

## A CHALLENGE TO THE YOUNGER ELEMENT

Mrs. Ella Earls Cotton, retired teacher of this city, has recently completed the arduous task of writing a book of some 288 pages that tells of the progress of Negro education in the South. The title of the book is "A Spark For My People," which portrays in an effective manner Mrs. Cotton's own struggle as a child, young woman, and a teacher in the South, together with the struggles of her race in general.

While we have read better and worse books on the subject, we have never read one which we appreciated more in that it was written by a person whose life has span-

ned well over a half-century of fruitful living and is now in position to look back over the rugged road her people have trod to their present place in America, especially the South. Mrs. Cotton, in her book, gives a full account of her own life as a child, teacher and citizen. She has put her finger on many of the momentous questions that confront the Negro from time to time, in a manner that is somewhat different from others of her age, experience and training, in that she does not attempt to lecture, or present a panacea for what ails us.

The book will probably not

be read by millions, but it should be read by thousands, who, after doing so, will have a greater appreciation of the hardships and struggles Negroes have had to overcome to rise to a position of usefulness in the world. The book presents a challenge to the younger element of the race to struggle, achieve and keep on achieving. It presents a challenge to the older element to never quit work and to stay in the forefront of the struggle, and to set their hands to tasks that are far more important than idle gossip and criticism of the younger element.

## GOV. UMSTEAD'S SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We don't know what Governor Umstead has in mind when he says that he will name a special advisory committee "to study problems created by the United States Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregation in public schools." Either the governor did not wish to fully inform the public as to what the objective of such a committee will be at the time his statement was given out during a press conference last week or he is himself somewhat confused as to what he wants in such a committee.

That he failed to say whether or not the committee will be composed of both races creates no doubt in our mind that the governor announced the appointment of such a committee a little ahead of time. For it appears to us rather elementary that such a committee in the very nature of the case would have to be interracial if its objective is to work out a plan of compliance with the Supreme Court decision that will be acceptable to both races.

On the other hand, if the

committee is to be composed of white people only, suspicion arises in our minds that plans are underway to attempt to circumvent the decision. In that event the governor will need no Negro on the committee as any who would accept such an appointment would have such little influence with his own people that his service as a member would be practically negative.

The Carolina Times urges Negro leaders to exert all patience, cooperation, and forbearance possible in any plan that attempts to forestall, defy or circumvent it. For in the end, the price which they will have to pay for being disloyal to the federal government will be far greater than that they will pay for not cooperating with such a distorted movement.

That the governor of North Carolina was even willing to listen to any example being

set by the state of Mississippi in the matter is somewhat distasteful if not humiliating. This state is generally looked upon throughout the nation as a leader of southern thought and action and not a follower. If North Carolina has reached the point in its existence that it must look to Mississippi for guidance on any matter pertaining to the race question then we have reached a new low.

North Carolina now has well over one million Negro citizens, the largest number of any state in the nation. It is our candid opinion that there is not one of them worth mentioning that is not willing to cooperate to the fullest extent in any wholesome plan of the governor or anyone else to implement the ruling of the Supreme Court in a manner that will be the least harmful to all concerned. On the other hand there is not one of them worth mentioning that is willing to become a party to any movement that has as its goal the overthrow of a decision that has been fairly and justly won.

## DIARRHEA OF THE PEN

Zalph Rochelle, Durham's well-known rent collector and perennial letter writer to the editors of daily newspapers, running wild writing letters of attack of diarrhea of the pen and constipation of the mind. We don't know exactly who is the greatest recipient of our sympathy, Zalph or the daily paper editors. For when a letter writer to the editor has diarrhea of the pen and no diaphragm, it must be a terrible job to have to clean up behind him every day.

This time, Zalph is working his pen over time on the Supreme Court's decision on segregation in public schools.

The ruling was a natural for him and Zalph is showing his usual lack of intelligence on matters of this kind and is running wild writing letters to the daily paper editors in an effort to put some sense in the heads of the members of the Supreme Court. They would probably do a better job if they could get Zalph to accept the job as Chief Justice or should we say Chief Injustice of the court.

Several of our readers, mostly newcomers to Durham, have become alarmed about Zalph's recent tirade in the daily newspaper and have insisted that the Carolina

Times reply to some of his numerous articles. This we refuse to do because few persons in Durham consider Zalph more than a nuisance with a pen stroke which in most cases renders one as thoughtless as a sun stroke.

