

THE NEGRO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

As far as North Carolina Republicans and Democrats go we see little choice in either party for Negro voters. It therefore is necessary for members of the race to look beyond the ranks of local and state party lines in making a decision without voting in the November election. Everyone of sound judgement knows that Negroes in North Carolina have been left out in the cold when it comes to sharing in the political plums passed out from time to time by the Democratic party. It takes no sage to know that the caliber of men who now control the Republican party in this state would do no better if the GOP were in power in this state.

From a local and state standpoint, outside of the teaching profession, Negroes are only allowed to have the crumbs that fall from the political table. Not a single clerk, teacher, stenographer or office manager is employed by the state or counties and cities of North Carolina, except in a capacity of perpetuating segregation, in spite of the fact that vast majority of Negroes in the state have consistently voted the Democratic ticket. Add to this the fact that such men as Eastland of Mississippi and other rabid southern demagogues are now heading practically every committee of importance in both houses of Congress and one will have to wonder if it is not time for Negro voters to rethink their party affiliation from a national standpoint, if not local.

Negro voters in Northern and Western cities and states should look beyond what is being done for them by the Democratic Party in their immediate vicinity. They must not forget that below the Mason-Dixon line a majority of their race still resides and is kept in second class citizenship by southern Democrats who take their cue from such men in Congress as Eastland of Mississippi, Johnston of South Carolina, Byrd of Virginia and George and Russell of Georgia. They must remember that when they vote the straight Democratic ticket in November that they are voting to keep the yoke around the necks of over ten million of their race in the southern states.

Whatever the Democratic Party has done for Negroes in cities like New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles and other northern and western cities has been offset by its policy of rabid discrimination against Negroes under the law in southern states. It is, therefore, the solemn duty of every Negro voter in the United States to think twice before he casts his vote in November to keep in power a party that cannot avoid permitting important congressional com-

mittees to be headed by such men as we have named above. Unless they do this, the yoke of discrimination now borne by their brethren in the South is certain to be made even more painful under the struggle now going on for integration.

So far as the presidential candidates of both major parties are concerned, there is little to choose between them. Neither has made any great outcry against the injustices now suffered by Negroes in this country. From where we stand, both the GOP and the Democratic nominee appear to be courting the southern vote and are hedging on the question of civil rights and therefore will have no promises of great moment to keep if elected. The slight edge which the GOP has over the Democratic party, is, therefore, not because of its presidential candidate, but because of the awful bunch of southern Democrats who now head important committees in Congress. With this in mind, we urge Negroes everywhere to vote for Eisenhower in November not so much because of Eisenhower, but because a vote for Stevenson is a vote to keep at the head of important congressional committees the most terrible gang of southern demagogues the nation has ever known.

SAVING THE FACE OF WHITE SUPREMACY

Respect for law and order got no boost in Mecklenburg Superior Court last week when a white woman and a Negro man, partners in a crime of armed robbery, were brought before it for trial. The woman, termed mentally ill and dangerous by a psychiatrist, was committed to the South Carolina State Hospital at Columbia while the man was given from seven to ten years in state prison. Thus the jury concurred with the psychiatrist that the white woman was mentally ill and that the Negro man was "guilty of armed robbery," although there was evidence brought out to the effect that the woman was the brains behind the entire crime and that the man got only \$50 of the \$480 taken.

Whether the Negro realized it or not, he committed two crimes, that of armed robbery and that of associating with a white woman. The latter probably had more to do with influencing his sentence than the robbery. Justice in the South just cannot tolerate a white woman and a Negro man associating together, even as criminals. Certainly, any white woman who does it, according to Southern custom, insane, and any Negro man who does is guilty of all the crimes in the book and must be made to pay.

If white people in North and South Carolina feel they have saved the face of white supremacy by this sordid miscarriage of justice, they are sadly mistaken so far as thinking Negroes are concerned. Such only creates further disrespect and distrust of our courts by both whites and Negroes. For a season, weak-minded white people may find refuge in such antics on the part of a court of justice, but even they must sicken in stomach at such a foul deed.

