

# The Special Session Of The Legislature

Following on the heels of a Governor Hodges' local option school plan by Attorney R. Mayne Albright in Durham a fortnight ago came another last week from Attorney Irving Carlyle of Winston-Salem in a speech in Chapel Hill. The opinion of these two prominent lawyers in a matter as vital as the school segregation question should not be dismissed by the citizens of this state without serious consideration and study. The fact that the governor has called a special session of the legislature for the announced purpose of passing new laws to defy the U. S. Supreme Court makes the speeches of Attorneys Albright and Carlyle even more significant and timely.

Add to the statements of these two prominent lawyers the resolution opposing the proposal to repeal the state's compulsory school attendance law passed by the North Carolina Parent Teachers Association in Greensboro last week and you have evidence of a growing attitude on the part of some of the leading members of the opposite race in North Carolina to move in the direction of compliance with the law rather than in defiance of it. At present,

there is little doubt in our minds, however, that a majority of white people have been misled by a small, yet hard and vocal core of white supremacists to the extent that they would prefer segregation to keeping public schools. We think that the number opposing such drastic action as closing the public schools is growing, and their influence will be greatly felt in the meeting of the special session of the legislature.

Whether we like it or not, the entire educational structure of North Carolina is at the crossroads, and, if left entirely in the hands of such ignorant men as constitute certain members of the legislature from eastern North Carolina, it may be destroyed or badly damaged. It thus appears that instead of furnishing the right kind of leadership that Governor Hodges has failed miserably to meet the test and has led the people of this state up a blind alley and in the deliberate rebellion against the United States.

From all indications, Attorney Carlyle has proposed a most sensible approach to the problem; one that is at least possible for Negro leaders to meet halfway. It is hardly

possible that any leader of any race, or any other of intelligence would refuse to go along with an honest plan that advocates "biracial advisory school committees in every administrative school unit, and another state-wide biracial advisory committee," with a definite program that would lead to the ultimate abolishment of segregation in our public schools. On the other hand, no Negro of sound judgment and self-respect is going to cooperate with, support or take part in any program from the governor or anyone else that sets apart members of his race as inferior or any better than the members of any other race.

There ought to be enough sensible members in both races who are willing to sit down together to make a start that will take into mutual consideration the feelings of each other. In this direction Governor Hodges has furnished no leadership, but instead he appears to have taken a "Supreme Court-be-damned" attitude. Such a course will not be followed by loyal citizens, white or black, who have respect for the Constitution of the U. S. and its highest court.

# Reprisal In South Carolina Is No Surprise

Some two weeks ago, representative Adam Clayton Powell revealed in New York that several students and teachers have been dismissed from South Carolina State College in Orangeburg as a result of a student strike there last Spring. The students and teachers were let out by the college's all-white, pro-Citizens Council Trustee board. The students were said to be leaders of the strike. Just what role the teachers played in the affair is not readily apparent. Perhaps they sympathized with the students.

The trustee board waited until the students had left school at the end of the term and informed them by letter that they should not return in the fall. Likewise, the teachers were informed after the end of the regular term that their contracts would not be renewed. So, according to the interpretation by one Mr. Booker Bethea, secretary of the trustee board and himself a leading member of the Citizens Council, the students were not expelled and the teachers weren't fired. They were simply told not to come back next year.

But, quite apart from Mr.

Bethea's rather weird semantics, the action of the college trustee board is just one more example of the kind of reprisals and power tactics the state of South Carolina has employed in attempting to maintain thought control in the matters of race.

The spark which ignited the stationing of state troopers on the college campus to maintain a constant surveillance of student activities. This was a prelude to an impending investigation of the NAACP and other "subversive" activities on the campus. The State of South Carolina had already committed itself to police state tactics in attempting to crush the NAACP, the leading threat to the traditional thinking and acting in matters of race in South Carolina. By an overwhelming vote, the state legislature passed regulations which forbade state employees from joining or maintaining membership in the NAACP. The penalty for violating the law is automatic loss of job. With a view toward following up this legislation, the legislature had decided to root out "subversive" and NAACP elements on the State college campus

with its proposed investigation.

