

## God Save Our White Children From Their Parents

North Carolina sank to a new low in statesmanship and lack of leadership last week when its governor called two known secret meetings in this state for the supposed briefing of legislators who will attend the special session of the General Assembly which he called for the purpose of passing legislation that will defy or circumvent the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on segregation in public schools. Not only were all white and Negro citizens of the state barred from both meetings, but all newspaper reporters as well. According to reliable reports, one of the meetings was held in a hunting lodge with a well-stocked bar and surrounded by a barbed wire fence not too much unlike those used to safeguard military prisoners during World War II.

As we understand it, members of the State Advisory Commission were also invited to the two meetings held in the woods where they were expected to fall in line with Hodges' unholy scheme to save segregated schools in North Carolina. Twenty-five years from now, when our children look back on this tragedy in our state, they will bow their heads in shame at the asinine antics of their governor and their forefathers. History is now writing a black chapter in North Carolina, a chapter which must and will be read just exactly as it is written. The chapter will read that its governor in the years 1955-56 had the opportunity to point the people to respect for the Constitution and Supreme Court of his country but deliberately led them in a direction of disrespect and defiance of both. It will read that instead of directing the people in respect for law and order, the governor of this state deliberately promoted a program to create hysteria, race hatred and animosity.

No blacker chapter has ever been written in the history of a state, no governor has ever

made a greater mess of his office, no greater tragedy in statesmanship has ever been recorded in the annals of American history and no governor of a state has ever succeeded so greatly in turning back the pages of history.

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt gave us the four freedoms and Governor Hodges and Attorney General W. B. Rodman, in a black and unholy conspiracy which requires secret meetings in the woods, have concocted the fifth freedom—THE FREEDOM TO BE IGNORANT. So, in eastern North Carolina and other benighted sections of the state, those who have half-heartedly supported education, those who have opposed every taxation for its support now have the backing of the governor and attorney-general of the state to declare any and every situation affecting public schools "intolerable," where by they have the freedom to keep their children out of school and let them grow in ignorance. God save the white children from their parents.

Democracy cannot thrive or live on ignorance. That is why in eastern North Carolina there is less democracy and more race hatred than in other sections of the state. That is why Mississippi, Georgia and states of the deep South are cesspools of race hatred and deny even the elementary rights of democracy to Negro citizens. Likewise, there is no democracy where the governor or any other public official resorts to transacting the people's business in secrecy.

Well, intelligent Negro citizens of North Carolina will have no part of this hellish scheme. We are of the opinion that the fair-minded and intelligent white people of the state, although outnumbered and silent for the present, are just as much opposed to it. We are also satisfied that if and when the time ever comes in this state or any section of it when the public schools as we

now know them are closed, the white citizens of the state will suffer more than its Negro citizens.

Negro students, teachers and parents in the very nature of the case are more adept at improvising teaching facilities, studying in basements, churches, one - room school houses and second - handed books. Only recently has the state provided bus transportation on a state-wide basis for Negro children. So if worse comes to worse, we will fall back on our years of preparation for it in dilapidated school houses, inadequate facilities and other disadvantages forced upon us by our white brethren.

We will teach our children in barns, in basements, in sheds, in attics, in kitchens and on porches. We will teach them in the daytime and at night. We are not so far removed from the pot-bellied stoves that pneumonia will overtake us because a classroom is not steam-heated. With the better trained set of teachers in the state we can and will find a way. Our white brethren in their anxiety to keep us in a state of second class citizenship have unwittingly prepared us for this hour. The challenge which involves our struggle for decency and human dignity will be met forthright.

There will be no animosity, there will be no boasting, there will be no hatred, there will be no anger and before eternal God there will be no retreat. We will pursue our course calmly but with firmness in the federal courts and within other established frameworks of Democracy. The God of our fathers, who in past and sundry times has always come in on time, and the highest court in the land are on our side. We cannot lose. The victory may be slow in coming, it may be delayed and retarded by chicanery and evil men, but it will in the end be ours.

## The Verdict In The Virginia Case

Like a bolt out of a clear blue sky comes the verdict of Federal Judge John Paul last week at Charlottesville, Virginia on the matter of integration in public schools of that state. Judge Paul directed attorneys for the state of Virginia and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to prepare a joint decree ordering integration in Charlottesville public schools by the fall term.

