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## THE SHAME OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

Loyal American citizens who want to see their country respected by other nations throughout the world should take no comfort in the fact that a newspaperman has had to flee a town in Mississippi for no other reason than that he is a "Yankee." For when any part of this nation becomes unsafe for even the humblest citizen no part of it is safe for any of us.

Tupelo, Mississippi has really done a most dastardly and shameful act to the country of which it is a part. No Communist or Fascist group can do more to defeat the Democratic way of life than this little town of 15,000 population that has allowed a bunch of hoodlums to defy its law and order and take from a fellow citizen his God given and constitutional right to live and work in any part of this country he pleases.

The statement issued by Mayor G. F. Maynard of that city in which he states that "It has mystified all of us . . . It is not typical of our community and we don't stand for that sort of prejudice," is indeed enlightening in that it shows just how stupid some of our southern white folks in high places can be. Certainly the Mayor of Tupelo did not think that when he stood by and saw his city saturated and reeking with prejudice against Negroes that it would not someday break out against a defenseless person or persons

of his own group. Is he so stupid that he does not know that perpetrators of prejudice first strike at the weakest, then the weaker and finally the strong?

Whether Mayor Maynard knows it or not, even he is no longer safe in Tupelo unless he is willing to abide by the laws of the bunch of gangsters who ran Newell Anderson from this hate infested city. We dare him to speak out against the inferior schools for Negroes in Tupelo, inferior housing, low wages, the sharecropper system of his county, police brutality and the many other wrongs which Negroes suffer in Mississippi. The same hoodlums that took the law in their own hands in Tupelo will do it again and run Mayor Maynard out of the city.

Finally who knows but what the Mayor was not a party to the act or at least stood by and saw it done. The suspicion points directly to the law enforcement agency of Tupelo which like most small cities and towns gets its orders from the Mayor's office. Until that law enforcement agency brings to justice those responsible for the vile act committed in Tupelo, the Mayor and other city officials cannot stand before the bar of public opinion with clean hands.

Mayor Maynard will be sent a marked copy of the above editorial.

## THE MACK INGRAM CASE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

The six-month suspended sentence, together with the five years on probation, imposed on Mack Ingram for looking at a white woman 75 feet away in the Caswell County case, is apparently causing much embarrassment among the element of fairminded white people in North Carolina who desire to see justice administered without regard to race, creed or color. Whatever the final outcome, it is not hard to recognize the good that has resulted in exposing just what the average Negro is up against when he stands before some of the courts in this State, even on the most frivolous charge involving a white woman. The sentence is probably a blessing in disguise.

There appears to be much evidence that the Court attempted to save face for the white people of Caswell County who with usual custom had so wantonly railroaded the Negro sharecropper to prison and left his wife and nine children without any visible means of support. For when a southern jurist refuses to apply the full penalty of the law against a Negro who has been convicted of even a semblance of assault on a white woman, you may rest assured that he believes that Negro to be innocent beyond even the shadow of a doubt.

By imposing a suspended sentence on Ingram and placing him on five years probation, the court apparently was hoping to perform the miracle of satisfying the whites of Caswell County who want Ingram imprison-

ed and another segment of whites and Negroes all over the country who feel that to imprison a man for two years for merely looking at a white woman is not only ridiculous but a little more than they can swallow. We think, however, that when a court of justice attempts to placate and appease, even to the slightest degree, it becomes a thing of mockery and is sickening to behold. It plays its greatest role when it hews to the line and lets the chips fall where they may.

The five years probation handed Ingram may turn out in the end to be a more terrible punishment than the original two-year sentence he received in the Recorder's Court. It is not hard to imagine just how miserable life can be for any Negro living under such a condition in the South among antagonistic whites. Every moment of that five years he is in danger of being arrested and slapped in jail on the least provocation. That is probably what the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had in mind when its lawyers defending Ingram gave notice of appeal. Ingram's life, freedom and support of his family will probably be safer outside the confines of Caswell County.

Whatever happens from now on until the case has been settled to the satisfaction of those who want to see justice prevail, the Yanceyville case takes on more and more of an international aspect with the courts of North Carolina being weighed in the balances while the eyes of the world look on.

## INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES

Certain areas of this country appear distressingly disturbed over the announcement of the approaching marriage of a Negro jazz singer, Pearl Bailey and Louis Bellson, Jr., a white drummer in Duke Ellington's band. What should disturb all of us is when people of opposite races are forced to carry on illicit love affairs because asinine customs and laws in some sections of this country and the world will not permit honest love affairs between persons of certain races.