In the face of such blatant police state policies and already caught in the vice of a vicious economic squeeze by white merchants of Orangeburg, the situation became unbearable to any sensitive, self-respecting Negro. So students, more prone to action than their elders, registered the most dramatic protest they could think of. Although we don't condone the disregard for authority, which is always inherent in a strike of this kind, the action of these students is certainly understandable.

The reprisal which the state has exacted from them is also no surprise. For South Carolina is following the same pattern in trying to maintain unity of thought on the race question that Nazi Germany followed in the late twenties and early thirties. Official South Carolina has already substituted something else for American democracy, and it seems just a matter of time before someone suggests, and the suggestion taken, that something else be substituted for the American flag in that state.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:  
Recently a number of programs and speeches have been arranged apparently for the purpose of softening up the people and the Legislature to accept the intent of the Supreme Court and others to mix the races.

As Citizens we believe that duty does not require us to aid and abet destruction of the Constitution.

As Christians we consider it a religious fraud to say that Christianity requires us to follow a course that would lead to destruction of the white race.

As Patriots of North Carolina we wish to maintain our public school system so that all children may have an opportunity to become educated. We consider it more important, however, to preserve the white race than to maintain the public school system.

We believe that separation of our children by races is necessary if we are to maintain the white race and transmit to future generations the quality of creative greatness necessary for human progress. Separation of the races in the schools will also aid the Negroes in maintaining their racial integrity if their pride and moral standards cause them to desire this end.

Therefore, it is our desire and purpose to support the Governor and the Legislature in their efforts to avoid any mixing of white and Negro children in the schools of North Carolina.

Since, in the school segregation decision, in our opinion, the Supreme Court usurped authority reserved by the Constitution to the States, we wish to support the Legislature in making as strong a protest against the Court's ruling as is inherent in the rights reserved to the States, whether this protest be called "interposition" or something else.

We wish to support the Legislature in bringing about an amendment or amendments to the State Constitution that will legally permit such actions as may be necessary to meet such situations as may arise.

We wish to support the Legislature in authorizing the closing of schools where integration is forced and in providing funds for instruction of pupils in private schools where that is necessary to educate children and avoid mixing the races.

W. C. George,  
President of Patriots of N. C., Inc.

To The Editor:

An American friend of mine sent me recently a clipping which carried your article A WORD OF EXPLANATION, of March 10, and I beg you to allow me to comment on it.

I am a young German who was a boy of 12 when Hitler came to power, and who was told a few years later only to 'defend' the Fatherland-but it was in the army already that I learned the truth. The truth which so clearly was stated by Franklin D. Roosevelt in his Report to Congress, Jan. 7, 1943: "The issue of this war is the basic issue between those who believe in mankind and those who do not—the ancient issue between those who put their faith in dictators and tyrants. There have always been those who did not believe in the people, who attempted to block their forward movement across history, to force them back to servility and suffering and silence."

And so we must be glad that Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito did not win, just as you stated. But did the American people listen to Franklin D. Roosevelt's warning, "And above all, it (victory) shall not be imperiled by the handful of noisy traitors—betrayers of America and of Christianity itself—would be dictators who in their hearts and souls have yielded to Hitlerism and would have this Republic do likewise (Radio talk to the Nation, April 28, 1942)?" I think not! Of course, I wholeheartedly agree with you that many wars were fought for motives of power and profit. Even today we witness in North Africa and in Cyprus war and violation to oppress the natives' longing for independence, freedom and justice—for the very aims the pioneering forefathers of your nation fought the British and French! And the greatest shame is the fact that the troops which are to oppress the natives' desire to be free, are those of the countries which call themselves "defenders" of the "Free Western World!"

