

THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Governor Umstead's appointment of three Negro state employees to his "advisory committee on school segregation" comes as no surprise to Negro leaders of the state who have watched the lack of statesmanship which North Carolina's Chief Executive has exhibited on racial matters since he took office over two years ago. The appointments are positive proof that the Governor intends to do nothing to implement the Supreme Court's ruling on the issue and would like a committee that will follow the pattern of conciliatory action or appeasement. It is a rare Negro who would jeopardize his job or standing with powerful white folks by not cooperating with them in their attempt to carry out the governor's wishes.

There was a time when the appointment of a Negro to any position by the governor of the state was considered a distinct honor by others of the race and the appointee was looked upon as a leader of his people of no mean ability. Now he or she is generally viewed with suspicion and as a leader of the meanest ability. If the committee does nothing but sidestep the issues before it and the Negro members do not take a walk in the instance, the wrath of more than a million Negroes in this state will be upon their heads and they will never be able to their dying day to live it down. On the other hand if they do take a stand against such methods, unborn generations will rise up and call them blessed. The three Negroes on the governor's "advisory committee" face their "hour of decision."

For more than thirty years this newspaper, at a great sacrifice, has endeavored to echo the honest opinion and feeling of Negroes in matters of great importance to them. In so doing, we have wanted to be of service to our nation, state and race. It was with this in mind that we launched a survey several

weeks ago, following the governor's announcement that he intended to appoint an "advisory committee" on the matter of school segregation. We attempted to honestly determine who would be most satisfactory to a majority of Negroes in this state. In spite of this fact the governor followed the same old pattern of appointing only Negroes whose salary checks he or some other state official has to sign each month.

A casual view of the white appointees of his "advisory committee" will disclose that a fairly good cross section is represented. There are not only school people but businessmen, lawyers, a newspaperman and other fields of endeavor represented. It raises a keen suspicion in the minds of thinking Negroes that, in spite of the fact that their race constitutes about one-third of the population in the state, he appointed only three of it to the committee and confined those appointments to state employees only. The governor, having been one of the lawyers for the state in the recent school suit brought in the city of Durham has personal knowledge, if not a pleasant experience, that there are several Negro attorneys in the state capable of furnishing invaluable service on any committee that has to do with the question of segregation in public schools. The governor may ignore the Negro legal profession in the matter but Negroes of the state will not.

Finally, this newspaper has nothing against the three Negroes named to the governor's "advisory committee." So far as we know all three of them are honorable citizens and all three have served well in their respective fields. We think, however, in view of the fact that they are all on the state's payroll, it would have been a fine piece of statesmanship on the part of the governor to appoint one or two members of the race who are unhampered by such

a fact to serve along with them.

There is no need for the governor or other persons, having to do with seeking the use of Negro leadership in North Carolina, to assume the attitude of an ostrich and bury their head in the sand. The state branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will have great influence in shaping whatever attitude and action Negroes will assume in carrying out the mandate of the Supreme Court. It would have been a fine thing for the organization to have had representation on the advisory committee. Instead, its officials and its lawyers have been left on the outside and have no alternative but to move to the opposite direction should the committee even appear to show signs of trying to stall along or circumvent the order of the Court. Whether the governor or any other person wishes to admit it or not, in so doing the NAACP will have on its side the Constitution of the United States and the very powerful Supreme Court.

Generally speaking, Negroes in North Carolina do not wish to impose any undue burden upon their white fellow citizens in complying with the Supreme Court's ruling. They are willing to exhibit patience, forbearance and even humility in any HONEST effort that moves definitely toward implementation. On the other hand they will frown upon any semblance of a move that will appear to have as its ultimate end the disregard for the law of the land as laid down by the highest court of the land and the Constitution of their country. Any scheme concocted for that purpose will be opposed and in such they feel satisfied that they will have on their side hundreds of thousands of upright white citizens of this state who feel and know that Christianity demands and Democracy declares that under God all men are equal.

THE PARADOXES OF SEGREGATION

The American Negro living in the South has proved through the years his ability to cope with some of the most difficult situations known to mankind. His patience in dealing with the idiosyncrasies, inferiority complexes and paradoxes in southern life are at times almost astounding to behold.

On the train Negroes sit in the front, on the bus, in the back. In one court house they are relegated to the galleries in another to the rear of the lower floor. In still another, they are allowed one side of the entire courtroom. In one city Negroes may use the public parks; in another they

are barred. At one filling station they may use the restroom, at another they dare not try. One filling station on one side of the street will sell them gas while the one on the other will not.

