

# THE YARDSTICK OF DEMOCRACY

We have just gotten around to it. In the New York Times magazine section of February 7 Chester Bowles, writing on "The Negro—Progress And Challenge," says that a Pakistani business man once stated to him that America's Number One obstacle to Asian friendship is its racial discrimination against its own colored citizens. In other words the Negro in the United States has become the Asian yardstick of American Democracy, if not of the world.

Says Bowles further, "The colored peoples who comprise two-thirds of the world's population simply cannot think about the United States without considering bitterly the limitations under which our 15,000,000 Americans with colored skins are living." He goes on to state that "Some thoughtful Americans, fearful that each step may do more harm than good have cautioned us to move slowly. But the world situation and our responsibilities of leadership enter at this point and tell us that time is running out. The struggle for the very survival of the free way of doing things requires America to show that democratic methods can solve deep-rooted injustice quickly and peacefully."

Although the author cites several instances of the progress being made in the fight against segregation he plainly shows much impatience in the fact that on January 1, 1963 we will celebrate 100 years of emancipation and asks, "How far will we have come toward full freedom for all Americans?" Says he further, "Any great change takes time but 100 years is a long, long time. In these days it seems long enough to accomplish anything."

We think Mr. Bowles shows a deep insight into the racial problem in America. His article needs to be read by men like Governor Talmadge of Georgia, Governor Byrnes of South Carolina and thousands of other demagogues all over the South who are the real instigators of race hatred. For every city, town and county in the South has its big boss who, while not showing his hand, hands down to dull, thickheaded masses what attitude they must take on any issue pertaining to the Negro.

Here in Durham the source of all evil on the race question is well-known to most Negroes of average intelligence. Not even the Mayor, the Chief of Police or the City Manager or any other high city official will dare oppose that source once it passes down the orders. Even Negro leaders in certain quarters jump or feign jumping in order that they too might not get too far out of line with the sources wishes.

So, it is not the progress of the Negro that presents a problem but his lack of progress in achieving, under our so-called democratic form of government, full citizenship and human dignity before the eyes of two-thirds of the world's population, which as Mr. Bowles points out, is colored.

While this is being written, Monday night, March 8, the entire colored world awaits with abated breath the decision of the United States Supreme Court on the matter of segregation. What the court does in this most momentous case, Governor Byrnes and Governor Talmadge notwithstanding, is the yardstick by which America's sincerity about Democracy will be measured. American leadership and two-thirds of the world's population stand at the crossroads, the clock in the tower has struck and the hand is now pointing toward its most shining or its darkest hour. The big question, as Thurgood Marshall put it, is whether or not the Supreme Court of the United States wants to say to two-thirds of the world's population that the 15 million Negroes in America are unfit to associate on an equal basis with other American citizens.

So as Mr. Bowles says "Asia and Africa have become the crucial balance in the cold war and we need to examine discrimination in terms of our national security and the future of the free world."

# INTERNATIONAL MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

You read on the front page of this week's issue of the CAROLINA TIMES an account of an international moral rearmament team which is now in Capetown, Africa holding interracial meetings and pledging "to fight for the re-making of South Africa on a new dimension under the direction of God." Those who believe in force, those who believe that only in more and bigger hydrogen and atomic bombs is there to be found a formula for peace, will probably scoff at the idea. They will scoff because the movement started in Africa and will sneeringly ask like critics did about Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago, can any good come out of Africa?

We think, however, that there is much to learn from the moral rearmament team which may have the answer for what ails the world today. One thing is certain mankind cannot continue to follow the present American, British and Russian leadership down the road to certain doom in their hell-bent race to build more and bigger destructive bombs. Any movement that

# SWEEPING IN FRONT OF OTHER FOLKS' DOOR

Billy Graham, the American evangelist, is busy preaching the gospel to the people in England. We don't know how the Rev. Mr. Graham is going to square the fact that his preaching here in the South was not strong enough to have his ardent listeners abandon their idea that it is alright to segregate even in the house of God, so long as those segregated are Negroes. It appears to us that one should sweep from in front of his own door before he journeys 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to sweep in front of another's door.

