

## TOWARD BETTER RADIO PROGRAMS

This newspaper has watched or rather listened to the decline in the quality of programs now being broadcast by several radio stations in this area with much concern if not a degree of alarm. Especially is this true on Sunday mornings when the air is fairly littered with so-called quartets, choirs, choruses and other groups whose performance is certainly a disgrace to themselves if not to the stations from which they are broadcasting.

In the early years of radio, persons or groups scheduled to go on the air were required to appear before the station's management for an audition. If their performance did not meet certain standards they were politely refused. It may be here-of-late that competi-

tion in the field of radio has become so keen that radio managers are grabbing at any and every person or group that has the money to pay for the time. Hence more emphasis is now put on the financial side than on the quality of the program.

It might not be a bad idea for radio managers to have it announced beforehand that such programs are paid for by the performers or their sponsors and are therefore not the product of the stations nor are they controlled by them. Certainly this would relieve them from having to bear the responsibility of originating such programs as are now generally heard over radio stations in this area, especially on Sunday mornings.

Frankly, we think the lis-

tening public could help radio station managers to pull up the quality of their programs by writing them from time to time expressing approval or disapproval. To merely cut off the program or turn to another station is not enough, simply because neither the management nor the performers are aware of it.

Staging at its best can only be produced by those who are musically inclined and are willing to spend long hours at rehearsals. The apparent idea existing among so many people that they can perform for the public over radio or otherwise without training can only stem from downright stupidity and should not be encouraged by persons who are supposed to be intelligent.

## INCREASING TUITION AT NEGRO SCHOOLS

There is more than one reason why the state of North Carolina should not raise the tuition fee at North Carolina College from \$90 per year to \$130. However there is one reason in particular that we would like to point out to the State Advisory Budget Commission before it goes too far in its tuition raising program. We are wondering if members of the Advisory Budget Commission have ever given serious thought to the fact that outside of the teaching profession the state itself makes practically no jobs available for Negroes by which they may earn money enough with which to educate

their children. In spite of the large number of state offices in Raleigh, employing whites as administrators, clerks, stenographers and other top-salary positions, a Negro's face is seldom if ever seen, except as a porter, maid, janitor or some other menial job where the pay is practically so low that no white man would have it.

As is usually the case the pattern set by the state is followed by private enterprises where Negro employment is also confined to the very lowest paying jobs. For the state to demand that the victims of such a system meet the same

standards as that of other people is, we think, unfair.

If the raising of tuition at North Carolina College, and probably other schools operated for Negroes, means that state officials intend opening the doors to qualified Negroes all along the line in state offices and other places of employment, then we think it would be absolutely fair for Negroes to pay the same tuition as is charged at other state institutions. Otherwise we think it is decidedly unfair for the state to expect them to be able to withstand the increase without suffering.

## MONEY AND BALLOTS TALK

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, according to a news story carried on the front page of this week's issue of the Carolina Times, is initiating a plan by which financial help will be given Negro citizens in Mississippi who are suffering reprisals because they are in favor of the Supreme Court's ruling abolishing segregation in public schools or because they are demanding the right to vote. The aid for Negro farmers, business men and others will be furnished through the Negro owned Tri-State Bank of Memphis, Tennessee on a strictly business basis with applicants meeting the usual requirements of the bank in such matters.

It is further reported that the NAACP has already deposited \$20,000 of its reserve funds in the Memphis Bank and more will be forthcoming in the very near future. This coupled with the interest aroused among individuals and other organizations may result in an expansion of the Tri-State Bank's assets \$250,000 or more. In addition, it is certain to raise the respect of Negroes for banking institutions of their own as well as elevate their self-respect.

Thus the inflicting of re-

prisals on the Negro population of Mississippi may result in more solidarity, self-reliance and initiative on their part than had the reprisals never been. "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," and it now appears that Negroes in and around Memphis, as well as in Mississippi, are in for an awakening, the like of which they have not yet seen.

