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## NORTH CAROLINA'S PRETENSE AT LIBERALITY

By the time this is read the North Carolina General Assembly of 1953 will probably be tucked away in the archives of history. Rest to its weary bones. For no session of the state's law making body in the past two or three decades has registered a more disgraceful record than that of 1953.

Whether it was the fear of the consequences of the pending ruling of the United States Supreme Court on the matter of segregation or the lack of ability in those who composed this year's legislature, it certainly outdid those of the past 30 years or more in stupidity and asinine actions.

The autocratic and tyrannical action of the legislature in barring newspapermen from certain committee meetings and its establishing of rules whereby various committees could continue to hold secret meetings in matters pertaining to millions of dollars of the peoples' money is a kind of highhanded business seldom practiced by democratic institutions of our times.

We think, however, that the 1953 General Assembly reached its lowest point when during its last days it had as its guest the Fultz quadruplets of Reidsville. On the surface the act appeared to be one of great liberality and interracial goodwill, while at the bottom of the whole scheme lurked a deliberate attempt to mislead those on the outside into believing that here in North Carolina we have reached that point in race relations where the color of one's skin does not matter.

The Carolina Times does not intend to allow the 1953 General Assembly to get away with this rabid pretense of liberality, this diabolical scheme to pull the wool over the eyes of the people of this state and nation. The wide publicity and acclaim given the visit of the Fultz quads appears to us to have been conceived with one motive in mind, and that was to propagandize the people to the extent that North Carolina is basically a liberal state on the race question. The scheme follows the same pattern as that of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, State College in Raleigh, Duke University and other southern schools that will permit their athletic teams to engage in contests, even on their home grounds, against northern colleges and universities having Negro players on them, while barring Negro students from their class rooms, and competition with Negro colleges right here in their own state.

It is no secret that Negro players on visiting northern teams to UNC, Duke and State

College have eaten and slept at all three of these schools. It is also no secret that teams of these same schools play against Negroes while visiting northern schools without even the raising of an eyelid. All of this, like the visit of the Quads to the legislature, is purely a window dressing designed to impress outsiders that after all North Carolina is not as bad on the race question as some would have you believe. See, see what we have done.

Behind the scenes of all this pretense at liberality there is going on the most sordid fight against native North Carolina Negroes to achieve the respect and dignity granted them by the laws of this land.

Very likely the few Negro athletes who have visited these schools would even tell you that Negro newspapers, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and individuals whose role it is to stay eternally on guard for the rights of their people, are all wet about the indignities and abuses which Negroes suffer in the South. They, like many fairminded white persons both North and South, do not know that behind the scenes the most sordid and determined fight against every effort of native North Carolina Negroes to secure first-class citizenship is going on.

They do not know that while athletic teams of UNC, State College and Duke were competing with Negroes of northern schools at home and abroad and even competing with Negro teams in national track meetings in northern cities that those same teams, upon returning to their native state, were refused permission to compete in track meets at the University of North Carolina. Here one gets a birds-eye view of the paradox that sometimes attends the tragedy of segregation in the South.

Unless one looks behind the scenes and views with analytical mind and eye what actually is going on, he will be led to believe that North Carolina is not only a state of industry and farming but one of great liberality and fair dealing to its more than a million Negroes, when in reality it is one of the most backward of all southern states on the matter of the race question.

So we take our stand against this pernicious practice, against this hypocrisy, and call upon all fairminded citizens of both races in the state and nation to not desist in their fight to bring about the full realization of justice to all its people. With out the achievement of such a goal we cannot hope for peace in the future.

## THE NEW 'CANCER CLINIC AT LINCOLN HOSPITAL

The Cancer Clinic recently opened at Lincoln Hospital this week will no doubt be greatly patronized by Negro citizens in this area. Although the one operated at Watts Hospital for the past several months invited them to take advantage of its services, many Negroes refrained from doing so for fear of suffering some indignities. Whether such a fear was justified or not we do not know, and we have no criticism to offer the personnel of Watts Hospital which more than likely did the best it could to provide protection for all people against this dreaded disease.

