

THE INFINITE BELONGS TO GOD

When Judge Q. K. Nimocks, any other jurist or individual vested with power from the people, attempts to pull down the curtain of hope on the most miserable human wretch, we think he steps beyond the realm of the finite into that of the infinite. That realm, we think, can only belong to God who knows all, sees all and hears all. For who is there so wise among us mortals as to be able to put his finger on the underlying causes that contribute to the criminal in the worst of us. Or who is there among us so almighty as to snuff out forever the God given attribute of eternal hope.

That Judge Nimocks' sentence to life imprisonment, with the recommendation that the four defendants in the rape case tried here last

week, never be paroled or commuted, has no legal status is evidently due to the foresight of the authors of our laws and courts who for nearly 500 years of this nation's existence have not yet seen fit to write such into our statutes. They were wiser than they knew.

The crime of rape is most revolting to any decent citizen, whether the victim be white or black. That the prosecuting attorney and the presiding judge, in a case involving the rape of a white woman by Negroes, agreed to accept a plea of guilty, which under the new statute enacted at the last session of the General Assembly of this state, entitled the defendants to life imprisonment, we think, is strong evidence that as horrible as the crime was,

there was something more back of it, more than deliberate and willful rape.

Apparently Judge Nimocks wished to extend his authority beyond that of the laws of this state in that he would do what they failed to do and that is to blot out forever the hope of reform, the hope of being forgiven by one's fellowmen. This, we think, is only short of a sentence of death.

In spite of Judge Nimocks' recommendation, the Carolina Times believes it sees in the outcome of the rape trial in Durham a glimmer of hope that in the not too distant future the sentence of death in rape cases in this state will apply to persons of both races alike and not for Negroes only.

AN EVIDENCE OF INTERRACIAL UNDERSTANDING

We salute Durham this week for the conduct its citizens exhibited in the recent trial of four Negroes for raping a white woman. As far as this newspaper has been able to learn there was not the least evidence of disorder throughout the six days the trial lasted. Durham is really growing up and should be commended for the fine example which it set for other cities in which such crimes occur.

We think other cities in North Carolina, and the entire South for that matter, in which such crimes occur should look to Durham, in this instance, in pointing the way to a peaceful solution of such problems. It might not

be a bad idea for them to come here and make a study of why and how Durham could conduct the rape trial without one iota of disorder. Should such a study be made we suspect that they would find that here in Durham the new leadership of both races has decided that to know, proclaim and live the truth on interracial matters is its own reward.

Negro leaders in Durham, for the most part do not attempt to mislead their white fellow citizens into believing that they are satisfied with inferior schools, streets, employment, etc., just to acquire some personal popularity. They have been frank, honest and straightforward, often at

the risk of personal friendship with their white friends, in denouncing any program that did not tend toward absolute equality for Negroes. The results have been that all of the white people who count for anything have learned that this type of Negro is trustworthy and dependable. This has made for a better understanding and a city in which a trial like that of last week could take place without a semblance of interracial disorder.

So we salute Durham and although we have yet a long way to go here in ironing out the many misunderstandings and interracial problems that arise from time to time, we are well on our way.

TRYING TO GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

The couple who attempted to rob the government of \$180,000 from the Bureau of Engraving in Washington will receive little or no sympathy from honest people. It is one of the few times that Negroes of training and social position, holding important jobs, have deliberately betrayed their trust. Truly the race is becoming more like white folks every day, which in our humble judgement is a bad omen rather than a good one.

When an ignorant person believes that he can get away with fleeing the government or stealing, there might be some sympathy allotted him even though it is theft. When an intelligent person gets it in his or her head that crime does pay, or that you can get something for nothing, we see no reason why he should receive any sympathy, even from the most emotional of us.

The lesson to be learned by our young folks, and the old one's too for that matter, is that you cannot get something for nothing. There is no short cut to economic independence to success or lasting achievement. You either pay the full price or you just don't get them.

Not only have the man and his wife lost their jobs, which comparatively speaking, is a small loss. They have lost their good names, their self respect and the respect of their fellowmen. Today they are about the most poverty-stricken two people in Washington.

HEALTH FOR THE NATION

President Eisenhower's voluntary health plan, in which he seeks 25 million dollars for the promotion, we hope, will have better sailing in Congress than that of the compulsory health plan of former President Truman.

Certainly there is nothing more important than the health of the nation and any program that will make for the better health of the rank

and file of citizens is a step in the direction that will assure the nation of protection against outside enemies.

The high cost of illness arising from loss of time on the job, expensive medical care in or out of a hospital has become almost prohibitive for Mr. Average Citizen. As a result there are hundreds and thousands of persons in Amer-

ica today who need medical attention of minor or major degrees, but are unable to secure it because of financial inability.

If and when the President's plan is approved by Congress it will be welcomed by many sick and half-sick persons throughout the nation. Congress ought to give its approval to the program.