Well, what were we fighting for in the last war we experienced? Let us assume to de-

feat Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito—BUT TODAY we must ask another question of greater importance: What did we do to preserve peace? WE CAN GAIN NO LASTING PEACE IF WE APPROACH IT WITH SUSPICION AND MISTRUST AND FEAR!!! WE CAN GAIN IT ONLY IF WE PROCEED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING AND THE CONFIDENCE AND THE COURAGE WHICH FLOW FROM CONVICTION!!! Let us keep in mind: Military training "educates" us to get sympathy for man out of our heads and hearts, for we are to go out to kill and destroy, and there is also no room for Christian LOVE, despite army chaplains! It is utter blasphemy to connect the killer and destroy business of an army with Christian principles! For This is My Commandment, That You Love One Another, Even As I Have Loved You. So I suggest that every nation that lifts up again its hand against a brother, for we are all children of one God, and so all brothers whatsoever our color and belief—on its forehead should wear forever the curse of Cain. It is UP TO US to learn and understand that God has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth! I learned the hard way in the last war that LOVE is the hardest lesson in Christianity, but, for that reason, it should and must be the care of all TRUE CHRISTIANS to learn it.

What can we do to prevent WAR? President Eisenhower said: "On all the continents and islands of the earth mankind hungers for peace. This universal hunger must be satisfied. If this is not to be an age of atomic hysteria and horror, we must make it an age of international understanding and cooperative peace." And every loyal American citizen should pledge for those high aims day for day! Day for Day we must work for Faith in the Triumph of Right, Recognizing the Universal Brotherhood of Mankind, Love of Truth.

Allow me to invite your readers to comment on this question WHAT CAN WE DO TO PRESERVE PEACE ON EARTH?  
Sincerely yours,  
Friedrich Jaeger  
German Federal Republic

To the Editor,

Gentlemen:  
In the Durham Sun of June 29th there appeared an article regarding Averell Harriman's being a Catholic, and a recitation of the Catholic Church's claim to the right to rule the world, by divine right.

Anent the advisability of having a Catholic as president and the question as to where the individual Catholic's first loyalty lies, it might be well to be acquainted with the words of a Catholic historian by the name of Cormenin.

In his volume 1, page 377, Cormenin refers to Pope Gregory VII as follows: "God is a spirit," says Gregory, he rules matter; thus the spiritual is above the temporal power. The Pope is the representative of God on earth; he should, then, govern the world. To him alone pertains infallibility and universality; all men are submitted to his laws, and he can only be judged by God; he ought to wear imperial ornaments; people and kings should kiss his feet; Christians are irrevocably submitted to his orders; they should murder their princess, fathers, and children if he commands it; no council can be declared universal without the orders of the Pope; no book can be received as canonical without his authority; finally, no good or evil exists but in what he has condemned or approved."

This quotation can be found on page 407 of R. W. Thompson's "The Papacy and the Civil Power" (1876), in the Treasury Room of the Duke Divinity School Library. Thompson was Secretary of the Navy. In order that the reader might know the esteem in which this Gregory is held by the Catholic Church, we quote from volume VI of the official Catholic Encyclopedia, page 791, (1913), where he is described as "Gregory VII, (Hildebrand), Saint, Pope, one of the greatest of the Roman Pontiffs and one of the most remarkable men of all times"; also as "the great pope Gregory VII."

If all Catholics should even be willing to kill their loved ones, what might a Catholic president be expected to do for the Church?  
Very truly yours,  
F. K. Mulloy, Durham

PARDON ME, BUT YOUR ROOTS ARE SHOWING



# Spiritual Insight

## "HALLELUJAH, GOD REIGNS"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND

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"And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying Hallelujah, for Lord God omnipotent reigneth..." Rev. 19:6.  
John sees God reigning amid the decaying ruins of sin and evil. We all need the heart warming assurance of this great truth at times. We need to know that God standeth above the failures and the ruins of men and nations. John sees the final downfall and the utter defeat of evil. He hears the mighty host of righteousness singing a glorious song of victory over sin and evil. He sees a day of victory. He hears the sweet melodies of the song of victory of the Saints. Why? Evil has been brought low. Truth triumphs over falsehood. Justice wins the victory over injustice. The host of the blessed redeemed rejoices over the great victory they have achieved... "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth..." Evil is defeated. Hallelujah, God reigns.