This sudden discovery that the white woman is mentally ill and dangerous is a refuge that would like to be shared in by every woman who is brought into court for a crime. It certainly will be denied to those of the Negro race and will only be permitted in cases where a white woman is associated with a Negro man in crime. What this newspaper would like to know is just how long has this mentally ill and dangerous woman been roving over the state and to what extent has she proved dangerous? Unless this is satisfactorily answered, we are of the opinion that the whole affair is purely and simply another case of our white folks again trying to save the face of white supremacy.

RISKING A THIRD WORLD WAR

Twice within the span of 25 years the United States has permitted the British Empire to get this country involved in a world conflict that cost American citizens millions of dollars to say nothing about the lives of its young men who died on foreign battlefields to save the tottering empires of both Britain and France. From what is going on around the Suez Canal, these same two decadent countries are once again preparing to lead this country into another war in which England and France will fight to America's last man and America's last dollar.

Frankly, it looks to us like England is already choosing sides, and that the way things are shaping up the darker races of the world will be arrayed against the lighter races. If this be true, the world is in for another blood bath the like of which it has never seen before. It may mean the end of civilization, if not the entire world.

We think it is time the United States stop spending its money and the lives of its youths in an attempt to save what is left of the tottering empires of Britain and France. England, for nearly five centuries, has lived off the blood and sweat of other people and cannot understand why she cannot continue to do so. Likewise, France, patterning her way of life after that of England, has also depended on the efforts of others for existence.

All blood sucker nations need to understand that the day when one nation can exploit another for its own selfish purposes is over. Britain and France, who are now only second rate countries, should be told to satisfy themselves with a second rate position and not look to this country to keep them propped up with American dollars and blood. The United States should keep its nose out of the Suez Canal and let England and France go their own way as second rate powers. This country pulled British and French chestnuts out of the fire in World War I and II, and we see no reason why America should risk a third World's War to save two run-down at the heel countries that want to boss the whole world at the expense of this country.

FACING THE ISSUE

By DR. A. H. GORDON



Egypt, Suez, And The Negro

To the uninformed and the thoughtless it may seem that there is little or no connection involved in the names Egypt, Suez, and the Negro. Some may think that this topic is far-fetched to say the least. A great many people do not know that in thousands of years a Negroid people ruled Egypt and played a large part in building Egyptian civilization. The present population of Egyptian is Negroid to a great extent.

The Suez Canal is in Egyptian territory. President Nasser was within his rights in nationalizing the canal. He probably would not have done so at this time if it had not been for the fact that England, France and the United States refuses to help him build a great dam which he believed would ultimately result in lifting the standard of living of the Egyptian people. The three nations named refused to help Egypt build the dam primarily because they were not really interested in helping to raise the standard of Negroid peoples. In other words England, France and the United States, especially the latter two nations, did not see that building the dam in question would promote "white supremacy" in the Middle East and in Africa. Furthermore, this incident has called the attention of the world to the fact that in all the time the company, largely owned by foreigners, has operated the canal and benefited by enormous profits for the white stockholders, no effort apparently has been made to train any great number of Egyptians to operate the canal or hold any positions or jobs which pay well. This is typical of western exploitative imperialism. The idea is to develop the natural resources of so-called backward peoples largely for the benefit of the exploiters and to give jobs to the natives of the exploiting country which pay the best wages leaving the low-paying jobs for the real owners of the resources.

The Western so-called Powers (England is really no longer a great World Power to say nothing of France) speak of Nasser as bluffing when he states that he will not give in to their bulldozing about the use of force if he persists in his determination to use Egyptian property for the welfare of the Egyptian people.

Fortunately, Russia with her great prestige and power, and in this instance with moral force, has let Nasser know that he is not standing alone as he works for the welfare of his people. Although some people think that Anthony Eden, the tool of the capitalists of England, means what he implies when he says that force may be necessary to get Nasser to be "reasonable," this writer disagrees and gives Eden credit for having sense enough to know that a World War over Egypt's property would be criminal. Perhaps John Foster Dulles does not have any more sense than to think that he can force Nasser to change his course by hypocritically mouthing about the United Nations but the American People have too much sense to follow him any further. Eisenhower, as usual, lacks the moral courage to face the issue and tell England and France that the United States stands for international justice and will not fight a World War for white supremacy.

