

# PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PRIVATE DEFENSE

It is ironic that the county of Northampton is threatening to use public funds, a part of which comes out of the pockets of Negro taxpayers, to defend a registrar who is charged with denying qualified Negroes the right to vote. As ironic as it is, it raises no surprise to this newspaper since we are well aware that any person in eastern North Carolina who assumes an anti-Negro attitude is looked upon as a hero or heroine. If ever there existed a section of the state that needs to have missionaries sent to it, it is eastern North Carolina.

Not only will Northampton county officials use public funds to defend a registrar who, by hook or crook, keeps Negroes from registering but, should federal or state laws prohibit such, they will raise the money from private donations as they have so emphatically promised by Russell Johnson, chairman of the county commissioners. We would not be surprised if many citizens of the county even go to the extent of mortgaging their homes or farms to see to it that the iron heel of white supremacy is kept on the necks of the Negroes of that section. There is nothing as important to a white person living in eastern North Carolina as having the right to kick Negroes around or to have someone to look down upon. It inflates their ego or gives them a feeling of superiority which their mentality has thus far failed to do.

While we are on this subject, we would like to call our readers' attention to the fact that wherever you find such an attitude existing toward Negroes, you will find the most sordid conditions. In most of these counties and

cities, Negroes are provided with the poorest schools, the lowest wages for their labor. Here, they find it harder to register, to vote or to borrow money to invest in a home, farm, business or any project that would lift them above the level of poverty. Blinded by prejudice and conscience-sickened at the way they have robbed and cheated Negroes out of their labor, schools, the ballot and other vital necessities, the whites see red when they have to face up to a Negro of equal wealth, education or intelligence, especially when he dares expose their dirty linen.

The most amazing thing about white people in eastern North Carolina is that with all of their smartness they have failed to see the invincible truth in the statement made by the late Booker T. Washington, that you cannot hold another fellow in the ditch unless you stay in there with him. They cannot see that poverty-stricken, ignorant and voteless citizens, whether white or black, who cannot shoulder their part of the tax burden, are a menace to the health of others and cannot help in providing good government.

Let there be no mistake about it, the white people of Northampton county will extend themselves to the limit to defend the registrar who, in denying Negro citizens the right to vote, is upholding white supremacy which they know can only survive and fatten in an atmosphere of prejudice, viciousness, hatred, meanness and crooked procedures. Here is a concrete case of using public funds for private defense.

# APPRECIATION FOR OUR BANK

Announcement last week that the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of this city and Raleigh had gained 231 places in rank among the 15,000 banks in the nation is indeed most pleasant news to the Negro citizens of Durham, if not the entire state and nation. Because of its continuous growth and service to the people of this area, the Mechanics and Farmers Bank has gained somewhat of a national reputation as a banking institution, in that it can claim customers in practically every state in which Negroes live in large numbers. Many of these persons, having previously lived in Durham or visited here, have been so impressed with the soundness and service offered by local Negro business institutions that they have continued their relationship by using the "bank by mail" facilities which the Mechanics and Farmers Bank has to offer.

There is a biblical statement which declares that "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and in his own house." We think this truth often applies to institutions as well as individuals. When we are so very close to them the tendency is to accept both individuals and institutions as a matter of routine. In Durham where Negroes have the advantage of their own bank, insurance company and other large enterprises, there will be found a greater percentage of Negro homeowners and small businesses being operated than in any other city we know of equal size. Here, other banks extend credit to Negroes as a matter of routine,

while in cities where no Negro bank or other gigantic Negro business institution exists members of the race either are not extended credit at all or are forced to undergo the most rigid test before they can qualify for even the smallest amount of credit.

Because the Mechanics and Farmers Bank is so close to Negroes of Durham, many of them have little or no appreciation of its value to their economic welfare. Whether they are willing to admit it or not, many Negro citizens of Durham who are not its customers, and do nothing to support it, are its beneficiaries, either directly or indirectly. One will only have to move to any city in North Carolina where there is no Negro bank or other sizeable financial institution to discover the truth of the above statement. In those cities many honest and upright Negro citizens are denied financial assistance in the purchase of a home, the operation of a business solely on account of their race. In many other instances if they are provided credit they are limited to a small amount predicated on the basis that Negroes must not be encouraged to erect homes beyond mediocre standards, however financially able they may be.

So, we salute the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and Raleigh this week as the hub around which Durham's business institutions revolve. It is our sincere hope that next year's report will find it even higher in rank among the other banks of the nation.

# CANCER DETECTION NOW AVAILABLE

Whether Negro citizens of Durham and vicinity are aware of it or not, our own Lincoln Hospital is now operating free of charge on every Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock and every Thursday evening at 7:30 a Cancer Detection Clinic. Any and all persons, whether they are suspected of having cancer or not, may go to these clinics for examination.

Persons who do not desire to be examined at a clinic owe it to their families and friends to have a periodic examination for this most treacherous disease by their private physician. Here is where a stitch in time may not only save nine but a life.