We do hope that every Negro citizen in Durham will avail himself of the opportunity now being offered at Lincoln to determine

whether or not he is affected with cancer. An early discovery of this fact may prevent an untimely death as the treatment is more effective in the early stages than after the disease gets a foothold.

The Cancer Clinic at Lincoln Hospital is one more development in the institution toward becoming one of the outstanding hospitals of the nation. We congratulate the officials for the fine work they are doing and we trust that the Cancer Clinic is the beginning of many more improvements at Lincoln Hospital that has served so well in preserving the health and lives of the people of Durham and vicinity.

## "There Can Be No Peace, Until These Chains Are Broken"



## Spiritual Insight

### "A Teaching: Forgiveness"

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND  
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church



"A Teaching: Holy Spirit"—  
"... They were filled with the Holy Ghost..." Acts 2:4

The great incessant struggle of the human soul involves two spirits: THE HOLY AND THE UNHOLY SPIRIT! The Bible stresses the teaching of the HOLY SPIRIT. Christ promised the Holy Spirit for believers. The Holy Spirit is the very life blood of the redeemed soul. Jesus called it "The Comforter," "The Spirit of Truth," "The Teacher" and "The Sanctifier." It works in the soul and in the Church. The Holy Spirit is needed to carry on for God in a world of sin and evil. We need its power to fight the battle every step of the way.

The power of the Spirit came upon the believers in the early Church as they tarried and waited in prayer. Left in their weaknesses they could not carry out orders of the Great Commission. They had to have power to conquer a sinful world for God. God gave them the power when they were "FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST..."

God's promise of power holds good for you and for me. Did it just happen two thousand years ago? NO! Peter, Stephen and Paul could not carry on for God without this power, neither can we carry on as God would have us without this power. We need it to teach the ways of truth. We need it to steady the soul in the battles of life. We need it for comfort and strength. We need it to stand up under the difficult blows of life. We need it to change our fears into courage and faith. We need it to transform our hatred into love. Look how it changed Peter from a cringing coward that dark night to a bold and courageous witness on the day of Pentecost and later in the confines of a prison. This promise still holds good for you and for me after two thousand years!

This Spirit gives power to advance through the storm! With this power you can face the storms of hardship and danger. How could the early Christians face and overcome such odds? There was one answer. "... They were filled with the Holy Ghost..." I see

the early Christians advancing slowly but surely through the storm. With the Spirit of God nothing could stop them. False accusers, beatings, stonings, blood-thirsty mobs, persecutions, perils, sufferings, imprisonments and death—nothing could halt their advance for God. With this power you don't accept defeat! All the combined forces of hell and darkness could not stop them. How could so few who seemed so weak do so much? "... They were filled with the Holy Ghost..."

The Holy Spirit produces rich fruits. It is the most precious gift in all the world. And it rewards you with the richest fruits... "TO BE SPIRITALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE..." And with his Spirit dwelling in us we have these promised rich fruits for daily living: "... But fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, goodness, meekness..."

## WITHIN And AMONG

Alfred F. Andersen

Dear Fellow Seekers... As a way to meet the moral dilemmas of our age and of our own lives we are taking time here to stop! and to question the basic assumptions implicit in our lives. In all this I realize that there are those who are already weary of this dialectic; and if you are one of those for whom it has lost meaning you will, of course, not waste your time with it. But my observation has been that there is a strong tendency among humans to "go off half cocked," "to rush in where angels fear to tread," to look for pat answers and pat ACTION into which they can throw themselves unthinkingly. For it's a lot of trouble to think. They want a wide and straight path. But the path we are exploring here is a narrow and winding one; and it is understandable that many will think our efforts merely abstract escapism. And this does constitute a danger. But there is only one place this danger can be met: in our personal lives as judges by our individual consciences and by those intimate with our consciences.

