

DEFIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

In an editorial, published in its issue of October 18, the Winston-Salem Journal expressed the feeling that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is making "an ill-advised move" by "pressing for immediate elimination" of what it terms "legally enforced segregation." The Journal goes on to say that, "By seeking immediate integration in North Carolina communities the NAACP is working against a harmonious acceptance of the Supreme Court's order, when it comes."

Says the Journal further, "Any attempt to force compliance with the Court's decision before the court has defined the method of compliance which it will require can only cause friction and resentment."

The Winston-Salem newspaper then adds, "Even after the Court issues its order, North Carolina will not be directly affected. Only those five communities from which the cases arose will be. Other states and communities which have had laws requiring segregated schools may voluntarily comply with the Court's decision and orders. But they will be under no compulsion to do so unless and until suits are brought specifically against them."

Up to the time we read the Journal's editorial there was at least a shadow of a doubt in our minds that the NAACP was doing the best thing in demanding immediate compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling. As a matter of

goodwill, brotherhood and in a Christian spirit we wanted to give our white fellow citizens time to recover from the impact of the decision, when they could calmly sit down with Negro citizens and work out satisfactory ways and means of complying with the Court's decision. We wanted the Negro members of such a committee to extend a hand of fellowship, to bend over backward, to go the second mile in helping to make the change-over to integrated schools. We wanted them to do the least possible injury to the feelings of the most sensitive white persons. That was the only way we would have it, because we thought that it afforded a great opportunity for North Carolina to show the world that the two races in this state have enough faith in each other to work out a solution to even the most difficult interracial problems.

Frankly the Journal's editorial disturbs us greatly. It apparently does not recognize the Supreme Court's ruling of May 17 on segregation in public schools as the law of the land and cries out, after criticizing the NAACP for seeking immediate integration, that "Even after the Court issue its orders, North Carolina will not be directly affected" and suggests that Negroes in this and other states are going to have to bring suits before they comply. This, in spite of the fact that the Supreme Court plainly said in that decision, "WE HAVE THIS DAY HELD THAT THE EQUAL PRO-

TECTION CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH A M E N D M E N T PROHIBITS THE STATES FROM MAINTAINING RACIALLY SEGREGATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

We think this is downright contempt for the highest court in the land. It is asking defiance of the U. S. Supreme Court. This kind of attitude on the part of one of the states leading daily newspapers is far more damaging to interracial goodwill than anything the NAACP is doing or can do. For that organization has never advocated disobedience to the law, but its record will show that it has always urged Negroes to keep within the framework of all law and order.

The editorial plainly advocates non-compliance with the Court's order now and after whatever else it has to say on the matter of segregation in public schools in the future. It would make the road to human dignity and first-class citizenship for Negroes as hard as it is humanly possible.

There is no where in history where the oppressor has voluntarily taken his heel off the necks of the oppressed. The Journal has informed the Negroes of this state that it does not advocate a change from such a sordid record and that if Negroes ever obtain integration in North Carolina, so far as it is concerned, they will have to fight for it county by county and city by city. God save us from such an evil fate.

"AN AMERICAN IN INDIA"

(FROM THE GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS)

Saunders Redding, an American Negro writer and teacher (Hampton Institute), went to India recently for the U. S. State Department and found "an incredibly complex, knotted coil of attitudes toward America," which he described in detail in his new book, *An American in India* (Bobbs-Merrill).

Moving as a cultural ambassador among Indian officials, educators and intellectuals, he found the United States had replaced Great Britain as "devil." But what shocked him most was a massive reservoir of misinformation about the U. S. combined with bitterness, envy and a sense of inferiority.

As a colored man mingling with colored men, he experienced an intimacy and directness of contact found by few outsiders. But none of the Indians he met on his 25,000-mile trip honestly believed his loyalty to the U. S. could transcend his loyalty to race. Everywhere the U. S. race dilemma has been blown up out of perspective. To the average Indian America is a land where culture halted with Emerson and Whitman, and where lynchings and Negro pogroms are common.