Here in Durham and Raleigh, where Negroes have the use and service of a Negro bank, it would be hard for them to understand what a plight a farmer, business or professional man is in when he is unable to secure credit from a bank or other institution with which to carry on when ready cash is needed. "You never miss your water until your well runs dry." In Durham Negroes, many of whom have never had their feet inside the Negro bank, are able to secure credit in most other banks in the city. A majority of them never realize that the sole reason they can do this is because there is located here a bank of their own race.

We think the NAACP is taking the right step in making available to the Negro victims of the reprisals, money to carry on under adverse circumstances. It will be in-

teresting to watch just what the white people of that state will cook up next in their fiendish attempt to halt the onward march of democracy in their state and in the nation.

While we are on the subject of making money available to Negro citizens of Mississippi, it might not be out of place to call the attention of our readers to the fact that it is about time for the race to organize some kind of national investment corporation to make funds available for the development and expansion of businesses and industries operated by Negroes. As a group, it is also about time that we begin putting some money into businesses and industries operated by others. We will never, as a race, be able to demand employment in many areas of American life until we are able to share in the ownership.

There is no language more understandable to the average American than that of the dollar and the ballot box. Once we secure a reasonable portion of both and begin to use them to a good advantage many of the ills that now beset us will melt away like a winter's snow before a summer's sun.

## Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH

You undoubtedly have heard the expression, "Man Shall not live by bread alone." If so, the privilege has been yours to listen to one of the most profound truths ever spoken. That is true because the expression points to the fact that life finally and ultimately is spiritual. It seems that some people have difficulty in realizing this. For they live without regard to any eternal future and as if this life is the sum total of human existence.

Why they do this is not too hard to understand. It is because the most apparent aspect of life is biological or physical. We take our physical existence for granted. There are those dealing with metaphysics, the realm of pure being, who deny a bodily existence. I've heard arguments to that effect.

Although I try to keep an open mind, I have none in this regard. The physical world, including my bodily self, is real so far as I am concerned. I am not even interested in arguments to the contrary.

Maybe, that goes for everybody else. I say that because I seriously doubt if even those who deny the reality of the physical world believe what they say. I have associated with people who dismissed pain, suffering, and death as false arguments of the mortal mind (which itself really doesn't exist if their philosophy is right). But in pain and suffering, and facing death, those I have seen react in characteristic or normal fashion.

But if men readily accept physical existence, they don't accept as readily spiritual existence. Skepticism or doubt relative to immortality, even more characteristic of our modern life, is an evidence. Job asked, "If a man die shall he live again." A good many modern people answer no out loud, while others less courageous either say it in whispers or think it.

But even more revealing as regards the seriousness with which men regard their physical existence, as over against the spiritual, is the emphasis they put upon the physical. That emphasis reflects itself in a materialistic civilization in which the dollar is king and material values reign supreme. Men live, fight and die to get money and the things money can buy. Most of the interest they have in spiritual things is an after thought. At least, it plays second fiddle to the interest in material things.

A great leader of 2,000 years ago found it necessary to remind men that they should not lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal. He also found it expedient to urge them rather to lay up their treasure in heaven where such losses are not experienced. What he said found few sympathetic ears then. It doesn't impress too much today.

Love of money has even laid its strangling tentacles upon the clergy today, the "legitimate" clergy and the "illegitimate." By the "legitimate," I mean leaders in our accepted orthodox churches. By the "illegitimate," I mean those in a multitude of outlandish cults springing up everywhere like mushrooms.

I've never seen so many self-appointed "bishops" and healers in all my life. Once the term "bishop" designated high intelligence, spiritual grace, dignity, consecrated scholarship. Now, it designates, to many people, men of opposite character who are making a racket out of religion, preying upon ignorance and credulity.

