

# THE GALLUP POLL ON THE NEGRO VOTE

The Gallup Poll which almost galloped to death during the presidential campaign of 1948, when it predicted so emphatically that Thomas E. Dewey would defeat the late Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency that nationally known magazines got caught out on the limb with Dewey's picture on the front page cover, is at it again. This time the Gallup Poll, in a series of articles, plainly designed to minimize the threat of Northern Negroes to return to the Republican Party, has already voted every Negro in the North for the Democratic Presidential nominee in the November election.

In its initial article on the subject in which it asks the question, "Is The Northern Negro Switching To The GOP?" the Gallup Poll answers emphatically that he is not because "the Negro still tends to base his politics on his pocketbook instead of his race — and when the Negro thinks of his pocketbook he thinks Democratic."

Now this newspaper does not have the finance nor the trained staff which the Gallup Poll claims to have and use in making surveys on which its predictions are based. For the most part our domain is confined to the South, principally that part of it known as North and South, Carolina. We therefore are not in position to know the

sentiment of our brethren in the North. In spite of what the Gallup Poll has to say, however, we cannot understand how Negroes, North or South, could vote the Democratic national ticket when that party has enthroned such men as Senator Eastland as chairman of practically every important committee in both houses of Congress. Any Negro of average intelligence knows that the fate of all legislation, civil rights or no civil rights, is usually determined in a committee room long before it ever reaches the floor of Congress.

If the Gallup Poll is right it is going to take as many years to wrest the Negro voters from the Democratic fold because of what FDR did for them as it did to wrest them from the Republican fold because of what Abraham Lincoln did for them. In this we cannot agree because of the fact that the southern Negro vote is growing with leaps and bounds, especially in states like North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Texas and Tennessee. It is our honest belief that even in the November election the Negro vote, North and South, local and state, may for the most part remain Democratic but when it comes to the presidential election will definitely show a swing to the GOP fold.

# A MILLION DOLLARS FOR DEFENSE

Our esteemed contemporary, the Afro-American of Baltimore, in an editorial of August 4, entitled "NAACP'S FIRST DUTY," says that "even if it means the payment of \$10,000; \$100,000 or a million in southern fines that the organization's first duty is to protect its members from fear, oppression and unlawful discrimination."

Says the Afro further, "that kind of courage in the face of the known fact that judges and lawyers in Alabama have sworn to defy the Supreme Court through the White Citizens Councils and are members of the Councils indicates the seriousness of the case and the determination of the colored people to be governed by democratic practices alone."

"To insist upon enjoyment of all the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution is not contemptuous, but patriotism of the kind that has made America the beacon light for all men who dream and struggle to be free."

In all of this we concur. However, we would like to go a little further and propose that every institution for

righteousness and right in America begin now in an all-out effort to back the NAACP with funds "in its fight against those who, under the cloak and disguise of protecting state's rights, would destroy an organization that has done so much to preserve Democracy which in the end protects the rights of American citizens of all races, creeds and colors."

Let there be no mistake about it rabid southerners, the kind that concocted the Pearsall Plan, the White Citizens Councils, the Patriots and DUPEC, will stop at nothing to perpetuate their way of life. The nearer death a wounded beast becomes the more desperate and vicious his attacks. The attempt to smear Dr. Douglas B. Magg with communism because he had the courage to appear before the special session of the General Assembly of this state in defense of the Supreme Court of the United States is a sample of what ends they will resort to in an effort to promote the cause of segregation.

The action of the bloc now

being formed by the southern governors to back to the hilt those who want to destroy the NAACP, other organizations and individuals who are determined to uphold the democratic way of life is just a dress rehearsal of what is to come. Our churches, fraternal organizations, clubs, groups and individuals of all kinds may as well prepare for an all-out stand in defense of the NAACP. If it is necessary to raise one million dollars for the protection of our brethren in this and other southern states it must and will be done.

We think though that if sufficient financial support is given the NAACP now it may be in position to defeat its adversaries before a more difficult problem arises. A million new memberships should be the goal now. If every member in the organization would dedicate himself to the task of getting just three new members we believe the raising of a million dollars would be easily realized. TALK IS FINE, BUT WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS ACTION.