Yet, at the same time Redding found a massive color-consciousness in India dwarfing anything he experienced in the United States—North or South. Combined with it was a shrill defensiveness about all things Indian and a stubbornness about recognizing or admitting Indian defects.

Redding also found an alarming tendency to equate the evils of the U. S. with the evils of Russia. He described it this way:

It was perfectly obvious that in neutralist thought there is no moral difference, or even perhaps differences of degree, between isolated crimes against humanity committed by maverick individuals or groups in America and deliberate crimes

of policy committed against humanity by Russia.

Combined with this open and sometimes hysterical anti-Americanism was a frustrated desire among all he encountered to visit the United States. Students would heckle his lectures, then request help in getting to America.

During one lecture (at Hindu College, "a rabbit warren of crumbling musty buildings, in the densest, poorest native quarter of Calcutta"), the subject got around to American movies, and one member of the audience ended a lengthy tirade against the U. S. by asking: "Why do the Americans send such vulgar and worthless books and pictures to us?"

"You should not accuse all the American people when it is only the enterprisers who do this," Redding replied. "But if these enterprisers did not find a market in India, and if the people of India did not buy these books and attend these moving pictures, they would not be disturbed here."

This created a near-riot: "Sir, that is an aspersion! You insult the people of India!" A clamor arose and with it many hot-eyed young men.

"Insult!"

"We wish an apology!"

"He accuses us of obscene tastes!"

"Americans, go home! Americans, go home!" The chairman stood up and angrily gestured to me toward the packed doorway...

"Integration In The Schools Will Prove The Answer"



Spiritual Insight

"Marriage: Roses Or Brickbats"

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"Marriage, Roses Or Brickbats" "Let a husband love his wife Let the wife reverence her husband..." Eph. 5:33

Many dangers threaten marriage and home life in our times. There are wars and a hundred other things. But immaturity of childishness is one of the great dangers to the delicate relationship of marriage. Many immature people, who have never grown up come into the marriage relationship. Here is one of the great spiritual problems of our times. It calls for deep insight and understanding of the feelings and emotions involved. Why? The happiness of wives, husbands and children is involved. The very foundation of the nation rests in the home. Then decay threatens the foundation of the nation itself.

What about the mature and the immature in marriage relationship? Those who have not grown up are the source of much peril and danger in marriages. What are you saying preacher? I am talking about people who because of their childishness, are unfit or unprepared for the give and take of a real marriage relationship. It is seen in so many youngsters now who are ready to run at

the first sign of hardship or difficulty. This inability to face difficulties and fight them through to a successful conclusion is a sign of childishness or immaturity.

Love seems to be the key to maturity. You must be loved and then you can love. If you have never been loved, then you don't know how to love. He who has been denied love has never had a chance to grow up.

It will wreck anything from a nation to a home. Another sign is seen in those who are sensitive and touchy. Temper

and tantrums are dangerous to marriage. Temper is very childish! Another danger sign is bringing up past faults and failures.

Bury the hatchet and let it stay buried. Some bury the hatchet and leave the handle sticking out. Bury the whole thing.

The graciousness of love will build a strong marriage. Let us scatter more roses for this most important relationship. Let us give words of encouragement. Give roses of kindness freely. But beware of the brickbats of unkindness, anger, resentment, criticism and nagging. These will make marriage unhappy and in many cases wreck it. Speak a good word to the man of the house. Say something nice to the lady of the house, for it will boost her spirit and her morale. A lady told me once that she got discouraged because her husband never said anything about her fine cooking.

Let us scatter more roses and throw less brickbats! We will build a strong happy relationship. Brickbats will make the home unhappy, and they can destroy it. Let us all resolve to scatter roses of love and be happier ourselves, and in turn make others happy.

traveling up Parish Street.