Vice-President Nixon Speaker At NAACP Youth Conference

NEW YORK

Vice President Richard Nixon will be the principal speaker at the closing session of a four-day national youth legislative conference in Washington, January 28-31, Herbert L. Wright, youth secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announced here today.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary; Harold Stassen, director, Foreign Operations Administration; and Gen. Telford Taylor are among other national leaders scheduled to address the NAACP-sponsored conference to be held on the campus of Howard University.

More than 500 young people from colleges and communities in all sections of the country are expected to attend the conference, Mr. Wright said. The sessions will be devoted to discussions of the social, economic and political issues with a view to "encouraging and preparing young people to participate in the civic affairs of their respective communities," the NAACP youth leader asserted.

Other speakers who will serve as consultants for the conference workshops or address other sessions include Dr. W. Montague Cobb, professor of anatomy at the Howard University Medical School and chairman of the NAACP National Health Committee; Dr. William Hale, professor of sociology, Clark College, Atlanta; Clarence Mitchell, director, NAACP Washington bureau; James F. Green, deputy director, State Department's Office of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs; William Oliver, co-director, anti-discrimination department, United Automobile Workers-CIO; Miss Muriel Ferris, League of Women Voters; and Mrs. Carmel Carington Marr, adviser to the United States delegation to the United Nations.

Applications for registration at the conference are being received at NAACP headquarters, 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, N.Y., Mr. Wright announced.

Army Refuses To Courtmartial GI's In South Carolina Bus Case

WASHINGTON

The Army will take no steps to court martial or otherwise discipline the 50 Negro servicemen arrested and fined in Columbia, S. C., on last Thanksgiving night as the result of an incident in a Jim Crow bus.

This assurance was this week given to Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, by Hugh M. Milton, Assistant Secretary of the Army. Mr. Milton also informed the NAACP representative that the Army had asked the Justice Department to investigate the possible violation of the soldiers' civil rights by the Columbia law enforcement officers.

The Army action followed

prompt NAACP protest against the mass arrest of the soldiers because one of them refused to move from a seat next to a white woman who invoked the local segregation law. White soldiers on the bus bound from Columbia to nearby Fort Jackson were released, but all Negro Army men, including Lieut. Austell O. Sherard, were held and fined a total \$1,573.

Meanwhile, at Fort Jackson, a new policy on civil arrests of soldiers was announced. This policy provides for the release of military personnel taken into custody by Columbia police to military police at Fort Jackson. No action, except on traffic violations and major offenses may be taken by civil authorities.

Second Annual Fathers Week-End To Be Held At NCC Feb. 5-7

The fathers of North Carolina College's students will be honored here Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 5, 6 and 7.

This Second Annual Fathers Week-End is being sponsored by the Men's Assembly Steering Committee and the Men's Dormitory Council.

Fathers or male guardians of all the college's students are invited to the three day program.

Registration will begin on Friday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. in Chidley Hall. The visitors will be guests at the North Carolina College-West Virginia State College basketball game at 8 p.m. Friday evening. A recreation

party will begin at 10:15 p.m. Saturday's events will be highlighted by a tour of the campus, a North Carolina College-made motion picture, "Dear Mom", and a six o'clock banquet. The visitors will again be the college's guests at the basketball game at 8 o'clock Saturday night when NCC meets Morgan State College. Another party is scheduled to begin at 10:15 p.m.

Morning and afternoon religious services, a period of informal visiting, and a 4:30 vesper program round out activities for Sunday. The vesper services will be held in B. N. Duke Auditorium.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" BY C. WILSON HARDER

The philosophy of Attorney General Herbert Brownell toward anti-trust violations of "a confession is all that's necessary to square things" takes a strange turn in the used battery case.

In February of 1950 the government filed charges, both civil and criminal, against some 48 firms and individuals charged with conspiracy.

The conspiracy unfolded by Attorney General Brownell's investigators C.W. Harder was far reaching.

Several battery manufacturers, battery retailers, scrap metal dealers and National Lead agreed that the retail conspirators would sell used batteries received as trade-ins on new batteries only to scrap metal companies who were in the deal.

The scrap metal companies agreed to destroy these batteries, sell the salvaged lead only to the National Lead Company smelter. In turn, National Lead sold remelted lead only to battery manufacturers conspiring.

The prices paid for used batteries and for salvaged lead were firmly fixed by the conspirators.

There was also another ulterior purpose behind the conspiracy.

Some small firms specialize in rebuilding used batteries, offering consumers a lower priced product. But this conspiracy prevented movement of used batteries of battery rebuilders who compete with new battery sales.

It is interesting that this artificial restriction on the battery

supply was being practiced when there was a shortage of storage batteries, due to Korea.

The conspiracy was deep. National Lead handled the refinery end of the racketeering arrangements. In the battery manufacturing end, four of the five biggest and best known manufacturers were party to the violation.

On the retail side the two big national mail order and retail chains, the two big auto supply chains, and the three big tire firms were in on the deal.

And now the interesting part of this case unfolded by Attorney General Brownell in the Federal Court in Kansas City, all but two of the defendants signed a consent decree judgment in which they agree to stop racketeering.

