

FASCISM - AMERICAN STYLE

Although the Fascist movement was begun in Italy in 1919, following World War I, it did not come into prominence until World War II, when under the leadership of Benito Mussolini, it seized the reins of government in that country. It was in Germany that a similar organization, under the leadership of Adolph Hitler and known as Nazism, became the ruling force during the same period. Likewise it was under Mussolini and Hitler, with their announced and avowed intentions of preserving the purity of the Aryan race, that one of the blackest and most sordid chapters in the history of mankind was written.

In spite of the tragic endings which befalls Mussolini and Hitler, both of whom set about to exterminate the Jewish race in order to obtain their goal, man has not yet learned his lesson. Here in North Carolina, within less than 20 years after Mussolini and Hitler, there has sprung up another Fascist movement under the name of Patriots, Inc. and under the leadership of Dr. W. C. George of Chapel Hill as its president. The Patriots have set about to do what Mussolini and Hitler failed to accomplish. This organization, according to its charter, has as its first aim the maintenance of "the purity and culture of the white race," which is precisely what the Fascists and the Nazis set out to do in Italy and Ger-

many. Let no one be mistaken about the Patriots—or probably they should be called the "Hatriots." This now small but fierce organization, if allowed to continue on its way, may in time become the undoing of whatever there is left of American Democracy. Its deliberate and open defiance of the U. S. Supreme Court, its disdain for the U. S. Constitution are even more than the Communists in our midst have ever had the gall to do. Yet withal, the Patriots have been chartered by the state and have embarked upon their hellish mission, the same as Mussolini and Hitler.

So, in the not too distant future, as Mark Twain once said about war, you will see this curious thing: speakers against segregation "stoned" from the platform and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men, who in their hearts are still as one with those stoned speakers—but do not dare say so. And now the whole nation, pulpit, and all will take up the cry for segregation and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open.

We warn America to keep an eternal eye on the Patriots, whose unholy purpose and methods of achieving it have already been openly admitted. We warn America to treat this organization as other subversive groups whose ultimate

goal is the overthrow of the American government. For when an organization openly defies the highest court in the land and attacks the Constitution of the nation, it is time for all loyal American citizens to go on guard duty. If this be not done, then American Negro citizens must prepare for the same fate which befell our Jewish brethren in Germany and Italy. We may yet see the bodies of Negro men, women and children rotting in the streets and gutters; then we will be sickened with the smell of death as it rents the air; and we shall hear the shrieks of our tormented and dying in American concentration camps until the little power-drunk bigots who advocate the doctrine of a master race shall be like Mussolini and Hitler, "weighed in the balances and found wanting."

So we stand at the crossroads of our existence in America. Admit it all let them curse but let us bless, let them hate but let us love, let them carry malice in their hearts, but let us carry forgiveness. Let them plan black and miserable schemes against the government, but let us remain loyal and steadfast, fighting the good fight within the framework of Democracy and within the courts. In the end we will be victorious. In the end we will, like the great Jewish people, outlive our adversaries.

A FINE EXAMPLE FOR NEGRO PHYSICIANS

This newspaper is happy to salute Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Donnell for having donated \$2,000 to Lincoln Hospital. As far as we have been able to discover the amount is the largest ever given the hospital by a Negro physician or a Negro physician and his wife. We think the action of Dr. and Mrs. Donnell sets a fine example for other business and professional men and women of the race, especially doctors, whose record in Durham so far as being civic-minded and philanthropic is nothing to be bragged about.

Lincoln Hospital is rated among the best in the race this side of Washington, D. C., and offers a fine opportunity for our doctors to maintain a much more lucrative practice than is possible in a city where such an institution does not exist. Certainly those

who are the greatest financial benefactors should show their appreciation by making substantial contributions toward its maintenance from time to time. With the exception of one or two members of the medical profession, Durham physicians take no leadership in the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, the Durham Business and Professional Chain, the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the churches and other organizations without which they as well as the rest of us would suffer.

In Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Burlington, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Weldon and many other cities and towns of the state Negro doctors are in the vanguard of the reli-

gious, educational, political, social and civic leaders. In the very nature of the case, they are not vulnerable to economic reprisals and therefore are in position to speak and act for the race in matters that for others would result in the severest penalties of the opposite group. On a whole this is not true in Durham where the business and other professional men furnish the leadership leaving the doctors free to feather their nests in the practice of their profession. We think Dr. and Mrs. Donnell have done a most worthy act, and we are quite sure their donation to Lincoln Hospital will not only be appreciated by its officials, staff and employees but by the public in general. It is our sincere hope that other physicians will follow the example which they have set.