According to experts in the field of cancer, fifty per cent of the cases can be cured if detected in time. Only a physician, however, is in position to detect cancer in its early stages, and all persons, whether they suspect the disease or not, should avail themselves of the detection clinics being operated by various cities and counties of the state under the auspices of the State Board of Health in cooperation with local medical societies.

In Winston-Salem, which has not yet provided a cancer detection clinic for its citizens, persons may go to the nearest available one in Guilford County and Wilkes County. Persons who do not seek this method of cancer detection should consult their family physician. Any other course is dangerous and may be fatal, especially if one is a cancer suspect.

"Quack" cures, sunlamps, salves, cathartics, injections and vaccines are of no avail in the treatment of cancer. Neither is there any hope to be placed in persons claiming to possess power sufficient to spirit the disease away. Only the use of surgery, X-ray, radium or a combination of such in the hands of a trained physician have been known at the present time to be effective in the treatment of cancer.

This newspaper urges all of its readers to avail themselves of the opportunity now provided in the various cancer clinics over the state or consult your physician for periodic check-ups against the disease.

# A. H. GORDON'S



Dr. Gordon

# Facing The Issue Irresponsible Leadership

It was reported in the news papers and over the radios last week that President Eisenhower greatly exceeded the speed limits in making a trip from Washington, D. C. to his farm in Pennsylvania. While at the last report we heard before this writing the White House has not admitted that the car in which the President was riding actually did travel as much as seventy miles per hour in school zones and at other places marked much lower than that, many of the newsmen following his car have verified the statement of the patrolmen who halted them that they had to travel as much as ninety miles per hour to keep up with the presidential car. This may seem a small matter but is really a very serious charge to be brought against the President. It is serious because it shows that our President is an irresponsible man. It indicates that he is willing to endanger the lives of other motorists, men, women and children, through disobedience to the laws of the land. If this were the only thing that indicates that Eisenhower is irresponsible it might be passed over. There are many other actions of our Chief Executive which indicate his attitude of irresponsibility.

Another indication of Eisenhower's irresponsibility is shown in his flagrant refusal to make any effort to enforce the desegregation mandate of the U. S. Supreme court. In his arrogant refusal to use any pressure to bring the rebel South in line with the supreme law of the land Eisenhower again demonstrates his irresponsibility, to the law abiding people of this country. He shows that he fails to recognize that ours is a government of laws and not of men. A chief executive in this country is obligated to the people, and he is sworn to use his utmost influence and power to see that the Constitution is carried out to the letter.

Again, Eisenhower has shown his irresponsibility by submitting the unreasonable and unnecessary seventy two billion dollar budget to congress and insisting arrogantly that it cannot be reduced without endangering the safety of this country.

Any person with common sense knows that our expenditures for foreign military bases and a large draft here at home can easily be reduced by ten or fifteen billion dollars by eliminating these unnecessary and evil demonstrations of militarism. There is also a great deal of unnecessary expense in connection with veterans.

Still another indication of irresponsibility of the President is shown by the fact that instead of firing Secretary Dulles he still keeps him monkeying around on "the brink of war" all over the world. If the President felt a proper sense of responsibility he would get a Secretary of State who really knows how to work for peace. If the President ever reads the Bible he knows as do the rest of us that this book tells us that he who "lives by the sword will perish by the sword". In modern terminology that means that he who tries to bluff other nations with H. Bombs will eventually have his bluff called and all will perish by H. Bombs. For a president to keep a man as secretary of State who doesn't have sense enough to see that elemental fact is a plain sign of arrogant irresponsibility.

Finally Eisenhower continues to show his irresponsibility to fifteen or sixteen million Negro citizens of this country by showing by his deeds (not words) that he doesn't give a hoot whether they get their civil rights or not. He is unwilling to make one enemy among the Rebel Senators of the South in order to force them to do something in behalf of these "second class citizens" who live below the Mason-Dixon Line.

For these and many other reasons we have not space here to mention, we hold that Eisenhower is one of the most irresponsible Presidents to ever reside in our White House.

# "And Why Doesn't He Lend The Same Helping Hand To Our Southern States?"



# Spiritual Insight

## 'There Will Be Some Changes Made'

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"Behold some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:35.

The wheel of life turns. And in its turning there will be some changes made. God's leveling process is at work among the affairs of men. Who can stay the wheel of time in its unfolding pattern? Men, races and nations have tried and they all, alas, have failed. God's eternal moral designs will see that the wheel of life will complete its cycles. As we stand amid injustices, indignities, and difficulties, the wheel seems to be turning slow. Yes, the wheel seems slow. But thank God it will continue to turn as God's corrective process on the stage of human history. Men cannot stay this Divine Design. "Behold some are last who will be first."

The word of God tells us that it will work out all right. I believe the word of God. Isaiah

saw the Divine Plan working out in a dark hour of exile. He looked up from the darkness and saw God at work and took courage. Why did he take such courage in a dark hour. Well, folks, he knew... "There Will Be Some Changes Made." Will you just listen to what he says in that dark hour. "Comfort ye my people saith your God... Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." Truly he looked up out of the darkness and saw God at work and took hope.

