

BLACK THURSDAY IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Let the day, June 11, 1954, hereafter be known as black Thursday, let the imps of hell jump for glee and its slithering serpents crawl forth and spit their venomous poison in the face of the goddess of patriotism. On black Thursday southern governors deliberately feloniously with malice and forethought, met in Richmond, Virginia for the expressed, avowed and unholy purpose of defying the Supreme Court of their country and its Constitution.

They met there not only in defiance of the highest tribunal of their own nation and its Constitution but they met there in defiance of God Almighty, the Sermon on the Mount and the Declaration of Human Rights as pronounced by the United Nations. No foul deed of men in high office was ever blacker, no scheme of the lowest traitor was ever more despicable and no act was ever more contemptible.

For any other group this would be disloyalty, if not treason. For any other group the FBI would have been alerted and a careful check of every word uttered and every move made of the meeting. For deeds less than this men and women have been dragged into hearings and before courts and forced to undergo the most merciless questioning. For less than this men have been hanged or stood up before firing squads and mowed down like common grass. For less than this they have been catalogued as

dangerous subversives.

These southern governors, all of whom have sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States, these southern governors who will tell you that they are loyal citizens of their country, in the midst of this sick, disturbed and troubled world, are so blinded by outmoded, race hatred that they cannot see or hear the walls of segregation and race hatred crashing all around them. These little men, who by the very position they hold, who should understand the shaking world events that are now taking place, would rather see atomic, hydrogen and cobalt bombs falling, poisonous gas and germs spreading death and destruction on all mankind, than to surrender their fiendish and fanatical belief that the two-thirds of the peoples of the earth who are non-whites, were created, designed and brought into existence by God Almighty to be the footmat for the other one-third of the world's peoples.

So we propose a few questions to these power-drunk, unholy and overstuffed little bigots. Dear Governors, Oh Governors! Just after an atomic attack, or several cobalt bombs have been exploded or disease germs have been turned loose on our nation what school would you like for the Negroes to attend? Shall we continue to ride in the jim crow cars in the South? Where would you like for us to sit in the theatres, the ball games and other amusement places? If one

white person and one Negro survive and they happen to be different sexes would you prefer that neither administrators to the other? When putrid bodies are piled high upon one another and the stench of death vies for mastery with germ infested air to whom would you have us turn? Or maybe we should ask which hospital should each of these persons seek, and should the Negro apply to the back door entrance while the white person applies to the front door? Stupid questions, aren't they? But not as stupid as the evil and dingy mission of that black Thursday, June 11, in Richmond, Virginia, when you met to concoct your traitorous and unholy scheme against your country and against the ultimate and universal realization of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—all men.

Somehow we cannot bring ourselves around to the belief that those governors who met in Richmond represent the real attitude and thinking of the many fine and noble white people of the South. Somehow we think we hear a faint but distinct whisper of the new South that tells us to keep the faith and to hold fast, and that the time is not far away when old things shall pass away and the Southland will truly become the land of freedom, the citadel of Democracy and the fortress of Christianity. This we think is the hope of our country, the hope of the world.

gated schools regardless of consequences" (Bold ours). Consequences are the one thing that all responsible citizens, especially those in positions of leadership and official accountability, must consider. What will be the consequences if we disregard the opinion of the Supreme Court and the law of the land which is predicated upon judicial interpretation and application? What will be the consequences upon orderly government? What will be the consequences, pro and con if you wish, upon our school system, upon all that we have invested in education, upon our economy and our social standards, upon the welfare of our children and generations of children yet to come? It is these consequences which above all must be weighed in determination of our attitude and our actions.

Where would democracy, our way of living and our whole structure of law and order be if we took no consideration of consequences or failed to work them into our decisions and our programs? If ever there has been a time for weighing consequences, coolly, seriously, intelligently and dispassionately, that time is now as it relates to our public school system and the future of a state and nation which is wrapped up in that system and its effectiveness.

Anyone who signs a petition recommending anything "regardless of consequences" had better stop long enough to have his head and his heart examined. North Carolina, we are confident, is not going to be led into any such heedlessness.

ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY

North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

TOURISTS WELCOMED BY STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Several thousand tourists are touring with a better understanding of North Carolina's traffic safety program if the results of the Highway Patrol's "Welcome to North Carolina" campaign is any indication. For the past six weeks now

troopers stationed at the Virginia South Carolina line have been greeting out of states with a verbal handshake, a tip of the hat and a specially prepared safety leaflet.

The patrol's unofficial host. (Please turn to Page Seven)

GETTING ALONG

By LAUREN WHITE

NEW YORK Labor unions are to big businesses what one major political party is to the other. They are checks and balances, without which lopsidedness, unfairness, and ruin might result. Where there are no strong labor unions big business invariably controls the government. And when the same source controls both the economic and political life of a state, a dangerous condition exists. There is nothing to furnish the necessary checks and balances. Furthermore, big business inevitably forces workers to take measures they ordinarily wouldn't take if they had other recourse. The situation in Guatemala appears to support this contention.

Evidently the Guatemalans feel that the United Fruit Company has such a strangle hold on the economic life of their country that Communism is the only solution to their problem. The present foreign minister of Guatemala feels that "the United Fruit Company has taken everything from the soil of the country and from the strength of the workers of the country, and given nothing in return."

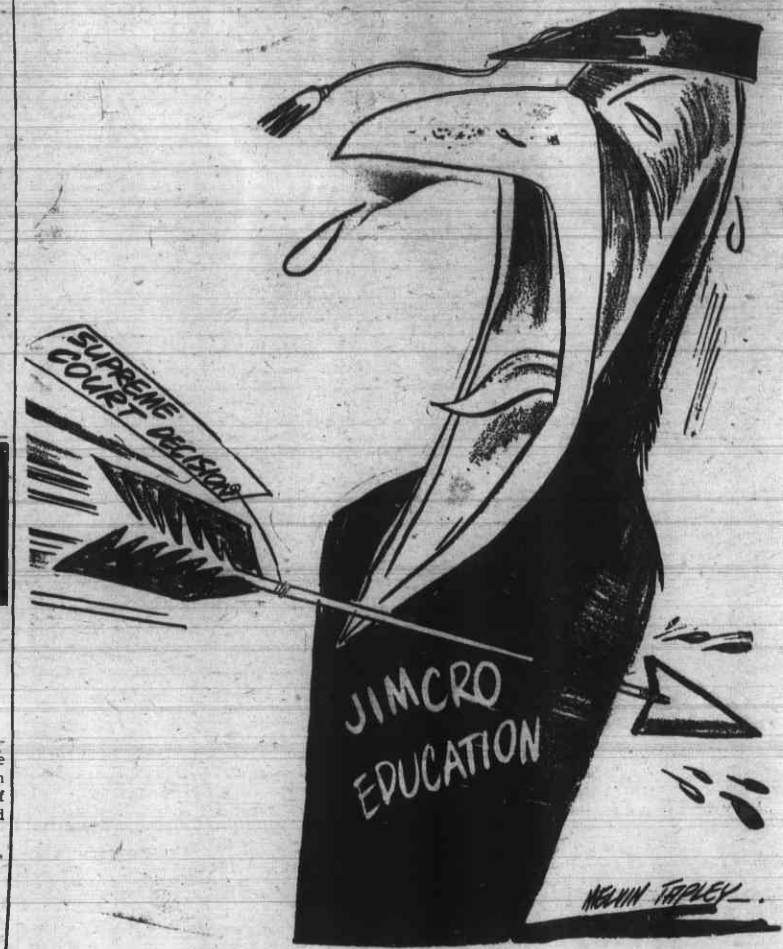
The workers of Guatemala are desperate and feel that they have no one to turn to. Now, if there were strong labor unions to fight for the workers of that strife-torn land, the situation might be different there today.

Perhaps a poor hapless individual who labors for his living would rather have a labor union with a few undesirables in it than have no help at all.

