

### The Negro Voter's Golden Hour

Tuesday, November sixth can be a golden hour in history for more than one million Negro citizens in North Carolina, or it can be just another national election day. On that day, every registered Negro voter in this state will have the opportunity to go to the polls and cast his ballot against the Democratic regime in North Carolina and in the nation, a regime which has made the struggle for full citizenship so hard for Negroes in the South. Let there be no mistake about it, the small patronage which Negroes in northern and western states are receiving in jobs and other political plums from the Democratic Party are but crumbs when considered in the light of what the race is suffering under that same party in the South, where dwell over seventy-five percent of the race.

Lack of job opportunities in national, state, county and municipal governments, organized determination to keep him in a state of subservience, refusal of registrars to permit him to register and vote, (even as a Democrat), when he is qualified, and now the revival of the Ku Klux Klan are just a few of the conditions which the Negro faces in the South. This is what the Negro voter should think seriously about before he casts his ballot in this and other states on next Tuesday.

There was a time when political expediency might have warranted Negroes in North Carolina registering and voting as Democrats. We think, however, that it is now time to serve notice on the Democratic Party that unless we can become full fledged mem-

bers with every right and privilege afforded others, it can kiss our votes goodbye. We ought to say to that party with our ballots that we intend to strike the first blow for a two-party system in North Carolina, a system under which we believe will ultimately result in a greater share of freedom and human dignity than we have experienced under the one-party Democratic system.

This newspaper is aware that a few selected Negroes have been given token recognition under the Democratic regime in this state. Several have even been allowed to attend the County and State Democratic conventions and serve on committees often to the embarrassment and contempt of members of the Party from eastern North Carolina. This was proved at the extra session of the legislature this summer, when some of their fellow Democrats from that section spared no wrath toward Negro citizens and finally crowned the event by voting into law the Pearsall Plan, designed solely for the purpose of upholding the status quo of the race in this state.

But, Negro voters must look beyond these few crumbs that have fallen to them from the Democratic table. They must not forget that the overall mass of Negroes in this state are still the last to be hired and the first to be fired in all government jobs. If the Negro would be free, he, himself, must strike the first blow whereby he, under a two-party system, will at least not be so counted "in the bag," that he is expected to remain loyal in the face of

lands so close together that they can no longer commit heinous crimes against Negroes in their own backyard without finding a report of the same on the front page of newspapers all over the world in the next day. Officials of Poland must have turned up their noses at Senator Eastland's attempt to inject himself into the international limelight by asking for a free election in a foreign country when no such thing exists in his own state of Mississippi.

## FACING THE ISSUE

By DR. A. H. GORDON

### EISENHOWER MILITARISM

One of the most remarkable accomplishments of propaganda in the modern world is the successful advertisement of himself by President Eisenhower and his aids as a man seeking peace, a general opposed to war. Many citizens of the United States are convinced that the election of Eisenhower as President of the United States for four more years means that militarism will take a back seat for the length of his term of office. Just the opposite is the fact. It is strange that our people should believe that a man so thoroughly trained in the military traditions and who gained his fame and fortune through military operations has somehow come to be a champion of anti-militarism. One argument of the propagandists is that Eisenhower is opposed to militarism because he knows from personal experience the destruction, suffering and futility of war, the outcome of militarism. Many people seem to have been "brain-washed" into believing this propaganda in spite of the fact that by his actions our President has proven himself to be the greatest militarist who ever occupied the White House. For example, we are spending over thirty-five billions of dollars a year now on our military establishment, the largest amount ever spent by any nation in the history of the world for militarism.

One reason Eisenhower has been able to get away with this propaganda is that he practices what some writers are calling "The New Militarism." This new type of militarism is excellently explained in a book review in the October issue of the PROGRESSIVE magazine in which the reviewer, Louis Smith, makes the following revealing comment:

It is probably correct to say that the danger of militarism in America is greater today than in any other time in our history. We are threatened by a new

### The Balance Of Power, If They Will Only Use It



## Spiritual Insight

"THE WAY WILL BE OPENED"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"The people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea." Ex.15:19.

So many times when we cannot see our way out, a way is mysteriously and miraculously opened. It happened to Israel as she was caught between a cruel enemy and the barrier of the Red Sea. The way looks dark. There seemed to be no way out until the way is opened. The trusting soul finds a way for its follows the guidance of God, trusting soul finds a way for it God's hands; they rely upon God for strength. Jeremiah trusted God in a dark dungeon until the way was opened. God opened the way when all seemed lost. Daniel trusted God amid the evil schemes of men, and God brought him out. Paul tells us how the way was miraculously opened many times for him. Truly, God will open the way for trusting souls.

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will be opened". Yes, when the way was dark and the outcome uncertain, God opened the way. Trusting souls overcome when all seems lost. The Bible teaches this great truth. It works. I can testify to its truthfulness and workability. In many places during life's struggle, when the way is dark, the outlook uncertain, this great truth supports us until the way is opened. The trusting soul finds a way for its follows the guidance of God, trusting soul finds a way for it God's hands; they rely upon God for strength. Jeremiah trusted God in a dark dungeon until the way was opened. God opened the way when all seemed lost. Daniel trusted God amid the evil schemes of men, and God brought him out. Paul tells us how the way was miraculously opened many times for him. Truly, God will open the way for trusting souls.