Evangelist Graham has been reported to sidestep the issue of segregation in his crusades here in America, which is hard for us to understand about any person who actually believes in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

A Jim crow pulpit, we think, is an affront to God Almighty, whether it be in an evangelist meeting or in an ordinary church service. The CAROLINA TIMES does not intend to let the issue rest until every pulpit in America becomes free and untrammelled. We intend to stand at the door of white America's conscience continuously knocking until every tongue confesses that "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of person . . . And hath made of one blood all nations for to dwell on all the face of the earth." We intend to stand there continuously knocking because we know that our own country can never be safe so long as it denies freedom to the humblest man among us solely on the ground that his skin is not as light as another's.

# NO ASSURANCE FOR HICKSTOWN SCHOOL

The City Board of Education has listed ten major projects for the school needs of Durham. Topping the list is the Walltown School on Club Boulevard which, so far as any sensible citizen will be able to observe, is sadly in need of more space and more and better facilities. Too long this particular school has been neglected and it is only right that the Board of Education should list it high among the most urgent needs in the entire city school system.

From the release appearing in the morning newspaper, however, there is no way of telling whether or not the Board intends to do anything about the deplorable condition existing at the Hickstown School. If the Board intends to build a new school in that vicinity the article did not say so. Certainly there is no community within the city of Durham with school facilities as deplorable as those existing in the Hickstown area. To merely mention the urgent need there gives absolutely no assurance that anything is going to be done to improve school facilities in that vicinity.

Already the Board has overstepped the bounds of the federal order issued by Judge Johnston J. Hayes in the recent school suit brought here, by continuously appropriating money for the improvement of white schools which according to our observation does little or nothing to decrease the differential that existed at the time the suit was brought, in spite of the improvements made on Negro schools.

Negro citizens of Durham are trying with all their might to exercise patience in the efforts of the Board of Education to bring equal facilities within the school system of Durham. They know they were handed a lemon in the construction of a gymnasium at Hillside High School when it is compared with the gymnasium at the Durham High School. They also know that there are vast inequalities existing in other areas of the school system and we think the time has come when the Board should give some definite assurance of its intention to equalize the school system as ordered by Judge Hayes.

# UNITED NATIONS NOTES

By JAMES R. LAWSON  
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**UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.**  
**TOGOLAND**—Three spokesmen for Togoland peoples put on their colorful African dress last week to make an appeal to the United Nations Trusteeship Council. They had come to urge unification of their British administered territory with the neighboring Gold Coast, which also is administered by Britain and has been promised independence within a few years. The petitioners, Solomon Togle Fleku, Joseph Henry Allasani, and Jacob Kwadwo Mensah, all spoke in fluent English, which they had learned in Gold Coast Schools. They expressed the view that cultural ties and economic necessity made it more advantageous for their territory to be joined with the Gold Coast, than to French administered Togoland.

**NEAR EAST**—The difficulties in this area were spotlighted by (1) the ouster of Syrian President Shishkeky's government, and (2) the shakeup in Egypt which swept General Naguib out as President and Premier, but also brought him back as President with reduced powers. Internal pressures were the immediate causes, failure of both Na-

guib and Shishkeky to satisfy the strong nationalist elements in their countries. At the same time, the timing of the two shakeups seems to have been influenced by events in Washington, Ankara and Karachi which brought about the Turkish-Pakistan pact and U.S. arms aid to Pakistan. Nationalist elements in Egypt and Syria, extremely cool toward cooperation with the West, believed Naguib and Shishkeky were showing signs of weakness in that respect. The whole illustrates the magnitude of the job remaining for the United States in a vital area.

**TRAVEL NOTE**—Vernon Yarbrough, Detroit hotel and real estate operator, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benjamin Duncan (he is the Liberian Secretary of Public Works and Utilities) before Mr. Yarbrough took off for a whirlwind trip to Birmingham, New Orleans and Mexico City. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan will leave soon for a honeymoon in Europe before returning to Liberia. Mrs. Duncan is the former Elouise Collier of Rahway, New Jersey and Washington, D. C.

# GETTING ALONG

By LAUREN WHITE

**NEW YORK, (GLOBAL)**  
When people have prejudices against somebody or something they should have some method of identifying the objects of their prejudices. A reported incident in the life of Dr. Ralph Bunche illustrates the stupidity of blind prejudice.

When Trygve Lie was Secretary General of the UN, a dinner was given by members of the Secretariat. Dr. Bunche was seated between two ladies. Trygve Lie proposed a toast to the President, then Harry Truman. As they drank the toast, one of the ladies piped up, "I hope he chokes." When asked who she meant she said, "Harry Truman."

