

# A NEW TYPE OF GOP LEADERSHIP NEEDED

The attempt of the Republican Party of Durham County to set up a jim crow table at a public gathering here for a staunch Negro Republican is proof positive that its leadership is moth eaten, out-of-date and about ready for the political graveyard. No Negro of respectability in these days is going to be insulted and kicked around and then crawl on his belly behind such leadership as that uncovered when GOP leaders of Durham County attempted to set up a separate table for Alexander Barnes at the Lincoln Day Dinner held here last Friday. The GOP leaders are living in the past and are probably too old in their thinking to ever change their evil ways.

Negro and white Republicans who are in tune with the times ought to select a new set of leaders whose members are honestly liberal and do not pretenders. Unless they do this there is little or no hope that Negroes will

ever rally to the support of the party in Durham. Likewise unless state officials of the party denounce the action of the Durham Republican leaders, there is little hope that Negroes elsewhere in North Carolina will become interested in following its leadership on a state level. It will be taken for granted by all thinking Negroes that the Durham incident is the policy of the party throughout the entire state.

Right here we would like to commend Mr. Barnes for having the courage to walk out of the gathering and denounce its leaders to the world. So often Negroes in a similar position will submit to such insults or "tactfully" stay away from such meetings. This probably is what has happened in the past and the GOP leaders of the county Republican set-up figured that such a policy could go on forever.

It might be of news to all of them to know that most of

the back-door and Negro advocates of segregation, are dead. The few who are left no longer have any influence with the mass of Negroes and can do neither the Republicans nor the Democrats any good. Negro leadership of today is required, on the matter of segregation, to stand up and be counted as being absolutely opposed to it. Those who cannot do this are looked down upon with the greatest contempt and will be repudiated to the fullest extent.

What Mr. Barnes told the Republicans probably needs to be said to some of the leaders in the Democratic Party here in Durham County and the state. Party leaders of both the Democrats and Republicans may as well understand that the Negro vote in North Carolina will never be any smaller. On the contrary they may expect it to grow until it becomes a potent factor in the outcome of an election and until Negroes have secured absolute equality in every field of endeavor.

# DUKE UNIVERSITY—WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES AND FOUND WANTING

Poor, little, rich Duke University was again weighed in the balances and found wanting last week when the Fort Belvoir basketball team came to town, with its two Negro players, Don Byrd and Christopher Ellis, to play a March of Dimes benefit game against the Duke Blue Devils. Instead of having the courage to house Byrd and Ellis on the campus with the other players of the team, Duke University officials saw to it that they were housed on the campus of accommodating North Carolina College. Thus Duke has kept her skirts clean from becoming contaminated with untouchable Negroes, has upheld white supremacy and stayed the wrath of southern Duke alumni.

If ever the world has had on its hands a bunch of clowns it is southern white folks of the ilk that busied themselves to stage this most comical comedy at Duke University. Now let's see if we can give you the actual picture. Two Negro youths, along with others of both races, have been inducted into the armed service of their country where they are being trained as soldiers to defend to the death, if need be, these United States. While doing so they have been harmoniously sleeping, eating, playing and working together as American youths of all races, creeds and colors on an equal basis. In the course of events the two Negroes make the Fort Belvoir basketball team where they continue to play, eat and sleep together in per-

fect harmony with their white teammates. All is well until they accept an invitation to play a benefit game at Duke University, the receipts of which will go toward the effort to stamp out polio, a disease that knows no race, creed nor color.

They step out of a military world and arrive at the scene of the contest, which is supposed to be a Christian educational institution, founded upon the eternal principle of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Immediately upon arrival goose pimples begin to pop out on the forehead of staid old white southern Christians and Byrd and Ellis are diplomatically hustled off the campus to less holier grounds at N. C. College and our southern white folks thank the dear Lord for giving them the wisdom to know how to handle the race problem here in the South better than their white brethren in the North.

Poor Jack Horner, HERALD sports editor, got all tangled up in the Byrd and Ellis affair and just did escape alive. Horner, apparently not aware that Duke University was being weighed in the balances and found wanting, published a routine comment of the team's arrival at Duke and set off a chain of explosions that threatened to rock the rock foundation of Duke's mighty buildings. The phone must have started ringing for Horner came back the following day to do what he called, "correcting an impression,"

and emphatically let it be known that, "The Fort Belvoir squad is staying on the campus at Duke but the two colored boys on the team, Don Byrd and Christopher Ellis, are making headquarters at North Carolina College."

There are just two observations we would like to make about this most stupid act on the part of Duke University officials and that is you cannot make a great educational institution out of mere brick, stone, mortar and a big bank account. There must be those intangible values that cannot be seen with the eyes but are deep, deep in its soul. The school then becomes a leader of thought, pointing the way to new horizons and the higher and nobler life. It cannot, it will not stoop to the incident.