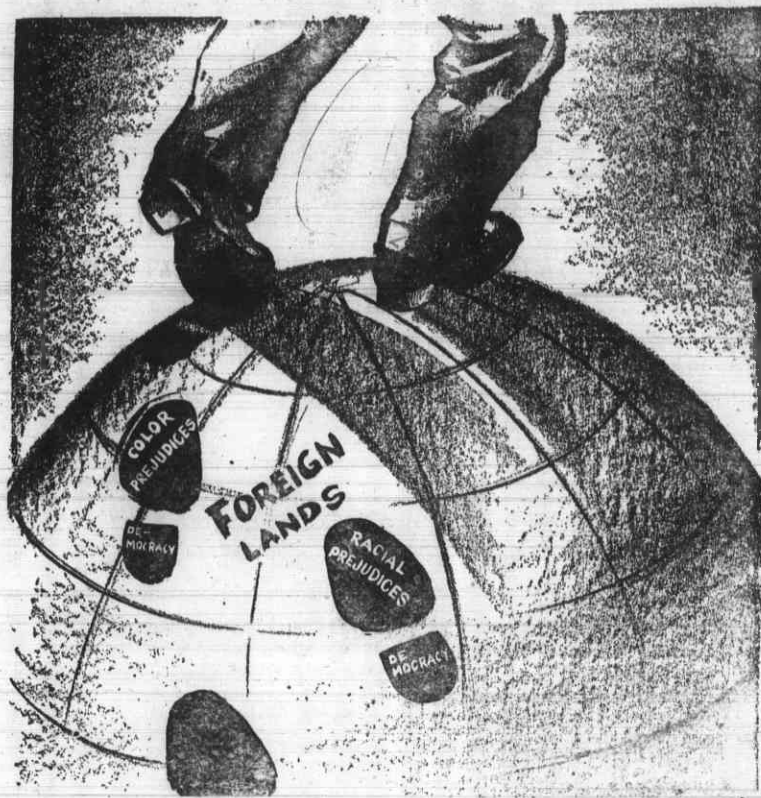
Every Negro in America whose skin is not black is a living testimony to the fact that interracial love affairs, or should we say sex affairs, have been going on ever since the first crazed white man cornered a

helpless black woman in the bottom of a slave ship on its way to America to sell its human cargo for the highest dollar.

The only time some folks become disturbed is when persons of the white and Negro races have decency enough to culminate their love affairs with the respectable institution of marriage. So long as the Negro is willing to be the receptacle into which half white offspring, begotten in illicit love affairs, are dumped, no how is heard from across the railroad track.

The business of marriage is, of all things, a personal affair and not even parents should interfere, especially when the two principals have reached the ages of 28 and 34, as young

## "While The United Nations Debates"



Bellson and Miss Bailey have, respectively.

The most of our white folks who tear their hair about interracial marriages are only concerned about marriages of Negroes and whites or the white and Indian marriage of Captain John Rolfe and Pocahontas would not be held up before the eyes of their children in poetry and prose as one of the famous courtships of American history.

Any father or mother ought to know that the best way to encourage the marriage of a son or daughter to a person they do not approve is for them to attempt to discourage it. All of the old man's talk about disowning his son is stupid. Its about like disowning

your leg after it has been cut off. The stump is always there to remind you and the public that you once had a leg. Young Bellson will probably be better off if he is disowned or cut off financially by his father. He at least will have the opportunity to make his own way in the world—a thing that most parents with a little of the world's goods will not permit their children to do.

We commend Bellson Jr., and Miss Bailey for having the self-respect to climax their courtship with marriage. God willing their children will at least be able to respect their father who was not low enough to beget children in secrecy that he would not own in public.

## Spiritual Insight

"ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT"

By Reverend Harold Roland  
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church



"They found the man sitting at the feet of Jesus clothed in his right mind." Luke 9:35

One of the tragedies of the times is to see so many immature, childish people in a grown up world. This is a sign of stunted or arrested development. Men do become stunted in their physical, mental, moral, emotional and spiritual growth and development. Many are physically grown but childish in other areas. Many things may

cause us humans to be arrested, in development: fear, anxiety, cruelty, hate, rejection or above all a lack of love.

It takes a certain soil or atmosphere to make a real man. The scripture gives the embodiment of "THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT" as the cause of the arrested development of the man in Luke the eighth chapter. It is an undeniable scientific and religious truth that the wrong spirit causes us to be stunted in growth and development.