Dr. Bunche asked the woman why she wanted Harry Truman to choke, and she replied, "Oh he has no background. He is a nobody. Why, he used to be a haberdasher."

Then Dr. Bunche explained to the woman that America was a land of opportunity and many persons of lowly origin had risen to places of prominence here. He gave Abraham Lincoln as an example. Apparently the lady didn't recognize Dr. Bunche as being a Negro, because her next comment was, "You talk like some of those people who think Negroes are as good as white people."

This called for more diplomacy on the part of Dr. Bunche. He quoted at length from recognized Anthropologist, telling her many startling things about the findings of eminent scientists on the myth of racial superiority. The lady's next remark was designed to embarrass her tormentor. She asked, "Would you want your daughter to marry a Negro?"

Dr. Bunche quietly replied, "Since I am a Negro and my wife is a Negro, I don't see how I could object to my daughter marrying a Negro."

When the woman insisted that Dr. Bunche "was different" from other Negroes, he busied himself explaining that this was not true. Then he said, "It seems to me that if a person is to have prejudices, he first ought to have a means of identifying the person he wants to be prejudiced against."

# In The Editor's Mail Bag

The Editor  
Dear Sir:

I have read with interest the item on the first page of your March 6 issue, headed "Catholic Magazine Hits Segregation in Housing."

It is truly refreshing to see this belated interest in the members of the colored race being manifested by the Catholic Church.

It was Catholic Spain and Catholic Portugal and their Catholic monarchs who instituted African slavery in the middle of the fifteenth century and carried it to the New World. The Catholic Church did not even recognize the Negro as a human being until about four hundred years later, nor did she ever officially condemn the slavery practice in the United States.

Truly yours,  
Roscoe Thomas

# Eliminating These Evils, Remove The Temptation



# Spiritual Insight

"PRAY FOR THEM"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"Bless them that curse you... pray for them that despitefully use you." Luke 6:28.

In these words the Master revealed the very essence of spiritual wisdom and beauty. This command is difficult for the natural man. For the unredeemed pride and sin blocks the way. To pray for those who despitefully use us we must be born of the spirit of God. You must have the holy spirit and the love of God in your heart to scale these exalted heights of the SPIRIT! We must have the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit to pray for. "THEM THAT DESPITEFULLY USE US..." How many times have we dodged and refused to speak to that person who has cursed and done evil to you. Most of us are guilty at this point. Now isn't it true? Many times have we failed at this point. Why? It goes against the grain of nature in the raw. But human nature under the magic touch of Grace can pray for the enemy.

To pray for that enemy brings peace and power to the soul. When you do good for the enemy you grow spiritually in your own estimation and in the sight

of the enemy. Do good to the enemy and you make him shame of himself. You make the enemy feel cheap—he becomes inwardly uneasy!

Pray for that enemy and watch yourself grow spiritually. In thus conducting yourself you know the beauty of the highest spiritual wisdom. Life can be beautiful when it is lived as the master lived it.

In praying for those who despitefully use you, you are elevated to higher ground spiritually. I have seen it. God knows it works. Very few people like to be thought of as being mean and cursed. In doing good for the enemy you strike that inner sense of decency in your own soul as well as that of the so-called enemy. In doing good for the enemy you leave him in a spiritual gutter. You strip him and leave him in the chilly atmosphere of sin and littleness. In doing good for the enemy you leave him with a sense of shame. He gets shame of the lower level. Your love will draw him up to a higher level. Refuse to go down in the gutter where the enemy is. "BLESS THEM..."

PRAY FOR THEM...

In blessing those who curse you, grow in health and happiness. We all want health and we all want happiness. "Bless them that curse you..." and you will be happy. And a sure way to health of soul and mind is to "pray for them that despitefully use you..." We hear much now about mental health. Jesus here gives one of the formulas for mental health. Vengeance warps the mind! Love gives stability and peace of mind. Hatred consumes the soul like a cancer. It drags your soul down in the gutter. I know you want to be a big-hearted gracious soul. Then learn the wisdom of the master. "Love your enemy... do good to them that hate you."

An honest, sincere prayer for the enemy works wonders in your own soul. Stop now and utter a prayer for that enemy. The test comes when you pray for the enemy. Anybody can love the lovely. We have achieved spiritual grandeur when we love the unlovely and the cursed. A prayer for the enemy dignifies and adds spiritual glow to the soul.