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subtle anxieties and worries. Worries rob us of the joy and the power of living. They worried about the enemy that was behind. They worried about the mountains on either side. They worried about the barrier of the Red Sea that was in their path. When they got to the Red Sea the way was cleared. Their worries were in vain. So many of our worries are in vain. The things we worry about ahead of us are not there when we get there. Let's cease our senseless and futile worries. Let a simple faith in God take the place of your worries.

Invite God as your invisible and eternal companion in this rough and uncertain journey of life. Then you can go through. Give your life to God. Let God lead you. Let God walk with you, and life will take on a new look. And, with God, we can overcome our enemies and cross our Red Seas. God will turn your darkness into light, your sickness into health, your failure into success, and death into immortal life.

### Governor Hodges And The Ku Klux Klan

The statement which Governor Hodges gave out at his news conference in Raleigh last Thursday, decrying the revival of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, will be received by intelligent Negroes with a grain of salt if not a spark suspicion. If ever a chief executive has done everything in his power to create an atmosphere in which organizations such as the Klan could thrive, Governor Hodges is the one. If history fifty years from now does not record him as the governor of this state who had the greatest opportunity for progressive leadership, but made the greatest failure at it, it will record him as the most stupid.

Circumstances and events of the past two or three years have brought this state and the South to the threshold of a new and brighter era in both the field of industry and race relations. Instead of using the influence and power of his office to promote the coming of the era, without which North Carolina or no other state can have prosperity in this age, Governor Hodges deliberately set about

to fan the flames of race hatred among the very element he now pretends to want no part of. By concocting the Pearsall Plan, which he nor any other sensible persons know has a ghost of a chance of meeting the approval of the U. S. Supreme Court, Hodges has opened a Pandora's box out of which has now sprung a revived frankenstein, the Ku Klux Klan. So if there is a reign of terror in North Carolina, it must in all fairness be charged up to the one man who has done more to set the stage for it than any other single person, Governor Hodges.

While all this was going on, repeated appeals were made to the Governor by this newspaper and other sources close to the Negro population, to call a meeting of leaders of both races in order that they might sit down together with mutual respect to plan a peaceful acceptance of the Supreme Court's decision. Instead, all the stops of defiance were pulled out, and a special session of the legislature was called, not to inform its members that as its Governor,

sworn to uphold the U. S. Constitution and its laws, its citizens must comply with the Supreme Court's ruling on segregated schools, but to tell them that he wanted them to pass a law that would circumvent the decision.

So now, if the good people of both races in the state must reap the harvest of their Governor's wicked ways, charge it up to him and not to the ignorant whites who have been duped into believing that white sheets, hoods and other regalia are sufficient to frighten Negroes into accepting a state of second class citizenship, and that they can get away with defying the highest court in the land.

There is no just cause in a democracy that cannot be obtained within its framework. When evil men seize the freedoms which are allowed under a democratic form of government to enslave those who are weak, those who are strong had better come at attention, lest in the end they find themselves also the victims of tyranny. "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

### Text Of Resolution By Texas Democrats Supporting NAACP

Editor's Note: Last week, the Young Democratic Club of Dallas County, the official youth arm of the Democratic party in that county, announced its support of the NAACP in its fight for survival in Texas and simultaneously condemned the Attorney General for taking action to oust the organization from the state. Following is the full text of the resolution adopted by the Dallas County Young Democratic Club.

WHEREAS the Democratic Party and the Young Democratic Clubs of America, of Texas and of Dallas County has an historic record of the defense of individual freedom and liberty, and

WHEREAS any attack on the freedom or liberty of any individual or group of individuals constitutes an attack on the basic rights of all free people, and

WHEREAS it is not only the right, but the duty, of all Americans to aid their fellowman in his attempts to attain his equal rights within the law, and

WHEREAS the Attorney General, of the State of Texas, has instituted action aimed at outlawing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People, because that Association has sought judicial action to secure equal rights for citizens denied their constitutional rights, and

WHEREAS said Attorney General has announced in his legal pleadings that such activities are "against the policy of the State"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Young Democratic Club of Dallas County publicly decry any attempt by any State Official to establish any policies in the name of the State of Texas that infer, imply or have the effect of curtailing the activities of any organization devoted to the furthering of liberty among citizens of this nation, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Young Democratic Club of Dallas County does voice its unanimous objection to the use of public tax funds in the perpetration of witchhunts designed to curtail the rights of any citizen or group of citizens, or to prevent attainment of equal rights by any or all citizens of this State or Nation.

### The Beam In Senator Eastland's Eye

Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi proved himself a veritable jackass last week when he had the gall to express a desire for free elections in Poland while approximately a half million Negro voters are denied the free use of the ballot in his own state. Eastland is reported to have released a statement on October 22 proposing that the United States press for free elections in Poland. Immediately thereafter, Roy Wilkins, NAACP secretary, telegraphed Eastland to ask for free elections in Mississippi.

