

# BLUNDERS OF THE HEAD RATHER THAN THE HEART

If President Eisenhower accepts the invitation of the National Negro Insurance Association to deliver an address in Durham—and we hope he will—it will not be because of any astute political maneuvering on the part of those extending it. Most insurance men are better at business than they are at politics as is plainly in evidence when one views the several blunders made by those extending the invitation.

Any novice at politics will tell you that in extending an invitation to the President of the United States to put in his appearance anywhere in this country that you have got to first give due consideration to state and even local political personalities of the party to which the Chief Ex-

ecutive belongs before you can get to first base. That those extending the invitation to the President apparently ignored GOP state and local political figures is one of those blunders that should be charged up to the head rather than the heart. If you don't you just don't know.

North Carolina has one lone Republican in Congress, Chas. R. Jonas of the tenth congressional district. In addition there is the GOP state chairman Ray Jennings of Taylorsville; national committeewoman, Mrs. W. P. Few, right here in Durham and Dr. J. W. V. Cordice, assistant state chairman, right here in Durham. As far as we have been able to determine not one of these persons was consulted or asked to help shape, mold

or extend the invitation to the President. On the contrary the only person from the state, other than the insurance men, was of all the people, Democratic Senator Clyde R. Hoey of split-tailcoat and long hair fame.

In spite of all this we sincerely hope that President Eisenhower and local state Republican officials will overlook the lack of "know-how" exhibited by officials of the NNIA and come to Durham for the occasion. His visit here will be most inspiring to the one million or more Negroes of North Carolina, who have never been so honored by a President of the United States as well as to the representatives of the National Negro Insurance Association.

# EXCESS PROFITS IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

The attention of this newspaper has been called to the exorbitant price charged by some physicians for penicillin and the indiscriminate use of the drug. According to a reliable source we have been informed that the price of a shot or dose of penicillin to the physician ranges from 50 to 75 cents, but that many of them charge their patients as much as \$10 for a single shot or dose of the drug, giving them a profit of over 500 per cent even when 900 per cent of the price charged is allowed for professional service.

Now we are not in position to say when, how often or how much penicillin a pa-

tient needs. We are of the opinion, however, that the indiscriminate prescribing of the drug for both known and unknown diseases for which it has been proved a cure is threatening to become a medical scandal in some areas, especially here in Durham. Certainly the price charged is beyond the financial reach of the average person when it is often recommended that he be given two shots per week at a cost of \$10 each.

We have been advised that many doctors are even prescribing penicillin for colds when the average layman is aware of the fact that medical science has no known cure for

a cold once it gets a running start on a person. Certainly it is decidedly unfair to charge a patient \$10 for the medicine when it will do him little or no good, so far as the cold per se is concerned.

Any persons who puts himself in the hands of a physician is at that physician's mercy. What the doctor prescribes or advises is accepted in good faith and with serious respect and in most instances one will do his level best to carry out the doctor's orders. Certainly when such a trust is betrayed by a doctor it places him in the category of a racketeer rather than a physician.

# THE SHRINERS AND MASONIC SQUABBLE

The squabble now going on in the Masonic order between the Shriners and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois is about the most astute affair we have heard of in many days. If it continues it will do neither the Shriners nor the Masonic Order in general any good. On the other hand it is certain to nullify the gains made by the Order over the past 10 years and set it back where it will once again be bankrupt both numerically and financially.

It is astounding how soon some people, especially Masons, can forget their oaths of brotherhood when a few dol-

lars are at stake. The pretense of wishing "to protect and maintain the autonomy, sovereignty and independence of the Shrine Order" made by the head of the Shriners, Dr. Raymond E. Jackson, fools no one. The root of all the evils of the Shriners and Masons is the love of money.

As it was said nearly 2,000 years ago "Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself cannot stand." So must it be with the Masonic Order if it continues the errors of its ways. Rather than showing leadership the

heads of the Shriners and Masons are showing a lack of it, in allowing a squabble to continue and wreck both the Shriners and the Masonic orders.

The great principles upon which Masonry is founded ought to prevent the leadership from engaging in a court fight that is destined to become a national disgrace so far as the order is concerned. We think the membership of both organizations ought to demand that their leaders cease spending money in the courts and settle their differences within the four walls of lodge rooms.