Another man told me that he was taking a sick man to Roxboro when Hazel blew down a tree halting his journey. He was about to turn back to find shelter at a house not far away when Hazel blew across the road behind him another tree. He said his emergency brakes were not quite tight enough to hold the car against the wind. He had to keep his foot brakes in constant operation, a tiresome task at best.

A minister told me that he was working in the basement of a large building with another man who in the initial stages of Hazel's antics was laughing and joking. But when Hazel's rage reached its height the man "went to crying."

When I heard this, I was about to form an opinion. But I recalled that he is not the first man a woman has caused to cry.

A frightened man left his car in the middle of Main Street, I was told, and fled in panic to the shelter of a store. A policeman moved the car.

The person reciting the story was harsh in his judgement upon that man. I tried to defend him by pointing to the fact that fear paralyzes the thinking process and that should be considered. My informant did not argue, so I figured he thought my point was valid. Or did he?

A young lady told another in my presence that she "crawled under the bed." I heard several persons say that they were "scared to death." I found an office forsaken by a small group. See *Life Is Like That*, Page 7

THE SACRED RIGHT TO VOTE

Saturday, October 23 will be the last day of registration for those who will be able to vote in the November election. Although Durham has the largest number of registered Negroes per capita in the entire state there is room for improvement and this newspaper would like to see a whirlwind campaign put on next Saturday in an effort to increase the number of registered Negroes in this city and county.

All over the city and county there are many persons who have never registered even though they have lived in Durham for many years. In addition there are many newcomers who should register as well as many persons

who have moved and need to have their places of registration and voting changed. This newspaper believes that the above facts afford a great opportunity for political science classes of N. C. College and thoughtful high school students to do a great service by making a door to door canvass and to urge unregistered persons to register in order that they will be eligible to vote in the November election.

According to R. O. Everett, chairman of the Durham County Board of Elections, the registrars will be at their posts of duty Saturday from 9:30 a. m. until sunset. Prior to that time persons desiring to register before Saturday

may go to the home of the registrar in their precinct any night during the week.

The right to vote is the most sacred opportunity that can come to one living under a democratic form of government. For that right men have fought, bled and died and every man and woman should treasure it to the highest. Because of its importance the Carolina Times, as it has done in the past, most sincerely urges every person in Durham, and elsewhere for that matter, who has not registered to do so before sunset next Saturday. We urge them to do so because it is the only way that good government can be maintained and freedom can be guarded.

STRAIGHT AHEAD

NEW YORK

Ever since the May 17 Supreme Court decision against segregated schools, there has been constant dispute as to whether the Republican Party could take credit for it. The Republicans have taken the position that the decision was due to a combination of the President's full and complete moral backing, the appearance and the arguments of the Attorney General before the Justices, and the leadership provided by the GOP appointee, Chief Justice Earl Warren. The Democrats

ment in American politics, it is not too early to say that the Republican Party has lost out in the South for decades to come." Mr. Lawrence points out further that "since the Eisenhower Administration sent a special counsel to appear before the Supreme Court of the United States to argue against segregation, and later boasted about the part it played in persuading the Justices to rule as they did, there is no longer any doubt in the South that the Eisenhower Administration has reverted to the traditional position of the Republican Party on civil rights issue."

Lawrence goes on to say that "the move was wholly unnecessary from a political standpoint" which points up the moral issue involved. The Administration seemed to have felt that it was necessary from a moral standpoint, since the

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Utah is well known as Mormon headquarters. Whether one approves or not of their spiritual philosophy is of little moment to news that comes of that state.

But it is significant that it is a matter of record during Great Depression no Mormon was on relief. Through use of capitalistic concepts of increased production and distribution, other principles of sound business, they may be the problem here.

Neither can Mormons be called isolationists. In fact, there is hardly a corner of the world where Mormon missionaries are not found.

Yet despite their demonstrated long standing zeal to spread an idea over the world, they have never dissipated their hard won substance at home, knowing you cannot bribe people into acceptance of ideas.

It therefore seems but logical that biggest attack at present on continuing U. S. worldwide boondoggling is being readied by J. Bracken Lee, Utah governor.

