

THE NEGRO'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

In an editorial of Monday, May 23, the Durham Morning Herald admits that the Negro students who applied for admission to the University of North Carolina are within their legal rights and therefore will have to be admitted. Says the Herald in part:

"The Supreme Court decision of last May 17 has established that racial segregation in any institution supported by public funds is unconstitutional. The decision of the Court of Appeals of the Fourth Circuit in the Maryland case involving segregation in recreational facilities shows the far-reaching extent of the precedent . . .

Nevertheless, from the broad view their applications, and the disposition of the NAACP to push them, does not help create the sort of mood which will be needed if the problems of desegregation are to be worked out for the best. There seems no question but that the relative quiet with which Southern white people regard the Supreme Court decision is deceptive. There is apparent intention to wait and see what the decrees which the court is now pondering will be. If they are drastic, the future of public education in many

sections of the South is in doubt. If the decrees are moderate, prospect of a gradual adjustment is encouraging."

It appears that the Herald would have Negroes of the South fold their arms, sit supinely by and await the South's own good time to grant them their rights as citizens in this country. We think, however, that even the Herald will have to admit that had this been the order of the day prior to slavery the Negro would still be in bondage. The same applies to every gain the race has made economically, socially or otherwise.

History will reveal that at no time has the oppressors of a people ever voluntarily lifted their heels from the necks of the oppressed and that it has only been through "push" struggle or force that oppressed people have been able to move toward the goal of free men.

From slavery up to the present time, the Herald cannot point to a single gain the Negro has made in this country that has not been obtained through struggle or "push." The South has never handed the Negro even a crumb of freedom for which it did not force him to struggle. Equal teachers' salaries, the right to participate in democratic primaries, the

right to be admitted to state supported colleges and universities, bus transportation for rural schools, dining car service, pullman car service, and even the right to ride on inter-urban buses in North Carolina and other rights were all obtained through "push" or struggle.

Sensible Negroes in North Carolina, or elsewhere in the South, will not be lulled to sleep on the theory that there is enough Christianity or belief in democracy in the South for its rulers to arrive at a point where they will voluntarily say to the Negro we confess our sins and are sorry for them and now extend to you every right and privilege accorded to any other citizen. Experience has taught the Negro that "he that would be free must strike the first blow."

Within the framework of democracy, within the law and with malice toward none, we will "push" on and struggle on until every vestige of wrong against our people is abolished. We have the full knowledge that right is on our side. We will never give up; we will never quit until the Constitution of these United States which holds that "all men are created equal," in reality becomes the protectorate of all the people without regard to race, creed or color.

NEGRO REPRESENTATIVES FOR AMERICA

This despised and rejected race of ours may yet become the source from which America will be forced to draw representation of its government to aroused countries in Asia and Africa. Congressman A. Clayton Powell, back from the Bandung Conference, in his report to President Eisenhower, urged him to appoint Negro military and cultural attaches and other officials to far East embassies and African Countries.

It may be that a black face representing America in Asia or Africa will be just what is needed to tip the scales in this country's favor. Thus the Negro in America begins to loom

larger and larger on the world horizon as the yard stick by which the overwhelming numbers of darker races of Asia and Africa will measure American democracy.

The nations of the world are fast choosing sides, with Russia getting more than her share by hook or crook as well as by fair means. Already China with approximately a half billion people has sided with the Communists, possible because this country handed out a few tokens of democracy to individual Chinese while maintaining an insulting attitude toward the Chinese people as a whole.

For years this country has maintained a policy toward

China that practically prohibited any citizen of that country from becoming a citizen of the United States while Europeans of every strata have been accepted freely as citizens. Practically the same policy, either written or unwritten, has been maintained against other Asiatic nations. So it will be hard for any white representative of the U. S. to convince Asiatics that this country practices what it preaches about democracy. Congressman Powell may have something when he says, "One dark face from the U. S. is of much value as millions of dollars in economic aid."

THE FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

The Carolina Times is happy to note the enthusiasm which attended the NAACP Freedom Day celebration all over the nation, commemorating the May 17th ruling of the United States Supreme Court of last year on segregation in public schools. According to reports from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People the first attempt at celebrating the event was a distinct success and therefore should be continued each year on a national scale until it becomes the biggest rallying period of financial and moral support for the NAACP.