# REGISTER FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION

The registration books for the special election on the Pearsall Plan to be held on September 8 will open Saturday and remain open for three consecutive Saturdays. It is our hope that every Negro citizen who has not registered will avail himself of the opportunity to do so during these three Saturdays. We urge you that have already registered to use your influence with those who have not and see that every Negro citizen in your community registers and votes. Crying, fuming and fretting about our injustices will do no good. Wishful thinking will not help, the only language understood by the tyrants and ruthless politicians is that of power and the ballot box.

If every pastor of every church in every community will devote five or ten minutes in an appeal to the people of their congregations to register and vote and explain

to them the issues in the coming election we are sure the people will respond favorably. Likewise leaders of all clubs, lodges, fraternities and other groups should insist on members of their respective groups registering and voting. We call upon individuals to take time out and make a door to door canvass of every home and business in order that our people may be aroused to the importance of casting their ballots in this election.

In many sections of the state ignorant registrars and officials will endeavor to intimidate Negroes who present themselves for registration. Various and sundry tricks and uses will be resorted to and we urge our people to be on guard and not allow themselves to be drawn into arguments or discussions about why you should be allowed to register. If you feel that you have been unjustly refused registration we advise that

you write or wire this newspaper immediately and we will endeavor to secure the proper legal assistance to aid you in getting registered.

In all communities there are to be found some upright white citizens who will be willing to advise you what to do. We urge you to seek their cooperation in your efforts to register and vote. Again we warn all against arguments, discussions of the issues involved in the Pearsall Plan. The strongest argument you can make against the plan is to register and vote. At the present it appears that the number of intelligent white people who are against the plan is increasing. You can aid them by conducting yourselves in an intelligent and cultured manner whatever the circumstances. Getting angry won't help but registering and voting in large numbers will.

# FACING THE ISSUE

By DR. A. H. GORDON

## Integration Will Help Solve — OUR TEACHER SHORTAGE

In this column we have previously called attention to the little noticed fact that integration of the public schools of the South would help solve the problem of a shortage in school buildings in this section. Today we wish to call attention to the companion significant fact that an honest effort to implement desegregation ruling of our Supreme Court would also go a long way, especially in the South, toward solving the teacher shortage which we have here in common with other sections of the country.

It is generally admitted by those "in the know" in educational circles in the South that there is a surplus of trained Negro teachers in this section whereas the shortage of teachers applies mainly to the supply of white teachers. If pupils are integrated in the schools of the South, as they should be, teachers will also be integrated. In general the integration and consolidation of the public schools will result in the need for a smaller number of teachers than the number now being used simply because under the present foolish and expensive dual system many small schools which now have to maintain a full staff for a small number of students can be consolidated and integrated with other small schools heretofore for only one or the other races and the resultant school can be adequately conducted without the number of teachers in both schools now operated under the dual system. Since we have a surplus of Negro teachers and an undersupply of white teachers the result of integration and consolidation of students and teachers would result in all the qualified teachers of both races being used and the Negro surplus would disappear and the demand for teachers for white students would also be met with either white or colored teachers as needed.

If the proverbial "Man from Mars" should visit North Caro-

lina, or any Southern state, and read this article or if I should meet him and speak it to him he would think, I am sure, that it is an excellent suggestion that should receive wide-spread acceptance as an excellent by-product of integration of the public schools of the South. Alas! the white people of the South are not Men from Mars. Our white neighbors here in "Dixie" are enslaved by what they fondly call "southern traditions." One of these traditions is that Negroes should not teach white people. It is satisfactory for Negro teachers to teach Negroes but never should a Negro, however wise or well trained, be placed in the position of a leader or teacher of a white person, however ignorant or inexperienced that white person may be. Whenever white people here in the South talk about integration of the schools they always proceed upon the assumption that if schools are mixed the teachers must be white. Reasoning on this false premise they conclude that Negro teachers would lose their jobs wherever integration takes place. This is a strange line of reasoning since white people in the South have always used colored women as nurses of their children and have given them much disciplinary authority in their up-bringing. It should be an easy transition from nursing to teaching. We recommend this as not only possible but desirable.