Let us take some graphic examples of stunted personality growth. Here is a so-called man who walks off and leaves his wife and children. A normal, real man does not act this way. Here is a mother who is downright brutal to an unwanted child. She wanted a boy and God gave her a girl. Here is a father who worships one child and openly mistreats another—all blood of his blood and bone of his bone.

A mature man does not act this way. An irresponsible mother walks off and leaves her children. A teacher holds a grudge against a child in her class. These are some cases of what we mean by arrested development. Normal grown-up people don't act in these ways.

Our deep feelings or emotions cause us to become arrested in our development. What are some feelings we need to watch? There are two deep and primary feelings that are a part of our God-given nature: LOVE AND HATE. Love builds up! Hate tears down! One makes for happiness and the other leads to unhappiness. Hate blocks and warps the normal growth of the human personality with its beauties and powers. The shocking result is arrested development. Mothers, teachers and preachers need to ponder this great truth. We are reminded of the everyday wisdom and common sense of a great truth of the Gospel: CULTIVATE LOVE AND SHUN HATE.

Every human being needs to become aware of the wisdom of human and divine love. Hate stands ready to push mankind off into the dark abyss of ruin. Love beckons us to follow the path of health, happiness and peace. Which shall we follow? The hour is late. We must decide. It takes the love of God and man to make a man. Leave love out and you don't have a man—you have a gave his son. This love revealed here. Sentiment in the big cities can be controlled, they believe.

## WITHIN And AMONG

Alfred F. Andersen

For centuries the Indian people had been building within. Oppressed by native and foreign rulers, denied the most common sense - satisfactions (three square meals, adequate protection from the weather, and general healthy feeling) they sought satisfaction and compensation in their own souls. And to a large extent they found what they sought. Through meditation and spiritual depth they developed capacity for withstanding the most extreme physical hardship. We all know the stories of professionals demonstrating this capacity by lying in a bed of nails or remaining for long periods in grotesque positions. But we need to be reminded that the Indian people have made the withstanding or physical hardship a part of their cultural training. So inevitable did poverty and misery seem to them that the highest cultural goal among them was to rise above (physical) circumstances as individuals; and as an example that other individuals might follow.

But the time had to come when their souls told them that they had now suffered enough, that they were now individually deeply enough rooted within . . . that the time had come to develop this same spiritual resource among. And out of this spiritual groping emerged Gandhi . . . symbol, leader, savior.

As symbol Gandhi represented a people who had made a choice, the choice to become once again a people, a social organism, praying together, working together, growing together; in developing appropriately their own uniqueness as a people. It is the step from individual mysticism to group mysticism, from individual salvation to group salvation.

As leader, Gandhi led with sacrifice. He gained his place of first in importance by being last in comfort and convenience. He led by taking the first steps forward into conflict situations, showing constantly his willingness to suffer not only the consequences of Indian cowardice but also of British aggressiveness and stiffness. He led with his soul . . . and kindred souls took heart!

As savior, Gandhi showed that the salvation of that sacredness within consisted in putting it to work among. He was an advocate of individual communion with God, of meditation and soul growth in the mystic tradition. But he saw that the mystical souls need one another, that united they rise while isolated they stew in their own juice. Under his leadership the traditional ashram gradually became transformed. Whereas the ashram had been a refuge

for the individual soul seeking Union with God only, they are increasingly becoming the training centers for the Constructive Program.

In the modern ashram the endeavor is to work with God and the spirituality in one another in helping the villages of India build this same spirituality into their everyday lives . . . their economics, their politics, their education. All this is called the Constructive Program in contrast to the program of non-violent resistance (to insensitive and unjust rule) by which India gained her political freedom.

As Gandhi saw "Independence Day" approaching (yet progressively implemented, for all practical purposes, even under England's nominal rule) his energy was increasingly channeled in this direction. He saw the danger of falling prey to the kind of rule which followed the French, the Russian, and (as we have indicated here) even the American Revolution. The Indian Revolution extended over centuries. In addition, the Congress Party had been operating (often illegally) for decades. India didn't get her entire independence on the official day; it was merely acknowledged then. But it was a day to prepare for. And the Constructive Program was Gandhi's answer to this need and to the need for a program for a young nation to grow one.

The Constructive Program, says Wilfred Wellock in his GANDHI AS A SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARY, "includes acceptance of communal unity; the removal of untouchability; prohibition, sanitation, economic equality, freedom of thought and speech, training in and development of home and village crafts and industries; village cooperation in every sphere of life, economic and artistic; village politics, the unification of economic need and spiritual principles."