At one theater you go around to the side to get to the buzzard roost, while at another you go through the front door. At one liquor store, state owned, you purchase your "hooch" at the same counter as whites, at another you must purchase it at a separate window.

One store will sell Negroes clothes, another will not. One church welcomes Negroes while another with the same

God as head, with the same and the same hell, will not. In one city, such as Greensboro, the white folks cast enough votes to elect a Negro to the city council without a single Negro vote being needed. In another city, like Durham, a majority of them rush to the polls to vote against a man they acknowledge to be the best qualified in the race for county commissioner solely because he is a Negro.

Well might southern Negroes take a cue from Solomon when he cried out to the daughters of Jerusalem "I am black but comely," and paraphrase those words and cry out, "I am black but smart."

MORE BUSINESS FOR DURHAM HOTELS AND MERCHANTS

Sooner or later the Durham Chamber of Commerce is going to have to face the matter of helping provide hotel accommodations for the large number of Negro national conventions that come to this city from time to time or see it fade out of the picture as a convention city, so far as Negroes are concerned. Most cities are aware of the many dollars that are put in circulation when from 200 to 2,000 delegates camp in their borders for several days and more and more they are going after conventions with an eye toward attracting them with offers of places of amusement, better hotel accommodations and other advantages without regard to race, color or creed.

In Florida recently Negroes attending a big convention were accommodated in hotels of Miami Beach. The heavens didn't fall and the sun and the moon didn't drip away in blood. On the other hand the

hotels did a land office business and everybody was happy. If this keeps up, and it appears it will, smart hotel men in Miami proper will get tired of seeing hundreds of thousands of dollars rung up on Miami Beach cash registers while they stand on the outside looking in.

Already Miami Beach has scheduled the AME General Conference that carries from eight to ten thousand delegates and visitors for a three weeks stand. It takes no expert to imagine what this will mean in dollars and cents to Miami Beach merchants as well as hotel men.

In Durham this month two national conventions are meeting here, the National Housewives' League and the National Negro Insurance Association. The latter held its session in Miami Beach last year where the white hotels were glad to have them as customers. In Durham the local entertainment committee

is pulling its hair out trying to find room accommodations for the 500 or more delegates and visitors who will come here to attend the insurance meet. Unless Durham gets wise and opens its hotels to Negroes it may be a long time before this city sees the National Negro Insurance Association annual meeting again. Negroes ride in pullman cars with whites in the South, eat in dining cars with them and stay in northern hotels with them and we see no reason why the hotels in Durham and other North Carolina cities can't get wise and throw open their doors to persons of all races. This idea of trying to keep the Civil War going is out of date and we may as well face the facts.

Several weeks ago Time magazine called attention to the fact that the Negro market amounts to over \$15 billion annually, more than the entire country of Canada. Because of the large number of

Negro business enterprises located here, Durham has the attention of the Negro financial world and the Durham Chamber of Commerce needs to be awakened to the fact and get wise to what the Negro market here has to offer. Not only in purchasing hotel accommodations for conventions throughout the year, but in the purchase of every item used by those of other races.

GETTING ALONG

BY LAUREN WHITE

Greetings From Bermuda

NEW YORK

Bermudians are now enjoying their sunbaths in the good old U.S.A. as our 18-voice Male Choir shares in spreading good will through this country. The American people have certainly opened their hearts to us, and we have gained much from this wonderful experience.

Arriving here on Saturday, July 10 meant the beginning of something for most of us. Only two in our group—McNell Warner and yours truly—had been here before. It was interesting to watch the expressions on the faces of the members of our group as we neared the United States, and when we saw the lights of New York, it was a genuine thrill—a picture no artist could paint. Even those of us who have been here before, experience a new thrill each time we return.

Our trip over was uneventful but very pleasant. Singing was the order of the day, and our group simply took charge of the plane. Pretty soon other passengers and all of the members of the crew joined in and we had a grand community sing. It is interesting to note how music is a great leveler the only real universal language.

And we understood even more clearly than before that our good will tour through the United States could mean a great deal to us, because through music there is real understanding.

We are nearing the end of our stay here now, and we have some beautiful memories to look back on. We have had the privilege of appearing before some wonderful people and some wonderful groups of people. They have received us well, and we take back with us a most favorable impression of the American people. We hope we have left them with a favorable impression of us.

At any rate, we are looking forward eagerly to a return visit, and we hope with all our hearts we will have a chance to play host to many of the wonderful friends we have met here, in our home in Bermuda—the Isle of Rest.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Mr. Lauren White is on vacation, and will return next week. In his place this week, we include greetings from Gerald A. Brangman, who directs Male Choir of St. John's A.M.E. Church in Bailey's Bay, Bermuda. He and his group are on a good will tour of the United States.