But the cry comes back for some mass action. Millions of people in the world are desperate for a way to dignify their lives. Fascism answered their cries and lured some into its schemes. Nazism likewise. Capitalism has worked more subtly and has played a role in all other totalitarian philosophies, including Marxism. We cannot blame desperate masses for grasping at these straws. But we can blame ourselves for having only other straws to offer. Surely we have seen by this time that no quick and easy remedy will ease the world suffering or dignify the spirit of man. Surely we have seen tragic results enough of the type of action which is for action's sake, which flows essentially from impatience and the cowardice which dares not face one's own conscience in throughgoing thought and meditations.

But do not think that we are therefore justifying "life as usual" where that life carries one more and more into areas of inadequate moral judgment. We have tried to make it clear that the first requirement of the view being presented here is in deeds; deeds for which already enough thought has been given and for which conscience has

been long ready. The deeds we have called for is to stop carrying on morally questionable activity, to stop feeding those appetites (and each knows himself what they are) which are questionable or outrightly condemned in the light of one's own conscience.

The thesis is that we must First: Stop contributing to the moral confusion and irresponsibility... Second: Take thought with whatever moral judgement we can muster, questioning all things and considering all our actions in the light of our innate moral sense... Thirdly: Take action insofar as (but only insofar as) this innate moral judgement consents.

The word "consents" is used advisedly. The object is to avoid the implication that one's moral sense dictates what one must do. For this would leave no freedom in the good life. As against the "God's Will be done" view we offer here the alternative, "God's Will be considered and harmonized with." As against the authoritarian God we present the educational God, interested not so much in our existence as our development... our moral development, which determines our ability to live happily and creatively with other free spirits in the Overall Spiritual Community in which we are all partial partners with God.

Why is all this important in concrete living? Is there any other foundation upon which to stand in judging the modern military state or the status quo in general? Is there any other foundation from which to judge presumptuous religious institutions and other bodies who are "messing up the works" by "playing God"?

Have we anywhere to turn in the last analysis but to our own moral sense, individually and group wise, in times such as these? Concretely this view leads to conscientious objection not only to war, to possible imprisonment not only for refusing to do military duty and pay military taxes, but to countless other "crosses" by virtue of rejecting the presumed supreme authority of the modern territorial state. Gandhi has shown us some of the concrete implications of commitment to a Moral Order and Orderer. But there are many others which we must find... and live! They lie dormant WITHIN crying to be implemented AMONG.

## THE DEEP SOUTH SPEAKS

By Robert Durr  
(FOR CALVIN NEWS SERVICE)

"SEE HOW THEY RUN" An Interview With The Author  
Recently the Women's Christian Fellowship Council of the Magic City of Alabama presented as their Women's Day speaker Mrs. Mary E. Vronan—a fourth grade teacher whose story was featured in the Ladies Home Journal magazine and who lives at 2301 Mill Street, Montgomery, Ala. Upon her arrival I was asked to interview her for the Calvin News Service and the Johnson Publications, both for whom I am correspondent.

I had been told that a motion picture based on the charming and wholesome story of vicious Mrs. Vronan was to be presented this spring. I knew that she had won the Christopher Award for 1952 for her story and is the first Negro woman to be extended an invitation to join the Screen Writers Guild. And having read several times "See How They Run," I was anxious to dig in for the background of this remarkable young woman whose job was so well done.

I found that she was brought up by a wonderful aunt who lavished affection upon her and this gave her an abundance of emotional security. Plus she came from high spiritually evolved parents. Thus she was enabled to see children as they run to meet, survive, grow and endure in a hostile world and to want to help those who yearn to be helped.

When asked if she had ever known fear, she admitted being well acquainted with fear but had found that through faith and prayer, she was able to overcome fear.

Mrs. Vronan's heart has been broken but she never allowed that to destroy her desire to live fully and richly in the knowledge that there is no substitute for hard work and that only out of fire comes the goal of success. "See How They Run" was Mrs. Vronan's first writing effort. She had had no formal

writing training. She had only a story which she believed needed telling for the children who live in the Deep South and are not far from the heart of the not yet-dead Confederacy.