# NEGLIGENCE KILLS IN AUTOS; IN CANCER, DELAY IS FATAL

**NEW YORK**  
Motor vehicle accidents—99.2 per cent of them caused by carelessness—killed 39,000 Americans in 1952. The same year, 73,000 Americans—nearly twice that number—died of cancer largely through negligence or lack of information. Had their cases been diagnosed in time, their lives could have been spared.

Another 73,000 cancer patients in the United States were saved in 1952 by early diagnoses and prompt treatment.

The total cancer deaths in this country in 1952 were 225,000, nine times the 25,000 Americans killed during three years of warfare on Korean battlefields.

Medical authorities estimate that half of today's cancer victims could be saved if diagnosis is made while the disease is still local and treatment is undertaken soon enough.

Hundreds of scientists working under institutional grants from the American Cancer Society, are engaged in research to discover new methods that will be successful in cancer cases now considered incurable.

**EDUCATION NATIONWIDE**  
Meanwhile, the Society is conducting a nationwide public education campaign to reduce the appalling number of cancer deaths.

The vital need for this program was highlighted by a recent Gallup poll. This country-wide survey showed that one out of every two persons questioned was unaware that cancer was curable and 46 per cent did not know any of cancer's most

common symptoms.

The Cancer Society's educational program has two major aims. One is to inform Americans that cancer is often curable and that early treatment is of the utmost importance if lives are to be saved. The other purpose is to teach the public the value of periodic health examinations and how to recognize the most common and easily recognized cancer symptoms. These symptoms have been publicized throughout the United States as cancer's seven danger signals.

The signals which may mean cancer and which should always mean a visit to a physician are:

1. Any sore that does not heal.
2. A lump or thickening in the

- breast or elsewhere.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. Any change in a wart or mole.
5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Persistent hoarseness or cough.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

For its educational program, the Society this year will spend more than \$3,000,000 to spread its message through newspapers, magazines, posters, pamphlets, window displays, exhibits, motion pictures, television and radio. Funds for continuing the program are now being raised by the American Cancer Society.

# STRAIGHT AHEAD

By OLIVE A. ADAMS

**NEW YORK (GLOBAL)**  
Just to keep the ledger straight, we like to enter a credit to balance a debit. A couple of weeks ago, we had a lot to say about Edward R. Murrow's TV program "See It Now" on February 9, which we felt had presented a completely distorted view of Negro life in America. It was our contention, and still is, that if ever we are to achieve anything like brotherhood and mutual respect, we can't do it until we know the truth about each other. Certainly pity is not a good foundation upon which to build any such understanding, nor is disgust. Those are actual the only two reactions that anyone could have had to such a program.

Certainly the picture has its lights and shadows, but that is true of the life of any group in this country. While keeping in mind the big job still to be done, it is well at times to reflect on what has been done, and lay further plans for the future. The whole American public is all too well acquainted with the story (Please turn to Page Seven)

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**WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"**  
By C. WILSON HARDER

If there is one business the public would believe as remaining strictly independent, it is that of the junkman.

Yet, if the Federal Trade Commission proves charges it has filed in regard to the iron and steel scrap industry, the long tentacles of monopoly practice have now clutched the junkman.

The complaint charges that Luria Bros. and Company, Inc. of Philadelphia and subsidiary Southwest Steel Corporation has engaged in a huge conspiracy to restrain free flow of iron and steel scrap.

Also cited in complaint are many iron and steel producers, headed by mammoth United States Steel.

As is well known to all who cooperated in wartime scrap metal drives, scrap is vital in steel production, as virgin iron ore is not sufficient by itself.

In the scrap battery lead case, the Justice Department under Herbert Brownell, agreed to token punishments in the form of fines and promises to "go and sin no more."

In this case and in the battery lead case, it does not appear violation of anti-trust laws was because of misunderstanding of technicalities which is so often used as an argument to repeal anti-trust laws. It is doubtful that a monopoly just happens by accident. Yet, when punishment is usually moderate fines representing only fraction of illegal profits there is undoubtedly a great and continuing incentive to violate anti-trust laws.

In addition, FTC charges, Luria Bros. and Southwest sells finished and semi-finished iron and steel products to fabricators on condition the fabricators sell all their scrap to Luria.

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