rest of us. Others of us have inherited, married, or attained through similar other fortuitous circumstances the privilege of leadership which they have disgraced more than they have dignified because of their efforts to go through the college of their new experience before they even think of first attending its high school.

But there are some among us who have tried and tried and failed and failed and whose perseverance finally triumphed over persistent failure. They have met, yielded to, and then overcome the temptations which oftentimes destroy weaker souls. They have unavoidably been the victims of merciless tragedy and relentless misfortunes. They have known the anguish and disillusionment which only the duplicity of false but trusted friends could occasion, and still they have not lost the faith.

Those in this latter group, when blessed with only ordinary intelligence, are better qualified for leadership than any among us and our knowledge of what the past has been for us should have convinced us long ago that the leadership of experience is far more dependable than that of empty college degrees or superficial social position whose bid for leadership is almost always compelled to be presumptuous.

This race of ours is destined to be without leadership as long as those of us who are leaders in only their own estimation refuse to recognize true leadership wherever it is found among us the right road to travel when they have never travelled it themselves, and as long as they are governed by their desire to destroy everything they cannot rule.

People whose training has led them to believe that what they don't know isn't knowledge and that there is no explanation of things they don't understand cannot lead themselves and any insistence on their part to lead the rest of us is worse than silly is only we can make them believe it for the good of us all.

Leadership is composed of courage and some intelligence, experience and the ability to profit thereby, justice and understanding, and the willingness to give and take alike, and when any one of us found in possession of all these qualities there can be little doubt that we have found in that person a leader whom we can safely and wisely acknowledge and follow.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock for ANP

RACIAL INFLATION

For many months the President of the United States, supported by some of the most brilliant minds of this generation, has waged a stubborn war against inflation. To date that war is only partly won, for the slightest relaxation will send this nation into a spiral of expanded credit and higher prices that will bring the inevitable ruinous crash that will be catastrophic. Every inflation must have its deflation, and woe unto that nation that yields to the temptation of inflation, for its day of disillusionment and reckoning must shortly dawn.

The principle of inflation like the principle of diminishing returns applies not alone to the realms of economics, but throughout the gamut of human life and activities. One of the most nauseating things imaginable is an inflated ego with its concomitant conceits and pretensions. Nations and races like individuals quite conceivably may become inflated; and there follow consequences quite as disastrous. It is bad enough for the prince to be inflated but it is tragic for the pauper, for in the deflationary process the former will have something left which may serve as a basis for future progress, while the latter is left utterly without security.

It would be a bad thing for the Negro race at its present stage of advancement to allow racial inflation to interrupt our splendid beginnings in every field of useful endeavor. The Negro race has not yet "arrived" although we hope we will be "arriving" soon. Before we enter the Promised Land of full-fledged American citizenship, we are going to do a lot of wandering in the wilderness of sacrifice and suffering and thankless service. "Hard is the way and long that out of Hell leads up to light" averred the immortal Milton. It is even with a people that would travel the high road that leads from slavery into freedom. This is an ugly fact but it is to our advantage to face it squarely.

I am therefore always a little dubious about the extravagant encomiums which our white friends are wont to lavish upon us, when they say we have "made the most wonderful progress

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE



of any race in the history of mankind etc." This sounds good and we take it with a great glee and applause. But the fact remains the Negro has not had a half chance, and to pretend that he can do so much with a half chance is to predispose the powers that be to give only the half chance to Negroes who can make so much of it, and save the whole chance for the white man.

My contention has been, is now, and will forever be, that if it takes a whole chance for the white man it takes a whole chance for the Negro. It may inflate our racial ego to have it otherwise but we compromise our case thereby. These encomiums would not be dangerous if there were not a possibility that Negroes would take them seriously and thereby achieve a certain complacency that could have deleterious effects on our future.

Some weeks ago we noted through the Negro press that "Freedom's Children," a radio feature had been taken off the air and an attempt would be made to put on some other Negro feature in its place. We already have "Wings Over Jordan" which keeps the Negro before the nation. It is not going to be a profitable thing to overboost the Negro in the eyes of the nation and world. Within the last few years we have had several Negro "expositions" here and there about the nation and all were forth the "Progress" of the Negro race. It would be exceedingly unfortunate to underestimate Negro progress, but it would be tragic to inflate it. We are boosting ourselves from pulpit and platform, through press and over the radio daily. By now the country should have an inkling of Negro possibilities.

What we need most of all are ways and means of realizing some of these possibilities. Whether we admit it or not, the Negro is playing the under-dog role in the American racial drama and what we need most of all is to develop the under-dog spirit that so often overcomes overwhelming odds. It is not without good warrant that football coaches throughout the nation try to instill into their various squads the under-dog spirit. It has come about that there is no greater danger in athletics than over-confidence. How many greater teams have lost to mediocre teams because of over-confidence. Racial inflation is proving a bad thing for the white race and it is not going to be less dangerous for Negroes. An inflated pride without the willingness to pay the price has tragic potentialities. Paying the price is the thing.

CALVIN'S DIGEST

CONTRADICTIONS

The Negro is oppressed and bowed down on. The race is making militant progress. This is a contradiction, and yet both statements are equally true.

The vocal minority are getting more things done in our behalf and they are getting more publicity than ever.

On the other hand, our brothers and sisters, lower down still feel the crushing weight of segregation, an evil which still operates today to keep several of the 15 millions of us supine and "in our place." There are thousands upon thousands of Negroes who by environment and decades of tutoring in inferiority, accept their unequal status, and judge everything in life by a "white" standard. Many of them are almost incapable of being aroused to fighting for their simple, fundamental

HOPELESSNESS?