AN HONEST PAINTING

Following is reprinted from the *Salisbury Post*. It was written by Heath Thomas, and is entitled, "A Word Picture of the Negro." Although we would make some explanation of the picture as sketched by Mr. Thomas—to show why it is painted here with a light, uncertain stroke and there with perhaps bolder, more determined ones—we believe it to be a fair representation. If more white southerners could be brought to see such a picture, most of the race problems would vanish in a twinkling.

"Cowardly and hypocritical writers have created a deceptive atmosphere in journalism which rejects a true picture of the Negro in America today.

This has been accomplished by a few pseudo-liberals and phony intellectuals who have, by omission of the record, endowed all Negroes with nobility of character, courage and high achievements. A few Negro have all of these. A majority of Negroes have some of these. Some Negroes have none of these. Ditto three lines for the whites. It is no discredit to the Negro that the white man surpasses him in nearly every

field of worthwhile endeavor. The white man would be a mental and moral dullard—considering that he is equipped with an older culture and civilization—if he couldn't better the achievements of a race that has traveled but 90 years from the chain of slavery. Follow the trail a little further and you reach the gates of the jungle.

ALMOST ALL the Negro's worthwhile achievements are patterned from the white man's culture and civilization. Racially, his heritage is the jungle.

The white man came from the jungle, too. But the difference is that the white man has placed millenniums between himself and the wilderness.

Racially unbiased whites admit that if, following the Civil War, the Negro had been given equal opportunity of education and employment, his achievements would have increased proportionately. Actually, the "separate but equal" theory of educational facilities for the Negro in the South has been—until recently, at least—a cruel joke. To some extent, it still is.

WE COULD enumerate a bookful of injustices to the Negro. But we will name but one other: Refusal of many employers to pay Negroes as much as is paid whites for the same work.

To these things the white man must plead guilty. But it is the end product—the Negro, looked at under the glass of truth—which we wanted to write about. And we must add a few contemptuous words for those who write most about him.

We concede that there are many outstanding Negroes, morally, spiritually and intellectually. You need go no further than the Livingstone campus to find any number of Negroes who are far better educated than the average white. We'd run a mile to dodge them in the debate of almost any general topic.

WE HAVE no quarrel with the Negro, per se. What we fuss about is the spurious norm—fashioned by pseudo-intellectuals and fabricated from omission of the record, and painted with innuendo against any who would picture the Negro as he is.

It is no longer good taste to use Negro dialect in jokes or slick fiction. Delightful stories, like those once written by Octavus Roy Cohen and Cohen and Roark Bradford, are no longer in demand. And all because some egghead somewhere read a book about the Constitution and the equality of man.

Once we got a terrible howling out from a Negro newspaper man in Baltimore about a piece we penned for

a national magazine. What he resented was that two of our Negro characters didn't speak with a Harvard accent. One was a washwoman and the other her grandson, both of whom were familiar people from our boyhood.

THE WHOLE piece was a slap at the South's treatment of Negroes. But this was ignored by the newspaper man. He didn't want our little Negro to say "dee-po" and "he ain't coming no mo." The Negro newspaper man forgot that not even the Constitution can the speech of many Negroes—or whites either, for that matter.

If the Negro appeared as the fictional villain in the ratio that he appears in criminal court the reader of slick fiction would meet him often. One only has to consult local court records to see that, based on population he is better at murder by about five to one, than the white man.

BUT JUST TRY that one on your literary agent. He'll tell you "that editors will do

about anything to avoid a story like this." Under "the rules," all Negroes must be good, honest guys, working their way from Harvard.

This is as silly as saying: "Audie Murphy was the most decorated American soldier of World War II; therefore all American soldiers are brave;" that "Dwight D. Eisenhower is a great American; therefore all Americans are great." Or that "George W. Carver was a great Negro scientist, and Booker T. Washington and Dr. W. J. Trent are great Negro educators, therefore all Negroes are great scientists and great educators."

In the name of truth, decency—and a tiny grain of courage—literature and everyday journalism should depict the Negro as he is:

Good, mean, noble, dishonest, murderous or tender—a fellow who is rising swiftly from a heritage of tremendous handicaps—but whose pattern of mass behavior is not quite as good as the white man's."

Life Is Like That

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made flesh, and dwell among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Position of Paul This trend of thinking concerning Jesus runs through the entire New Testament. The great apostle Paul states that Jesus knew an existence of inexpressible majesty prior to this life. Says Paul:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 'Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God;

"But made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

What Jesus Said But most significant is Jesus' consciousness of his presence in the world as an advent from an eternal world into the world of time and space.

"What, if ye behold the Son of Man ascending where he was before?"

"When the son of Man (I) shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" to judge all nations. And in his great intercessory prayer, the Master prayed: "Glorify thou me, O Father, with the glory I had with thee before the world was."