# Congratulations To The First Federal Savings And Loan Association

THE CAROLINA TIMES joins all loyal Durhamites in extending congratulations to the First Federal Savings and Loan Association on the formal opening of its new home, located at Five Points. Because of its courteous, liberal and friendly policy, the First Federal Savings and Loan Association has always enjoyed a large patronage, as well as admiration of the Negro citizenry of Durham. Certainly any success which comes to that institution is naturally looked upon as adding to the growth and development of

the city as a whole and is delightful to every citizen of Durham who wants to see it hold its place among the leading cities of the state.

The formal opening of the new quarters for the company will be from 4 P. M. to 9 P. M. Thursday and Friday and it is our sincere wish that many of Durham's Negro citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the new home office of this company whose invitation has been extended to all the citizens of Durham.

According to announce-

ments in this and other papers of the city, the company is giving away several valuable prizes and flowers for the ladies and favors for the entire family. It will be most gratifying to the management if a large number of citizens visit the new home of the institution during the hours appropriated for that purpose and we urge them to do so and give encouragement to one of Durham's finest financial institutions that has done much to encourage home ownership and savings in this city.

# WHAT PRICE PREJUDICE

It is interesting to note the terrible plight of organized minor league baseball, especially in North Carolina. Financially the game appears to be about on its last legs, as was disclosed in a most gripping full page story appearing in the Sunday's MORNING HERALD of April 11. Instead of 47 baseball clubs in organized baseball as existed in 1948 the state now has only 13 professional clubs.

We think the management of organized baseball in this state is paying an awful price to keep the league generally speaking "for whites only," when this state, which has the largest Negro population in America, one million to be exact, could furnish enough fans to heat what ails the game if they would only include Negro players on all the teams. Not only would this increase the interest of Negro

fans to the extent that it would start the turnstiles clicking with Negro fans but we believe it would increase the interest among white fans.

Several decades ago prize-fighting had scraped the bottom financially with a policy that practically barred Negro fighters from the ring, especially in the heavyweight division where the big money was made. It took Joe Louis to resurrect the game and put

# GETTING ALONG

By LAUREN WHITE

## NEW YORK

The United States has many strong points and weapons which to combat foreign ideologies. Most effective are the accomplishments of individual workers on modest salaries under our system. Two graphic illustrations were brought to the attention of the writer recently.

Sears Roebuck has a profit-sharing plan in which employees may take part. Often the employees may accumulate fortunes by investing small amounts regularly in the company. An usher, for instance, worked for Sears for 37 years and during that time contributed \$3,762 to the profit-sharing fund. When he retired recently, the value of the stock he withdrew was \$118,250.00.

Another individual worked as a clerk at Sears for 36 years. She contributed \$2,652 to the fund and withdrew \$97,171 from the fund when she retired. A third contributor was a buyer. During his 36-year membership he deposited \$7,751 in the fund and withdrew \$180,825.00 when he retired.

These are histories of employ-

ees whose weekly earnings were \$50, \$75 and \$100 now retiring from Sears Roebuck. They can now live comfortably on the dividends they collect from their stock. Not every big company has a profit-sharing system such as this, but most of them have pension plans that positively prevent destitution in old age.

Another similar example is to be found in the story of Mrs. R. S. who has been a factory worker for a good many years and whose take home pay, it would be safe to estimate, averages \$80 a week. Lately, however, she works only six months a year, and spends the other six months in her home in Italy. In order to be able to take a six months vacation every year while she lives and works in New York is a magnificent testimony to Mrs. R. S.'s ingenuity. It is also a magnificent testimony to the economic and political system under which she lives.

Can the exponents of any other system of government cite examples of workers in their countries enjoying anything like this?

# UNITED NATIONS NOTES

By JAMES R. LAWSON

(Accredited UN Correspondent)

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. JORDAN—Five members of the Arab League today declared themselves as backing a Lebanese complaint against Israel filed on behalf of Jordan. The matter will be taken up by the Security Council this week. The five members were Egypt, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, Syria and the Yemen.

In a joint letter they said that "our respective governments associate themselves with the complaint." Lebanon and Jordan are also Arab League members, however Jordan's application for UN membership has not yet been accepted.

The complaint against Israel concerns an attack on the Jordanian border village of Nahalin on March 28. Eleven Arabs

were killed in the raid and at least twenty were wounded. The Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission found Israel responsible for the incident. However, the Israelis have called the complaint a "travesty."

So far, the Western Big Three have not decided on what their stand will be concerning the Lebanese complaint. They seem to be proceeding cautiously in their discussions of the subject.