"Preachers" are roasting the country with holy oil, handkerchiefs they have "blessed," and other "spiritual" emblems selling them to the lame in brain. And, believe me, they are many. One minister even advertizes in papers, national in circulation, that if you'll send him one dollar, he'll give you a lucky number. Another bewhiskered gent who calls himself a prophet guarantees success in romance, money-making, or anything else. Of course, he has his price.

The curse of materialism is upon our generation. For when men turn religion into an instrument of exploitation (a means of using people to make money), that is love of money operating in all of its hideous ugliness and sinister greed.

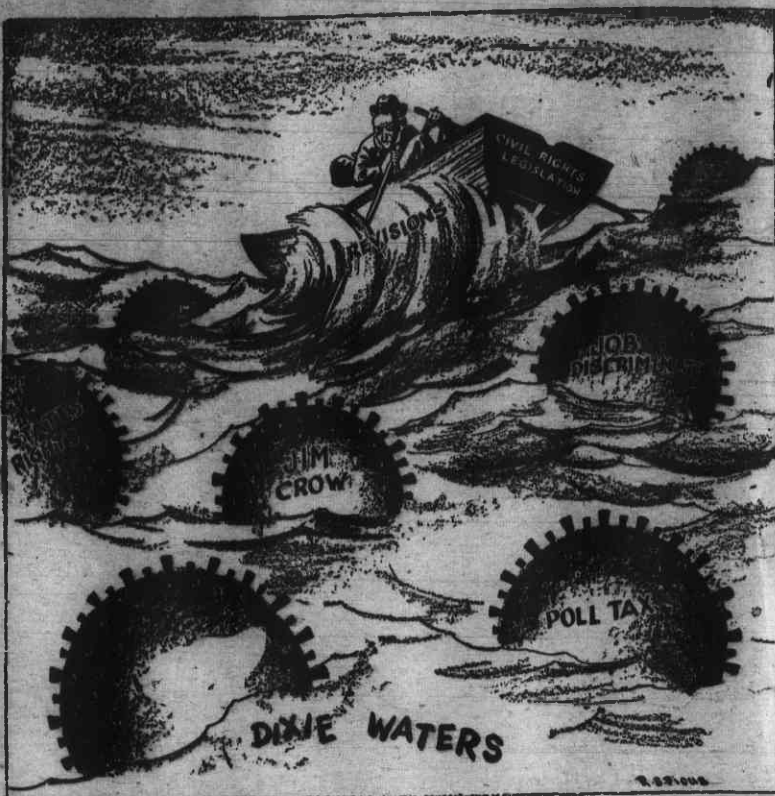
Contrast this practice with that of Jesus. He gave without taking. He never charged to heal, or arranged things so that he could get money without direct charge. A woman touched the hem of his garment one day and was healed. If some of our modern spiritual quacks had power like that, they'd be charging anywhere from a dollar on up to a touch with cut-rate prices for mass touching.

We would do well to remember those words of Jesus, "Man shall not live by bread alone." "Bread" stands for all that serves our physical life. It indicates food, drink, clothing, cars, everything we depend on for existence, comfort, and joy. You can't live by those things alone says Jesus.

Then, if he is right, there must be another aspect of human nature that is not physical. There is a nature in men higher than the animal or biological. It is in this aspect of his being that man truly lives. It food has its hunger. And unless this side of human nature which is eternal is fed, not only does it die; but we die.

Wise is he, therefore, who takes seriously the words, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and dedicates himself to providing for the basic satisfactions of his higher nature.

## "DOOMED AGAIN, AND WITH OUT A FIGHT?"



## Spiritual Insight

"ENDURE TRIALS PATIENTLY"  
BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"He that overcometh...and keepeth my works...to him will I give power..." Rev. 2:26

There are many things in our mortal nature that we need power to overcome. We are harassed and plagued by weaknesses, imperfections, and evil inclinations. Paul states it beautifully... "When I would do good, evil is always present." We need power to overcome these ever present inner sinful inclinations, and we cannot overcome these with our own strength... "The arm of flesh will fail you... you dare not trust your own." We need spiritual help from above, and we need the power that the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit can give.