A Projection Truly, then, in the light of New Testament thinking concerning Jesus do we celebrate the birth of Jesus as an advent, the advent of the eternal Christ into the world of human affairs, the projection of the infinite into the world of the finite to redeem it unto himself and free it from the blight of sin. And rightly do we declare his birth an advent and an event, the greatest event of history.

Not Strange In the light of the advent of Christ among men to put into effect the redemptive purpose of God, it is not strange that Jesus changed the tide of history. For that purpose, he came into the world. And, being what he was, such a result was inevitable. In his presence, men realized their unworthiness and felt like Peter when he said, "Depart from me O Lord, for I am a sinful man." At the same time, they were attracted by the beauty of his holiness and were melted into penitential grief by a love so sympathetic with their plight as to fill them with hope of redemption. He thus became the hope of the hopeless, "the way, the truth, the life."

Destined to Effect Change Born in a manger at Bethlehem of Judaea, coincidental with a decree of the Roman Emperor, Jesus was destined to influence human thinking in so radical a fashion as to create social revolutions and undermine age-long social institutional structures resting on the foundations of might and power. And this was done not by might or by power, but by the spirit of God, fully resident in his being, and a passion released in men in contact with him that would not accept as a normal human heritage institutions, customs and traditions that enslaved both the human mind and body.

What He Discloses The eternal and infinite dignity of the human soul is dis-

closed in him; and, as well, its inviolability which lifts the individual above regimentation and autocratic government whether it be that of the individual despot or a group of bureaucrats, whether it is a pseudo Democracy robbing men of their rightful heritage, practicing white supremacy while preaching brotherhood, or a Fascist or Communistic rule that subordinates the individual to the state without hypocritical cant of the inviolability of the individual soul.

Millions Hail Him About Jesus, more books have been written than about any other man. Foreign religions have laid hold on his principles. Indians referred to the late Mahatma Gandhi as a "Christ-like man." That revered liberator of India, although a Hindu, read constantly a New Testament containing the Story of Jesus. Three hundred years after the crucifixion of the Man from Galilee, his religion became the official religion of the Roman Empire. And, today, 700 million men and women call him Lord and Master.

Inspired Crusades Indeed, this Jesus has been the inspiration of the greatest crusades for human liberty—political and religious justice—brotherhood and equality. He has demolished tyrannies and erected new states. And, uneasy rests and tyranny claiming him as its authority; for both his character and life, principles and example refute the unholy claim. And the kingdom He established, we have reason to believe, is destined to roll on until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of God and his Christ.

Increased Day Since His birth, the world's night has gradually decreased—despite the portentous threat of nuclear warfare—and the world's day has gradually increased. In fact, so great has been Jesus' impact upon the life of mankind that it has been said of him that "the pale hands of the Galilean have lifted the gates of Empires from their hinges."

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"How Long Will They Be Permitted To Disregard Civil Rights?"



Spiritual Insight

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"Christmas: A Savior Is Born"

"For unto you is born this day... A Savior, which is Christ the Lord..." Luke 2:11.

Merry Christmas, good News, Christ, the Savior is born. We are tempted to forget this great spiritual truth at the heart of Christmas: A Savior Is Born. Christmas, the Savior's birth, is the heart of the greatest news story of the ages. The joyous good news is that a world bogged down in sin receives a Savior, Christ the Lord. Let's not forget this great spiritual truth of Christmas: "Unto you is born this day... A Savior, which is Christ the Lord..."

God in His love and mercy answered this need when the Savior was born in Bethlehem's manger. "For unto you is born this day... a Savior, which is Christ the Lord..." Thus the great truth of Christmas is that a Savior is born.

Let's make the Savior su-

preme this Christmas. Yes, Christ, the Savior, is Christmas. Will you be guilty of a Christless Christmas? Leave him out—Make no room for Christ—and there is no Christmas for you. Why celebrate anyway? Those who really keep Christmas honor Christ, the Savior. We ought to go everywhere joyously shouting Good News, a Savior is born. Let's include Christ in the celebration. It is the birthday of the Savior who came to redeem a lost world.

To the unsaved, those who know him not as Savior, he says, bring during the celebration the gift of your soul, your life. God offered His Son to save your soul. Yes, offer your life as a gift this season. Why not claim your gift of Eternal Life? Yes, bring your life and receive his glorious Gift Of Salvation. Why do you tarry so long? Thus to the unsaved we would say during this Christmas season... "Unto You Is Born

This Day, A Savior, Which Is Christ The Lord..."

The Savior brings great joy. Salvation for the lost is indeed joy. Eternal life is really joy for mortal finite creatures. Joy to the world a Savior is born. Men had been in darkness so long. Men had staggered for so long under the bondage of spiritual and moral enslavement. Sin and guilt had shut out joy from our souls. Then, Emanuel. God With Us. The Savior Is Born. The Eternal word dwells in our midst. God invades the human scene. The Savior comes to lift the burden, heal the wound, and push back the darkness and shed the Light Of Salvation In Our Souls. A Savior is born that we might have joy and peace in our souls.