As much as we delight in complying with the wishes of our readers we are compelled to inform them that we do not have the time nor the space to devote to answering newspaper articles that are so elementary in their contents that they show absolutely no depth of thought. So please pardon our refusal dear readers, we prefer to be about tasks more worthy.

## NO CAUSE FOR FEAR

This newspaper has observed with a degree of amusement the hysteria which the recent Supreme Court ruling has caused within the ranks of some of our southern white folks. As a result of this observance we have endeavored to the best of our ability to analyze the attendant causes and to face the truth as it reveals itself in this most important milestone in our nation's history.

One of the main reasons the South fears integration is because Negroes have been so badly mistreated in this area that the instigators feel once they are given full citizenship they will seek revenge for the mistreatment. It is no accident that the greatest fear and resentment to the ruling come from states in the deep south like Mississippi, South Carolina and Georgia where the greatest mistreatment ex-

ists. Such a fear is unjustified because, as badly as they have been mistreated in the South, Negroes, generally speaking, carry no malice in their hearts and therefore will seek no revenge for any of the injustices heaped upon them in the past. The race has learned well that vengeance in mine, I will repay saith the Lord.

Another reason is that southern white folks fear that if children of both races are thrown together for 10 or 12 years, during their school life, that intermarriages will result. Interracial sex relationship is alright as the different colors and shades of Negroes will testify, but it must not be dignified with marriage and the Negro woman must always be the scapegoat.

Frankly, we believe such a fear is also unjustified in that the number of marriages resulting in states where there are no segregated schools is so negligible that they are hardly worth mentioning. Whether they go to school together, or work together, the choosing of one's life mate is so personal we do not feel that any other persons or law of the land should have anything to do with it.

With apologies to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, about the only thing our southern white folks have to fear about integrated schools is fear itself. There is no need for hysteria, consternation or frustration. The thing needed is reasoning and thoughtful planning by leaders of both races both of whom we believe are willing to bear and forbear in the task of readjusting to the new order.

## ATTENTION READERS!!!

Realizing the desperate plight the world is in today for lack of spiritual insight and awareness, the TIMES EDITORIAL STAFF is devoting this ENTIRE PAGE to the publishing of the most forceful, dynamic, and heart-warming sermon ever delivered in the history of mankind.

Watch NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE for The "Sermon On The Mount" which will bring happiness, joy, and comfort to troubled men's souls.

## DON'T MISS IT!!!

## GETTING ALONG

BY LAUREEN WHITE

NEW YORK History will record that President Eisenhower did much more than Senator McCarthy in curtailing the spread of Communism in the world. While McCarthy has been busy indiscriminately accusing various loyal citizens of being Communist, President Eisenhower has been busy creating conditions under which Communism cannot exist.

McCarthy is busy antagonizing everyone who disagrees with him on anything. The feeling is strong among many Americans that McCarthy's fight against Communism is simply a means to an end. They feel McCarthy wants to be a big man.

Eisenhower is already a big man. His chief interest in life today is to make the world in which he lives a better one. He realizes that grave injustices would exist if no opposition were allowed to check the rulers of a nation. Communism allows no opposition and no criticism.

The greatest force between totalitarianism and a two-party system is the United States. If it were not for the United States, Russia could easily overrun the rest of the world. However, with the great wealth, ingenuity, and manpower controlled by this nation, Russia realizes she must go easy.

But Russia, like the rest of the world, knows that the dual

system of democracy practiced here will do as much damage to our way of life as open warfare. A person needed to travel no farther than the Capital of our nation to see it, either.

Before President Eisenhower instituted civil rights in our nation's Capital, a visitor would get a dim view of democracy there. He would see a city in which a person whose skin was dark would be insulted and perhaps arrested if he tried to be served in a down town restaurant.

He would see a city in which a person with dark skin would be denied hospitalization in the segregated hospitals of the city, even if the patient's life depended on immediate hospitalization. It would be hard to estimate the number of Asians and Africans who have had a disillusioning view of democracy by visiting Washington, D. C.

President Eisenhower has done more for our way of life by instituting civil rights in the nation's capital than Senator McCarthy ever could do indiscriminately accusing all who disagree with him of being Communists.

By taking a positive approach to a big problem, the President is getting positive results. This writer believes historians will place as much value on his civil rights program in Washington as they will on the battles he won in Europe.

## ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY

North Carolina Department Of Motor Vehicles

Will You Be A Statistic Today?

Ever look a statistic in the eye? Take a look in the mirror before you leave the house to drive to work this morning. Before the day's over, you'll turn up among the statistics—either as one of the drivers who had no accidents today or as one of those killed or injured.

It all depends on you. Because you are the driver who causes accidents—or prevents them.

You are a statistic. One sure way to turn up on the accident side of the ledger is to get into an impatient

hurry. Last year in North Carolina figures show over 400 persons were killed by excessive driving speeds. Not much over the "safety limit" just enough to be fatal.

Many of them were drivers who resented speed limits—drivers who thought limits were set by stodgy legislators bent on making motorists late for appointments. If you share that view, you're ready to fill a spot on the red side of the statistics column. Speed limits—better known as "safety limits"—are set by engineers who've tested and proved the safety margin for any given area.

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Potter County, Texas, may become nationally famous.

In this county, a judge has ruled that Congress has no right to enforce minimum wage laws on small businesses to hold a job; further stated Congressional powers to regulate interstate commerce do not encompass a question of union membership.

Mississippi has a new law outlawing the closed shop, so does South Carolina; Kentucky considers one. Therefore it appears probable Potter County decision will reach U. S. Supreme Court.

Ensuing litigation could throw into limelight fact that not only has nation failed to solve problem of Big Labor, as well as that of Big Business, but that two are intertwined.

Many authorities hold labor legislation of past 22 years has evaded real basic problem.

Early New Deal legislation sought to force big corporations and holding companies formed by uncontrolled depression causing mergers to deal with labor.

Then followed legislation to restrain Big Labor power.

Today it appears Big Labor, allied with Big Business, has formed a production monopoly.

Thus, heads of entrenched leaders in any industry gather together with the leaders of Big Labor, and wages, hours, and conditions are agreed upon for entire industry. These terms are also based on the earnings and abilities of a few big corporations to meet agreed terms.

But these terms become binding upon the entire industry in the nation with almost as much iron clad tightness as if Congress had passed laws prescribing what wages, hours, and conditions shall prevail in that industry.

No account is taken of the fact that perhaps some small competitor to the big interests, located in a rural area where living costs are lower, and where labor would rather work for less per hour in order to live better, could by making a deal with his labor satisfactory to both sides, overcome advantages held by the big interests enabling him to compete with them.

Neither is there any latitude for deals between employers and labor, such as existed around the turn of century when workers would draw less money than existing rate, taking difference in an interest in the company. This method resulted in building many successful businesses, to mutual advantage of all.

There is another factor. Some of the firms who put up only token resistance to Big Labor demands, are most active in operating foreign plants with cheap labor, are promoting abolition of U. S. tariffs in order to bring their foreign production into the U. S. cheaply to undersell independent competitors.

It's a cozy game, that of dealing with Big Labor to peg domestic labor costs at a high level to the disadvantage of independent competitors, and then further out the ground out from under them with foreign goods produced with cheap labor. Potter County, Texas, may be the first to protest against this unholy alliance between Big Business and Big Labor, sanctioned by 22 years of Congressional meddling, but there is bound to be other counties heard from.

## "THE COURT'S DECISION WILL REMOVE THIS EVIL INFLUENCE"



## Spiritual Insight

"LIFE WITHOUT CONFUSION"

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust. Let me never be put to confusion." Psal. 71:1.

Is it true that trust in God is real security? I believe this wholeheartedly. This is an undeniable spiritual truth. Faith and trust in God is the only real security in a world such as this one. If this is true I should like to know why there is so much restlessness and confusion in our lives and in our world? Why is life shot-through with so much confusion? Why is so much of life dominated by confusion?

The answer seems to be simple. We are drifting away from the power THAT OFFERS A WAY OF LIFE WITHOUT CONFUSION. The Psalmist gives a simple answer for it... A LIFE WITHOUT CONFUSION IS A LIFE ANCHORED IN GOD.

Life without God has no real lasting value. Thus to build a life without God is to be caught in a tangled web of confusion. A life without confusion must rest on the solid foundation: FAITH AND TRUST IN THE ALMIGHTY GOD. In Him

life has meaning. In Him life is whole and powerful. Apart from Him life is broken and confused. "I am the vine...ye are the branches...Apart from me, ye can do nothing..."