It's a good story superbly told (Please turn to Page Seven)

## Nearly 900 At Senior Day At Shaw University

RALEIGH

The first Annual Senior High School Day at Shaw University was observed Saturday, April 11. Approximately 900 seniors of North Carolina were present. Members of the administrative staff were on hand to welcome the students, which included President W. R. Strassner, Dean Foster P. Payne, Mrs. Martha W. Wheeler, Acting Registrar; Dr. Nelson H. Harris, Director of the Division of Education; Miss Carrie L. Harrison, Dean of Women; John H. Brown, Dean of Men, and other members of the faculty and staff.

John H. Rascoe of Ossining, New York, president of the Student Council greeted the visitors on behalf of the student body. This was followed with a special message of welcome to the students and their teachers by President Strassner.

A film, "Shaw University in Action," made by Dr. M. D. Williams, who is in charge of Audio Visual Education, was shown. A regulation C.I.A.A. baseball game between Shaw and North Carolina College was played with Shaw winning 15-14.

Other features for the day were a tour of the east and West campus, lunch and a social to conclude the observance.

### WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

The push to repeal U. S. tariff laws has humorous aspects.

The slogan of would-be repeaters "Trade, Not Aid" is credited to Britain's finance minister.

Yet Britain, with colonies and dominions all over the world, is apparently cannot successfully trade in the Commonwealth family.

Arrears of paper and pulp by Mutual Security Agency C. W. Harder highlights the situation.

On two successive days, MSA approved \$6,700,000 in paper and pulp for England and France; England receiving \$4,200,000 of the total allocation.

MSA stipulates almost half of the total may be purchased in Canada.

Thus, even for trade between England and one of her dominions, U. S. taxpayers must foot the bill.

American publishers forced to pay extortionate prices for newsprint, may take some comfort that they at least manage to buy Canadian newsprint without tax aid, while England, home hearth of British family, cannot buy without help by U. S. taxpayers, even though U. S. dollar is now discounted in Canada.

Canadian producers who control the bulk of newsprint needed by independent U. S. press, have more than tripled price in a few years.

So what to all intents and appearances is a Canadian monopoly has priced the mother

country out of the market. And in many American towns the local paper survives because of excessive newspaper prices.

Congressional committees investigating newspaper prices were told by former Secretary of State to keep hands off to avoid antagonizing Canadian newspaper producers.

So far as is known, present State Department has not taken a stand on the issue.

But newspaper situation is cited as perfect example why repeal of the U. S. tariff laws would accomplish nothing but eventual collapse of U. S. economy.

With European system of monopoly business fixing high prices, European consumers cannot afford to buy products of members under a common flag. Trade between them depends, strangely enough, on the generosity of the U. S. taxpayer.

Many claim basis reason for holding up Alaskan statehood is inaccessibility to newsprint cartel.

Alaskan pulp forests are vast. But under Federal control, private enterprise is hampered, even forbidden to develop Alaskan resources. Under statehood, control of resources would pass to the people resulting in almost immediate development of an Alaskan newsprint industry. Thus Alaska is kept from competing with the Canadian newsprint monopoly.

MSA is also active otherwise.

In March alone, 19 persons were brought at taxpayers' expense from Austria, Greece, Italy, and Siam to study labor union finances, the trade union program, and consumer co-operative operations. However, these were brought over to study U. S. antitrust laws.

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## Mays Speaks At UNCF Fund Kick-Off Meet

NEW YORK

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, speaking at the national opening meeting of the United Negro College Fund's 1953 campaign, Monday, April 13, at the Hotel Plaza, New York, told an audience of 800 persons that for the first time in the history of the nation, men and women of good will, both from the North and South, have united in an effort to help solve through education, our most difficult minority problem.

Pointing out that the United Negro College Fund had raised to date, \$10,000,000 for current operating expenses of its member institutions, plus over \$10,000,000 for new buildings, Dr. Mays said that the total of \$21,336,821 raised in nine years has resulted in better education for more Negro youth.

He added that the aid of the United Negro College Fund also means that "regardless of what the future may bring, many of these colleges will be good enough to survive in any kind of society whether segregated or integrated, and they will make their contribution to the educational life of the nation. They will be good colleges without racial designation."