

THE NEW GOVERNOR AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY

North Carolina's new governor, the Honorable Luther V. Hodges, is an unknown quantity on racial matters so far as this newspaper is concerned. Whereas the late Governor William B. Umstead's record on the Negro question was well-known to all from the time he was prosecuting attorney of the Durham Recorder's Court up until he became governor, that of Governor Hodges is not. About the only information available on the new governor that gives any indication as to the type of man now occupying the office of Chief Executive of the state is that at one time he was vice-president of Marshall Fields.

The fact that Governor Hodges has served as vice-president of one of the nation's largest mail order houses is an indication that he is a man of large affairs. So far as the Negro is concerned this should be in his favor, since a man of small stature seldom rises to a position of importance in a company like Marshall Fields. If he does it is certain he will not remain in that position very long.

Whatever the new governor's stand on racial matters, we would have him know that thinking Negroes of North Carolina stand ready and willing to work with him to the fullest extent in any manner that will implement Democracy in North Carolina for all the people. As has been suggested by this newspaper, prior to Governor Umstead's death, there ought to be appointed a committee of leading Negroes and white people that will sit down and calmly and frankly discuss and formulate sensible plans for the harmonious imple-

mentation of the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling on integration in public schools.

Lambasting the Supreme Court, threats and criticism mean nothing. The highest court in the land has spoken and every law abiding citizen should accept the ruling as the law. Certainly no respectable Negro is going to do otherwise and no respectable white person is going to require him to do otherwise. Likewise no respectable or sensible Negro wishes to impose any hardship on the white citizenry of the state in the attempt to comply with the ruling, which in the end must be complied with if we are to uphold law and order in this country. The only thing any Negro of sound judgment wants is that a sincere and honest effort be made to implement the ruling and to bring about a condition under which Negroes may secure for their children an education in the public schools that is not injurious to their welfare, personality and future.

Recent surveys disclose that as a rule Negro children are unable to measure arms with white children in the matter of education. This has been attributed to the inferior training which they have received in segregated schools, many of which are still of the one-room type as this newspaper found existing in Caswell County and other sections of the state and South. It should be expected that Negro parents would resort to any lawful means to bring about a solution to this rank injustice which they have suffered with patience for nearly a hundred years. Governor Hodges can do

much to bring about a satisfactory solution to the problem if he will appoint a committee of white and Negro citizens who will represent a cross section of the people. So far as Negroes are concerned their representation must not be confined entirely to teachers or other state employes who in the very nature of the case are limited to how far they can go without jeopardizing their jobs back home in giving a true interpretation as to how Negroes feel about segregated schools.

The committee as appointed by the late Governor Umstead overlooked representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Negro ministers, lawyers, physicians, farmers and other professions and vocations. Since in the end these same people are going to have something to say about what is acceptable and what is not, we feel that the only sensible thing to do is to bring them into the equation now and let them have a part in formulating plans that will not be injurious to either race. The ostrich-like attitude of sticking one's head in the sand and pretending such leaders do not exist or should be ignored is stupid and we feel falls far short of high statesmanship.

We will get nowhere in North Carolina pretending to fear what attitude Negro leaders of all walks will take or what they wish in the matter. This newspaper believes that there are enough sensible white and Negro leaders in North Carolina as well as enough interracial goodwill and respect to find the truth and then courageously face

Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH

The scientific mastery, that men of our generation have achieved over the forces of nature is astounding and the degree to which they are able to manipulate or control physical laws to human advantage staggers the imagination. Some people seeing this mastery in accelerated growth bemoan the fact and bring forth the indictment, that men of science are encroaching upon the prerogatives of God and trespassing upon the holy ground of privilege upon which no being except God has the right to walk.

I have listened more than once to some of these people in their heated tirades, sometimes taking the form of fearful lamentation and at other times harsh criticism as words poured from their lips in a flood of disapproval.

This criticism takes three forms. First, man has exceeded the limits of knowledge established by God for him. Second, the result of this scientific knowledge is going to be the destruction of mankind. And, third, men are growing weaker and wiser.

