

ATTEND THE FREEDOM RALLY SUNDAY

This newspaper would like to add its endorsement to the state-wide mass meeting of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People to be held in the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, Sunday afternoon May 8. The meeting is important enough for thinking Negro citizens of this state to lay aside whatever they are doing and attend in large numbers. "The Fighting Fund For Freedom" needs no explanation in these columns to those of average intelligence and we trust the 5,000 persons which the president of the National Association has requested will be on hand.

As far back as history records there is no single instance in which the oppressor has voluntarily taken his heel off the neck of the oppressed. Freedom has only

come to an oppressed people after much struggle and sacrifice. Therefore the frightened, the wishful thinkers, the opportunists and the armchair leaders, who always hop on the bandwagon after the victory has been achieved, will probably not be present in large numbers next Sunday. They will assume the wait-and-see attitude and what ever way the drop falls, to the right or to the left, they will cry aloud, "I told you so."

The North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches is to be commended for its effort, especially in bringing to the meeting as the principal speaker, Roy Wilkins, the Executive Secretary of the NAACP. The more than a million Negro citizens of this state need a shot-in-the-arm and we are satisfied Mr.

Wilkins will furnish it at the Sunday meeting.

The Carolina Times urges every Negro citizen who is interested in securing full citizenship for the race to give their moral and financial support to the Freedom Day celebration next Sunday by putting in their presence and donating to the cause. Although the Memorial Auditorium will probably not hold them there should be at least 10,000 persons on hand instead of the 5,000 the State Conference hopes to bring to the meeting. Certainly, if Negroes in the state are unmindful of their own rights and the struggle now being waged by the NAACP to obtain them to such an extent that 5,000 of them will not show it by attending a rally for that purpose, then, we probably are not ready for them.

A SALUTE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL SOCIETY

We salute the North Carolina Medical Society for its forward step in approving Negro membership for that organization. The move is in keeping with the times and was inevitable. The doctors have found out what the church apparently has not—and that is that there is no difference in the human anatomy and what ails it because of race. Admission of Negro physicians to the N. C. Medical Society should make for a better understanding between the races along other lines as well as those of health. When diseases strike they are very democratic and have a way of knocking on all doors without regard to race, creed or color. And any movement that will unite the forces that fight them is certainly a step in the right direction.

The action taken by the N. C. Medical Society will probably cause heart failure to a number of the diehards in North Carolina. Their departure, however, should be welcomed as good riddance rather than a tragedy during these times of great change in national and international affairs. The Society has outstripped by far the church by practicing what it preaches in that it has destroyed the barrier which prohibits men of all races from studying working and struggling together in one common cause—the elimination of the diseases of mankind.

In an address before the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership meeting in Mound Bayo, Mississippi last Friday, Congressman Charles C. Diggs of Michigan drew a second indictment on the Christian church and its pattern of segregation. Said Mr. Diggs:

"In our land any Sunday morning, men, who in addition to their profession have suffered a war to preserve democratic ideals—among which is the principle that all men are created free and equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—these men sit in their segregated churches, worshipping in a feeling of virtue the God of all who commands that man love his brother, while denying church membership and fellowship as a policy, or as a passive matter of practice because they cannot conceive on a personal level of an association with fellowmen who are not of the same race, or color, or creed. . . . And these violations of professed faith, as they cannot help, move out into the wider world, becoming a part of our mode of living, becoming a factor of a national and foreign policy."

Yes, this is a serious but correct indictment of the Christian church in the United States and especially in the South. It tells the sad story of this institution refusing to take the lead in pointing mankind to the way of universal brotherhood and surrendering its program to the professional, business and sports world. Thus we see men of all races beginning to learn to work together on the farms, in the factories, in schools and colleges and in hospitals, but not able to work together for God in the churches. We see them in sports where not only bodily contact is often necessary but the mauling of each other into a bloody pulp in a prize fight ring is resorted to. We see them a few minutes later when the contest is over shake hands and throw their arms around each other in a brotherly manner.

Only the Christian church in the South remains adamant in the upward surge toward a nobler life. Instead of pointing the way it stands in the way or stands on the sidelines, condemning nor encouraging. It ought to be spewed up!

On behalf of all the Negro doctors of North Carolina and its more than one million Negro citizens, we wish to extend our thanks to the North Carolina Medical Society for its very fine contribution to the democratic way of life and to a better world.

