

THE CHURCH BEGINS TO AWAKEN ON SEGREGATION

Another segregation landmark of the South fell last week when an Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina announced that the 164th annual convention would be opened to Negroes. The announcement made it possible for one Negro parish and two missions to be represented at the convention. To the delight of all true Christians and regret of all hypocrites, the attendance of the Negroes caused no race riots or other disturbances that would cause blood to flow in the streets of Charleston.

As the Christian churches of all faiths and creeds awaken to their duty in this struggle of the Negro and intelligent whites to secure human dignity for all American citizens, there will be more and greater announcements of the crumbling walls of segregation. Time is up for the evil and its days are numbered.

Out run at the present by the sports and theatrical worlds in helping to break down the barriers of segregation, the church will eventually arise to the occasion and then we shall see many strange things happening in

South. For once it is aroused to its duty, no force is capable of outdoing it in its struggle for the rights of all mankind.

The Episcopal Bishop's announcement follows on the heels of a similar and more widespread one made by Catholic Bishop Vincent Waters of the Diocese of North Carolina. It is certainly most encouraging after what has happened in the white Presbyterian and Baptist Churches here in North Carolina where ministers have been fired for their stand on the race issue.

THE GLORY OF DEMOCRACY

The Confederate Memorial Celebration held here Monday, May 10 reminds us all that, with the possible exception of England, America is the only country in the world where such could happen. Lest we forget, it was the Confederate states that rebelled against the government of the United States, seceded from the Union and fought a bloody war against it, over the question of slavery. In spite of it all the government of the United States allows those same states, now back in the Union, to stop and pay tribute to their Confederate dead.

The tribute they pay is in reality a tribute to the democratic form of government and sets a shining example for other forms of government throughout the world. In Russia, China and other com-

munist nations it just could not happen without the instigators of the celebration losing their lives. For men have died in communist nations for far less unpatriotic acts than paying tribute to the dead who rebelled against their respective governments.

It might not be a bad idea for Americans to stop a moment and thank God that they live in a country where men and women of different philosophies can express them without having to face a firing squad. It might not be a bad idea for those who get the idea that communism is a better way of life than democracy, to realize that only under a democratic form of government would they be safe in expressing such in the open.

This brings us around to the point of saying that every

living American ought to cherish these rights and safeguard them with every ounce of his energy and being. For only in America or other democracies would a man or a group of men dare to pay tribute to those who not only seceded from the government but fought a war to overthrow it.

So we are not too much disturbed about the McCarthy hearings, the witch hunts and the few Communists in this country, so long as they are allowed to talk out loud and work in the open. For we are satisfied that Mr. Average American has enough common sense, enough loyalty and above all enough alertness to keep this country safe from being overcome by any form of government that would deny him the right to the four freedoms.

JOIN THE NAACP NOW

Unless more interest is generated in the NAACP membership campaign for Durham than is now in evidence it will pass off the scene as just another annual drive. As important as membership in the organization is, a majority of Negroes will not of their own volition join the organization. Therefore it is necessary for leaders in the organization in Durham to get behind the membership campaign and carry the cause to the people.

Durham ought to have a branch of the NAACP of at least 5,000 members and such a goal can be reached if an intensive effort is put forth. In addition to our teachers,

business and professional men and women, our labor unions furnish a good source from which many memberships could be obtained if the proper approach were made to the task.

Several of the labor unions in Durham could, if they would, underwrite the membership of each person belonging to them and thereby save a lot of headaches for local officials who are not paid for the work they are called upon to do in membership campaigns.

Every Negro in Durham should belong to the NAACP and a majority of them would only if they were properly approached on the matter. If the

local branch could boost its membership to 5,000, it would have enough strength to fight for more and better jobs for the race, better schools and many other advantages the race needs.

The Carolina Times would like to urge every Negro man in Durham to lay aside at least \$2 and join the NAACP. Do not wait to be asked to join but send or take your membership fee to M. E. Johnson, 336 1/2 E. Pettigrew Street immediately. Every lodge, club, fraternity and sorority should make NAACP membership mandatory before allowing anyone to join them.