Even the situation in China would be different if the masses had been organized into labor unions that could have helped raise their living standards. Another case is to be found in Zanzibar. The Bazaar, a group of merchant profiteers, control that island off the east coast of Africa. For about 1,000 years, a tragic condition has existed for workers there. The squeeze on the workers has always been terrific. They have no organized means of protest, and like a boiling pot that has no outlet from which the steam can escape, the workers of Zanzibar will some day blow up. Labor unions could do a great deal there.

In spite of what theunions have done and what they can do to benefit the world at large, there are those who brand their every move as a Communist move. When raises are contended for, many people move as a Communist-inspired. When discrimination based on race or religion is opposed, another Communist-inspired move is charged. Yet we know of no country with strong labor unions contending for the right of workers who ever went Communist. They had no reason to.

STRAIGHT TO THE HEART?



—Reprint From New York AMSTERDAM NEWS

Tangible Appreciation For Lincoln Hospital

Not exactly hidden was a recent article appearing in the Durham Morning Herald that called attention to a deficit of \$922,883 experienced by Memorial Hospital at the University of North Carolina. The institution, which opened its doors in September, 1952 showed that much loss for the past fiscal year. This we think is a sizeable amount in proportion to the deficit of \$28,000 shown by our own Lincoln Hospital which has to depend entirely upon Negroes for patients. There is no denying the fact that the Negro race as a whole is at the bottom of the economic ladder in this country and therefore should show a higher percentage of charity patients than the hospital at UNC which caters to members of both races.

experienced by Lincoln Hospital will be more easily understood when placed along side that of Memorial Hospital, and should create a more sympathetic attitude on the part of outsiders who know little or nothing about the mounting cost of operating a first-class hospital.

Several weeks ago we suggested in an editorial in this newspaper that the Negro doctors in Durham, who are the greatest benefactors of Lincoln from a financial standpoint, agree to donate \$1,000 per year each or a total of \$10,000 to help keep the institution from having a deficit. Probably our enthusiasm was too high and in the light of such we would like to propose that each Negro doctor on Lincoln's staff agree to donate at least \$500 per year to the institution.

We believe that if they would do this that there are several groups in Durham that would accept their act as a challenge and would undertake a campaign through public solicitations to match the amount dollar for dollar.

Such a campaign would not only provide eight or ten thousand dollars for Lincoln but it would bring the hospital closer to the people it is serving. This, in turn, would make all of them more Lincoln Hospital conscience and bring them to the point of looking forward to an annual fund raising campaign for the institution.

Certainly if the management has been able to keep the deficit within the bounds of a reasonable figure, appreciation should be shown in a more tangible way than mere talk.

A CHALLENGE TO DANVILLE NEGRO CITIZENS

In its issue of Saturday, June 19, The Register, newspaper of Danville, Virginia, published an editorial in which it disclosed that the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of that city, a Negro organization of young people that has served in parades and numerous other occasions in Danville, was terribly shaken recently when it sent out letters to 3,500 Negro families asking for a donation of only \$1 and did not receive enough money to pay for the postage. The donations were needed to replace worn out uniforms the bugle corps has used in the service of Danville citizens.

groes families and that a similar letter be sent to 3,500 white families. For surely Negro citizens of Danville will not stand idly by and permit members of the opposite group to show more appreciation for the children who belong to the Drum and Bugle Corps than they themselves are willing to show by donating a measly dollar for such a worthy cause.

Most any cheap out-of-town orchestra can play a dance in Danville for one night, at prices ranging from \$1 to \$1.50 or more and take out of the city enough money to purchase new uniforms for the Drum and Bugle Corps. It is the shame of Danville Negro citizens that the white citizens have to come to the aid of the organization because members of its own race will not.

The Carolina Times takes the attitudes in all projects of this kind that Negroes ought to put up or shut up. This newspaper is tired of winking at the lip service many of our so-called Negro leaders, clubs, businesses and even churches are so quick to render to worthy causes without being willing to put their money where their mouths are.