POLIO TREATMENT FOR ALL

In spite of the national and international need for the Salk vaccine for the treatment of Polio we have been informed that so-called smart business men, along with gangsters and other crooks, are planning to make a hog killing or a water haul out of the vaccine through both legitimate and black market methods. According to Elmer Bendiner, writing in the National Guardian, for Polio Foundation paid \$1 for three injections of the vaccine or about 34¢ per injection. The original plan called for a price of \$1 per injection to the wholesalers or \$3.00 for the three required injections. Druggists would get the three for \$3.50 and the patient would finally pay \$4.20. Says Mr. Bendiner:

"On April 12, when the vaccine was officially declared effective, the manufacturers quietly announced a price boost tagging the package of three cc at \$6 to the patient—a mark-up of at least 600%

over cost." Cost to Families:

"In addition, patients will have to pay for each visit to the doctor (varying from \$3 to \$5), making the total cost to a parent securing the child's safety about \$15 to \$21 a child. Though Dr. Salk announced that he originally scheduled set of three shots could be reduced to two shots a week apart, and a third booster seven months later, the total costs remain the same. For a family of four, unless the doctor agrees to inoculate several children in one visit, the charges could approximate \$100, prohibitive to most families."

The Carolina Times feels that the giving of the Salk vaccine is too important to the health and lives of Americans to risk their exploitation by unscrupulous men in or out of the field of medicine. We think getting every American citizen inoculated, especially the nations children, is so important that the federal government should take over the

distribution and regulation of the cost or keep a close check on how and at what price it is distributed through private channels.

Polio is just as great a menace to the lives of American citizens as would be an invading army of an enemy country. We think, therefore, it becomes the responsibility of the federal government to see to it that the people are protected with all of the might and ingenuity at the nation's command. The matter of protecting the poorest citizen against this terrible disease is so mandatory that we feel he should not be denied the treatment simply because he may not have the money.

We would like to see the vaccine distributed to all alike and therefore urge the federal government to take over its distribution immediately in order that black marketing and the unfair methods may not be resorted to by evil men.

Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH

A POSITIVE REQUIREMENT OF DISCIPLESHIP

We find ourselves concerned once again with the topic above. In our first article, we approached the matter of Christian discipleship as it entails accepting the mind of Jesus, the adoption of his philosophy of life. Last week, we emphasized discipleship as following Christ into the heart of the will of God no matter how painful the sacrifice involved. At this time, we are stressing the thought that discipleship means following Christ in His program of service for the world.

Jesus' Purpose
That Jesus had a program of service for the world is seen in His purpose to establish a universal Kingdom which has as its foundation righteousness and as its law love. This kingdom was to be a world-wide brotherhood without distinction as to class or race, a divine society in which service is the measure of greatness and the evidence of Christian love. Such was the Master's purpose.

Purpose Not Accepted
Unfortunately, an overwhelming number of the members of the church which Christ established that such a society might be brought into being—members claiming discipleship—have not yet accepted that divine purpose in practice although completely dedicated to it in theory. And that is but another way of stating that these members endorse with their lips the ideal of Christ, but are in more or less complete rebellion against its realization.

Consider His Demands
Consider a few of Jesus' sayings which to my mind fit into this program and which we find greatly at variance with the practice of His church. At least, they are observed, in that part of the world we call Christian, only on a limited scale and with healthy reservations.

We have, the Golden Rule—Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you," and the charge not to seek to dominate men as did the Gentiles of Jesus' day.

We find Him forging into an inseparable link the commandment to love our fellowman with that which demands love of God.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan provides a definition of "neighbor" which includes men of every race and illustrates as well as any example in the Bible as to what constitutes Christian Service.

And, as well, Jesus proclaimed Himself as the servant of men and service as the ideal for His disciples.

Did More Than Talk
But Jesus did more than talk. He estimated the worth of the soul as infinite. His life and death proved His inflexible and complete faith in that estimate. His death on the cross was not compulsion; it was His voluntary acceptance. He died not because He had to, but in order to save men from sin. He has been properly called the Suffering Servant.

A Cynic Speaks
Concerning Christ's great sacrifice—the greatest service ever rendered humanity—Heine, a noted German cynic, said: "I too might have died for mankind if I had not shrewdly suspected they were not worth it." Heine's self-acknowledged, shrewdness has left him a nonentity—a person of little account who has left no worthwhile heritage to mankind. But that implied lack of shrewdness which caused Jesus to die for a humanity "not worth it" turned out to be man's greatest blessing and a service that has won Him nearly 7,000,000,000 disciples although some are following a long way off.