There are about five common human difficulties that we need power to help us overcome. They are fear, tyranny of littleness, ignoble actions, greed and trouble, and persecution. These are the common enemies of good impulses and Holy strivings. These things plague us all at one time or another.

We need a power to overcome our crippling and stifling fears. Fears at times may threaten all of us. Fear is one

of our greatest enemies because it is an enemy of the beauty and power of our spiritual life.

Some are gripped by it, but you can be free. Stop being a slave to fear. You can't with the help of God you can overcome your fears. Fear paralyzes, fear warps the soul, fear puts our God-given energies in a deep freeze of uselessness. Yes many of us are frozen stiff with fears. It is ruining our homes and our children. What damage fear can do to the delicate feelings and soul of a child! What is the remedy? How can I overcome fear? Faith is the remedy; Faith in God! Trust God fully, for this trust generates power to overcome fear! Accept and live by the great truth of the hymn... "Be Not Dismayed... God Will Take Care of You..."

We all need power to overcome the tyranny of littleness. This plagues each of us at times also. It is so easy to become an abject prisoner of our littleness. Beware of it, for this thing is dangerous! We fall under its sway and power all too easily.

Surrender, unconditionally, to Christ and he will free you from the tyranny of this stifling prison. God wants us to be big-

hearted and gracious. Too many are the petty slaves of the cussedness of littleness. The love of God will do the job.

We need power also to overcome the soul blight of Greed! It darkens the soul. It crushes good impulses, smothers charity and benevolence, and it is an enemy of spiritual and moral nobility. It snuffs out compassion. Let God set you free from this cell of selfishness. How? Jesus gives the answer: "If any man come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me..."

We need power to overcome the tendency to ignoble living. Judas stands as an eternal symbol of ignoble living. The spirit of Jesus never broke the hard core of his sinful nature. To overcome ignoble living you must surrender and accept the way of life suggested by Christ Jesus.

Christ promised and sent a power which will enable us to overcome terror and tyranny of soul that we all face in this life, which is filled with fear, littleness, greed, ignoble living, trouble and persecution. Can I have this power? Yes!... "Ask and it shall be given..."

## Letters To Editor

Editor  
Carolina Times  
A few days ago (Jan. 3), the Durham Morning Herald carried a write up on a social that Judge and Mrs. A. R. Wilson gave for the "Over 60" group. I read it with deepest interest because he made a lecture and compared old age to a large cake. To quote him, "Think of life as one big cake. We inherit its ingredients and recipe at birth, mix it in childhood, take it during adolescence, cover it with icing between the ages of 30 and 40, and enjoy it for the remainder of our days."

I agree with him whole heartedly, too many of our juvenile and marital problems stem from using the wrong ingredients in the wrong cake. All cooks know fruit cake is not made with angel food ingredients." Judge Wilson made these remarks to an "over 60" group on the occasion of his 38th Wedding Anniversary. I like that idea of doing for others on your anniversary so well that Mr. Mason and I are using it this year come October as ours. Durham is made a better place to live in by such persons as Judge Wilson.

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of party, should find encouragement in the following excerpt of Congressman Diggs' address to the Michigan delegation, at Union Station:

"The reports... I have received since the election, from Japan, India, Africa, Sweden, and South America, convince me positively, that regardless of a person's personal prejudices... and we all have them... if we truly believe in the democratic philosophy, if we truly appreciate the superior features of the American way of life, there is only one course to take, and every deviation from it, however slight, puts more soldiers in the enemy's camp."

"That course was charted by the architects of the basic law of this land, 168 years ago, when they proclaimed that 'all men were created equal and endowed by their maker with certain inalienable rights...'"

Reception at NCNW  
A reception in honor of the new Congressman was held at the Council House, headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the Council, Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, president, and Congressman William L. Dawson, of Illinois, were in the receiving line.