In addition, 24 of the defendant companies pleaded no contest to the criminal charge. So far no sentence has been imposed.

But criminal charges against the individual who perpetrated the conspiracy were dropped.

Obviously it is impossible to jail a corporation, so the only sentence the court can now impose are fines which will come out of pockets of stockholders, many of which were undoubtedly not aware the management was engaging in law breaking. And these officers who violated not only the law, but the confidence of their stockholders, will presumably escape all responsibility.

It now appears live conspirators can expect kind treatment from Justice Dept.

But alleged dead conspirators such as Harry Dexter White should quake in their graves not knowing what minute they will be dug up by Herb Brownell.

A Courageous Stand Will Help Break The Chain



Spiritual Insight

"FIRST THINGS FIRST"

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

There seems to be an unchanging spiritual and moral law which says put first things first and life will make sense. Man is ever tempted to get life's order of values mixed. We are forever putting first things last. We want self and its interests to be in the center rather than God and his Kingdom. But Jesus declares that for life to make sense God and the Kingdom must have the first place. Self at the center has wrecked many lives and many homes. Self at the center has brought disorder and conflict in many churches. Life grows stale and confused whenever self and its interests take the first place. Then it is urgent that we learn the wisdom of this teaching of the Christ. Seek first the Kingdom of God...and his righteousness.

We must realize that it is the FIRST PLACE TO FIRST THINGS.

Life does not tick for long unless we forgive first place to the first things. Life becomes confused and mangled when we give a secondary place to first

the Ten Commandments. "THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GOD BEFORE ME." The nation or the individual that puts something in God's place will come to moral corruption and spiritual decay. God and the essential spiritual values make for the real stability of the nation and the individual. Jesus gave the key to peace, health and stability. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God...and his righteousness." Build with God at the center and you build enduringly.

Let us give meaning and order to our lives by giving God the first place. Remove God from the first place and life becomes anxious and confused. Life works beautifully when its in the right order. PUT FIRST THINGS IN FIRST PLACE! Life will come out right when we arrange it according to God's plan. Anything except God in first place is sin. And sin brings chaos and confusion. Life ticks with God in first place because it is the Divinely arranged order of things.

Put God in the first place in your life and see if things don't come out right for you. God rooted lives are the ones that tick and make sense.

RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA FETES CRACK SALESMEN IN NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA

PHILADELPHIA

Indicative of the Radio Corporation of America's policy of employment and advancement based on ability alone was the recent presentation of the "Man of the Hour" trophy to William A. Jackson, the outstanding sales technician in the Western Area.

Climaxing a three-month nationwide campaign last Fall, presentations of the "Man of the Hour" trophies were made to the leading technicians on each coast by Consumer Products Service Vice President Don Kunsman at banquets in San Francisco and New York City.

The trophy bestowed on the winners was a symbolic gold figure of a service technician carrying a tool kit, individually inscribed with the recipient's achievements.

In winning the Western Area Award, Jackson sold almost \$8100 worth of contracts and services, District Manager Robert Bomeisler revealed. The West Coast District Manager explained that Jackson's \$8100 gross billing represented a big portion of the gross billings for the entire branch for the three month period. "Bill Jackson is an outstanding example of a man who is vitally interested in the welfare of our Company. He has proved by his sales performance that he is truly the 'Man of the Hour', Bomeisler declared.

The soft-spoken award-winner, who joined the RCA Service Company as an apprentice technician in 1951, is saving his commissions for a down pay-

One-Day Farm And Home Meet Slated For Shaw Univ. Jan. 26

RALEIGH

Negro farm men from all parts of Wake County will attend a one-day Farm and Home Institute in the Old Rex Building of Shaw University, Tuesday, January 26. The Institute will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last through 3:30 p.m., according to the Wake Negro Extension Agents of the State College Extension Service.

The morning session will be presided over by Mrs. Louise Myatt, Route 3, Raleigh; and Nathaniel Mayo, Route 1, Morrisville, will preside over the afternoon session. Invocation at the morning session will be offered by Rev. C. H. Heath, Route 1, Wendell, and the purpose of the Institute will be given by J. Millard Perry, Eagle Rock.

Discussions topics during the day long program will be: Disaster Farm Loans, Tobacco Diseases, Kitchen Sinks and Water Disposals, Artificial Breeding, Willis and Inheritance Laws, The Family Milk Cow, Small Fruits, State 4-H Camp Site, and The Family Food Supply.

Discussions leaders will be A. E. Rozar, Chief, Production and Loan Section, Farmers Home Administration; H. M. Ellis, in

Charge of Agricultural Engineering, State College; W. C. Cooper, 4-H Club Specialist, A. and T. College; Mamie Whisnant, Home Management Specialist, State College; H. Bill Wood, Inseminator, Wake Breeders Cooperative, State College.

Also R. L. Wynn, Dairy Specialist; Mrs. Bessie B. Ramseur, Foods and Nutrition Specialist; and T. W. Flowers, Horticulture (Please turn to Page Seven)

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