Not since the Emancipation Proclamation has a more important event taken place affecting the lives of all Negroes in the United States than the May 17 ruling. In fact, many have looked upon it as a second Emancipation Proclamation, equaling if not

outstripping that which freed the race from slavery. This newspaper feels that it would be most appropriate for the NAACP to declare the Sunday closest to May 17, as Freedom Day, at which time appeals for memberships financial and moral support of the organization on a national scale could be made.

The Sunday closest to May 17, would be better suited as NAACP Freedom Day because it would give the ministers of the race an opportunity to throw the support of the churches behind the organization. Until the day can be made a national holiday, the Sunday celebration would make it possible for Negroes even in the deep South to join the movement whereas if another day is used efforts on the part of many employers of Negroes would be made to keep them from taking part in the celebration.

Looking at it from a national standpoint, the May 17 ruling of the United States Supreme Court freed legally whites as well as Negroes from one of the greatest scourges the nation has ever had. As time takes us farther and farther away from the actual day upon which the ruling was made history will establish more fully in the minds of future generations its full significance and meaning for all the people of America and the entire world.

The establishment of May 17 as a national holiday appears to us to be in line with the motive that prompted the fathers of this country to set aside other days to be observed in commemoration of history making events. Therefore, this newspaper would like to urge the NAACP to use its influence toward the end that the day will become a national holiday.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR ALL

The program now being promoted by the Pet Milk Company, with the approval of the federal government, to provide American citizens with identification tags ought to receive the endorsement and support of every individual in this country. While the program is not designed to create any hysteria that an attack of a foreign foe is eminent every person in America ought at least be willing to assume the attitude that it is better to have the tags and

not need them than to need them and not have them.

Omit the possibility of an all-out war with a foreign enemy, which with the use of modern instruments of destruction such as atomic and hydrogen bombs might call for the instant evacuation of a city. We think there are other important reasons why the identification tags should be worn at all times by all Americans. Quite often automobile wrecks occur at which time many if not all of the oc-

cupants are killed or rendered unconscious miles away from their homes and friends. Then there is the possibility of an attack of amnesia seizing a person under the same circumstances. Then there is the possibility of children getting lost or straying away from their homes. It is in that most serious hour to parents and loved ones that the apparently unimportant identification tag becomes the most important item in the world.

This newspaper feels that not only should the Pet Milk Company and the federal government be urging American citizens to voluntarily supply themselves with identification tags but every individual and organization.

The time may come when federal laws will require every American citizen to wear an identification tag, and it may come sooner than those of us outside the Pet Milk Company can now imagine.

Life Is Like That

By H. ALBERT SMITH

EXPERIENCE AND MORAL LAW

One of the most mysterious and perplexing facts of life is the dogged persistence with which we human mortals ignore the voice of experience and our seeming inability to learn the lessons experience has been teaching us during practically every conscious moment of our lives. It is our stubborn resistance and fanatical rebellion against the warnings which experience is constantly shouting at us and the fierce, unyielding determination that constantly drives men to tempt the gods to vindictive anger, to defy the "Thou shalt nots" of the eternal God, defiantly to trample under foot the laws both of the natural and spiritual world, and to risk their immortal souls, their destiny here and hereafter, in efforts to succeed where none has ever truly succeeded and in areas littered with the skeletal remains of the unheeding who were caught in the quicksands of tragedy.

Not Really Defiant
This tragic and heart-rending defiance of the voice of experience, however, does not always represent an irreverent and contemptuous rebellion against the laws, the principles and disciplines experience tells us we had better heed. But it is a defiance that roots in lack of spiritual vision, the failure to realize that life is so organized and put together that there are certain laws we must obey and disciplines we must accept in order to become the selves Destiny purposed us to become and deep down in our hearts we would like to become.

Don't Clearly Visualize
And, so, we often disobey the laws of obedience to which is a demand of a morally centered universe. And we reject the disciplines that the Author of life laid down from all eternity as essential to human development and progress. Somehow, in our blindness, we just don't clearly visualize how those laws and disciplines tie in with human destiny.

Beginning Point
Take for instance ordinary human thinking with regard to the law of habit. How many people realize that just a few acts, looked upon as unimportant and inconsequential so far as future reference is concerned, may become the foundation of a habit which is crippling and devastating in its ultimate consequences.