So far as I am concerned, this three-fold criticism is just so much hogwash and empty nonsense. This, I say because the persons making such criticisms and predictions of calamity-racial extermination or the wiping out of mankind do so on the basis of assumption and prejudice and without reasoning the matter out either speculatively or scientifically.

If somebody reading this should wonder how I know these people to be guilty of reaching such conclusions without reasoning or thinking, my answer is this: I have asked them. The answer was, "God did not intend it." But I have never found one who could reasonably defend his position with logic or find scripture to back him up.

My reason follows for justifying man's outreach for mastery and dominion in the realm of nature. God ordained it explicitly by decree or commandment and implicitly by endowing man with an intellect or mind with God-like potentialities, a mind with an insatiable thirst to know, unquenchable curiosity to understand the mysteries of life, and an eternally active impulse to bring under his control as much of the physical universe as possible. Against such a mastery, Heaven has never revealed a prohibition and God has never issued any commandment.

Let us project ourselves for a moment into the distant past when man first appeared on the earth. The physical universe must have been a frightening reality to them. How helpless they must have felt in the midst of a great earth—an earth so frightfully vast two-thirds of which was covered by titanic oceans that seemingly had no

How utterly destitute of power these early men must have felt as they beheld an earth of endless, fear-inspiring forests inhabited by millions of ferocious beasts, deadly reptiles, and inconceivable hordes of insects; an earth of towering mountains, rushing rivers and roaring waterfalls; an earth that sometimes belched forth fire in volcanic eruptions and trembled under the fearsome impact of mighty winds and torrential rains, while blinding lightning streaked a cross cloud-covered skies now and again to strike with destructive fury in their midst, and peals of thunder louder than the artillery barrage of a thousand battlefields reverberated through the hills.

How utterly hopeless and abysmally fearful, these men must have been in the midst of an earth of unknown mysteries and dreadful dangers. I can imagine that these men in desperation cried to God: "How are helpless creatures like ourselves going to live in such a world? What can we do?"

And the Lord God replied: "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

This was the first commandment man ever received from God. How well mankind has kept that commandment. They have harnessed river and waterfall for the wheels of industry and to light their cities, learned to a limited extent to cope with the eccentricities of the lightning. They have made light waves to become conveyors of the human voice enabling it to travel at 186,000 miles a second to gird the earth seven times and nearly a half more, while the world's fastest sprinter travels eleven yards or less. They have transformed deserts into fruitful plantations and swamps into land not only highly productive, but habitable for men. They have made ships some that travel beneath the water and some upon its surface. They have built airplanes some of which travel at supersonic speed, speed faster than sound, planes that travel so fast you see them go by and wait for the sound to arrive.

Lack of space forbids the detailed picture I would like to paint. But let me add this touch. Men have conquered diseases that used to kill humans by the millions. They have learned to perform the most difficult surgery as patients lie in artificial sleep and to produce babies both human and animal by artificial insemination.

God intended men to have power. But here is the tragedy. Men have so often used the power achieved for evil purposes. They have used their knowledge to spread wholesale

"Integration, Will Make Such Misunderstandings, A Thing Of The Past"



Spiritual Insight

"IN HIS HAND"

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"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee; Fear not, I will help thee." Isa. 41:13.

This text is a guarantee or assurance of each of us being held in the hand of Eternal Power. What an encouraging promise this is to me and to you. Just think what it may mean for those who take God at his word: "To take us and HOLD US WITH THE HAND OF ETHERNAL POWER! Each life would be different if it would just take him at his word. Yes, Faith in God is a Divine guarantee! Do you believe in God? Are you willing to trust him: PUT YOUR LIFE IN HIS HAND? Then your life ought to be undergirded by a deep conviction—you ought have an unshaken source of inner spiritual strength.

This conviction—this faith should mean a courageous quality of life. I saw a Child of God recently into whose life a little distress had come. This little reverse had shaken the very foundations of faith: The

person was left a shameful spectacle of excitement, uneasiness, anxiousness, and fear. The Prophet reminds us that real faith in God does not act nor react in this way. Why should we so act when we have such an assurance. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand. Fear not...I will help thee..." This should produce in us a life of strength, courage, patience, endurance and hope.