THE PLIGHT OF NEGRO COLLEGE BASEBALL

Last Saturday we witnessed part of what was supposed to have been a baseball game between the North Carolina College Eagles and the A. and T. College Aggies. After watching four or five innings of the comedy we could stand no more and left the scene in disgust. Not only did the Eagles show no semblance of the game but the Aggies, the top-ranking team of the CIAA, was woefully minus what we had expected in a college championship baseball team.

Having seen and played on some of the best college baseball teams back in the early 1920's and early 1930's, it is natural that we looked

for a brand of baseball that would at least have some semblance of America's national pastime. In those days Negro colleges had no gymnasiums, fine athletic fields, equipment, high salaried coaches and numerous scholarships to offer. In addition, there were no opportunities for landing a berth on a big league team at a fabulous salary. In spite of it all Negro colleges offered a brand of baseball that would make the average college game of today look disgraceful.

The game as it is played in the average CIAA college today is a tragedy and a loss of time, energy and money that would better be spent in something more profitable. The lack of interest in and knowledge of the game has

seeped down to the student fans on the campuses to say nothing about there being entirely no interest among persons on the outside. In fact there is actually more entertainment to be had at watching a domino game than the average college baseball game of today.

We think CIAA officials would do a fine thing if they would set some kind of machinery in motion to improve the game of baseball in their member institutions or discontinue it entirely. There is certainly a great savings to be realized in time, energy and money by not continuing the game at the listless manner in which it is now being played in the average CIAA institution.

TEACHERS NEED NOT FEAR LOSS OF JOBS RESULTING FROM INTEGRATION

People are a peculiar lot. When its hot they wish it were cold, when its cold they wish it were hot. With the date rapidly approaching for the U. S. Supreme Court to publicize its decision on the five school segregation cases, there are still a number of

Negro school teachers who fear losing their jobs if the current educational system will be abolished.

Ironically, some members of our race's educational system are secretly hoping that the status quo be retained in the schools; maybe for just a

little longer. This idea is harbored by some because they embrace several fears which full integration may bring into the open.

The first fear of some Negro teachers is that of unstable employment and its

results. They reason that since they do not hold collegiate professional degrees, they just know they will be left out when the new contracts are issued under the integrated system. In many instances this may be so, but those affected should remember that the same policy will be followed for those of the white race.

In addition, those who have been "teaching for years," probably need to retire anyway and give ground to those of the "new school" whose ideas and attitudes towards training children haven't become warped beyond repair.

Another fear of Negro teachers is the new type of social life they will have to lead among the mixed group. Although this shouldn't present any undo strain, teachers who do not know how to hold an intelligent conversation with a white co-worker may have some apprehensions on making the adjustments.

Some teachers may also feel that they cannot do the job as well as the white teacher does. This complex, in most cases, is the result of

years of "white supremacy" indoctrination and brainwashing which Negroes have been subjected to. Although our teachers have graduated from some of the best colleges and universities in the United States, there are still some who cannot shake this mythical belief from their subconscious.

In the area of educational preparedness, the Negro teacher ranks highest according to educational statistics. Therefore, other things being equal, the Negro teacher has nothing to fear from the pending legislation, for under the new system, the best teacher will be hired.

In addition to the better schools, better community relations, and better economic conditions integration will bring, it will also afford a better combination of teachers on all levels. And with better teachers will come an over-all improvement in an educational system for children whose minds have been warped and deprived of their ultimate maturity by the biased teachings of former generations.

GETTING ALONG

BY LAUREN WHITE

NEW YORK

On Monday, May 3, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren, showed that he does believe in the democratic way of life. On that day, the Chief Justice reversed the murder conviction of Pete Hernandez who asserted that his rights had been violated because no persons of his national origin were on the lists from which the jurors were drawn. In the last twenty-five years, six thousand jurors have been called from his County, but there have been none of Pete Hernandez' national origin. This fact helped Justice Warren issue his decision.

This observer was particularly interested in the decisions that would be made May 3, because there was a possibility that the long pending school segregation case would be decided. It has been put off until May 17, and it is the opinion of the writer that school segregation will be outlawed if the Chief Justice has to decide. An individual who will contend for fair play in selecting a jury

will contend for fair play in administering education. America's position in world affairs is greatly affected by decisions of that kind. When Americans in high places give concrete evidence that they believe in the democratic way of life, it will not be so hard to convince others that it is good.