We think that one reason why white people of the South do not desire to have Negro teachers is that they fear the Negro teachers will not pass on by precept and example those "southern traditions" to which we referred to above. This, we think, would be an advantage in that those traditions are outmoded in a country which aspires to be a democracy. The real issue seems to be that the white people of this section do not really want to develop a democratic society. This is a big mistake.

# AN AMERICAN'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE LIFE OF GHANDI

By MARY L. MILLS

The second Salt March was led by Ghandi's son and Mrs. Sarajit Naidu; Ghandi was now catching up with his rest and work in jail. The Salt March and its aftermath did two things:

1. It gave the Indians the conviction that they could lift the yoke of foreign domination from their shoulders;
2. It made the British aware, perhaps for the first time, that they were subjugating India;
3. It was inevitable that one day, in the not too distant future, that India would refuse to be ruled.

Ghandi's philosophy of education is summarized in the one sentence; "if we can develop each child's spirit and ability, we have done all that education can do." He said that the noblest and best education was the philosophy of non-violence resistance grounded upon truth and Ahimsa. He devoted much of his time to the training of children.

The outstanding spiritual geniuses of modern India through 1948 may be listed as Rabindranth Tagore and Mahatma Ghandi. Tagore once wrote the British viceroy, "the time has come when the badges of honor make our shame glaring in the incongruous context of humiliation, and I for my part wish to stand shorn of all special distinctions by the side of those of my countrymen who, for their so called insignificance, are liable to suffer degradation not fit for human beings."

Mr. K. R. Kirpalani wrote:—"Though Ghandi had become the spearhead of Indian nationalism and Tagore was looked upon as the prophet of internationalism, Ghandi's mission of liberation embraces the entire humanity and Tagore's love of his country was as deeply rooted and intense as Ghandi's." I am wedded to India, says Ghandi because I believe absolutely that she has a mission for the world. My religion has no geographical limits; I have a living faith in it which will transcend even my love for India herself. "Again," for me, patriotism is the same as humanity; I am patriotic because I am human and humane. My patriotism is not

exclusive. I will not hurt England or Germany to serve India; a patriot is so much less a patriot if he is a lukewarm humanitarian." Tagore's patriotism needs no advocate. His songs have been on the lips of Bengal's martyrs being led to the gallows. He wanted the freedom of India not that she might shut herself off in isolation nor that she would lord it over other nations, but that she might be in position to offer to the world her best they had to offer. He resented India's subjugation because to continue existence as the eternal rag-pickers at other peoples' dust bins is of the greatest shame. "All humanity's greatest is mine. The infinite personality of man can only come from the magnificent harmony of all human races. My prayer is that India may represent the cooperation of all the peoples of the earth. For India unity is Truth and division evil."

Both Tagore and Ghandi and their followers answering the call of their country spent much of their time in prison as prisoners, glorious prisoners they might have considered themselves, in the cause of their beloved India. Ghandi went on enumerable fasts not only in retaliation to the British but at time when his fellow countrymen would slip and needed to be brought back into the folds, or to bring harmony among them. He did extensive writing for some of the Indian newspapers. He was referred to as "a reminder of the Apostle Paul; a revolutionary of a most dangerous type; a charlatan; a mad man; a visionary; a menace to British rule; an astute politician who hides his real design under them ask of gullies simplicity an irresponsible and unscrupulous agitator; a country cousin; the savior of his country; and the egregious Mr. Ghandi."



# Spiritual Insight

"THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"This is the Lord's doing it is marvelous in our eyes..." Psal. 118:25.

Many strange, unbelievable things happen to us for which there is just one explanation—"This Is The Lord's Doing." Those of us who live by faith in God know this to be the truth. Truly the Lord is marvelous in his great works. We have a task to perform; the odds seem to be against us. Then in some strange mysterious way we overcome what seems to be a powerful-unbeatable opposition. We fight successfully to achieve a great and a worthy goal. How was this thing done? Yes, God crowns our faithful efforts with victory. The child of God can find one explanation—"This is the Lord's doing..." Faith in God gives the victory.