The Register has flung a challenge in the face of Negro citizens of Danville when it suggests that a second letter be sent to the 3,380 Ne-

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Some in Washington claim they see no great difference between this and former administrations. While this viewpoint is debatable there is no doubt present Administration has been successful in bringing businessmen into government.

But business experience is of little use unless utilized. Such a problem faces Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, heading operation of \$2 1/2 billion per year with a force of 352,194 employees.

The Post Office is a very fine service except for one thing. It loses a lot of money every year. Losses now approach the \$3 billion per year mark. No businessman can contemplate red figures with ease, even when red figures are forced by law.

At present taxes subsidize much corporation advertising. A first class letter costs three cents per ounce, or a rate of 48c per pound. The letter must be addressed to an individual.

But big firms sending out advertising matter, coupons, and other material get a rate as low as 10 cents per pound. In addition, they need not be addressed. Just sent to "occupant" of the street, address and Post Office must deliver with reasonable promptness.

Thus for 1 1/2 cents big firms can require U. S. postal service to errand boys delivering advertising material right to the door. If the firm decides to put out a printed advertising booklet of 24 pages or more, and sends

them to every residence, the charge for this messenger service is only 10 cents per pound. But anyone sending by parcel post a birthday present to Aunt Emma must pay 16 cents a pound if she is in the immediate locality, or 24 cents per pound if Aunt Emma lives at the opposite end of the nation.

Even mail order catalogs are tax-subsidized. While parcel post rates range from 12 to 22c for the first pound, and 1.45 to 18.95c for each additional pound, the big mail order catalog rate ranges from 10 to 18c for the first pound, 1.5c to 11c for each additional pound.

In other words, under the present laws, the general users of the postal service pay twice to subsidize the huge floods of direct mail advertising released by a few big corporations. The public pays both higher rates and taxes to make up deficit caused by huge flood of subsidized advertising.

There is an attempt in Congress to remedy this to some degree. Congressman E. H. Rees, chairman of House Post Office Committee reports committee has recommended direct mail pieces now carried to households for 1 1/2 cents be raised to 3 cents. This would be partial solution but still leaves direct mail advertising, especially in booklets and catalog form, enjoying a huge rate of subsidization.

While doing more business is normally considered a way to prosper, Post Office can't even afford to handle large part of present business.

But even proposed half cent increase on present huge volume would go long way to wipe out current losses. Naturally, there is strong opposition to this move by those who enjoy special privilege of a government tax subsidized advertising service.

Spiritual Insight

"FORGIVENESS: SOUL BEAUTY"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"Forgiveness: Soul Beauty" "Master, how many times can my brother wrong me and I must forgive him? Seventy times seven." Matt. 18:21,22

Jesus says forgiveness is a needed spiritual gem of the soul. He sets it forth as a badge of spiritual nobility—the true sign of a true Christian. It is not easy for man. It is a hard and difficult thing for prideful human nature.

Pride, with its stubbornness, is an enemy of the nobility of so-called forgiveness. Pride dislikes forgiveness. Why? Forgiveness goes against the grain of pride. Thus forgiveness becomes the test of the true greatness of a man's soul. Forgiveness then becomes a great spiritual power of the soul.

Forgiveness operates on a two-way street, carries healing for the wrong-doer as well as the one who is wronged. Jesus commands us to keep on forgiving. Many of us stumble at this point in our spiritual life. Pride blocks us at this point. We are commanded to forgive as often as we are

wronged. It is hard under certain conditions. Yes, it is hard but it is good for you.

It is a badge of graciousness. It is a mark of righteousness. Forgiveness shows that humility has won the victory over the stubbornness of pride. THE GREAT ENEMY OF THE SOUL! The holy writer had this in mind when he said: "Pride goeth before destruction."

Peter revealed the insistent pride of our common humanity when he asked the question: "Would seven times be enough?" Jesus says no—just keep on forgiving.