The man in Korea, India, China or India who has always doubted the Western World's sincerity, can now have a little more faith. Even some good Americans can have a little more confidence in the democratic way of life. Threats of intolerance and bigoted elements in America and threats of H-bombs outside of America will never convince anyone that our way of life is better than any other way. The proper administration of justice and an effort on the part of high government officials to see that the blessings of this life are available to all who labor to maintain this way of life, can be very convincing. There can be no other way.

Three cheers for Chief Justice Earl Warren.

UNITED NATIONS NOTES

By JAMES R. LAWSON (Accredited UN Correspondent)

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.

The United States charged last week that Communist China exported \$60 million worth of opium, morphine and heroin last year in a "formidable and far-reaching plot to gain foreign exchange and at the same time to demoralize the people of the free world."

Harry J. Anslinger, Federal Narcotics Commissioner and American delegate to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, told the Commission that the newest innova-

tion in Red China's program of spreading narcotics in the free world is that Peking's Foreign Ministry has "over-all control over the entire program."

"Spreading narcotic addiction and obtaining funds for political purposes through the sale of heroine and opium is the policy of the entire Communist regime in mainland China," Mr. Anslinger said. He called the policy an "insidious calculated scheme" to spread debauchery among the free nations. (Please turn to Page Seven)

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Probably next to mother-in-law jokes, the most frequent station are built around the lady and the home builder, in which the lady from day to day so changes the plans the builder is always confused.

And that seems to fit the Washington situation.

Congressman James Van Dant states largely because of imports of cheap fuel oil from Venezuela and Dutch G.W. Harder West Indies, U. S. coal production has dropped from 145 million tons in 1947 to 91 million tons in 1953. Coal industry employment has dropped from 109,202 to 56,668 in the same period and the trend continues.

U. S. is dumping ground for residual oils produced in these nations by big U. S. oil corporations. But Venezuela, whose residual oil is wrecking an entire American industry recently imposed a tariff duty on U. S. aluminum products up to 350 per cent.

On question of containing Communism, today U. S. troops are stationed all over the world; thousands died in three years in Korea. U. S. Vice President states if French pull out of Indo-China, U. S. troops move in.

Yet in classic warfare, there are two grand points of strategy. One is to destroy enemy ability to produce; the other is to maintain a naval blockade. Yet Harold Stassen, in charge of the U. S. giveaway program tells Congress trade with Russia should be increased. This means Russia could get things she needs.

When daily support prices

were lowered, government support prices on over one-third of a billion dollars worth of government owned cheese also came down about a nickel a pound.

But a long advance notice was given of this drop in prices, so cheesemakers unloaded millions of pounds to the government at the old support price, and bought it back immediately after at new lower prices. Thus a profit of almost a nickel per pound was made without cheese leaving producers' warehouses.

It was announced this plan was followed in hopes milk price paid farmers would not be immediately cut by the cheese makers. But with three firms controlling most of the U. S. cheese supply, milk prices were cut long before date cheese subsidy cut went into effect. They can seem pretty naive in Washington, too, at times.

Also among government surpluses are large stocks of linseed oil, vital in paintmaking. Recently the government sold \$1 million pounds to European firms for 7 cents per pound.

This might be cited as an example of what free world trade means to the U. S. except for one little fly in the oil.

The oil sold by the government for 7 cents per pound, cost more than twice that amount. So U. S. taxpayers lost about \$1 million on deal, still pay high prices for paint to maintain homes, farms, businesses.

So where is wonder over just what plan, if any, is being followed in Washington.

Obviously, the answer is there is no plan. It is also obvious if government is going to avoid bankrupting every American, destroying every independent U. S. business, every American home, a sound business plan must be adopted soon and adhered to.

CONGRESS GOES INTO ITS YEARLY ACT



Spiritual Insight

"GOD MAKES THE SEED GROW" By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"God Makes The Seed Grow" "I planted. Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." I Cor. 3:6.

