

## BROTHERHOOD WEEK HYPOCRISY

The Carolina Times watched with unusual interest last month the antics engaged in by many of our white citizens in North Carolina in their attempt to celebrate Brotherhood Week. A letter recently received by this newspaper from George M. Ivey, Jr., Regional Chairman of Brotherhood Week, quotes a statement made by Governor Luther Hodges last year in his Brotherhood Week Proclamation, which, so far as thinking Negroes of North Carolina are concerned, is downright mockery of the word brotherhood.

Said Governor Hodges in that proclamation: "The National Conference of Christians and Jews is endeavoring in an admirable manner to make brotherhood a living reality in our relations from man to man, alleviating frictions and encouraging friendly cooperation in an educational effort to eliminate prejudice, bigotry and hatred."

Had Governor Hodges qualified the above statement by limiting it to white Christians and Jews he would have at least been within the bounds of common decency. But when he attempts to convey the idea that he is interested in making "brotherhood, a living reality in our relations from man to man,"

for all races, he becomes a joke in the sight of every thoughtful Negro citizen in this state.

No man can claim real brotherhood with another when he advocates a program of segregation, which in turn means looking down one's nose at another because of the color of his skin. No man can make such a claim when he has endorsed such a program as the diabolical Pearsall Plan.

Governor Hodges' Brotherhood Proclamation may be alright for white Christians and Jews, but so far as the more than one million Negroes in North Carolina are concerned, it is hypocrisy of the lowest type. He deceives no one, not even the many fine Jewish citizens of this state who need no proclamation or high sounding words to establish their belief in brotherhood.

The Jewish people have put their words into action by paving the way for Negroes to get a chance in the world of sports, theater and other fields of employment. This is more important than all the empty words of Governor Hodges' brotherhood proclamation. What North Carolina's governor is doing about brotherhood speaks so loud we can't hear what he says about it.

## A. H. GORDON'S



Dr. Gordon

## Facing The Issue "PEACE AND LIBERTY"

In an article published in the March, 1957 issue of The Progressive magazine, Dr. Fred Rodell, Professor of Law at Yale University states: "The big issues of our time are two and only two. The first is the peace of the world. The other big issue of our time is the business of saving our civil liberties right here at home." The writer of the column agrees with this completely. The tragedy of our time is that we are not trying to achieve either of these objectives by the proper means.

First, let us consider the objective of world peace. The nation which has the greatest opportunity to do something constructive toward achieving this goal is our own country, the great United States of America. The responsible leaders of our country are working hard upon the theory that world peace can be maintained by the United States maintaining the most powerful and modern fighting force on the planet. We are spending over thirty billion dollars each year on our armed forces. The idea is that the only way to preserve peace is to keep so strong that no nation will dare to attack us or to endanger our security.

In spite of the historical fact that all the great military powers in the history of the world from Assyria to England have eventually gone down in defeat, our leaders still believe, or claim to believe, that military power is necessary for our "defense" and that it will save us. It is because of this basic error that we have the so-called Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East. All thoughtful people know that this policy, especially the military aspects of it, will not prevent war in that section, but will make a final military show-down in that section more likely. Such bigoted ignoramuses as the senators from Georgia, Russell and Talmadge, are trying to cut out the economic aid provisions of the plan and favoring the use of the military part. We should do just the opposite, that is, we should greatly increase our economic aid to the peoples of the Middle East and withdraw our military forces, etc. in that section.

### Asinine Policy

Through economic aid, not to the rulers but directly to the peoples of the Middle East, we would improve the standards of living in those sections and thereby gain the good will of the people, and no amount of Russian military power could persuade them to go communist. The only worth-while thing demonstrated in Hungary is that no amount of military power can secure peace in a land where the people are convinced that the government is unfriendly to them. The Russians are too wise, if we are not, to explode any atom or hydrogen bombs in the Middle East for the simple reason that such action would destroy the oil fields leaving everybody poor—naked and hungry—it would "kill the goose who must lay the golden eggs."