Unforgiveness is an enemy of the spiritual life of man. It blights and strangles the soul. Let us ponder some of the every day practical results of the unforgiving spirit as a danger of the soul. Jesus taught forgiveness for he knew very well the dangers of the unforgiving spirit. The unforgiving spirit wrecks the health of body, mind and soul. It is an enemy of that thing we all desire—HEALTH!

guard our health—a precious gift from God and man. Jesus had this in mind when he said: "Forgive and ye shall be forgiven..." Thousands of homes are wrecked each year on the rock of AN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT.

Beware of the unforgiving spirit—it is a deadly enemy of the spiritual aspirations of the soul.

Forgiveness puts to shame the wrongdoer. Littleness of soul is put to shame in the holy presence of the big-hearted and gracious who forgive. It is a Law of Spiritual Dynamics. It is simple: WRONG CAN NEVER BE AT EASE IN THE PRESENCE OF RIGHT! If right can keep up its fight long enough, it will reduce the power of wrong.

Thus forgiveness subdues wrong! Forgiveness will finally win the day for God. Thus Jesus says to each of us keep up the fight against wrong through forgiveness and you will win. Jesus says forgive and keep on forgiving. "Not seven times but seventy times seven..."

STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK Not long ago, we read a piece in a nationally circulated magazine that made us feel just a little shoddy. It was written by a teenager who was discussing adult manners, and it made us realize that grown-ups are too often guilty of standing on their diplomatic immunity as adults, demanding perfect behavior from children, while committing the most grievous offenses against common decency.

The child—a 14-year old boy—treated the matter quite philosophically, but it was plain to see that he wished adults would hurry up and straighten up and fly right. Many of the offenses he pointed out were probably offenses committed by nearly every grown person who simply takes for granted a certain amount of deference, and then proceeds to stretch it to suit his own advantage.

For instance, the boy pointed out that many times he had gone shopping and had an older person push in line ahead of him at the check-out counter. We must confess we have seen this happen, too, and we assume that the older person perhaps feels that a child's time cannot be but so important, and that whatever his own business is, he should be allowed to get on with it, and let the kids wait it out. Of course the older person might realize that the child's mother might be home waiting more or less impatiently for his return.

At any rate, at a time like this, the child says he is in a dilemma. If he takes such abuse (and abuse it is) then he dislikes himself just a little for not standing up and claiming his rightful place. It does something to his self respect. But, on the other hand, if he speaks up in defense of himself, he is likely to be called a very rude little boy, and experience has taught him that almost every adult within earshot will jump on the bandwagon and wonder where he came from and who brought him up. So, he takes it and says nothing.

These same things may have been true in our day—frankly we don't remember that far back. But these days, the relationship between adult and child is not the same as it used to be. Children are encouraged to express themselves a little more freely than before, they are consulted on matters as never before, and consequently, they feel it a little keener when they are subjected to such treatment.

Whether the new relation is good or bad is a moot question. The fact remains that children are encouraged to express themselves, and when they do, the things we hear often constitute a sad commentary on adult behavior.

FOREIGN VIP'S. Distinguished visitors to the United States last week, other than Emperor Haile Selassie, were the Prime Minister of Eastern Nigeria, the Chief Minister of Jamaica, B. W. I.; the Prime Minister of Turkey and the Foreign Minis-

ter of Pakistan. Expected later this month is Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance of Egypt, who recently made a state visit to Saudi Arabia; also, the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom. Later this year, the Prime Minister of Egypt, the President of Liberia, the King of Libya and the President of Haiti are expected to visit here.

PUPILS AID HEALTH FUND. Twenty-five teenagers presented a \$194 contribution to the World Health Organization (Please turn to Page Seven)

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'Regardless Of Consequences'

From the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS

The right of petition is inviolate; hence the Daily News has no criticism of the movement, per se, which a group of citizens at Wallace has launched to secure signatures to a state-wide petition urging con-

tinuation of segregation in the public schools of North Carolina.

It is the prerogative of the sponsors and signers of such petition to let the Governor, school authorities, the Con-

gress, the Legislature, the Supreme Court and any and all others they have in mind know how they feel about the segregation decree and projected methods of dealing with the problem which it has precipitated. But they go far beyond this right, barging over into prejudice and irrationalism, when in their first recommendation they ask "segre-

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