The weary, embattled struggles against evil need the encouragement of this great truth expressed here. The many souls who fight for righteousness and decency need to know that God still lives and reigns. Without this great truth we would become discouraged and give up? We need to know that God is with us. We need to know that He reigns and will give us the victory. We need to know that God will not let righteousness be defeated. This, my friends, is the practical everyday lesson that we should get from this vision of John... "Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth..."

ful note when we know and believe that God reigns. Trust God! Keep up the good fight. When you are tempted to discouragement, sing the song of faith and triumph... "Hallelujah, God reigns!"

Indeed, life is different when we know and are sustained by a firm conviction that God reigns and right will win the victory. May this truth encourage you in your hard battle with sin and evil.

Thank God, the righteous can sing a song of victory. They can sing-fight a little harder we are going to win this victory. If you are right, fight on. God reigns. You will win the victory... "Be not dismayed whatever be the battle—God will take care of you..." Fight on for the righteous will sing the song of victory. Yes, if you are right sing the song of the righteous... "Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth..."

Let us toll on for the right, the decent and the just. And one day we too can sing the Righteous Song of Triumph... "Hallelujah, God Reigneth."

# Capital Close Up . . .

BY CONSTANCE DANIEL

## School Bill Killed

The school aid bill—HR7535 was killed on the floor of the House, July 5, by a roll-call vote of 224 to 194, aimed at the Powell desegregation rider voted into it earlier in the day by a vote of 225-192, as New York's Senator Herbert Lehman readied a companion rider to attach to the bill when and if it reaches the Senate.

## Eisenhower, Truman, Dawson Oppose Rider

Tuesday's (July 3) teller vote of 164 to 116 supported the Powell Amendment, which was opposed both by President Eisenhower and by former President Truman (who sent a letter opposing it to the House), on the basis of its evident threat to passage of critically-needed school construction, called "a national crisis" by Congressman Dawson (D., Ill.) who opposed the rider on the floor during Tuesday's debate (but voted for the whole bill on Thursday). Dawson cited his own childhood struggles for an education, as book and verse against encumbering the bill, and echoed Truman's warning that approval of the Powell rider would kill education and integration.

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## Eighty-Year Pattern

Earlier, Thursday, North Carolina's Graham Barden, chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, finally calling up the bill, had announced to the House that he was "washing his hands of it,"

and refused to handle it any longer as floor manager, declaring that "our people do not want this bill." The bill's sponsor, Pennsylvania Democrat Augustine Kelley, then took over.

The vote followed the usual pattern of proffered "rights" legislation, none of which has passed the Congress in 80 years—token voting by legislators aware that support for a bill doomed for destruction would keep their pressure group record straight, with a minimum of friction with opposition colleagues.

## Vote Without Merit

The House was under the lash and responded accordingly. As an indication of convictions, "liberal" or otherwise, both teller and roll-call votes, to our mind, were meaningless and without merit.

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The readily substantiated charge has been made here, perennially, ever since the District lost the franchise, in 1875. Newspaper files provide ample documentation. During straw voting, here, in 1946, when "vo-

ting" was extended to the high schools to arouse civic interests in white high schools reported that some teachers had instructed them to "vote" against home rule, to prevent office-holding and political power among Negroes.

Leaders of both political parties, who signed last week's Declaration, included Washington Home Rule co-chairman Mrs. J. Borden Harriman and Frank Jelleff, Episcopal Bishop of Washington the Right Rev. Angus Dun, Rabbi Balfour Brickner of Temple Sinai, former D. C. Commissioner F. Joseph Donohue, Victor Reuther, United Automobile Workers president, and co-chairman Edward Buring, Jr., and Mrs. B. L. Jackson, Jr., of the District Citizens for Eisenhower Committee.

## High Court Foe Snubs Probe Post

Leander Perez, Louisiana politico slated for chief counsel of the House District Subcommittee on D. C. Schools investigation, has refused the post. Subcommittee Chairman J. C. Davis, of Georgia, announced, last Thursday, that Perez had withdrawn, leaving local groups who had been waiting to testify before the uncommunicative "Davis Committee," high and dry.

Perez, National Director of the 1948 Dixiecrats, has called the High Court "the greatest menace to the country," and acc-

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