Man is ever tempted to over-estimate his power. We would honor ourselves when the glory and honor belongs to God. This tragic error troubled the little band of believers in the Church at Corinth. They argued over the human means in the services of God. These vain arguments begged them down in conflict and confusion.

In the mire of dissension their energies were wasted--the Holy purposes of the church were being defeated. How often are our God-given opportunities wasted in vain argument and conflict.

God can use us as a channel of his Divine power. We can be used of him when we surrender in humbleness and reverence. By letting God use us we can

advance the cause of righteousness. We are God's agents--we plant and water the seed--GOD MAKES THE SEED GROW! We can plant the seed but the power of growth comes from God. The power dwells in us. We are only mediators of God's mighty power.

The power we possess is a conditional grant from God. The redeemed and the sanctified receive a grant of power from God. It is ours as long as we let God use us. It dwells richly in us as long as we are fit for it.

This power gives strength to weak and finite man. "God gives grace to the humble. God resisteth the proud." This power is given to the humble. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

The consecrated person can become a mediator of God's

healing power. There is a crying need for the power which is "FOR THE HEALING OF NATIONS." "Sin-sick souls" cry out for the healing touch of the power of God. Bruised and broken hearts need the magic touch of Divine healing.

Will you be a means of God's healing power? Some wounded soul needs the delicate touch of healing love. You can throw the heart-arming mantle of love around a cold, isolated soul. Your loving concern will cause some weary, beaten soul to take courage. Let some soul know through a loving gracious act on your part that there is a God of Love and Mercy.

Let the power of God that makes a soul grow into something lovely and beautiful be transmitted through you. The power of God makes the little seed to grow into something that is wonderful to behold.

STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK When we were very young (never mind how many, many years ago) we used to thoroughly enjoy the adventures of "Alice" when she went "Through the Looking Glass." One particular incident we found especially amusing.

It happened during Alice's tour through looking glass country guided by the Red Queen. We used to squeal with delight when the Red Queen suddenly seized Alice's hand and, for a few minutes, they ran as fast as they possibly could; but when they finally sat down, exhausted, to rest under a tree, Alice was bewildered to discover that they were in exactly the same spot as before.

Alice expressed her surprise and complained to the Red Queen that, after all, where she came from, one usually got to someplace after running like mad, and the Red Queen said, "That's a very slow place you come from, indeed. Here we have to run as fast as we can to stay in the same place." Or words to that effect.

Now, of course, Alice was only a little girl, and maybe she didn't know it; but it's the same on this side of the mirror. We have to run as fast as we can, fight as hard as we can, give it all we've got, just to maintain the status quo. Just when we think maybe we've broken down a barrier, up comes another one to be beaten down. When we think we've had a hand in educating the public to accept some of the principles of fair play, up comes a bigot, gathers his mob around him and declares no one shall enter his charmed circle.

There were actually some people who were willing to go along with Senator Sparkman when he laid some claim to being a "liberal," and they were convinced that he had learned a thing or two during his extensive contact throughout the country. It seems the Senator had sponsored a lot of good legislation, like school lunches,

or some such, and these people were confident he had seen the light. However, the Senator's latest utterances on civil rights should set the record straight

once and for all. The Senator is right back where he started from. And, so is anybody who thought he had been educated.

ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY

North Carolina Department Of Motor Vehicles

GOOD SENSE IMPORTANT TO GOOD DRIVING



Plain old "horse sense" is not enough these days.

Traffic being what it is, you need "horse power sense" or automobile sense--or just good judgment, if you please.

Old timers can remember when the country doctor, coming home at dawn after a sleepless night of calls, could fall asleep at the reins--and his faithful old nag would bring him safely home. That was horse sense.

But your automobile, miraculous as it is these modern days, just won't do that kind of a job. That's why you have to

use your good judgment--and stay alert while driving.

Most accidents, in some degree, are caused by lapses of a driver's common "horse-power" sense--exceeding safe speed limits, driving on the wrong side of a hill or curve, and similar chance taking.

But there's one thing that hasn't changed much. A horse use to do some of the work of taking care of himself--grazing and exercising, for example--calling for out-side repairs only when in need of the black- (Please turn to Page Seven)

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