We Have Failed Him
The Christian world has failed to follow Christ in His great program of service. The Golden Rule is a moth ball principle, a convenient phase upon the lips of clergy and laity alike. Love of money has all but buried beyond hope of resurrection any likelihood of any full scale response to the ideal of service. Greatness through ser-

vice. How convenient a phrase that is for baccalaureate sermons and commencement addresses! How many believe it? If someone does happen to take it seriously, he is regarded by many as not being any too practical, if practical at all.

Profit Motive An Obsession
It is the profit motive that governs the actions both of individuals and nations. A Christian nation spent \$400,000,000 to fortify Singapore which was called the Gibraltar of the East. It was calculated to defend imperialism and exploitation in the Orient. Had that nation spent \$400,000,000 in genuinely sincere missionary effort in the areas of its exploitation; had other Christian nations playing the game of exploitation done a similar thing; and if all had spent a fraction of the money it has taken to fight two World Wars to evangelize and gospelize the world and to foster Jesus' program of service, how different our world would be!

Possible Consequences
At least, we would hardly be living under the threat of hydrogen warfare so fearfully destructive of life and property as to resemble more the judgement fires depicted in Revelations than the unleashing of devilish human ingenuity by a group of insane rulers in a world gone mad.

I've heard a few preachers of past days in descriptions of the last judgement that were positively terrifying as they portrayed hosts of evil men pleading with the mountains to hide them from consuming fires sent down from heaven by an angry God.

It looks now as if this might come to pass, only the destruction will be caused by man, and the good will suffer with the bad.

Individual Failure
But let us not hide behind the faults and failures of the nations and the church. Individual failures lie behind institutional failure. Neither a nation nor a church can achieve spiritual and moral character any nobler, purer and wholesome than that of the persons composing them. One could hardly expect a stream to be any purer than the tributaries that are the source of its existence. Probably if we would concern ourselves with improving our status as disciples, the world—the Christian world constituted of persons like ourselves would become better.

A Registered Disciple
Robert Bellaire reported some years ago an interesting and illuminating statement made by a Japanese Colonel named Nishihara.

"Come now, Colonel," Bellaire said, "I understand you are a Christian, registered in the Christian Church in Japan. Do you Christian Japanese feel the same about the Emperor as other Japanese—or do you?"

The partly intoxicated army officer replied, "I was registered as a Christian for only one reason—for the Emperor! The Imperial army ordered me to attend a Christian mission school so that I might learn the English language from your American teachers. Many of us in the army and navy qualified ourselves for code and translation work in foreign languages in this way. That is how I could become army spokesman for you American and British correspondents."

Can Change The Picture
Patently, that Japanese Colonel was nothing more than a registered disciple of Christ. He had no intention of bearing the burdens or carrying the obligations of discipleship. It is my feeling, and that of thinking observers far more capable than I—that this same attitude is widely prevalent in the church.

Just what we can do about it, I am not fully prepared to set forth right now. But this I know, if each of us will improve upon the quality of his discipleship, the total picture will lose some of its ugliness and might take on some measure of beauty.

"The New Approach, Means Greater Efficiency"



Spiritual Insight

"RELIGION AND MIND SICKNESS"

By Reverend Harold Roland
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"Don't worry over anything whatever...tell God your needs. The God of peace will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:6,7.

Good Religion is essential to mental health. What is good mental health? It is that state of moral and spiritual well being in which the individual can be at peace with himself, with others and can meet the rough and difficult demands of this life. The basic truths of religion which are needed in health of mind are Faith, Hope, Love, Forgiveness, fellowship and prayer. These great truths of religion are needed to make that strong, stable and steadfast power to meet life in the state we call sound mental health. What is life without faith, hope, love, forgiveness fellowship and prayer? Without these truths of religion life is dark, meaningless, bewildering, hopeless and despondent. Without these life is subject to breaking down into the corrupting ravages of what we call mental sickness: AN INABILITY TO STAND UP AND FACE LIFE PEACEFULLY AND HAPPILY.

A fundamental fact of mental health is this that LOVE IS THE LIGHT OF THE SOUL AND STRENGTH AND STABILITY OF THE MIND. Leave out love—the inner essence of religion—and life breaks into confusing frustrations. Thus it becomes clear to all but the blind and most prejudiced that the life-giving resources of true religion are the foundation stones of mental health. I have seen many cases where religion has snatched people back from the brink of hopeless mental

sickness. Religion is needed to keep life from breaking-sinking down into the destructive ravages of mental sickness.