Merry Christmas, a savior is born. The Savior brings joy, joy to our souls. Merry Christmas, Thank God, "For unto you is born this day, A Savior, which is Christ the Lord..." Merry Christmas And God Bless You!

Capital Close-Up

"Clear It with Clarence" Word from the Civil Rights Bloc on Capitol Hill, last week, was "Clear it with Clarence."

Checking the offices of the four sponsoring co-chairmen—Representatives Adam Powell, Jr., N.Y., Charles Diggs, Jr., Mich., James Roosevelt, Calif., all Democrats, and Republican Hugh Scott, of Penna., for information of the Dec. 9 "strategy meeting" of the bloc, we got nowhere fast, except for polite insistence that Mr. Clarence Mitchell would be able to supply all information. Mr. Roosevelt's office was beautifully candid. No, Mr. Roosevelt was not at the meeting. He was in California. No, no one from his office attended. "Why not call Mr. Clarence Mitchell? After all, he originated the idea, and he's in charge!"

The one exception to the rule was Mr. Scott's office, where the idea prevails that a Congressman who publicly sponsors an action is supposed to know something about how it is operating. Scott sent a statement and two representatives to the meeting. Powell, also absent, sent a lengthy statement. Congressmen Diggs was the only co-chairman present. Others present were Mitchell, Congressmen Emmanuel Celler, (D., N. Y.) Judiciary Committee chairman, Richard Bolling, (D., Mo.), Congresswoman Edna Kelly, (D., N.Y.) and representatives from the offices of Scott, John F. Shelly (D.Calf.) and Charles A. Vanik (D. Ohio).

Right to Vote Discussed Discussion among the few present (another meeting is scheduled for January) centered around proposals for legisla-

tion guaranteeing all citizens the right to vote. Suggestive legislation on the matter is being prepared for later consideration. It is unlikely that "the bloc" will attempt to introduce or support one or more omnibus bills covering all civil rights action, which would include such controversial proposals as a compulsory FEPC.

Hugh Scott's Message Co-Chairman Hugh Scott, seven-term representative with an enviable civil rights voting record, sent a message to the meeting, saying that he was "aware of the importance of this proposed coalition of legislators who have a definite and deep concern about present social and political trends in the southern part of the United States." Referring to "the unsolved Till case" and "new 'unsolved' Mississippi murders," Scott declared:

"Any thinking person, with a conscience and a spirit of fair play, realizes that America is weakened from within by this new pattern of violence against a group of its citizens... International Prestige Lessened "We know that our international prestige is lessened daily, particularly when the Democratic candidates for President refuse to raise their voices in condemnation of the Southern personal and official assistance toward the enactment of corrective legislation which guarantees "to all citizens their constitutional right to vote."

Adam Powell's Statement Congressman Powell, who left some muttering newsmen looking for a widely-announced press conference which did not materialize, sent a statement to the "strategy meeting" announcing his appointment of Dr.

Marie Wood (Univ. of Ala.) "to work on this project in cooperation with Clarence Mitchell," and listed the names of 15 Congressmen" who have been suggested as the Key Regional leaders." Listed (without State or party identification) were: Richard Bolling (D.Mo.), Charles C. Diggs, Jr., (D.Mich.), John W. Heseltun (R.Mass.), Chet Holifield (D.Mo.), Augustine Kelly (D.N.Y.), Eugene McCarthy (D.Minn.), Samuel McConnell (R.Penna.), Thos. Felly, (R.Washington), Edna Kelly (D.N.Y.), Byron Rogers, (D.Colo.), Harrison Williams, (D.N.J.), Charles A. Vanik, (D. Ohio), and Sydney R. Yates, (D.Ill.). Congressman Scott was the only co-chairman not included in this group.

Names Will Not Be Revealed Powell also announced that "A bloc of 201 Representatives whose names will not be revealed" would be "ready to go into action as soon as Congress opens." He named, as a first goal, early action to give the Justice Dept. greater power in areas where civil liberties have been downed. Some members of the Powell-Mitchell bloc would like to know who the 201 are, what they represent, and how they were selected.

Clearing with Clarence Having first cleared with the sponsors, we attempted to "clear with Clarence," but he was out of town. His secretary knew nothing about it. His assistant, Francis Pohlhouse, former Justice Dept. employee, was researching at Justice, and Dr. Marie Wood was not available, anywhere.

The Blue Waters of Cancel Bay The New Yorker then disclosed that he was taking off, as of last Tuesday, for the Virgin Islands, where the full Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs would begin hearings on the 17th (last Saturday). Continued On Page Nine

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