Many times we look back through seen and unseen perils and dangers and we must say with the Psalmist—"This is the Lord's doing..." God enables us

to achieve the seemingly impossible task. There is often the fog of doubt which surrounds us. There is the dark cloud of discouragement and despair. Then the fog lifts and the dark cloud is banished. Many of us have come through things which seem unbelievable and impossible. We come through the dark scenes with flying colors. In some peaceful haven we look back over the stormy scenes through which we have come. A hard job is done. We have seen God's strange healing power in some sickness. A temptation is conquered. We have overcome some critical hour of trial and tribulation. Yes, as we look back and see how we overcame we must say truly—"This is The Lord's Doing..."

We all must admit that God is marvelous in his works and ways. Thus we all need him as a partner when we go through life. Is he your companion in your daily walk? If not, why

not? We need God in our business. We need the power of Divine faith. In God we cannot fail. Apart from God there is nothing but failure. God makes us able to do and endure all things.

The power of victorious living comes from God. We as human beings have no power. In our prideful moment we feel we have power. But in our sober moments we know our utter dependence and helplessness. The very air we breathe comes from God. The food we eat and the clothes we wear have been graciously supplied by Divine Providence. Everything you have and do you must say—"This is the Lord's doing". All of our help must come from God. "Apart from me ye can do nothing..."

As we think of our very lives and our scalled achievements, we should ever be humbly reminded—"This is The Lord's Doing..."

# Capital Close Up . . .

BY CONSTANCE DANIEL

"The biggest problem, now, is to get over the river between the two races so that there can be better understanding."

Thurgood Marshall where desegregation has proceeded more smoothly than it has in some parts of the nation, some persons are saying—"This is no time for reasonable-ness." I would reply that, perhaps at no time on our recent history is there greater need for reasonableness. But I would not venture to say what is reasonable in any particular locality at any given time."

Rayford Logan  
Liberia's 109th "Declaration" Year

On July 26, the Embassy of Liberia marked the 109th anniversary of Liberia's official request, (July 26, 1846) to the nations of the world for recognition as a free and independent sovereign State, with all the rights and privileges of such a State.

This request—Liberia's Declaration of Independence—unlike that of former subject nations, including the United States, is not a declaration of political independence, since Liberia has been "free, sovereign and independent," since the first American Negro immigrants landed near Cape Mesurado and took possession of territory ceded to them on Dec. 15, 1821, by six native West African kings.

The anniversary of the Declaration of 1846, Liberia's manifesto of membership rights in the Family of Nations, was the occasion of the Embassy's recent observance, the first observance of the Declaration since Ambassador George Padmore took office, here, as his country's envoy to the United States.

Secretary Mitchell to Address 36th Insurance Confab Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell will address the 36th Annual Convention of National Insurance Associations, at the Statler Hotel, here, on August 30, when the Presidents' Banquet, honoring the presidents of 58 member companies and associations is held in the hotel Presidential Ballroom.

Some 600 or more delegates and guests from 30 States and the District of Columbia are scheduled to attend the convention of the Insurance Associations, which were incorporated here in 1921, but have not met here, since.

Everyone's Victory  
The Arlington, Va., school decision, which was everyone's victory and no one's victory, was significant to us as it quite precisely reflected the analysis of integration situations as discussed by the Negro educational hierarchy (as close as we're getting to names) several years back, i.e., that area conditions are the controlling factor in how and how fast. Federal Judge Albert Ryan's ruling to end racial segregation in the schools of Arlington, a few minutes drive from Washington, was underscored by the Judge's statement that in granting an injunction ending racial bars as of January 31, 1957, he had taken into consideration the fact that only 7 percent of Arlington County's pupils—about 60 boys and girls, all told—are Negro. But the judge also maintained that his ruling did not nullify any state or local rules for assignment of pupils to schools so long as the assignments were not based on color.

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The case was about as untypical as any case South of the "Line" could be. But it should be helpful for purposes of evaluation.

Merit Employment and the Quakers  
"Merit Employment, Why and How" is the title of a 16-page illustrated pamphlet recently released by the American Friends Service Committee, which is calculated to quicken the interest of average Americans in the manner in which the employment of their fellow-Americans of minority origin affects the Nation and themselves as well as the minorities involved.

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