It is interesting to this writer that practically every thoughtful Negro is in favor of Nasser's position in the canal fight. Practically all the Southern newspapers, and editors of the white race, are for England and France and "pulling for" the Dulles asinine. It simply means that Negroes naturally are opposed to the promotion of "White Supremacy" and western exploitation of the colored world.

The Falsity Of Such Teaching Is Being Exposed Through Integregation



Spiritual Insight

"Fulfilling God's Plan"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"That you may fulfill God's plan for you." Cor. 4:12.

God has a plan for your life. You are a part of God's Eternal scheme of things. What are you doing with your life? Are you fulfilling the Divine plan for your life? Remember your life is a precious gift from God. Each life should be dedicated in holy consecration. Your life is a precious coin which should be invested. Are you wasting or investing the precious stuff of your life? Your life is indeed a precious coin from God to be wisely invested to the glory of God and the best welfare of men.

To fulfill God's plan for your life you must wisely invest it. Invest your life and you will have a rich harvest. Let us not, then, waste the precious stuff of life in shameful idleness. God needs your life. Wake up! Get wise and invest your life for God. The one-talent man buried and wasted his life. The steps in investment are redemption and

healed; a burden to share; and a sin-sick soul to be healed and reclaimed for God. With so much to be done why would you waste the precious stuff of life? Why wait? Begin now to fulfill God's plan for your life. Offer your life in the services of the Lord.

Will you be guilty of life's great, sad tragedy? The great tragedy of life is the wasting of your life the precious gift from God. God has a numbered human beings, like the Prodigal, are wasting the precious stuff of life. You pass this way but once. Soon the curtain will fall on your little act. Then what will you carry back to God. Will you come before God with excuses or a rich spiritual harvest? Awake and work now! Invest your life now. Offer your life now on the altar of sacrificial service. The night comes, then the sad words too late. Give your life to God so that you carry up a rich spiritual harvest.

Yes, give your life to God that you may find rich fulfillment. In giving your life to God you can find a deep abiding satisfaction.

Why waste your life in uselessness when there are so many helpful ways to use your life. Life is a precious gift from God. Use it wisely and helpfully. Life is a sacred trust; lay it on the altar of loving service. "That you may fulfill God's plan for you." The harvest is still very great and the laborers are few. Volunteer for the services of God. Say with the poet, "Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee." There is a tear to be wiped away; A hurt to be

VINOBA BHAVE: A DISCIPLE OF GANDHI

BY MARY MILLS

The landlord party donated 1200 acres of their land and appointed two of its members to accompany Vinoba and his followers on their journey to reinforce his appeal with their fellow landlords.

Bhoodan the gift of land, says Vinoba must one day turn in to Balli dan (Balli's gift). The whole world must be given over to God . . .

Next he tells of the Pandavas, who fought the classic battle against the forces of evil described in the Mahabharata. The cause of the battle? Their relatives refused to let them inherit their rightful share of the land. First they asked not for a kingdom but a city, then not for a house but a room, and so on until they were offered finally as much land as could be lifted on the point of a needle. They decided to take it. So will the poor of today, says Vinoba if we continue to whittle down their rights.

Finally there is the forgotten brother Karma, in the same story, the sixth son who had been hidden away at birth and whom Vinoba sees as symbolic of the submerged sixth in modern society. He it was who, armed with the bracelet which his mother had given him, became all-powerful in battle. Do we want, Vinoba asks to forget our sixth brother like the Pandavas did, and stir up hatred and strife.

Vinoba is the detached and passionate messenger of God. His love is impersonal, philosophical — he looks upon all men as the children of God and treats them equally. His mission is a kingdom of kindness. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, therefore, we merely hold his land in trust. His great aim is to change the hearts of men and not necessarily that of governments.

By April 18, 1954 three million and two hundred thousand of acres of land had been given to the Bhoodan Mission, two million of this was good land. 230,000 donors had participated in this great gift of whom one third may have undergone a change of heart. Thousands of wells, bullocks, implements, tons of seeds, etc. cetera, a thousand workers —

TIME WILL PROVE RIOTERS ARE WRONG

BY EDDIE FORREST

The many incidents that are taking place in the South today, that are made public, and those that are not made public, are very numerous. It is nothing for the Negro to fear, but hold a level head and use good common sense at all times. And above all, keep faith in God.