Cut off from the source and life dwindles into a meaningless state of confusion. If you doubt the truth set forth by the Holy writer, just look around you on every hand. What do you see? We see many lives in confusion. They try to make it without God. What happens? WITHOUT GOD LIFE ENDS IN CONFUSION!

To push God out of our lives is to invite confusion. Here is a simple spiritual and moral law: THE LESS GOD WE HAVE IN OUR LIVES THE MORE CONFUSION WE HAVE. Thus, to reduce confusion is to have an increased awareness of God in our lives. We must restore God to his rightful place in our lives: GOD BELONGS IN THE CENTER. To move God from the center and put him on the edges is to invite and increase confusion.

Let us restore God to our lives and our homes and reduce confusion. In God there is

peace, health, unity and true happiness. And apart from God there is warfare, distress, agony and confusion. Bring God back and let him reign and confusion will vanish... "Blessed is the man (Joyous, happy, peaceful, and healthful) that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly..."

Truly a life without confusion must be rooted and anchored in God. It will grow and flourish in peace and joy and health.

I have never seen anyone who really trusted in God remain in confusion any great length of time. I have seen the faithful confused for a brief period in the great crises of life caused by sickness and death and disappointment. Why? For God is not a God of confusion but of peace and power. But I have seen countless numbers who have drifted away or tried to live apart from God caught in the dark depths of life's confusion.

Let us remember that a life without God always ends in confusion. But a life without confusion is a gift to those who put their trust in God.

## STRAIGHT AHEAD—By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK Nobody asked me to, but I've just gone and appointed myself defender of womanhood, objector to all the little snide remarks females have been expected to swallow with good grace—in short, I'm a self-appointed public relations counsel.

What is spired this? Recently a gentleman in discussing "The Girl Friends" an organization that has done some fine community work, hailed the club's good record and then spoiled it all by saying that such a record was amazing "simply because they are women and can remain harmoniously together for such a long period of time." The writer apparently never was conscious of the fact that his final statement was insulting.

Now, I'm an old stay-at-home myself. Don't think I ever belonged to a club in my life. But I can rattle off the names of a few women's clubs right here in New York that have stayed together over a similar period of years and have also done a lot of good.

For instance, there is the Les Seize Club—sixteen women who have remained together for at least 30 years. The club was founded by Mrs. Iolanthe Sidney. Denied an opportunity to pursue a higher education, she organized the club for the purpose of making college scholarship money available for young girls. They are still at it.

Then there are the Gothamettes who have been together for a number of years. They have taken on new members, but the old guard remains and they're still going strong.

If there is need to disprove another popular misconception of the female, it might be pointed out that this group started out as a club known as "The Debutantes." As years went on, these young women realized they were beyond the "debutante" stage. Did they disband? They did not. They changed the name of the club and kept on rolling.

These and many more organizations like them have been in

our midst for years, and have given financial help to struggling youngsters, destitute families, and innumerable charities.

They have their counterparts in every city and village in the country—in sororities, lodges, civic clubs, auxiliaries, parent-teacher groups, and various other volunteer services. It's time to stop belittling them as little "leisure time" activities. Their contributions to their communities are very real.

## UNITED NATIONS NOTES

By JAMES R. LAWSON  
(Accredited UN Correspondent)

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Funeral services were conducted last Sunday at St. Mark's Methodist Church for Secretary of State Gabriel L. Dennis of the Republic of Liberia.

Among the high government officials and other dignitaries who attended and paid their last respects were John F. Simmons, Chief of Protocol, representing the United States; M. Selim Sarper, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations, and Mme. Sarper; T. Roro New, Counselor of the Embassy of Ethiopia; M. M. Hassan, Information Officer of the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations; and Hon. Lester A. Walton, former Minister to Liberia. Mr. Dennis was a signer of the UN Charter at San Francisco.

CAIRO.....The seven-nation Arab League has allocated \$287,000 annually for an Arab

Propaganda Center which it will open in New York City in September. It is said to be the first such office set up outside the Arab world. The new information Center will be organized and headed by Egypt's former Ambassador to the United States, Kamel Abdel Rahim. He will arrive in New York late in August to set up his office and organize his staff.

It was also learned that the Arab League plans to have an Arab Show in New York City next fall in which products of all Arab states will be displayed. The League members are Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Egypt.

HAILE SELASSIE...The Emperor of Ethiopia returned to New York City last Saturday with the imperial party, and on Monday checked in at Presbyterian Hospital for a five-day check-up.

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