The second observation is that Duke University has produced a nice propaganda story for the Communists fodder mills of Russia and China. From what can our representatives tell the colored peoples of other lands about Democracy when in the name of Christian education two Negroes in the armed service of their country are treated so dastardly? So the "Voice of America" goes around and around and around uttering only a mere jumble of words, words that fool no one except those who think they are fooling others. Hurry Southern white folks, time is running out and it might be later than we think.

# MORE EMPLOYMENT FOR NEGROES NEEDED

The North Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the churches, fraternal organizations clubs and individuals ought to call a state-wide meeting to discuss ways and means of securing more employment for Negroes in local, federal, state, county and city offices. A visit to any of these places in North Carolina will prove beyond a doubt that when it comes to a fair portion of jobs in offices supported by all the taxpayers money the Negro is on the outside looking in.

Negro colleges and schools are continuously turning out young people as stenographers, clerks and in other fields only for them to find out a few months later that there is nothing for them to do. Many of them becoming discouraged finally end up in the field of

teaching which, so far as Negroes are concerned, is becoming overcrowded.

Too long Negro leaders have stood idly by without even having the nerve to ask for employment in public offices. They have apparently taken for granted that certain jobs are "for whites only," and have made no attempt to secure employment for their people in them.

We think the time has come when an effort ought to be begun to secure openings for qualified Negroes in every field of endeavor, especially those supported out of the public tax fund. There must be a beginning somewhere and at sometime and we see no better time to begin than now. Jobs that are worthwhile are not going out to hunt for Negroes, on the contrary Negroes have got to go

to hunt for the jobs. Our ministers ought to visit the many offices in the courthouses, city halls, state capital buildings and see for themselves just how many millions of dollars are being paid out in salaries without even the presence of one Negro's face as an employee. They ought to urge their people to prepare to fill such positions and make a determined effort to have them placed in them.

The CAROLINA TIMES has a great amount of faith in the up and coming young southern white people and it is our opinion that if Negro leaders will put forth an effort to secure employment in offices and jobs maintained out of public funds that there will come to their side many white persons who will be willing to aid them in their effort.

# STRAIGHT AHEAD

By OLIVE A. ADAMS

NEW YORK This is not a book review column, but just the same, when a good one comes along, we like to share it—or at least share our views on it.

Dorothy Sterling has written a good biography of Harriet Tubman called "Freedom Train" published by Doubleday. Mrs. Sterling dedicates the book to her daughter, "so that she may know the story of a great American woman."

Most Negro Americans, and a few white Americans, know the Tubman story—her daring escape from slavery and her amazing courage in returning to the scene of her early sufferings, and at the risk of her life, guiding others along the treacherous road to freedom.

The facts surrounding the slavery period in this country are sufficiently dramatic so that they need no embellishment in their presentation. Yet, many of those who have sought to tell the story have attempted to "sell" the personalities of the day to their readers by means of trumped up character analyses and prettied up descriptions of their physical beings. Dorothy Sterling makes no such attempt. She feels Harriet Tubman is a great woman and that the mere presentation of the facts of her life are ample proof. The story is factually correct—the result of exhaustive research—but it is also an adventure story that would satisfy the restlessness of young readers.

It is understandable that a

highly sentimental book like "Uncle Tom's Cabin" should have been necessary at the time it was written. It is equally understandable that, after the Civil War, when vicious propaganda made the Negro a buffoon or a near moron, writers seeking to tell the Negro story should have overdrawn their characters and sometimes endowed them with saintly virtues they perhaps never possessed.

But we have all matured, meanwhile, and we can look more objectively at the slavery period without arousing the strong hatreds that possessed us in years past. In this more reflective mood, characters emerge for us more as people in their own right, than as the instruments through which we achieved a particular goal.

It was this quality that became apparent in the Harriet Tubman as presented by the Dorothy Sterling book. Somehow the reader gets the feeling that Harriet Tubman was a great woman, not because she did so much to bring about freedom for her people and to help them adjust to that freedom. Rather, one feels she fastened her mind upon that because it was the goal of the moment. Had the need arisen, she would have given herself to any other task that presented itself.

At any rate, Harriet Tubman comes through as an example of the utmost in human courage and dignity.

The story is illustrated by Ernest Crichlow.

# "Only Full Intergration In The Armed Forces, Can Remove The Chain"



# Spiritual Insight

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"THOU FOOL"



"God said unto him thou fool."—Luke 12:20.