Meanwhile, some sources say that some of these delegations are taking a pessimistic attitude, saying that no settlement between Jews and Arabs is possible in the foreseeable future and that the best that can be done is to maintain the status quo—just short of all-out war.

it on a good financial basis. Since that time only a few months have passed without a Negro being in the running for the heavyweight championship or being the actual holder of it. Prize-fight managers soon learned the lesson that once a dollar gets in the cash register no one cares or knows whether it came from black hands or white hands.

Because Negroes do not have golf courses, fine resort places, clubs and money with which to furnish themselves with more expensive amusements, they naturally turn to that less expensive such as baseball and other games played for benefit of the public. If the management of organized baseball in North Carolina is too bent on keeping the game "lily white" to admit Negro players, we say let them suffer the consequences.

# Friends Service To Present World Traveler

Dr. Eddy Asrivatham, Christian leader from India, teacher and world traveler, will lead a conference under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, Tuesday, April 20 at the Pullman Memorial Baptist Church. He will speak on the subject "Asia And Africa In Revolt" at a dinner meeting at 6:00 P. M.

At 8:00 P. M. he will discuss "Essential For Peace In Asia" at a public address and forum in the main auditorium of the church.

# "Courageous Leadership Is Needed"



# Spiritual Insight

"THE PASSION: THE CROSS"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND

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The Passion of the Holy Son of God ends with the intense suffering of Calvary and its Cross. What dark depths of insupportable agony we see in the final scene at Calvary? Behold the maddening fury of sin—the noblest life suffers degrading and painful insults. Man's insults of truth and goodness mars the human scene.

At Calvary, all that is noble and GOOD IS INSULTED. Leading up to the Crucifixion of Christ, behold the shameful manifestations of treachery, denial, betrayal, false accusation, cowardice, desertion, hatred, fear, jealousy and sinful insults. And as the crowning feature of sinful indignity—THE HOLY SON OF GOD IS NAILLED TO THE CRUEL CROSS.

They heap upon his brow insulting and shameful indignities: Mocked, thorn-crowned, smitten, spat upon and then the bloody fury of the CRUCIFIXION. But amid the sinful littleness of the shameful scene stands the SON OF GOD IN HOLY GRANDEUR. See him in righteousness towering above the dark and sinful scene!

Long since has the HOSANNAS BEEN HUSHED BY THE VENGEFUL AND MURDEROUS CRIES OF... "CRUCIFY HIM..."

Righteousness has been silenced by the furious cries of poisonous hatred. But righteousness and love can never be silenced and defeated by evil and unrighteousness.

At Calvary, the SINLESS SUFFERS TO SET FREE THE SOUL FROM THE BONDAGE OF SINFULNESS. Sin had long enslaved man's soul. God in Christ came and died to set the sinful soul at liberty. The Cross is a spiritual DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE! At Calvary the Holy and Sinless Son of God becomes an offering—a Sacrifice for our sins.

The Cross is the price paid for man's spiritual freedom. He cancels the penalty of sin and offers the gift of life... "The gift of God is Eternal life..." And further... "The spirit of life in Christ... has set us free from the Law of sin and death..." In the Cross we see the POWER OF GOD'S LOVE TO REDEEM FROM SIN.

Sin can never really insult sinlessness. The evil in little men can never insult true goodness. At Calvary they tried to insult the Holy One of God. They tried to identify him with corrupt degraded criminals. They crucified the HOLY SON OF GOD BETWEEN TWO

THIEVES. But if you have done no evil the world cannot make you evil. The most vicious and evil men cannot cancel and do away with your goodness. Why? For sin can really never insult nor defeat GOODNESS.

Beyond every Cross borne for righteousness God's promise of victory stands. Even a cruel Roman soldier saw that the righteousness of God had triumphed when he cried out, "truly this was the Son of God."

Goodness may be crucified. But God will vindicate goodness by a final victory. God had promised a glorious VICTORY BEYOND CALVARY AND ITS CROSS. Why did Christ endure the Cross with such reassuring faith and courage? He stood on God's promise of a VICTORY BEYOND THE CROSS. And beyond every cross borne for righteousness God promises a day of resurrection and victory.

Christ was crucified for righteousness. He, therefore, had a divine guarantee of RESURRECTION. This guarantee was fulfilled on the third day morning as he rose from the dead as the CONQUEROR OF DEATH AND THE GRAVE. And everyone who believes in Christ and takes up his Cross has the promise of SHARING HIS RISEN LIFE AND ETERNAL JOY.

# STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK I have just made a startling discovery. I came up in a town of juvenile delinquents and ran with a crowd of vandals—and me thinking all the time that I was reared in a respectable little midwestern village.

Of course, nobody called the kids in our town by such disgusting names as hoodlums, gangsters and such. But many youngsters have had such tags pinned on them these days for similar activities. So lend an ear while I reveal some of the dark and sinister goings on in my youth.

Well do I remember the apple and berry picking spree all the kids in the neighborhood took part in. This was an adventure embarked upon only after dark when the neighborhood kids would meet and decide whose berry patch or apple tree would get going over, and then stealthily set to work filling gunny sacks and baskets with fruit, right under the very noses of the owners as they sat on the front porch catching a breath of air. What happened to the loot? Most of it was thrown away, of course. After all, who wanted it? Every kid had a berry patch and an apple tree in his own back yard. In fact, his might be the next one to be raided.

Come Halloween and the town was wide open. In fact, the pranksters became so active at one point that the City Manager called a meeting of the town's merchants and after that Main Street was turned into a carnival ground on Halloween nights, with parades, contests, prizes and the whole works. This was designed to divert young minds from the evil business of tipping over out-houses, remov-

ing gates from fences, soaping windows and all that sort of carrying on. The carnival idea worked, too, except that there were still those hardened criminals who would sneak away from the celebration and pursue their lawless, wanton ways all the more uninhibited because few people were home.

All this and much more went on year after year, but the words hoodlum and vandal were never heard. These activities were referred to as mischief. After all, one doesn't think of a child as a delinquent when one has gone to school with that child's mother or played football with his father. Nobody ever accused these kids of being criminals, because everybody knew perfectly well that they were nothing of the kind. And so, they were not driven off with threats and epithets and made to feel like outcasts. If these children had had such accusations hurled at them, who knows what would have happened.

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# ON EASTER SUNDAY



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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

The question is being asked on Main Streets all over the nation "Just how anti-communist, in a non-political way, is the government?"

There is substantial confusion over whether the current battle over communism is mere posturing or not. If not, then wonder is expressed why more definite action steps are not taken.

Practically all Americans abhor communism with a deep, bitter hatred. Even those who a few years ago took attitude if Russians wanted communism, that was their business, believe communism is a world-wide espionage and sabotage system.

That is why Senator Joe McCarthy is an enigma to many. While an apparent majority believe he has clearly focused the problem, wonder is expressed why government as a whole has not made an all out attack on problems using legislation already passed by Congress.

Senator Paul Douglas raises another large question in public mind. "Why is government permitting trade to continue with communist-controlled nations?"

He cites, for example, trade with Poland, under Kremlin control, increases. Imports from Poland in 1951 totalling \$10,300,000 rose to \$12,518,000 during the first ten months of 1953.

Apparently answering rumors trade with Iron Curtain nations is necessary to obtain certain vital materials, Senator Douglas also quotes figures.

Imports of Polish canned ham, a National Federation of Independent Business

shoulders and bacon which in 1951 totalled \$3,896,000 amount to \$9,900,000 in first ten months of 1953. And increased importation of communist pork is in face of domestic farm surpluses.

Sen. Douglas states under the Acts of 1890 and 1930 White House has authority to embargo imports. While Polish trade is not large, it is vital to Soviet Polish economy.

Best evidence of this is fact Polish communist government now takes action to stop flow of relief packages to unfortunate Polish people.

But how the Polish government will collect a tax of \$125 on every new or used dress received from the U. S., \$15 on a pair of children's shoes, \$37.50 on a pair of men's shoes, and right down the line with confiscatory taxes.

On the other hand, Polish government announces no tax on relief packages ordered through its official P.K.O. Trading Incorporation, located at 25 Broad Street, New York. In other words, Poland, as all communist nations, hangers for dollars.

In 1953, even Russia gained \$1,743,000 dollars by exports to the U. S. Our exports totalled only \$20 thousand to Russia. And while many experts claim that the present Russian government will collapse of its own weight, that collapse is undoubtedly delayed by dollar bulwarking.

So again the people seem far ahead of politicians.

While the American public dearly loves a Roman circus for a while, eventually Americans want action.

And from indications at grass roots level the average citizen is now expecting government on communism issue to either "put up or shut up."