Here is an illustration: A Harlemite went South to bury his mother, who lived in a city of about 25,000 population, including 6,000 Negroes. In the course of his duties he wrote a letter to the real estate agent of his mother's home requesting certain repairs which he was paying for. His sister, who was raised in that town objected to the business like tone of the letter because the white recipient "might not like it."

"There is a great deal more the Negro could get in the South, if he hadn't been trained to be afraid to ask for it," said the visitor. In this same little city (which is about 40 miles from Atlanta, Ga.), the only colored school has a capacity of from 350 to 400 students, but only 200 are enrolled and two of the eight teachers

CAROLINA TIMES READER SPEAKS

By CLIFFORD JENKINS

QUESTION: Do you think the employment of Negro Policemen in Durham would Lessen Crime Rate?

A. C. Artis, barber, 711 Fayetteville Street: "Yes, I do think that if they get competent Negroes whom they respect, secure those who do not drink, don't employ those who will do things that they prohibit others from doing, I do think if they get respectable ones it would help."

John Mangum, bell boy, 1106 Cole Street: "Yes, Negroes should be given a break, we need them particularly now."

Hubert Lee, bar tender, 804 Umstead Street: "Yes, Because of the increasing Negro population Negro policemen may have more influence because of their closer relation with colored people in general."

John Lyons, cook, 301 Fayetteville Street: "No, Because if Negro policemen are employed, some guys get drunk and they both will talk junk."

Miss Maggie Treadwell, student, 106 Mohine Street: "Yes, I think Negro policemen in Durham would lessen crime because a Negro has the tendency to enjoy seeing his people with the same positions as those offered other races."

Morrison Freeland, tobacco worker, 613 Price Street: "Yes, I imagine colored policemen know where criminals can be located, because they know the criminals."

Otha McDaniels, shoe shine boy 426 Smith Street: "Yes, Because

the average Negro will listen to a Negro cop better than he will a white man."

N. B. White, printer, 1217 Fayetteville Street: "Yes, A Negro policeman who is fully qualified will be helpful in reducing the crime rate by his understanding of Negroes."

Miss Mae Alston, clerk, 407 Formosa Avenue: "No, I don't think Negroes in Durham respect authority of another Negro."

Rev. W. M. Hargrave, taxi-driver, 407 Umstead Street: "Yes, Because Negro policemen would be more protection for Negro people provided they're in Negro sections. They will have secrets that a white policemen wouldn't have."

Miss Girlena Daniel, 904 Fayetteville Street: "Yes, I feel like we know each other and if we had that privilege we would respect each other more."

Mrs. B. C. Shaw, housewife, 902 Fayetteville, St. Yes, it will give the Negro a sense of responsibility and still more self-respect and being a Negro he realizes he can handle his own race better. I think the average Negro would be affected thinks that he has a grudge against the opposite race and when he is reprimanded by white policemen, he becomes very dogmatic. I really believe if the city of Durham would employ colored policemen it would let us know that we are rising toward real democracy."

have been dropped. "Juvenile delinquency is alarming" said the New Yorker, "just as it is in Harlem." He stressed the fact that the long basic cause of all these conditions is racial segregation and discrimination. It seems to kill the spirit of thousands of our people, who have lost both hope and desire for a better life.

FALSE ALARMS

All of our racial gains hardly scratch the surface of the requirements to bring the Negro's standard of living up to the AMERICAN standard. And all the progress we have made is mainly individual progress, and due, also to our militant, vocal minority who ever in the forefront of Negro progress.

As for the South, the great crime of the middle and upper class Negro generally is that he isolates himself from the common man; even boasts that the South's vicious segregation laws do not touch him. Another curse on the race is the Negro misleader who knowsthe to the cracker and exploits his own people for his own enrichment. This type is just a

false alarm who is too often loud in his lip service.

Roll it all down and it comes to this: the average Negro throughout the United States is poor and down-trodden, knowing not where to turn for help or hope. These hearts and minds that must be awakened, given new hope and courage.

Once united under honest, intelligent, and effective leadership, they would rewrite the history of America.

Doctors warned at AMA meeting Army and Navy need them.

Most flour mills are turning out Vitamin B product.

Lord Halifax sees air superiority bearing in war.

U. S. and British experts in London map drive on U-boats. 12,326 join the Navy to average Gerard says Germans must be punished for war guilt.

Plane output rose by .85 per cent since Dec. 7, Jonett reports. America is discovering the backyard as vacation site.

EXTRA! — BUY COAL NOW GIVE TO THE U-S-O.

IT'S TIME YOU KNEW — by LAWRENCE

AN INCENDIARY BOMB BURNS AT A GREATER DEGREE OF HEAT THAN LIGHTNING! AT WHAT DEGREE OF HEAT DOES THIS BOMB BURN?

THE NEW US ARMY HOWITZER HAS REPLACED MOST OF THE FLAT TRAJECTORY CANNONS IN MODERN WARFARE! WHAT ADVANTAGE DOES A HOWITZER HAVE OVER THE OLDER CANNONS?

IN CONTRAST TO "RINGING" OR "CHIMING" A LARGE BELL IS FREQUENTLY "CLOCKED," AS A TIME-SAVER DOES "CLOCKING" INVOLVE THE USE OF A BULOVA WATCH OR OTHER TIMEPIECE, IN ANY WAY?

GIRAFFE IS THE TALLEST ANIMAL IN THE WORLD CAN LIVE LONGER THAN A CAMEL ON A DESERT WITHOUT WATER-RUN FASTER THAN A HORSE AND IS ABSOLUTELY VOICELESS! HOW TALL DO THEY GROW?