

Why Nat 'King' Cole Can't Fight Back

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(For Calvin's News Service)

NEW YORK—It kind of hurts the man in the street when he hears Nat "King" Cole won't join the NAACP's current drive against racial prejudice after he got roughened up in Birmingham, Alabama—the heart of race tension. Moreover, Nat's from Montgomery, and when he can't or won't stand up with Rev. Martin Luther King who's calling the shots so masterfully in the bus boycott—well, that, too, stings.

Makes a guy really flinch when Nat rejects an appeal from NAACP to join "in the crusade against racism," and to refuse to even support a Charlotte, N. C. white disc jockey who was fired from the local radio station for "editorializing" against the attack made on Nat. Cole felt that it was against the station's policy to editorialize, then the station was justified in its firing of Bob Raiford.

These things hurt to those of us who feel, "Nat's in a position to do something. Why won't he fight back? And above all, why does he continue to play to segregated audiences?"

But, no matter how you look at it — after the emotion wears off — Nat Cole is NOT in a position to fight back. He is so vulnerable that he must walk a tight, tightrope to make the best of his situation. Nat draws from both races — but mostly from the whites. He's in the category with Perry Como and Eddie Fisher as one of the leading money makers in the field. On his current tour, he made in one week alone — \$83,000. He has worked hard and long to get to this kind of money. And the slightest wrong move could set everything in motion against him. Let's face it, it's money plus position as the top in his field that's making Nat Cole say the things he's saying.

Big companies who could buy and sell Nat in a day don't know what to do. Chesterfield, Philip Morris, Cigarettes have been hurt simply because it was rumored they supported the NAACP. Trying to take sides in the South is a risky business. You will definitely lose some ground if you do.

So that Nat's stand is only a common stand of those in a tough situation who have a lot at stake and know that

either way they go they will be criticized severely. So they play it safe — hoping through time it will all blow away. Or that they will get out of it gracefully, but get out of it.

That's Nat Cole's answer. Walk gingerly. Answer the NAACP with: "I'm crusading in my own way. I was not intending to become a politician. I think in my role as an entertainer I am crusading as a gentleman."

It could be. It also could be that getting "mixed up" with Autherine Lucy, NAACP, etc. is not worth it to the race to losing a big name like Nat's. For he would hurt his net money value — that none could deny. Perhaps, too, deep down Nat feels that were he to stick his neck out — these same folks urging him couldn't offer him a thing later on.

And so he walks his tightrope — hoping he will get across a situation that could widen into a chasm. And we who have no part in his decision, can only think — what a torture it must be for a man to walk a tightrope — a man who is every inch a fighter, too, who has suffered so much from prejudice and has made it despite it. What must his own conscience be going through!



NAT "KING" COLE and his wife are shown here as they arrived at the Raleigh-Durham airport last Friday prior to the popular singer's appearance at Raleigh. Nearly 4,000 fans packed into Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium gave the singer a thunderous ovation. Cole had previously cancelled dates at Greenville, South Carolina and Charlotte after his attack in Birmingham, Alabama.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

College Robbed Of \$3,000; SBI Helps Hunt Safecrackers

FAYETTEVILLE

Preliminary estimates place the amount taken by thieves who ripped open a safe at Fayetteville State Teachers College here last week at \$3,000.

Fayetteville State's business manager, A. J. Pindle, told the TIMES Wednesday that investigations are still being made to determine the actual amount taken in the robbery. He stated that checks made so far by his staff indicate that the amount stolen may be slightly higher than the first estimate of \$3,000.

No arrests have been made so far in connection with the robbery. Chief of Police L. F. Worell said that in addition to Fayetteville's normal complement of detectives, SBI agents had also been called in on the case.

The robbery was discovered last Wednesday morning by students who were cleaning in the administration building. The safe is located in the business manager's office in the building.

Police placed the time of the break-in at around two a.m. A night watchman reportedly checked the building at that time and found nothing amiss.

Police said the safe crackers entered the administration building through a basement window. The door to the concrete lined, walk-in type vault was prized apart with a burglary tool. Police said the robbery had the appearance of a professional "job."

The safe crackers also broke into the records office in the same building and ransacked a safe in that office. No money was left in that safe, however. Business manager Pindle told the TIMES that the amount taken by safe crackers was not an unusually large sum for the college to retain in its safes. He said that sometimes "it is more, sometimes less."