In reference to the other great problem of the United States and the world, the matter of Civil Liberties, we are also following an asinine policy. Our civil liberties in this country are rapidly being destroyed by our disregard of several amendments to our federal constitution, especially the First Amendment and the Fifth Amendment. Edgar Hoover is trying hard to make the FBI the instrument of a police state. Hoover is a great disappointment. The Department of Justice neglects to investigate Ku Klux Klan activities in the South and is too cowardly to name the White Citizens Councils of the South as subversive organizations. More and more, it becomes clear that President Eisenhower is either prejudiced against Negroes or simply too cowardly (continued on page 7)

## "BUT HE'S FOR MODERATE AT HOME IN THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS"



## Spiritual Insight

"SPECKS AND LOGS"  
By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye..." Luke 6:41.

Why are human beings so blind when it comes to their own faults? We have difficulty seeing our own sins and faults. Here we have one of the tragic weaknesses of men. Yes, it is so easy for us to recognize the faults, imperfections, errors and sins of others. It is hard for us to take an honest look at NUMBER ONE. We just want to feel that we are angels. And we want to feel that others are the very embodiment of demonic powers. We have at our very finger tips the low down on others and we take such sweet delight in analyzing the sins of others. We put on magnifying glasses to behold the misdeeds of others. "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye?" And yet you are so reluctant to look inwardly at the... "The Log That Is Your Own Eye..." Let us guard against the

very human temptation of magnifying the specks in the eyes of others. Let us use the big glass on ourselves. Wisdom demands that you take an honest sincere look at yourself. In the final analysis we have a big job keeping Straight eye.

NUMBER ONE STRAIGHT. It takes all the time we have with the help of God to keep ourselves in the straight and narrow path. Let us ask God to keep us from this sweet, delightful temptation of finding fault in others. Let's be honest for many of us are guilty of this sin. It is unbecoming a Christian. Let us try to take of the logs in our own eyes and most of us want have any time left to worry about the specks in our own brother's eye.

Yes, folks, let's put a little more time on the Logs in Our Own Eyes. There is an old human trick of playing up the faults of others to divert the attention of people from our own faults. Are you guilty of

this kind of ignoble, unchristian action? Let us be fair and honest with ourselves and with God. You can fool men for awhile. You can never fool God. The Psalmist was honest and looked at the Log in his own eye... "Against thee have I sinned... create in me a clean heart..." He rightly asks God to help him clear away the spiritual Log Jam in His Own Soul.

A look in your own soul is essential to spiritual growth. You must see and with God's help correct your own faults before you can grow spiritually. Let us have a personal spiritual housecleaning. Yes, we need inner spiritual healing and cleansing. The accumulated rubbish needs to be cleared from our own souls.

When we have been honest with ourselves, we can achieve a much needed personal spiritual house cleaning. We are ready, then, in love and understanding to help our brother clear the Specks Out Of His Eyes.

By Robert Spivack

## Watch on the Potomac



Mr. Spivack

THE BEDFELLOWS

Politics, we are told, makes strange bedfellows. Middle Eastern politics, it seems, makes the strangest of all. To begin with the United States and Soviet Russia found themselves lined up last Fall against France, Great Britain and Israel. Now we have Sen. Hubert Humphrey, the Minnesota Democrat, and William Knowland, the California Republican, joining together against punishment for the Israelis.

While this is an odd coalition (it also includes Lyndon Johnson of Texas) it is no more bizarre than the situation in the Middle East itself. The point of it all would seem to be that some U.S. politicians for their own personal reasons and motives think the State Dept.'s mishandling of mid-eastern affairs will pay off in votes in 1958 or 1960.

That is not to say that much of the criticism is unwarranted. As Adlai Stevenson commented in San Francisco, Secretary Dulles has gone from "brink to brink" and "blunder to blunder." Now the time for an accounting has arrived.

It seems to me, though, that there is even greater significance in the increasingly sharp debates between the White House and Capitol Hill. It is the sudden realization by the legislators that the

President's influence is diminishing. The simple fact is that a President who cannot seek re-election himself just cannot exert the power his predecessors used to wield. He has very little to hold over the heads of the legislators or very little to offer them.

In consequence some Senators who were mute for those four years during which the foreign crisis crept up on us are now issuing forceful declarations of independence. There is some irony in the position in which the President now finds himself. The Republicans who pushed through the 22nd Amendment apparently thought Franklin D. Roosevelt would live forever and they were determined to reduce his influence. Now Dwight D. Eisenhower finds himself the principal victim of this grand strategy.