Among the nationally-known guests present were: Judge William C. Hueston, Grand Secretary of IBPOEW, Joseph Ray, top-ranking Housing official, Philip Sadler, of Housing, Dr. and Mrs. Rayford Logan of Howard University, Dr. William Stewart Nelson, of Howard, Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux.

Mrs. Charles Diggs, Sr., mother of the Congressman, with his wife, and her sister, Mrs. Rothario, Herbert Jones, Grand Organizer of the Elks

## CAPITAL CLOSE-UP



The "34th" Convenes—Diggs Takes Oath

Charles C. Diggs, Jr., (Dem.) of Michigan's Thirteenth District, stooped slightly as he raised his right hand to take the oath of office as a member of the 84th Congress—his left was firmly clasped in that of his small son, six-year-old Charles C. Diggs, III, standing close beside him.

Earlier in the day, at Union Station, Congressman-elect Diggs had met the train from Detroit bearing his little son, his wife, Mrs. Juanita Diggs, her sister, Mrs. Carmelita Rothario, and 350 friends and well-wishers from Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Pontiac and elsewhere, came to see him begin service as a member of the greatest parliamentary body in the world.

Meeting the train with him were Congressman-Adam Powell (Demo.) New York, William L. Dawson (Dem.) Chicago, and Thaddeus Machrowicz (Dem.) First District Michigan. The first vote cast by the new congressman was one of the 228 which helped to elect Sam Rayburn of Texas, Speaker of the House—once more.

Every American, regardless

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

The Christmas season is known in many lands. In France it is Joyeux Noel.

And it is not hard to imagine directors of France's steel monopoly, Comines Forges, as they slip seasons cheer vinted or dillied by the French alcohol trust, biggest monopoly of them all, wishing each other Joyeux Noel with great satisfaction over having prevailed against any and all attempts to dent their tight monopoly. In fact, it is quite easy to imagine a conversation something like the following.

"Monsieur Directores, first there was that Americana Marshall Plan to encourage new private enterprise in Europe. But nobody got started in our business, instead, Comines Forges, received millions of Americana tax dollars to modernize our plants."

"So Velle, Cameo Korea and when Americana government curtailed civilian use of steel, we sold Americana plumbing supply jobs many tons of our pipe. We also sold a lot of steel, including rails, to Chinese communists too."

"But Sacre Bleu, next thing those crazy Americans tried to promote European Defense Community which had tied into it the terrible Shuman Plan which would have stopped cartelizeation in middle Europe's six nations, eliminated tariffs and import quotas and created the monster of free competition. Monsieur le Americana Minister for Foreign

Affaires even threatened to cut off U. S. dollar gifts if we didn't accept.

"Alonso, le the barricades we rushed and stopped it with a true Gallic compromise by which we gave little, if anything, but left the door open for continuing the flood of Americana dollars."

"So, Monsieur Directores de Comites Forges, we should all feel Joyeux Noel. Our glorious cartel is intact, we are protected by tariffs and import quotas, and thanks to le Marshall Plan we're bigger than ever, with a growing business with the communists. And, monsieurs, even bigger things may be in store."

"The Americana administration favors scrapping U. S. protective tariffs and their new Congress is dominated by the opposition party with many who also favor scrapping U. S. tariffs."

"But wait. There is a cloud."

"There is in the Americana Congress some wretched adherent of free enterprise, some Senators and Congressmen who think first of to Americana business and labor; who selfishly want to protect their country. So let us drink a toast to the confusion of those we shall call reactionary dollar patriot isolationists such as Senators George Malone, of Nevada, Warren Magnuson of Washington, Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, and Congressman Daniel Reed of New York, William Hitt of Colorado, James E. Van Zandt of Pennsylvania, Wayne Aspinall of Colorado, Harley Staggers of West Virginia, T. M. Hand of New Jersey and many others, and also drink a toast to free trade free Americas and not for us. Viva le Comites Forges!"

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