Beauty School Finals Slated

Some 79 students will be graduated from DeShazor's beauty college in formal exercises in Durham, Monday May 7.

St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church will be the scene of the school's 19th commencement.

Main speaker for the finals exercises will be Rev. J. R. Manley, pastor of the First Baptist church of Chapel Hill.

The exercises will honor Mrs. Eva Bishop Mock, long-time dean of the school and one of its founders. Mrs. Mock has been in declining health for the past several months.

Special music for the services will be furnished by the student choir.



Carter C. Smith, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith, Jr. of 510 Umstead Street, Durham, has recently accepted a post as research engineer for the Convair Aeronautical Corporation in San Diego, California.

Smith was employed as a physicist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. for the past three years. He is a graduate of North Carolina College and Howard University.

KAPPAS PLAN FOR YEARLY 'GUIDE' WEEK

On April 22 to 29, 1956, Kappa Alpha Psi members across the nation will be concentrating on one of the major programs of the Fraternity, 'Guide Right'. This program originated several decades ago and has been consistently dedicated to the problem of guiding the youth of our nation into channels of improvement.

During Guide Right Week, the members of the fraternity sponsor programs designed to present to the youth of our nation (Continued on Page Eight)



HERMAN L. COUNTS



Shown at left is Mrs. G. P. Lipscomb, Medical Assistant at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, receiving her Forty-year Service Award. The presentation was made by President W. J. Kennedy, Jr. The occasion was the President's monthly Anniversary Dinner.

In commenting on her years of service, Mrs. Lipscomb had this to say, "When you have spent the major portion of your life with an institution, it becomes a part of you and you have an inexpressible feeling for it. When you have enjoyed your work and the fellowship—and have put your heart into it—whatever the task, you find yourself not counting the years nor taking note of the toll, but finding a real joy in knowing that you have played a part in the making of a great institution."

DEDICATION SERVICES FOR NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH CONTINUE

Dedication of the New Community Baptist Church sanctuary, which has been observed in a series of services since Sunday, March 25, is slated to continue until Sunday, May 6th.

The Community Church was founded in 1941, by the Rev. H. J. Singleton. The Rev. J. A. Brown, now pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, was the first minister of the church.

About eight years ago, the Rev. E. J. Thompson became pastor of the church and under his leadership the church has made steady progress. It now has a membership of 85 persons. During March, a new sanctuary, located near the new Pearson-town School on the Barbee Road, was completed and opened for worship on the 25th with the first of a series of dedication services.

Beginning on Tuesday night, April 3, services were held throughout the week with sister churches, their pastors and choirs participating. Other services scheduled for April were set for Sundays only. On Sunday, April 8, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor, rendered the program at 3:30 P.M. The third Sunday, April 15, set apart as Business and Professional Day, featured an address by J. S. Stewart, executive of Mutual Savings and Loan Association. At three o'clock, the New Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. Lowry Reid, pastor, rendered a program. Next Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m., the program will be rendered by the Red Mountain Baptist Church of Rougemont, Rev. James Stewart, pastor. At 7:30 p.m., the service will feature the New Hope Baptist Church, Chatham County, Rev. T. Van Rhoel, pastor. (Continued on Page Eight)

Figures Show More Mixing In South Than In Integrated North

The old reliable hoax of integration in public schools leading to mixed marriages and mongrelization which pro-segregationists have successfully used to pulverize opposition to segregation in the deep South was exposed this week by figures cited from the findings of a Mississippi sociologist and published in a Durham daily newspaper.

The revelation, to wit: there is more mixing of racial strains in the South than there is in the integrated north, came in the form of a letter to the editor, and printed in the April 17 issue of the Durham Morning Herald.

BARNES MAKES RACE FOR SEAT IN SENATE

Alexander Barnes, Durhamite and long-time Republican, announced his candidacy for the State Senate last week. Barnes filed his name with Elections Board officials Saturday.

Barnes is well known in political circles, having worked with the Republican National Committee since 1938. He has attended every national convention since 1940 and played a big part in the nomination of President Eisenhower at the Chicago convention.