TOO LATE
"I didn't mean it to be this way; I didn't intend this outcome!" She wept bitterly as she expressed a poignant regret. Or, was it he? It makes no difference. A human soul, locked in the cruel embrace of a vicious habit like a hapless deep sea diver caught in the tentacles of an octopus and unable to break away, realized too late that intention is one thing and reality another.

Won't Happen to Me
Or take ordinary human thinking in the face of evidence seen in the misfortune of others. There is quite often the feeling that it won't happen to me. We hear the expression of-

ten, "Sure it happened to him, but he was 'dumb.' He didn't know the pitch."

And, so, somebody who thinks he is not "dumb," that he knows the pitch tries an identical type of behavior, only later to wake up to discover that he was not as wise as he thought he was and that he too did not know the pitch.

Foolish Thinking
Say what one will or may, any person is "dumb" who thinks he can violate moral law with impunity, or exemption or freedom from punishment, harm or loss. There is no such thing as knowing the pitch, if by that one means he can live outside the requirements of a moral universe and not get hurt. Experience, carefully studied, will always yield this truth.

A Carry-Over
Maybe, the impression men have that they can get around moral law is a sort of carry-over from successful evasions and violations of human law. That, they do sometimes because of the weakness of law enforcing agencies, a weakness manifested in an inability to detect the violator or to apprehend him often when he is known. Besides, there are subterfuges, technicalities, connections, money, smart lawyers that serve to defeat the law.

In the Structure of Life
Moral law however, is no human invention or a statute written on paper and dependent upon human agencies for enforcement. Its roots are in the very structure of life. It works as certainly and inexorably as physical law or the law that governs physical life. As proper food, taken in quantities not too much or too little, is required for life and health, so there are conditions of a moral nature we must meet to live. And because of the closeness of the tie-up between body and spirit, violations of the moral law often result in physical destruction as well as moral deterioration.

Results the Same
But one thing we need to bear in mind: whether we contentiously reject the laws of life in our refusal to learn from experience, or ignorantly do so, the results are the same. An explosion loses none of its destructive force and devastating power because it was accidentally caused. An artery severed unintentionally will bring death as certainly as if it were intentionally cut. Likewise, ignorant violation of the laws of life in no wise makes the penalty lighter or the consequence less tragic.

The Wise Man Heeds
I take leave of you with the thought that the truly wise man will listen to the voice of experience and heed its warnings and admonitions. He will take note of the tragedies that befell men in past days who rejected moral law and its disciplines. And, observing the same thing as it occurs in contemporary life, he will not repeat their mistake.

"They Are Better At Home, But Still Need A Lot Of Attention."



Spiritual Insight

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ENEMIES OF MARRIAGE



"Don't let bitterness and Resentment spoil your marriage..." Col. 3:18.

Many marriages and homes are destroyed by the great enemies of marriage—bitterness and resentment. These twin agents of destruction are enemies of happy marriage. They will destroy almost anything—a life, a nation or a marriage. The welfare of so many is involved—the wife, the husband and the children. Yes, so many lives can be dragged down to the dark depths of misery by the enemies of the home. Look how they blighted and ruined the life of Saul the first king of Israel. Did they not contribute greatly to the ruin and downfall of Germany? A resentful and embittered nation struck out at the world in violent and bloody fury. The result was ruin and devastation. Paul, the man of wisdom and spiritual insight, rightly warns us against these enemies of marriage.

It seems to be true that bitterness and resentment will spoil your marriage and destroy your home.

These are God-given powers. Then, how are we to handle these destructive potentials of our nature? We can keep them from destroying the most delicate ties of the marriage relationship.

Occasions for resentments come, yes. Most all have had the impulse to bitterness and resentment in this close intimate relationship. We must recognize that we have them and make a sincere fight with God's help to channel and control them.

We must face the fact that resentment can be a roadblock to personal relations. They do exist. They are dangerous enemies of marriage. I have seen people gain mastery over their raging tempers. I know two people who have won great victories against their destructive feelings. We must fight them and remove them before they grow. The longer they grow the harder are they to be removed. Face them and uproot them before they get a strong or deeper rootage. Guard against them.

Why? They blow out the light of reason. They throw you off key and induce temporary insanity. Guard against them. They bring a blight of dark misery and gloom upon the home and rob you of the sweetness of a happy and loving atmosphere.