WASHINGTON AND

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Some in Washington feel if Congress had more like Sen. John J. Williams of Delaware, lower taxes, lower Federal budget would be a reality instead of theory.

When the Senator was 18 he left the family farm and started his own hay and grain business and was engaged in independent business for the not inconsiderable years until his election to the U. S. Senate in 1946.

So the Senator does not have the disrespect for the dollar common among those who have little idea how difficult it is to lay aside one for a rainy day.

The other day the Senator was audibly concerned with a few items in the operation of U. S. Farm programs.

He stated for example, a doctor, with a good income, secured a Farm Credit Administration loan of \$16,675. He also states he found an Otto Zuercher of Arapahoe, Col., engaged in the construction business via FHA loans and also operating a rather elaborate tourist camp tapped the same source for \$35,100. He also stated he found that J. Frank Kendrick, an Agriculture Dept. employee at \$8,400 per year and a worth of \$62,000 received a loan of \$35,164 in 1951 to put more buildings on his Ohio farm.

Other unusual facts are coming to light on nations' farm programs.

For example, the largest price support loan in 1953 was given to a Mississippi corporation owned by a concern in Manchester, England. From its 38,000 acres, the British got U. S. loan

of \$1,200,000.00 on 7,500 acres of cotton. Average Mississippi cotton farmer received \$372.

Figgen Inc., operating in California's San Joaquin Valley, got \$1,246,516.46 on 7,144 acres of cotton.

Seattle's Harrigan Investment Co. received \$251,523 on wheat. Largest corn loan went to Adams Bros. & Co., a family partnership headed by R. G. Adams, trustee of a large insurance firm with homes in Iowa and Miami Beach. His firm received \$190,944. The average Iowa corn grower received \$2,164.

Government records show only 64 corporate farms accounted for almost \$18 million in government loans. And this is a situation of which Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson is aware; is even said to deplore.

Independent businessmen, knowing nation's welfare rests on independent family sized farms along with independent business opportunity, have willingly paid taxes to help tide over independent farmers while squeezed between domestic surpluses and flood of cheaply produced imported farm products.

But independent businessmen little relish tapping of their tills for benefits of wealthy corporate farm ventures, including British owned ones. As long as this situation continues whereby big corporate farms are subsidized to produce surpluses, and foreign imports continue, the problem of the taxpayer, the consumer or of the independent farmer will never be solved. Former Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan proposed to limit price support loans to the first \$25,000 worth produced on any farm. Few businessmen wonder what plan Secretary Benson has to stop this abuse.

"AT LAST, WE ARE FIGHTING HIM TOGETHER"



Spiritual Insight

"TWENTY MINUTES A DAY"

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND

Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit... Spiritual fitness is essential... 1 Timothy 4-8.

Have you ever thought of what just twenty minutes can do in changing your outlook on life. Twenty minutes can make the difference between success and failure. Twenty minutes given to the soul nourishment of meditation, prayer and Bible reading can save you from discouragement and defeat. The soul needs to be fed as well as the body. We have all too many malnourished and empty souls around us.

Too many among us lack the joy of triumphant living promised by Christ. We have burdened rather than abundant living. Too many lives lack the peace and joy the Master came to bring. Twenty minutes of daily prayer and meditation would change many of our lives.

May I suggest, therefore, that you join the Twenty Minute Club. You pay no fee you just take out twenty minutes of the twenty four hours God gives you each day for meditation,

prayer and Bible reading. Try it and your life will take on a new bounce of joyous living.

You can take just twenty minutes a day! You take time to feed your body. You can take twenty minutes to feed your soul! It is the highest wisdom to take a little time to be Holy. TO THINK ON GOD'S GOODNESS, MERCY AND LOVING KINDNESS.

You should never get too busy for the Holy Pause. So you are too busy. Are you? I am rushed too much in the morning. No! you can get up twenty minutes earlier. Too busy? Look at all the time you have on your hand. We have time for everything else. Let us take twenty minutes out of that GOD GIVEN TWENTY FOUR HOURS!

In the mad, grinding rush of the times we need THE HOLY Pause. We need the moments of quietness. We need the little chat with God. We need the light THE WORD OF GOD CAN THROW ON THE DARK PATH! We need God's message of understanding, faith, hope,

patience, forgiveness, love and peace on the job and in the home.

In a time of so much bad news we need to hear the GOOD NEWS of God's love to redeem the most wretched.