He is now the executive director of the Allied Republican Committee, which has charge of the work throughout North Carolina. He was a delegate to the district meeting held in Graham and the recent state meeting held here. He caused some concern to state Democrats when he told the convention that he was seriously considering bringing impeachment proceedings against Governor Hodges and other elected state officials for their stand on segregation.

He is a product of the elementary schools of Selma, Fayetteville State Teachers College and Livingstone College. He is also active in church circles and is considered one of the leading laymen of the A.M.E. Zion Church. (Continued on Page Eight)

Funeral Held For Prominent Edenton Woman

EDENTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Felicia Holley, wife of Dr. O. L. Holley, Sr., were held here recently at the Providence Baptist Church. Mrs. Holley died Thursday, April 5th. The officiating minister was the Rev. C. C. Boone.

Mrs. Holley, a 1908 graduate of State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, taught for the public schools of North Carolina for many years. She was active in church and civic affairs.

In 1912, she was married to Dr. O. L. Holley. Four sons were born of this union. Surviving are her husband; four sons, Oscar, Jr., Edenton; (Continued on Page Eight)

Warren Man To Fight Elections 'Ground Rule'

WARRENTON

A fight will be made to get the name of Thurston Brown, operator of an undertaking establishment here, on the Democratic primary ballots of the Third Senatorial District.

Brown's candidacy was declared invalid Saturday morning, deadline for filing, on the basis of a "ground rule" between the three counties which comprise the Third district.

According to the agreement, only one of the three counties is eligible to furnish candidates for the senate seat each time it is up for election. Under the terms of the rotation plan, only Northampton county is eligible to furnish candidates for the seat this year. Vance and Warren are the other two counties of the district.

Brown was notified of his ineligibility under this system Saturday morning by C. C. Britton, secretary of the Warren County Board of elections. His notice of candidacy and filing fee were returned along with the letter from Britton ruling him ineligible.



THURSTON BROWN

The Warrenton undertaker formally filed as a candidate last Tuesday, April 18.

Notice of his intention to challenge the rotation agreement which has ruled him out of the race came immediately from his campaign manager, attorney J. R. Walker, Jr., of Weldon. Walker told newsmen that three other potential Negro candidates

Nixes Dixie

ATLANTA, GA.

Nat "King" Cole cancelled an engagement scheduled here for Tuesday night because he feared he might be the victim of another attack like the one which took place in Birmingham, Ala. just a few days ago.

'HIGHER UPS' BLAMED FOR ATTACK ON NAT

CHICAGO

"The hoodlums who attacked Nat 'King' Cole in Birmingham and the mob at the University of Alabama last month got their inspiration from men in high places—including governors and United States senators—who have urged their people to defy the courts and the law of the land." Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, charged in an address here before 8,000 persons in the Chicago Coliseum.

The session, held on the night of April 11, consisted of an hour of prayer, led by clergymen, followed by a report meeting. The huge meeting was held under the auspices of the Chicago NAACP branch.

"Despite some improvement in recent years," the NAACP leader said in his address, "millions of our brothers in the South are still barred from voting and are thus at the mercy of the local and state political machines and their officeholders. Up here Senator James O. Eastland's name is not on our ballots. We did not make him chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee where he has life and death power over civil rights bills, and over the appointment of federal judges and (Continued on Page Eight)



James Bristol, national director for the Community Peace Education program of the American Friends Service Committee, will speak at North Carolina College's vespers hour Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. A world traveller for the Society of Friends, Bristol is the author of numerous tracts on religion and world affairs including "Primer on Pacifism" and "McCarthyism, the Seed Within Us."

Legion Plans Memorial Day

Zack Alexander of Charlotte, division six commander of the American Legion of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the Durham American Legion post's annual Memorial day program.

The event is scheduled for White Rock Baptist Church, Sunday, May 27, at three p.m. Announcement of the Weaver McLean post's observance of Memorial day came this week from W. H. Coles, post commander.

Coles said that special military rites at Beechwood cemetery will follow the church program.

In addition to the observance of Memorial day, the Weaver McLean post plans a special program in connection with its observance of child welfare month, to be held at the Union Hall on Pine Street Friday, April 20 at eight.

Also, on May 18, a red, white and blue ball will be staged at McDougald Terrace to emphasize the Legion's poppy sale.