But these and all words are so inadequate to express the dynamics which is bubbling out of the centuries-gathered spiritual resources of the Indian people. Perhaps the nearest we can come to appreciating this spiritual dynamics in this column is to present an account of what might be considered the heart of the Constructive Program, its dynamic in fact! I refer to the previously mentioned Basic Education program developed simultaneously with the Constructive Program. It is in Basic Education that Gandhi incorporated the essence of his principle of non-violent revolution. And it is to a closer look at Basic Education that we shall turn next week.

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## Nominations Opened For Teacher, 1953

Orangeburg — Doctor J. Irving E. Scott, Editor, *The Negro Educational Review*, has announced that the journal is now ready to accept nominations for the Classroom Teacher of the Year for 1953.

This project which was launched in 1951 by the journal has met with increased interest since its beginning. In 1951, Mrs. Ruth L. Douglas of Shreveport, Louisiana, was selected as the Teacher of the Year. Among the awards received by Mrs. Douglas was a trip to Havana, Cuba. In 1952, Miss Lynne R. Smith of Washington, D. C., received the honor and she selected to go to Trinidad, British West Indies, as one of her many awards. Both winners have been unusually high in their praise for the activities of the journal and the opportunity for participating in such a venture.

The rules and regulations governing nominations are simple and make it possible for any teacher who is doing outstanding work in her school and community to be selected.

The selection is confined to public school teachers who must have at least three years of teaching experience at the beginning of the school year for which they are nominated. Any individual, a fellow-worker, patron or student, may nominate a candidate. The only requirement

is that there should be a short statement of about one hundred words giving the reasons for the nomination. These reasons are expected to show the teacher's outstanding work.

There are several awards that are given to the individual selected each year. Announcement of the selection will be made in May 1953.

For further information write: Classroom Teacher of the Year, The Negro Educational Review, Box H, State A, and M. College, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

## North Carolina Rural Youth In \$6,000 Contest

Amherst, Mass. — A North Carolina boy or girl may be the nation's 1952 national junior vegetable growing champion and win the top share in a \$6,000 scholarship fund.

Officials at National Junior Vegetable Growers Association Headquarters in Amherst, Mass., announced today that 162 of the state's farm youth are enrolled in the organization's 1952 production-marketing contest.

Entrants in the 48-state competition for boys and girls aged 12-21, vie for a \$500 national championship, four \$200 regional awards and a number of sectional and state awards. The fund is provided by A & P Food Stores as part of its program of (Please turn to Page Seven)

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

In Washington bureaus the interest is not in the presidential election, but rather in the many Congressional contests.

There was more interest in the nominating conventions than the election because there was a chance that the entire situation would be changed by one, or both conventions.

Bureaucrats who draw their salaries because of foreign aid programs, were afraid that one, or both conventions might follow the recommendations of Herbert Hoover.

Now the feeling is both tickets are headed by men committed to internationalists.

European leaders also feel confident, U. S. observers who attended the World Bank and International Monetary Conferences in Mexico City, report European delegates were quite open about the new plan they expect to be approved by the White House around March, regardless of who is living in it.

This new plan makes even past present multi-billion dollar plans look like small change.

Huge European industrial monopolies no longer want so much U. S. tax dollars poured directly into their countries in the form of goods. With U. S. billions, they have hit all time record production themselves.

The new plan calls for American billions to Latin America, Asia, other non-European nations, to buy goods with.

Here is the payoff for Europe. Instead of U. S. made goods, these areas are to receive U. S. National Federation of Independent Business

cash so that they can buy from Europe as well as the U. S.

Everybody wins but Uncle Sam.

Astonishing as it seems, this plan is already in effect to some degree. The MSA is now letting nations receiving U. S. aid buy from other sources.

For example, MSA Bulletin No. 158 announces on that day another \$5,694,000 was given away. \$2 million of the total was for petroleum products for the United Kingdom from Latin American and British Trinidad, Canada, Germany, Japan, and France, shared in the truck and rubber shipments made to Yugoslavia, and China, accounting for another \$2 million.

This plan which European monopolies feel confident will be approved also provides for world-wide price fixing with the U. S. supporting prices.

Washington also expects that to carry out this plan, new controls and new taxes will be imposed on the nation's small business and middle class.

Washington now thinks this world-wide gravy train will be derailed only by two events. The first will be the election to Congress of men opposed to U. S. giveaway programs.

The second event will be an organized, aggressive public opinion to support the views of those Congressmen. This public support will be needed to bolster the stand of these rebelling Congressmen as they will be targets of a heavily financed propaganda barrage. Therefore, Washington bureaucrats are painfully sensitive to the reactions today in small towns, as they feel the issue could be decided there. Sentiment in the big cities can be controlled, they believe.