The 72-year-old jurist told the estate and NAACP attorneys if they cannot agree, he will accept a decree drawn by the latter. Goose pimples must have popped out on the forehead of North Carolina's governor and attorney-general, both of whom are now engaged in an abortive alliance and plan to hold the line in this

state against abolishing segregated schools.

Not only did Judge Paul order the decree issued but severely criticized the state for its delay in complying with the U. S. Supreme Court's ban on segregation in public schools. The action of Judge Paul ought to dampen the determination of southerners that they can win in their fight to perpetuate segregated schools, but it won't. There is no fool like an old southern fool on the question of segregation. The fight will go on to the bitter end, with death playing on the side of right and finally eliminating, one by one, those who would destroy Democracy and Christianity in the South.

Segregation is the old southerner's god. He puts no other

before him, not even his children. He is willing to sacrifice his church, home and his schools to maintain segregation because it is the only way by which he can continue to feel that he is superior. He simply must have some one to look down upon and kick around. The idea that any court or individual would take that right away sends him into hysterics.

Several days ago, Thurgood Marshall, noted NAACP attorney, stated that he doubted the superiority of any individual or group of individuals who would spend over a hundred thousand dollars of the taxpayers' money to fight a case they are absolutely aware of in the beginning that they cannot win. With this we quite agree.

## White Folks' Business

If and when a referendum on the several bills proposed by Governor Hodges against integration is held, we think Negro voters should have no part in it. The U. S. Supreme Court has spoken on the issue as well as lower federal courts and we see no reason for Negro citizens to take part in a referendum they have little or no chance of winning within the state when they have already won the equivalent in

the federal courts.

We think the greatest protest Negro voters can lodge against the proposed legislation is that of absenting themselves from the polls if and when the referendum is held. The effort to pass any kind of legislation to defy the U. S. Supreme Court and to disregard the Constitution of the United States is as purely "for white folks only" as that of handling snakes in their religious cere-

monies and we should let them have it to themselves.

Whatever Negroes have copied from the white man's religious ceremonies, he has always drawn the line on handling snakes to get to heaven or to prove his faith in God. Snake handling is white folks business and we should likewise let the referendum be their business lest we become victims of its poisonous fangs.

## FACING THE ISSUE

By Dr. A. H. Gordon



### THE SOUTH AND LOST CAUSES

Ever since the founding of this nation the Southern section of it has been strongly advocating programs which have finally ended as "Lost Causes." In the struggle to adopt a Constitution to serve as the basic law of the land, the South advocates the total disfranchisement of the Negroes, slave and free, while insisting that they be counted as persons in arriving at population statistics for representation in congress. The South won an apparent victory in that a provision was incorporated in the Constitution which virtually made the Negro three-fifths of a man. The "victory" here however proved to be illusory—a lost cause—in that a few years later as history goes, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the federal constitution made the "three-fifth compromise" null and void.

Even before the final failure of this first "Lost Cause", the South began defending the Second great Lost Cause. The South precipitated the Civil War for the purpose of perpetuating the evil institution of human slavery. Of course the South precipitated the Civil

War was fighting for slavery, advertising to the world that it was fighting for local self-government.

However, England and France the two great potential allies, saw through this sham and refused to aid the South in this shameful effort to keep human beings in the status of animals. In spite of the fact that the best general of the time, Robert E. Lee, became a traitor to the country to help the South maintain slavery, the Civil War ended as the Second great Lost Cause of this section. With this great "Lost Cause" went other smaller ones.

Now the South is engaged in another traitorous civil war, although this latest one is at present a "cold war". We refer, of course, to contemporary fight of the South to defeat the Supreme Court decision against segregation in public education. Without fear, we predict that the end of this nefarious "cold war" will be written in the history books as another, perhaps the final, "Lost Cause" of the South. Let us hope and pray that it is the last!

## An American's Impressions Of The Life Of Ghandi

Editor's Note: Beginning this week, the TIMES will carry a series of articles on the life of the late Indian spiritualist and leader, Mohandas K. Ghandi. The articles were prepared by Miss Mary Mills, a colonel in the U. S. Army nurses corps.