Jesus points out in dramatic fashion a great and ever present human weakness. This tragic indictment applies to almost every human being at some point in his life. Many of us play the fool often. We are ever tempted to stupidity rather than wisdom. Why? Often it is due to our blindness and lack of understanding. How pathetic was the blind stupidity of the man in this story. God had wonderfully blessed him. He had an abundance of things BUT HIS SOUL WAS VERY EMPTY. He was well fixed materially but he was dying of spiritual starvation. He had barns full of wheat, but he had no love and compassion for humanity.

A soul without an outlet suffocates from spiritual stagnation. This man had such a soul for he received everything and gave nothing. Such a soul misses the point in life—no wonder he stood indicted before God and his man as a FOOL! Such a life is dull and stale. The body must receive and give off air or it will die. Man's soul was not intended for one-way traffic. God intended that man's life should be as a two-way street—intake and output. Greed and self-seeking destroys the joy and beauty of life. Greed blocks the outflowing stream of self-denial, compassion and love. He was called a fool for he had never learned to live. Have you learned to live?

Be wise! Find the way of life. One way leads to real joyous and abundant life. The door to life has been opened by Christ, the good Shepherd. All other ways and schemes lead to the blind alley of despair! This is the way... "WALK YE IN IT." Live for self and you live ignobly—life has no lustre nor beauty. Live

for Christ and you live nobly and eternally. Live for him and escape this Divine indictment... "God said unto him thou fool..."

The sharing of God's blessings is the secret of life. Share whatever God has given you. This man's folly was revealed in that he never learned to share. He never learned the secret of blessedness—sharing your God-given gifts. The widow with her might won the eternal praises of the master. Why? She dug deep into her need to share! There was sacrifice and self-denial in her gift. The sin of greed had him building barns when he should have been sharing his blessings in the midst of the dire human need all around him. He was unmoved amid the crying and distressing needs all around him. God sent showers of blessings. He refused to share these blessings.

How can we escape this Divine indictment? The rich, full and abundant life is found in sharing God's gifts in the spirit of the Christ.

# HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? TIMES REPRESENTATIVE TELLS TRUE STORY OF HOW SLICK FLIM FLAMMER OPERATES

## WHO IS "DOCTOR PEDRO"?

That is the question everyone in Danville and Pittsylvania County asked anew upon learning that a Freehold, New Jersey, resident had been swindled out of \$500 recently. Is this the same brilliant and mysterious "Dr. Pedro" who with his accomplice, Havert "Babe" Thomas, flim-flammed Rayfield Friday out of \$1,500? What does he look like? Where did he come from? How does he operate? After an extended search from every available source in Virginia, the Times has gathered considerable information on "Dr. Pedro" for its readers. "Dr. Pedro" also known or called by the name of "the Boss" is described as a slightly built man of about 37 years, dark complexioned, about

5 feet 10 inches in height. He wears his hair in a "konk" and has on fancy, rimless, tortoise-shell glasses. His weight averages about 135-137 pounds.

"Dr. Pedro's" hair is black and he wears a sharply pointed moustache. He dresses well and was last seen wearing a dark gray suit, tan shoes, and a black overcoat and a black hat. He drives a late model black Cadillac sedan and is said to have acquired a foreign accent. He has described himself as being a West Indian. The "doctor" is a lover of music and sings in a baritone voice.

There is no doubt in the minds of the persons who have seen "Dr. Pedro" in Danville that he is the same man who swindled Russell Campbell of Freehold, N. J. Authorities have pictures of Thomas but none of "Dr. Pedro." The "doctor" is said to be from Winston-Salem, N. C., and his real name is said to be one Douglas "Red" Strong. The flim-flam artist pictures himself as being a retired bureau of engraver worker in Washington. His operations have extended to the coast of North Carolina. In the party of "Dr. Pedro" are others who are said to have come with him to Danville and left with him. There is no evidence however, that the other individuals are involved in the various schemes. However, "Dr. Pedro's" female companion is said to be a young Danville lady who

attended school here but now lives in N. Y. She is said to have come here with the group and left with the group.

How does "Dr. Pedro" operate? When he comes into a town he parks his car or rents a garage. He seldom drives his Cadillac and if he does it is at night. While in a city, he uses a local person's car. In Danville he uses a blue 1941 Dodge. Thomas makes the contacts and Dr. Pedro is not seen until the time of making the money takes place. The artist carries several bags of counterfeit money, ink, chemicals, a metal box, and thousands of onion-skin paper cut the exact size of a dollar or any dimension needed. He very skillfully places the blank paper on top of each piece of good money. It is always necessary to have good money so as to make the correct imprint on the blank sheets.

The victim is allowed to feel the onion skin paper to attest to its durability. The "doctor" then takes the pile of money, rolls it up in several bundles and tapes it. He shoots a flash bulb into the container where the money is. In Fridays' case, the money was placed in an oatmeal box.