Twenty minutes with God will help get the day started right. A good start means everything. Twenty minutes with God will prepare you to meet graciously the annoyances, irritations and insults of the day. Try this twenty minutes of prayerful communion. You will regret it. Your soul will grow and gain power to meet life's difficult demands.

Let us then ponder the wisdom of these twenty minutes in the life of a human being. Let us join the twenty minute club and see your lives take on a new radiance of Divine power for living. "Take time to keep yourself spiritually fit... SPIRITUAL FITNESS IS ESSENTIAL..." Join the twenty minute club and see your life take on a new joy—a sense of victorious living.

STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK

Open letter to Dorothy Kilgallen: Dear Miss Kilgallen:

For years now, we've followed your daily syndicated column and found it interesting and stimulating. When you took to radio and television we followed you there. We think you have a keen mind, a sense of humor and in most areas, you are well-informed. However, through the years, in your columns, you have often referred to Harlem and its people, and there has been a feeling in many quarters that, judging from your writings, you have not taken the time to be as well informed on Harlem as you should be.

Harlem, as you well know, is considered all over the world as the Negro capital of the United States. Therefore, references to it in widely syndicated columns such as yours are extremely important. So far, we have only found in your columns comments on Harlem that are reminiscent of an era when it was popular to refer to all Negroes as "carefree and happy" and all Negro neighborhoods as dens of vice.

Since you are well informed on so many other subjects, it is just possible that you may not have had the opportunity to gain any knowledge of Harlem through personal contact; and it is apparent that your informants are selling the neighborhood short.

There are many things going on up here that you obviously don't know about, and we suggest you pay us a visit and spend an entire day, so that you can see Harlem's institutions and meet some of its people—average citizens as they go about the daily business of making a living. We suggest you see some of Harlem's day life as well as its night life. We don't want you to miss the

slums, because they are a part of every large city. But we want you to see something besides the seamy side.

Harlem is like any other community in the United States. It has everything, and it makes its contribution to the good life we all share. And, since this is true, we object—and we think

rightly so—when our community of hard-working, sober citizens is maligned as a neighborhood of superficial, pleasure seeking people who live with no thought for tomorrow.

Your vast audiences should have an opportunity to come to know something of the truth of Negro life in this community.

UNITED NATIONS NOTES

By JAMES E. LAWSON
(Accredited UN Correspondent)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.

France took the first concrete steps in Premier Mendès France's project to end violence and build harmony in Tunisia by granting it autonomy. It freed all the Neo-Destour (Independence) Party leaders, including M. Mongi Slim. However, M. Habib Bourghiba, accepted Nationalist Chief, is now in forced French residence. It is hoped he will soon be freed.

MOROCCO.—In freedom-seeking Morocco, North Africa, violence surged higher as word spread that Tunisia had been offered autonomy. Several offered autonomy. Several Frenchmen were killed in Casablanca, a bomb blew up in a French car, a rail line was cut, and ten fires were started. In Tunis, die-hard French colonists angrily blasted the autonomy offer.

V.I.P.'s.—Syngman Rhee, first President of the Republic of Korea, was in New York last week and was given the "red carpet treatment" with the usual parade up Broadway, and appropriate ceremonies at City Hall. Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia returned to Addis Ababa last Saturday. Premier Gamel Abdul Nasser of Egypt left last week for Mecca.

College Opening Set For Sept. 15

DURHAM

North Carolina College's 43rd year of activities will begin Wednesday, September 15, and the week of September 15-22 has been designated for Freshman Orientation. Classes for the Fall term start Thursday, Sept. 23.

Regular orientation and medical examinations will be held for the students in Duke Auditorium and the Health Center on September 15.

Among the participants in the orientation program are: R. D. Russell, counselor; President A. Elder; Dean George T. Kyle; and Dr. Charles D. Watts, director, student health services. The English Placement Examination will be held at 11 a.m. in Duke Auditorium on Thursday, September 16.

Ernest Ward, Rocky Mount senior, president of the North Carolina College Student Government, will welcome the students Thursday morning.

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FOR THE GOOD HARVEST

American industry is sowing today for a promised harvest of jobs and production in the years to come. As it sows, to be sure, so shall it reap.

The sowing consists of the millions of dollars it must spend for research, expansion, new plant and equipment. The fertile ground is an American economy which must support a 200 million population by 1975.

If a trend toward ever bigger and bigger government is not permanently reversed, the sowing for tomorrow will be meager indeed. The Administration has made a start toward Bringing Government Back Home, thus reducing its size federally.