Miss Mills has spent several years in Lebanon, where she has been assigned to a U. S. Mission. In her long years of service in the Near East, generally considered as one of the few places on the globe where ideas from both hemispheres meet she has been attracted to the customs and ideas of peoples of the East. Because of exposure to currents of ideas from the East, she prepared this series on the life of Ghandi, perhaps the most articulate Easterner of our time and certainly one whose influence on the West has been by far the most profound.

### FOREWORD

"The Light has gone out of our lives", said Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in an impromptu radio address upon the martyrdom of Ghandi; "there is darkness everywhere." Could it be that Ghandi's light ceased to shine since he was no longer with us in his puny bundle of flesh and bones? Correcting himself Nehru continued; "I was wrong, for the light that shone in this country was no ordinary light. The light that illumined this country for these many years will illumine this country for many years; and a thousand years later, that light will be seen in this country, and the world will see it and it will give solace to innumerable hearts. For the light represented something more than the immediate present; it represented the living truth, reminding us of the right path, drawing us from error, taking this ancient country to freedom."

For one of Ghandi's trusted disciples, often referred to as

one of the stories relating to Jesus' relationship with the high-minded and heroic women who clustered about HIM during his ministry in Palestine many centuries ago...when she heard the news she remarked; They Have Become One.

Gandhi and God had now become ONE. Gandhi had replied a few days before to a question from this disciple when she asked him if he would have the time to come for the opening ceremony of some of the work and to give it his blessing. Don't think of my coming, and then as if speaking to himself, he asked "what is the good of counting on a corpse?" And now this prophetic reference had been fulfilled. Again the blood of an avatar had flowed for the salvation of mankind.

1869-1948

Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the Indian people, of India's hard won struggle for independence died at the hands of one of his fellow Hindis just before the beginning of prayers on January 30, 1948. And yet the inspiration of his life and his spiritual teachings live on in the hearts and minds of the people throughout the world. He lived to see the independence of his beloved India but like the prophet Moses was not permitted to witness the birth of the Republic which took place on January 20, 1950.

Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, a small sea side village in western India. His father was an unlettered man but was known, so far as geography is concerned, for his impartiality in his immediate family and on the outside. He was devoted to his clan, truthful, brave and courageous.

The father was married to an unlettered Hindu girl and Gandhi was their fourth child. He always remembered his (Continued on Page Seven)



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## Spiritual Insight

"PRESERVING FOR THE REWARD"

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"Persevere until God gives you your reward." II John 1:8.

Through the ages perseverance has been a great Christian virtue. The true believer has been steadfast amid the most trying conditions. Those who would live the good life in a world of evil must persevere. Those who would enjoy the blessed fruits of peace and righteousness must have this spiritual quality. Yes, those who would achieve life's worthwhile goals must be able to endure. And above all, those who would receive the crown of righteousness must persevere and pass victorious through hardships, trials, insults, persecution and suffering.

John, therefore, out of his many struggles and battles of the Christian life rightly reminds us to... "Persevere until God gives you your reward..."

The Christian should be reminded that his or her labors in the Lord are not in vain. An act of goodness is never lost. A stand for right is never in vain. Our battles for truth will be rewarded. Many times our struggles for righteousness seem wasted. The Devil will tempt you to believe that your labors are in vain. Hold on in the battle for righteousness and God will reward your efforts. A note was found beside the body of a young man on the decisive battle of Gettysburg saying... "Tell my father I died facing the enemy..." Hold high the banner. Fight on for Christ and his cause. Your labors are not in vain. God will reward you. John is saying hold your ground for God will reward you. John saw the reward and held his ground on Patmos. Stephen

was steadfast amid the volley of stones that crushed him to death. Jeremiah held his ground in the mire of the dark dungeon. Gandhi saw the fruits of freedom as he held on amid sufferings and imprisonments. Hold your ground too, for the reward of the righteous is sure. Florence Nightingale was misunderstood, discouraged and blocked; but God rewarded her in her great service of love and mercy... "Persevere until God gives you your reward..." The persevering Saint has the guarantee of God's glorious reward. God will reward the faithful with peace and joy. And the final reward is the Crown of a good life... "Be thou faithful unto death and I'll give thee a crown of life..."