In New Jersey the money was placed in a pot with a lid on it. It exploded when Mr. Campbell's wife was instructed to dry the ink on the alleged bills. "Dr. Pedro" always effects his get-a-way because the victim is told that the making process takes three hours. This enables the party to put hundreds of miles between them and the victim. When they decide that it is time to open the container to their surprise, they find hundreds of dollars in children's play money. That is the price the poor victim pays. He sees riches suddenly vanish and he becomes poorer indeed.

It was a well written article, factual and very conservative. It was quite an improvement on the article which was carried in the Durham Sun concerning the same matter.

I wish to say again that anytime you desire any information concerning the operation of Lincoln Hospital, we shall be always happy to furnish it to you.

Very Sincerely yours,  
W. M. RICH, Director

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Concern grows over how much further U. S. can sacrifice principles to smooth over world problems.

Attorney General Herbert Brownell grants immunity from anti-trust laws to five major U. S. oil companies permitting them to join British and Dutch oil to make a cartel in Iran's oil production.

There are curious twists about this approval. This is same line-up that prompted government to charge against the five U. S. oil firms involved. Inherited by Brownell the case is still pending.

It is charged that a conspiracy extorted exorbitant prices from U. S. Navy and also from Marshall Plan for Mediterranean oil given foreign nations.

Almost three years ago, Iran disagreed with Anglo-Iranian Company, dominated by British government, over royalties. England moved out of Iran.

In sharply worded announcement England warned world no one should attempt to deal in Iranian oil. It was later reported, Royal Navy captured tanker or two carrying Iranian oil.

Independent American oil men were reported anxious to buy Iranian oil, but backed down because of British threat. Apparently U. S. State Department did nothing to guarantee freedom of commerce and the high seas.

But now Justice Department has agreed to permit Big U. S. Oil to join in a cartel. It's officially called a cartel. It's © National Federation of Independent Business

now called a "consortium." Brownell says he will not permit consortium fix prices, or rig markets, although his department is presumably preparing to prosecute the same companies for doing just this with other Mediterranean Oil.

But this appears fairly certain. Call it a consortium, or a cartel, it is unlikely vast Iranian Oil production will affect prevailing pegged petroleum prices. Independent operators might have upset these prices if given opportunity to sell Iranian oil.

In the meantime, many wonder why even any thought is given to lower tariffs.

The award for generators for government project in Washington was given an English firm with a bid of \$3,651,476, \$41,225 lower than low American bidder. In addition, consideration was given English company on the basis it would pay import duty of \$422,000 on the generators.

But losing U. S. company points out that between Federal, state and local taxes it would have paid on this order, government would have received \$1,159,000.

Therefore, even with lower British bid, and import duty added, as compared to taxes U. S. firm would have paid, U. S. suffered tax loss of \$85,775 on deal.

American labor also lost 1,000,000 hours of work at pay of more than \$2 per hour. British labor building generators will receive less than one-third as much pay. Thus, on British scale of pay, American firm could have underbid British by \$68,775.

And as American unemployment climbs, it is hard to see how lower tariffs will supply more jobs to Americans.

# Nominations Open For Teacher Of The Year

The editorial offices of the "Negro Educational Review" have announced that nominations for the honor of classroom teacher of the year 1953-54 are now open. The project for selecting the classroom teacher of the year is now entering its fourth year. The winner of the first award was Miss Ruth L. Douglas of Shreveport, Louisiana in 1951; Miss Lymnie R. Smith of Washington, D. C. captured the honor in 1952; and Mrs. Lelia Brady of Aiken, S. C., was the lucky winner in 1953.

Rules Governing Selection are:

1. Any classroom teacher in the Negro Public Schools of the United States is eligible, provided she or he has been teaching regularly since September 1949.
2. All ballots must be printed in ink or typewritten.
3. All ballots must be in by midnight May 8, 1954.
4. Accompanying each nomination should be a short statement of not over a hundred words giving the reasons for the nomination of the individual. These reasons should show the teacher's outstanding work. Where

statement is necessary.

5. The names of the ten teachers receiving the highest number of votes will be submitted to a Board of Jurors who will select The Teacher of the Year from this group. The remaining nine teachers shall be given honorable mention.
6. Awards to be given Teacher of the Year 1954 will be:
  - (1) A plaque with her name inscribed as Teacher of the Year 1954
  - (2) An Elgin watch
  - (3) A trip to Havana, Cuba

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# In The Editor's Mail Bag

Editor, Carolina Times

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Hospital, I am writing to express our appreciation and thanks for your very fine news article which you carried in last week's issue of

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