At this moment it is not known if Gov. Lee is a Mormon; neither would clarification of this point be of any import. The interesting fact is that Gov. Lee is preparing to make a legal test of U. S. foreign aid programs.

He states, "It has long been my feeling that this program is contrary to our Constitution."

that this document and appended Bill of Rights contains ample precautions taken by the founding fathers to prevent either persons or their property being seized for governmental whims, even if temporarily such a whim had a majority backing in Congress. Therefore, many share with Gov. Lee the feeling that proper interpretation of the Constitution will stop this drain of billions in taxes.

He points out that while foreign aid, when first started, included only Greece and Turkey, today 81 nations have nosed up to Uncle Sam's well filled trough.

And ironically, he states, the combined national debts of all these nations receiving American taxes are less by \$43 billion than the present U. S. national debt.

And finally, Gov. Lee states truths almost as old as mankind.

"I do not believe you can buy friends with outlays of cash. The foreign aid programs ought to have taught us that by now. What now needs to be learned is that we cannot spend ourselves rich, that the American taxpayer is overburdened right now, and he should not be expected to support all people of the world."

Footnote on Congressional economy: The proposed raise of dependency allowance for each child for income tax purposes from \$600 to \$700 which on average would have given parents another \$15 per child was turned down by Congress because it could not be afforded in view of foreign commitments.

Yet same Congress voted \$5000 to design and make jassy gold medal White House presented to wealthy Tin Pan Alley composer Irving Berlin in appreciation of his patriotic songs. Yet \$5000 equals savings on taxes that families representing some 350 children would have gained by the \$100 increase in exemptions.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE NAAWP

It now appears that Bryant Bowles, the chief organizer of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, has turned out to be a chronic violator of the law rather than an honest respectable citizen. Last week on this page we reprinted in its entirety, for the benefit of our readers, an editorial from the Greensboro Daily News. It throws some light on just the type of man many of our white folks here in North Carolina are following by joining the NAAWP.

Negroes and white people in Delaware should be thank-

ful to the police of that state for disclosing the court record of Bowles. Likewise those in North Carolina should be thankful to the Greensboro Daily News for its forthright stand on the matter and its exposure of one who is threatening the foundation of all law and order in this country. Many of them will probably feel somewhat embarrassed that they have allowed themselves to be sucked in by such a notorious violator of the law.

Generally speaking white people in this country need no special organization for their

advancement. If with every door of opportunity that has been opened to them for the nearly 500 years they have been in this country, they have not advanced, an organization such as that proposed by Bowles will not help them.

The organizer and the NAAWP are probably on their way out like the organizer of the Ku Klux Klan and the Klan itself. The reason for it is that the purpose and foundation of both are wrong and there are too many decent people in the most of the states where they are operating for them to survive.

MAKING IT HARD FOR KNIFE WELDERS

Judge A. R. Wilson of the Durham Recorder's Court gets the approval of this newspaper for getting tough with knife and razor welders. Last week the Judge slapped heavy road sentences on two defendants charged with knife cuttings and warned that others will be dealt with in a similar manner when they come before him for such offenses. This is the kind of court action it will take to have such culprits understand that they cannot whip out a knife or razor on the least provocation and

start cutting on a fellow human being.

As we understand it a victim of one of the cutting affairs was forced to have 54 stitches taken in his face as the result of one of the knife welders. A person cut to such an extent is lucky to have escaped with his life and we agree with Judge Wilson that the time has come to close in on those who have no more regard for life and limb than the two defendants he sent to the road last week.

In his efforts to put a halt to such criminals Judge Wilson should receive the full support of every law abiding citizen in Durham. In addition every police officer should be on the alert to make a quick arrest of those who carry knives and razors as weapons around in their pockets for the purpose of using them in affrays. If Judge Wilson is given this kind of cooperation on the part of citizens and police officers it will not be long before cutting affairs will be unheard of in Durham.

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