We have God's promises to take us by the hand. He promises to take us in his hands. The child held in the hands of the Father should have a measure of inward peace and power. Why get fearful if you are in his hands? He will take you by the hand. He will hold you. "FEAR NOT...I WILL HELP THEE..."

In his hands you ought face life with courage. Are you in his hands? Can you face life with courage? In his hands you ought be able to carry on. In his hands you can surrender and trust him fully. I saw an ad in the paper the other day with a

suggestive heading... STOP struggling. In his hands you ought have a measure of peace and power. In him you ought be "like a tree planted by the rivers of water...whose leaf shall not wither..." In his hands you ought stop murmuring and complaining. In his hands you ought face life and its battles like a good soldier.

In him you may be downed, sometimes but you should never be counted out. In him you ought be able to say I MAY BE DOWN BUT I-AM NOT OUT. I know you may puzzle and be bewildered by some of life's experiences. But this should last for only a moment. For in him you should know no final frustration and defeat. I saw a team the other day holding on against one last supreme effort. That victorious stand turned the tide and they went on to win the victory. And so should it be with those who are held by the hand of Eternal power.

In God's hand we should be held steadfast and ever abound in his work!

STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK We are sorry to be on the defensive again, but we must, because it appears necessary that we constantly fight the "Battle of Harlem." Now, we have taken various other people to task for maligning our community, but we took into account the fact that they were not Negroes and didn't have a chance to know the real story. However, we never thought we'd have to take a swipe at somebody we thought was in our corner—a person who has an opportunity to learn to know the Harlem community as it is. Our remarks, therefore, are directed to a Mr. Joe Sewall who writes a column called "The Writing Show" for The Washington Spotlight.

Mr. Sewall apparently blew into town for a weekend just a while back and when he got back home, he felt called upon to do a colorful piece on the New York scene. He starts off his story with the usual reference to the fact that "many of the millions who pour in and out of the Big Town are quick to admit how they love to drop in on the metropolis, but— you know the rest. With that cliché out of the way, Mr. Sewall proceeds to pinpoint New York life with this gem:

"Free spending has gone underground here, and the Cadillacs cruising up and down the avenues are seen just now and then. Barkeeps have been feeling the pinch of the new slow dollar and prostitution and other forms of vice are practiced in the open on Eighth and Lenox Avenues. Muggings threaten even the holding of night church services on Sun-

day." This report, which has the ring of the would-be sophisticate who wants to impress the

folks back home with his lurid accounts of life in the wicked, wicked city, paints a drab (Please turn to Page Seven)

HEALTH HORIZONS

Keeping The Aging Person Fit

There are 13,000,000 persons 65 years of age or older, in the United States. By 1963 this group of aging citizenry will reach a total of 17,000,000. And, of course, there will be many more millions of men and women between the ages of 60 and 65.

All this adds up to this: thanks to the progress of modern medicine and the improvement in living standards man's lifespan is increasing steadily. The diseases that heretofore would kill people at about the age of 60 or more have been steadily retreating before onslaught of the "miracle drugs"... antibiotics, hormones, cortisone, etc.

The Big Problem The big problem facing doctors now is to keep the growing group of old people physically fit, alert and as usefully occupied as possible. The wear and tear that comes with getting old is reflected in the slow-down of the entire organism; and this is accompanied by weakening of body tissue, melancholia, anxiety, fatigue, lack of interest and inertia. Once the hardening of the arteries sets in, the flow of blood to the brain slows down, making it more difficult for the brain to nourish itself.

A New Drug There has been much medical research in recent years to deal with this problem. Among some of the most promising developments is the announcement from the Research Division of the Gray Pharmaceutical Company of Boston that a drug is soon to be marketed under the name of 1-Glutavite. It is unique because of the fact that it combines two chemicals designed to bring better tone to the brain. One of these chemicals is monosodium levoglutamate which pro-



vides the only amino acid that "metabolizes" or has a nutritive effect on the brain. The other is niacin whose function it is to stretch the blood vessels and thus allow the blood, laden with glutamic acid, to flow into the brain more freely. In addition this drug contains selected body building vitamins.

According to a report by Dr. H. E. Hinrich of Galesburg State Research Hospital, Illinois, monosodium levoglutamate has a very favorable effect on patients complaining of weakness, fatigue and lack of interest in their surroundings. They became more alert and were better able to carry out their daily activities.