There is a great increase in mental sickness in the nation. Every day we behold the increase of that number of people who cannot live peacefully with themselves, others and who cannot meet and stand up to the ordinary demands of life. Such people are mentally sick. Yes, they suffer from mind sickness. They need treatment and healing. Let's get away from the stigma of mind sickness. The mind gets sick like any other member of this marvelous organism God has given each of us. The mind the soul and the body get sick! And when you are sick there is nothing dishonorable about seeking healing.

God gives healing power for the sickness of body, mind and soul.

The home is very important in this whole business of mental sickness. Mothers and fathers are you listening? The home is the fountainhead of mental health. Give your child and give yourselves an atmosphere that is conducive to sound health of mind. The mentally healthy grows in a graciously and a loving community. Keep your home free from hostility, tension, fear, anxiety and rejection—these destroy our mental health. These keep our minds from growing in beauty and power as God intended that they should grow. A loving home is a step in the prevention of mental health.

There are many perilous

signs of the increasing dangers and ravages of mental health around us in the nation. Dr. Russel L. Dix of Duke University Divinity School says that the increasing mental sickness is a threat to the nation and a challenge to the great healing powers of religion. Our mental hospitals are running over—there are more than 700,000 patients. The mental health hospitals population is increasing by 10,000 a year. Mental sickness has increased greatly since end of World War II. Can we stop this dangerous trend of mental sickness in our nation? We spend more for the treatment of cattle than we do for the mentally sick in the nation.

Religion must bring to bear God's great spiritual healing resources for the treatment and healing of the mentally sick. Things cannot give us peace and mental health. Mental health seems to be rooted in true Religion and the things of the spirit.

Religion and God alone can give the conditions and the atmosphere essential to good mental health. Many have been uprooted. And now we must be re-rooted and grounded in the great life-giving resources of God and the spirit to halt the destructive ravages of mental sickness among us. It is only in God and religion that we can be at peace with ourselves, with others and meet the difficult demands of this life in our times. "Don't worry over anything whatever...tell God your needs, and God will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus."

Miss Edith Lyons, Miner College dean, will be dean of students in the new set-up.

Mrs. Roosevelt Warns
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, at Howard University for the annual spring meeting of the Trustee Board, told a Howard assembly that atomic powered transportation would bring the underdeveloped nations represented by the Bandung Conference, "as close as Chicago," and that this country would have to live with them as equals.

The Asian-African Peoples
she said, have a great contribution to make to the world, as shown by their resistance to Communist domination at the Bandung Conference. Only recognition of these people and the ability to work with others—demonstrated at home—can justify America's claim to world leadership, said Mrs. Roosevelt.

New Dean for Howard Medicine
Dr. Robert S. Jason, head of Howard's Department of Pathology, was appointed Dean of the College of Medicine, beginning May 1. He succeeds Dr. Joseph L. Johnson, who will serve on indefinite tenure as a professor of physiology in the College of Medicine.

Howard Chemistry to Offer Ph. D.
The University will offer a program leading to the Doctor's

degree, beginning with the 1955 1956 school year. The program authorized for the Department of Chemistry—will be the first Ph.D. program in the history of the University.

Howard Trustees Elect
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. P. B. Young, Sr., publisher of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, were elected honorary Trustees. Lorimer D. Milton of Citizen's Trust Co., Atlanta, chairman of the Board, and Dr. Floyd W. Reeves of Chicago, vice-chairman, were reelected for one-year terms. Secretary James M. Nabrit, and Treasurer James B. Clarke, were also reelected.

The New Negro
As seen by Doctors E. Franklin Frazier, Emmett Dorsey, John Hope Franklin, and Raymond Logan, in papers delivered at Howard's recent Social Science Conference, the "New Negro" thirty years after his 1925 presentation by the late Alain Locke, is, in truth—a something!

Franklin Frazier offers a new Negro "middle class" with "only two really vital traditions—the folk tradition and the tradition of the gentleman"—one derived from the fields and the other from the homes of the white South. Negro business he writes off as a social myth without economic merit; Negro

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Capital Close-Up

BY CONSTANCE DANIEL

Cardozo Cadets Win First Mixed Drill
Integration was dramatized here, last week, when Cardozo High School's crack regiment marched to victory, at the National Guard Armory, in the first mixed competitive drill in the history of the Capital's Cadet Corps.

A seventeen-year-old senior, Lieut. Col. Douglas Mathis, led Cardozo's cadets. The Phelps Vocational School, from old Division Two, which took second place in the regimental drill, was led by Lieut. Col. Frederick Saunders. Two thousand cadets took part in the drill. The acting brigade commander was cho-