### POSTSCRIPT

The President must rely more than ever, for what influence he is able to exert, on the force of public opinion.

Here, too, the political line the Administration handed out before election days has returned to plague them. All those tranquilizers about the crisis at Suez being "behind us" and Dulles' assurances that the Allies were more closely allied than ever seem to have deadened public interest in foreign affairs. Result: the public response

to the President's televised plea for backing of the Administration position on Israel brought only a lukewarm response and, by White House mallroom standards, a fairly small one.

It Pays To Be Intelligent

Remember that old TV show about how "it pays to be ignorant"? Charles Van Doren has pretty effectively spiked that one. But Van Doren is having some problems of the sort I imagine all of us would like to have.

The quiz whiz stands to save more than \$13,000 in taxes if he can report his winnings on the "21" show over two years, instead of one. Of the \$143,000 was won in 1956. Speaking of Van Doren we pass on the following letter from Mrs. Nancy M. Brown of Cape Elizabeth, Me. to the Editors of Time—

"Dear Sir:

"If Van Doren makes the right choice about his future in relation to his many TV offers, he might be able to convince some of us TV viewers that the acquisition of knowledge is a more rewarding and meaningful experience than spending 90 per cent of our leisure time on our fat fannies being entertained by a large order of nothingness."

Incidental Intelligence

We always thought of the British as a somber, thrifty

## AN OPEN LETTER

Editor's Note: Following is the first portion of an open letter to Baptists from W. H. Jernagin, president of the National Sunday School and BTU Congress.

To the Baptist Constituency of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.:

I am probably the oldest active living member of the convention and I believe I am urged by the Holy Spirit to offer some advice with love to all and with no ill toward anyone.

In accordance with our constitution, a new leader will be selected in Louisville, Kentucky, in September and because of the existing situation of our convention much prayer is needed. Having sat through the convention in Denver, Colorado last September and witnessed the mid-winter board meeting in Hot Springs this year, I regret to note that there is more dissatisfaction among the leaders of the National Convention than I have ever known in its history.

I joined the National Baptist Convention in September 1899, and have been a loyal, active member ever since, having missed only one session, when I was on the high sea in 1921. I have supported every board in our convention, and cooperated with every president selected by the convention.

As Baptists, we face the greatest crisis in our history; and because of that fact, the greatest need of the entire denomination is Peace and real cooperation generated by a man chosen of God to lead us out of a crisis such as we have never faced before.

All leaders know that there can be no successful program put over, in church or convention, with the majority of the leaders dissatisfied. With the spirit which we all know now exists in our ranks, the cause of Christ is suffering. The cause must be our greatest concern as it is always greater than any one person. When Christ left the earth, He bequeathed Peace to His church when He said: "PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, GIVE I UNTO YOU." We, Baptists, do not have that peace now, though Christ is expecting the program of His church to be carried on by His believers who are at peace with one another.

Some men have the idea that they cannot be useful unless they are in the leadership of an organization, but that is not true. We have illustrations in the political world which prove such is not true. President Hoover was not re-elected as President of the United States in 1932, but was so interested in the welfare of his country that he made himself available to serve anywhere he could make a contribution for its betterment. Reward for that fine spirit is that, since that time, every President has found it wise to use him and he has made a great contribution, not only to his own country, but toward world peace. He has served willingly and is still serving.

Just the other day, with all the differences which seem to exist between the former President and the present President, Mr. Eisenhower found a place for former President Truman where he could make a contribution toward the peace of the world and asked him to serve. If this is being demonstrated in the political world, it should be shown to a much greater extent for the peace, harmony and welfare of our denomination. The fact of the matter is that all national or international denominations or Christian organizations are inviting into Christian fellowship and cooperation outstanding leaders who have made valuable contributions in the promotion of programs and projects to which these denominations have given great devotion.

folk. But we've just learned that they wagered \$1.2 billion last year on greyhound racing, the ponies and football pools. The Tory government thought so much of the nation's gambling instincts they've decided to start a national lottery.

The first weeks, though, have been a huge flop for the lottery. Seems when Britons want to throw their money away they want to throw it away—not help ball out their government.

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