1-Glutavite does not produce any side effects. It is dispensed in powder form and can be sprinkled on cooked foods or taken in tomato or vegetable juices.

COURAGEOUS CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

On last Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) while pseudo Christians blinked, grew goose pimples and suffered goose prostration, approximately 500 sincere white and Negro Christians worshipped together for the first time in a Danville, Virginia white church, listened to a Negro minister preach on "God's Unspeakable Gift," and returned to their respective homes without a single Negro turning white and a single white person turning black. Although the meeting was well attended by both laymen and ministers, it was not without opposition from that element of Christians who can watch with approval over television or at the ring side a white and Negro prize-fighter maul each other into red jelly, yet they cannot stand to see white and Negro Christians worship God together.

In spite of the opposition which did not get further than a disconcerted effort to halt the meeting in its incipency, it was a great success. The Danville Ministers' Association is to be commended for having the courage to lead out in the direction of true brotherhood which opens pulpits in white churches to Negro ministers as well as Negro pupils to white ministers.

Here in Durham where white and Negro ministers have never been able to get beyond the mark of token brotherhood, the Danville Thanksgiving meeting will appear too radical to be acceptable. Ministerial brotherhood in this city is more or less a one way street proposition with the white ministers always traveling in the direction of the Negro pulpit but

no Negro ministers traveling in the direction of a white pulpit.

This newspaper believes that meetings such as that held in Danville on last Thanksgiving day should be encouraged. Certainly people who sing, pray and worship God together are bound to eventually reach a point of better understanding. All of them will soon find out that there is very little if any difference in the aspirations, desires and wishes of the most of us. When persons in both races better understand each other, there is little danger of them ever hating each other. We think that any movement in America that is going to bring about a better understanding between the races is sorely needed and one of the best assurances against a divided people in case of a national emergency or peril.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

It is difficult to ever establish accurate figures on national unemployment.

But whether total now stands at 3 or 6 million is minor point against long range prospect, because the climate for increased unemployment exists.

A significant study was made recently by British economist Graham Hutton. While he probably did not read into his findings a warning to American economic health, his figures appear accurate.

Hutton states, "49 years ago an American industrial worker turned out roughly the same amount in a day as his opposite number in Britain, Germany or France, and enjoyed broadly the same standard of living. Today he turns out from 2 to 5 times as much and 8 hours work buys for an American from 1 1/2 to 4 times the quantity of goods that 8 hours work buys for a British or West European worker."

Thus to be equal with 1904, average American industrial worker today should be able to buy 20 to 25% more goods.

Of course, many say American worker with autos, television, et al, has world's highest living standard, so why the concern?

While this point is not argued, on the other hand, as every business man knows, you cannot in the long run beat percentages. And thereby hinges the concern.

As it appears from this study, 20 to 25% of U. S. workers productive capacity is being idled. Naturally, while a British economist would not touch upon this subject, it is

quite likely these siphoned off amounts are about equal to cost of present U. S. multi-billion dollar foreign aid programs.

Paraphrasing Gen. MacArthur's "In war there is no substitute for victory," in a free economy there is no substitute for consumption.

Detroit auto plants, Chicago television plants, New England textile mills cannot hire people to turn out goods for which there are no buyers.

It is a delicate balance, that is easily upset by development of even a few monopolies, even a limited import of cheaply produced foreign imports, or by government diverting a part of productivity to world bondholding.

The American system does not encompass principle of "ever normal granary" but is rather expressed by the ever full garbage can. And this latter symbol of waste has been focal point for rallying of socialists and communists in and out of Washington who have worked for so many years to march America in lock-step with rest of world.

Perhaps government owned monopolies, or government encouraged monopolies can so operate there is no waste.

But as all dictators have found, including the Kremlin, in an economy without waste, eventually there develops a surplus of people which must either be supported at state expense, liquidated, or sent to Siberia. But for over 20 years American leadership has failed to understand fact that free American enterprise system cannot be compared to anything else existing in world so lacking courage to stand alone, every effort is made to get American system to conform to rest of world. It's something akin to a doctor injecting himself with tuberculosis germs so he can be just as sick as his patient.

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