The flare ups in Tennessee and Texas are foolish acts that humans put up before the march of time. The decision that the U.S. Supreme Court handed down May 17, 1954, was inevitable. It had to come. Time had brought it about. We, as a people will have to accept it in a calm manner, or we can try to resist it and get hurt much worse.

The mobs that gathered in Clinton, Tennessee and Mansfield, Texas, show signs of weakness and ignorance. Our people can feel proud of the way the Negroes in these mob stricken areas are conducting

Capital Close Up . . .

By CONSTANCE DANIEL

"The North" and "The South" Commenting on the Sturgis, Kentucky, school desegregation disturbance, a well-intentioned feature writer in the Washington Star, (Sunday, Sept. 9,) made much of the fact that Sturgis is "just five miles from the Illinois State line," and has a Negro population of less than 10 percent.

While well written and in many ways informative, the comments are noteworthy as an example—in the references to the North and the South—of the popular misconception of the significance of sectional boundaries, as well as for the writer's evident lack of familiarity with the civil rights backgrounds of the Border States.

True enough, Sturgis, practically on the Ohio River in Western Kentucky (that's Congressman Natcher of Bowling Green) is in Union County, which was predominantly pro-Union during "The War," but the area, on both sides of the Ohio, as well as along the Mississippi, has been racially tense since Illinois, Ohio and Indiana were first formed from the Northwest Territory. The indenture system existing "before the War," in Southern Illinois and Indiana, has been called "tantamount to slavery as it was practiced in parts of the South."

Less than a decade before hostilities broke out between the States, Illinois passed the drastic law of 1853, prohibiting the immigration of Negroes, and providing for the arrest and fining of any Negro who appeared in the State and remained for more than 10 days, and for his sale to any person who could pay the cost of his trial, if such

Negro was unable to pay his fine of 50 dollars.

In the "Black Friday" riots at Portsmouth, Ohio, eighty Negroes were driven from the town at the request of some two hundred ("respectable" we suppose) white citizens. In Cincinnati, fear of job competition among the laboring class, revived laws, requiring free Negroes to carry certificates of their freedom and to give bond. Wilberforce was settled by 1200 Negro refugees from Cincinnati mob violence. There was a systematic effort "to kill off and drive out the Negroes, who were becoming too well established, and giving offense to white men who desired to deal with them as Negroes were treated in the South." In Southern Indiana and Illinois the same condition obtained," states historian Carter Woodson in his "Century of Negro Migration." The abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy was murdered by an Illinois mob. East St. Louis (Illinois) race riots are readily remembered. Springfield (Illinois) riots were the immediate motivation for the organization of the NAACP.

In other words, Sturgis, Kentucky, is just another town in a traditionally tense area—part of which is Southern Illinois. "The North" to the uninitiated.

One-Half of One Percent Consciously or subconsciously, we who should be better informed, seem somewhat less than analytical in presenting the facts of integration. For instance, while hailing the fact that 71 Texas school districts had integrated, we saw no "story" in either daily or weekly press which pointed out whether this integration had taken place in normally "friendly" sections of this huge, sprawling state of many moods, or in the "anything-can-happen" areas of Negro density. Neither did we see mention of the percentage of Negro students in the total number involved in this integration. Praise-worthy as in the compliance shown, we think it is well to ponder the fact that 1500 Negro children out of a 300,000 total, is ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT. In other words, DENSITY DOES AFFECT THE PATTERN. Later Texas figures reported in "Southern School News," show about 100 districts—for this fall—with 25 thousand Negro students out of a total of 525 thousand, or more than four and one-half percent, with East Texas—tough and thickly populated—announcing desegregation for 1957.

Wheel-Hatting in Reverse Which some of us have justified on "what-else-can-you-do?" grounds, also affects the pattern. Well, we venture a guess that minus the prancing, marching, extroverting and exhibitionism—the advent of Authurine Lucy (Foster) at the University of Alabama, would have occasioned a minimum of belligerent opposition, since it would have provided no backdrop for such.

Kasper of New Jersey Frederick John Kasper, who, before "Clinton, Tennessee" had showed up in Alaska to testify against the Alaskan Territorial mental health bill on the grounds that it was based on psychiatry, psychiatrists were Jews, and "this is not a Jewish nation," identified himself, there, as a resident of Merchant-

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