## Capital Close Up

BY CONSTANCE DANIEL

"The Boycott Is a Double-Edged Sword."—Thurgood Marshall Probers Pick Crump's Az-Man

On Saturday, July 7, Subcommittee Chairman James C. Davis, of Georgia, announced the appointment of William E. Gerber of Memphis, to the D. C. School Integration Probe post rejected by Supreme Court foe Leander Pera of Louisiana. Gerber, Russian-born immigrant who became chief lieutenant and ax-man for Memphis' corrupt Crump administration, ruled for over two decades over Shelby County, Tennessee, (which includes Memphis) as its attorney general, and has been credited with out-Crumping his late boss.

The story in the Washington Daily News, for July 9, by the Memphis Press-Scimitar's Clark Porteous, a Nieman Fellow and veteran of 23 years on the Memphis press, spelled out Gerber as a "belligerent type prosecutor, usually successful and on some occasions so vindictive... that higher courts reversed his convictions," and as a political boss who played his politics so tough that even the Crum machine finally shelved him.

"One Long Nightmare" Race leaders in Memphis support Porteous' story and refer to Gerber's 20-odd years as prosecuting attorney, there, as "one long nightmare for Negroes." They warn that the Davis Committee investigator is a "keen, conniving opportunist," who "played Crump's game and must be constantly watched." They cite Gerber as the Memphis prosecutor who killed off a meeting called for Sleeping Car Porter chief A. Philip Randolph, in October, 1943, when Gerber called in twenty Negro leaders and warned that they "would be responsible," if anything happened," and point-

ed out that Memphis papers already are carrying the story that integration in the Federal City "has not been going too well"—hence the committee to investigate school integration.

Thurgood Talks a Walk If we heard correctly, and we think that we did, Thurgood Marshall's committee-meeting walk-out at San Francisco, taken in protest over attempts to stretch the Rights organization into the field of social and economic programming, should be a warning bell to any earnest and sincere workers in the field of civil rights.

It is our information that a resolution concerning housing was the point of conflict. If so, there have been many straws in the wind which started to blow at the housing "Press Conference" called at the Statler Hotel, here, a year ago, by Urban League's national director, Les Granger, a performance (we sat in), which did "Rights" advocates no credit and convinced few. There have been many straws since, including recent pronouncements on housing by Mrs. Roosevelt.

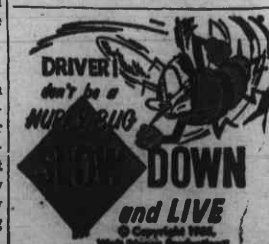
But anyone who, thereby, expected Thurgood to "straddle" a policy issue, as an NAACP official, here, suggested that he should have done on a boycott query, some weeks back—just didn't know Thurgood. He is a fighter who inspires confidence because he always puts his brain before his brawn. We believe that he always will.

Debt-Free Dedication The debt-free dedication, on July 8, of the new brick, glass-facade dormitory at Educator Nannie Helen Burroughs' Professional School for Women, at Lincoln Heights, marked a new day in building financing by private institutions of learning directed by Negroes.

The building, designed and constructed by Negroes, was financed by the contributions of Negroes, and particularly by the Women's Convention, Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., which was also responsible for the purchase of the Magruder McDonald mansion, now the Foreign Mission Retreat House, here. The valiant efforts of these women, and others, made it possible to dedicate the 52-room, 200 thousand dollar dormitory, with its modern furnishings and facilities, completely free of debt.

Hundreds of visitors witnessed the dormitory dedication which marked the opening of a new building program at the school launched by Miss Burroughs nearly half a century ago, when she bought the hillside farm on the Capital's outskirts, for six thousand dollars. The projected building program will include a chapel, a library and a science building.

Dr. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, Howard University president, delivered the dedicatory address—called the debt-free dedication "an achievement of robust world significance. Miss Burroughs, punctual as always, presided. Dr. Johnson, arriving nearly an hour late, spoke well. Congresswoman Frances Bolton, of Cleveland, was a platform guest. The school's superbly trained choir rendered familiar hymns with spirit and interest.



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