It will be recalled that last year two Negroes were killed and another seriously wounded in Mississippi because they insisted on registering and voting and were influencing others of their race to do so. In spite of this, Senator Eastland never raised one finger of protest. Is it revolting that he can seek free elections for people in Poland while it is denied such a large segment of the citizenry of his own

### Definitive Work On Jazz To Be Issued In This Country

What T. S. Elliot is to poetry, Fannie Farmer to cooking, Mickey Mantle—but why go on—Hugues Panassie is to jazz. He is the Frenchman who in the 30's, as every orthodox jazz fan knows, was the first critic to take jazz seriously as an important musical form. His two previous books published in this country HOT JAZZ, Louis Armstrong calls "the musician's Bible." Louis felt so strongly about it, in fact, that he wrote the introduction. The book will be published by Houghton Mifflin Company November 30 (\$4.00).

Simultaneously with the publishing of GUIDE TO JAZZ, RCA Victor will bring out an LP "Guide to Jazz" recording on which 18 of the all-time greats discussed by Mr. Panassie can be heard, including Louis Armstrong, Lionel Hampton, King Oliver, Count Basie, and many other notables. Mr. Panassie will write the "liners" for the jacket of the classic record.

In his book Panassie provides a brief biography of the great and near-great among jazzmen, and with the aid of his vast information and years of study in the field, evaluates the contributions of each.

### Capital Close Up . . .

By CONSTANCE DANIEL

John Franklin's "Millitant South" John Hope Franklin's "Millitant South," fresh from the Harvard University Press, is important background to thought, planning and action, in these days of Mid-20th Century Southern belligerency.

Dr. Franklin, who recently left Howard University to head the Department of History at Brooklyn College, New York, writes with his usual charm, but is always the responsible historian. His latest work, supported by an exhaustive bibliography, traces the martial spirit of the South from the settlements to the Civil War, in all aspects of living, through chapter titles that tell their own story:

"Background of Violence, Fighters' Fatherland, Personal Warfare, A Millitant Gentry, Defending the Cornerstones, Millitant Expansionism, A Little Learning, West Points of the South, The Citizen Soldier, Literary and Social Echoes, Toward a Unified South, and—Ready to Fight."

He shows the pre-Civil War as seen through the eyes of foreign visitors like the English philosopher James Stirling, who, a century ago, commented on its "wild justice and lawless violence," and like London Times correspondent William H. Russell, who called Southern gentlemen "traveled and well-read, lovers of field sports,—bold horsemen and good shots," but concluded that their state was a "modern Sparta...an aristocracy resting on a holtery, with nothing else to rest upon."

South Believed It Could "Rule Northern People"

The historian points out that the South believed that it would win, in a show of arms with the North, because it possessed "more aptitude and genius for war," and "every quality necessary to rule the Northern people." (from Southern Literary Messenger, June, 1860.) The author expresses his own belief that the North lacked respect for the military strength of the South, which it thought could be baited without risk of military reprisal, while "the Southern hand rested nervously on its pistol, knife or sword."

All Were Millitant in Frontier South

Showing how the fighting spirit pervaded the entire community in the essentially frontier South, Dr. Franklin notes the readiness of Negroes to resort to violence, reflecting the fighting spirit of the whites, with free Negroes fighting slaves, whites and each other. "Violence," says the author, "was inextricably woven into the most fundamental aspects of life in the South, and constituted an important phase of the total experience of its people. Fighting became a code by which men lived." He termed the man of the South "a product of his experience as a frontiersman, Indian fighter, slaveholder, self-sufficient yeoman, poor white, and Negro."

Quoting from Jefferson's "Notes on Virginia," (1782) in which that aristocrat denounced the whole master-slave relationship as "a perpetual exercise of the most boisterous passions, with unremitting despotism, and degrading subordination," Dr.

Franklin shows how fear of slave uprisings built by this suppression, gave rise to the further militancy of armed night patrols, recruited from planters' families.

Expansionism and Manifest Destiny (The South through Its Own Eyes)

Intensely interesting is the insight into the South's expansionist thinking and venturing, even into international areas, provided by the chapter on "Millitant Expansionism," with its justifications for plans to "overrun Cuba, Mexico and Central America."

From De Bow's Review, (New Orleans) for May, 1856, the author quotes this illuminating passage from the pen of George Frederick Holmes, thoughts echoed by Hitler, nearly a century later:

"Conquest, extension, appropriation, assimilation, and even extermination of inferior races has been and must be the course pursued in the development of civilization."

Currently Pertinent

The historian's concluding chapters, dealing with the efforts of the pre-Civil War South to achieve arid unity through the Southern Rights Associations, the Montgomery League of United Southerners, the "self-sufficiency" resolutions at the New Orleans Commercial Convention of 1855, and the plea for organization of "Committees all over the cotton states," seem strangely familiar, today, as men of goodwill search for a way through the desegregation problems of a South still militant, a century later.

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