These enemies of marriage poison the atmosphere of the home. The home should have a reasonably loving and gracious atmosphere... "Don't let bitter-

ness and resentment spoil your marriage." Only a loving atmosphere will cause us to grow lovely and beautiful as God intended that we should grow. A resentment-infested atmosphere will rob you of your right to happiness in the home. Watch that bitter disposition. Beware of that resentful feeling in your soul. It will spoil your happiness where it counts most—IN THE HOME. Never go to sleep with resentment in your soul. A good rule for your marriage is MAKE PEACE BEFORE YOU SLEEP. Have you ever tried to sleep with the ravaging fire of resentment burning in your soul? It is not a night to be desired. Many marriages are wrecked on the rocks of bitterness and resentment... "Resentment will spoil your marriage."

How can I guard against the enemies of my marriage? Keep your soul free from the poison of resentment. Root out the poison of the soul. How? Through prayers of confession and forgiveness. We need "to forgive one another..." "AS CHRIST FORGIVES US..." Humility and prayers are the keys. Say to your mate I am sorry. And God is always ready to forgive you.

Capital Close-Up

By CONSTANCE DANIEL

The Last of the Messiahs
A magnificent character left the American scene when Mary McLeod Bethune was gathered to her fathers. She was a matriarch in the grand sense, conspicuously providing, in herself, a strong hub for the wheels of much progress. Few of any political faith failed to feel the force of her forward drive in the Roosevelt-Truman era. She became a near-fabulous figure, with an emotional following seldom equalled by any leader of her times. Those who shared, so recently, in the last public tribute to her, here in Washington, the scene of so many of her triumphs, must feel rewarded that they gave her the great happiness of this final acclaim.

Often Mrs. Bethune referred to herself and her generation as a bridge between eras, but that was more figure of speech than fact. She was far too dynamic for any passive role. Her beloved Bethune-Cookman College, and her brain-child, the National Council of Negro Women, revolved around her while she lived. She organized, at her Daytona Beach home, the foundation which bears her name, to provide a place where posterity could "browse and learn and be inspired," by the record of her action and her philosophy.

The world will long remember that she passed this way. She was probably the last of the Messiahs.

"Well-Done" to the Living
United Community Services recent award to Washington-born Campbell C. Johnson, Assistant to the Director of Selective Service, was very much in order. He deserves well of this community.

Col. Johnson has had a hand in so much of the present growth of the Capital toward social health, that the recounting of detail seems almost trite. Working for civic progress in a voteless community is an appallingly frustrating assignment, chosen by few. Campbell Johnson, fresh out of Howard University and its law school, chose it, freely, and has worked at it tirelessly, persistently and effectively. He has produced—without back-dooring. Campbell Johnson has stayed with the situations that he has tackled, and has seen them through—often almost alone—after early-come enthusiasts had tired and departed.

He has grown to distinction as Executive Secretary of the Twelfth Street "Y," in helping to establish settlement houses, the local Urban League, the Community Chest, the Interracial Committee of the Council of Social Agencies, in work with the Washington Federation of Churches, with the Washington Housing Association, which he heads, and with the District Parole Board, over

which he is presiding for the tenth year.

Eight years ago, 48 Capital organizations joined to honor him for 25 years of service to his home-town—the Federal City. His latest "well-done" is for his sixteen years of work with the Parole Board. Next? Maybe that good Capital newspaper we used to talk about.

Lady Johnson—Sociologist
Bernadine Johnson of Newark, New Jersey, was sworn in, last week, as Assistant Counsel of Senator Kefauver's subcommittee on juvenile delinquency. Miss Johnson, a Rutgers' law graduate and member of the New Jersey bar since 1949, has been practicing with her father, Bernard Johnson, a Howard law alumnus, specializing in civil and juvenile court cases. Once headed for a career in sociology, she earned her bachelor's degree in that field, under Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, at Howard. Her minor was political science.

Miss Johnson's appointment appears to be a happy combination of the selection of competency coupled with political reward, for the Johnson family—father, mother and daughter—are all Kefauver enthusiasts, and all attended the Chicago convention as Kefauver supporters. Bernadine admits that she shed tears when the Senator was forced from the race, and is very pleased to be here working with him. Her mother, the former Mamie Cooper, of Gordonsville, Va., is a product of the Capital's public schools. The newly-arrived young Portia has taken up residence at Slowe (Continued on Page Nine)

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