All noble believing souls engaged in the ever-present struggle or crusade for righteousness saw God at work and took courage. They were sustained by the strong faith or conviction... "There Will Be Some Changes Made." And Tubman, Truth, Douglas, Trotter, Garrison, Phillips, and DuBois saw this thing at work on

the American scene and took courage. They all knew from history, human experience and the word of God THAT THERE WOULD BE CHANGES MADE. This thing has and always will work out according to God's Eternal Plan.

In these times we can hear God saying THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES MADE. God is at work in this hour. And thank God there are going to be some changes made. Look and you can see some changes being made. Old patterns are dying. And new patterns are emerging which are more in keeping with God's just designs. The old is dying. The new is being born... "Behold Some Are Last Who Will Be First..."

If the wheel is not turning fast enough for you, remember God's just plans will be worked out and that you cannot... "DRIFT BEYOND GOD'S LOVE AND CARE..."



Mr. Spivack

Postscripts To A Press Conference

President Eisenhower is a changed man. Gone is the carefree, smiling Ike, charmer, mollifier, pacifier. A new, grim-visaged easily-irritated figure emerges, annoyed with questioners, doubters and critics.

The newspapers headlined the President's flash of anger when a Chicago Daily News reporter asked if he should not set an example of economy for the nation by dispensing with two helicopters.

Weeks before, the White House said, the 'copters might be used to carry him to and from the Burning Tree golf course but were mainly to transport him to the airport.

But this is not the only evidence reporters have seen of the "new" Eisenhower.

The stories of Ike's flare-up over the helicopter question by-passed another instance of Presidential irritation at his recent news conference.

There was this exchange: REPORTER: "Mr. President, several weeks ago you indicated that you would study the question of whether management organizations should establish the same type of codes of ethical conduct such as have been drawn up by the AFL-CIO."

"Have you had a chance to study that question, and do you have any opinion on that now?"

THE PRESIDENT: (Icily) "No, I don't think I could give you one this minute. I have been very preoccupied with other matters for a while, and I would have to ask for a little

more time." REPORTER: "Sir, will we be able to have an opinion a little later on?"

THE PRESIDENT: (with emphasis) "I am not sure."

STANDBY, STASSEN—The President lives in Pennsylvania, where he maintains a voting residence at Gettysburg. He is no longer a New Yorker, but every chance he gets Mr. Eisenhower puts in a good word for ex-GOP National Chairman Len Hall as candidate for governor of the Empire State.

A reporter reminded him of this the other day and noted "there are reports that Mr. (Harold) Stassen plans to run for governor of Pennsylvania. Are you supporting him?"

The President took about 150 words to say he must have made an "unwise remark" and had no intention of getting into 49 different state elections. He had not one word to say about hapless Harold.

OLD GAME, NEW TRICK—Dixie segregationists are trying desperately to prevent adoption of the four-point Civil Rights program being pushed jointly by Northern Democrats and Eisenhower Republicans. They now want to tack an amendment to the bill providing a "trial-by-jury" for anyone tried in violation of the proposed civil rights law. They know, of course, that no jury in Mississippi, for example, would ever convict under such a statute.

It's a smart maneuver and a pretty effective one until you look at the record. Clarence Mitchell, Washington director

of the NAACP, has taken such a look.

Said Mitchell: "No member of the Southern bloc in Congress has raised his (continued on page 7)

# Novels Take Subjects From 18th Century

La Salle and the French explorations of the Mississippi and Great Lakes region are the subject of a new novel "The Gilded Torch" by Iola Fuller, which Putnam will publish on April 19. The heroes of "The Gilded Torch" are twin brothers of the French nobility who desert the grandeur of the French court of Louis XIV to accompany La Salle on the exploration that led to his discovery of the mouth of the Mississippi. Miss Fuller, who lives in Santa Fe, is the author of two previous bestselling novels, "Loon Feather," a literary Guild selection and winner of the Avery Hopwood Award for fiction in 1940, and "The Shining Trail," which was published in 1943.

In "Shaka Zulu," E. A. Ritter tells the story of Shaka, the illegitimate son of a minor Zulu chieftain who in the late 1700's gathered around him in an area no longer than one-tenth the size of Rhode Island—a nucleus of some five hundred untrained tribesmen and built them into an army of skilled and disciplined warriors who in twelve years were able to conquer and pacify a vast part of Africa.

E. A. Ritter was born in Natal, where his father was a magistrate. He grew up among the Zulus, knowing their language and customs. Through his personal associations with a number of royal Zulus, he learned the story of their great leader Shaka, which has been passed along from generation to generation by word of mouth. "Shaka Zulu" will be published by G. P. Putnam's Sons on April 19.

# Advent Of Spring Noted By Baha'is

All over the world, in small groups and large meetings, Baha'is celebrated their New Year on the first day of Spring. In Durham, the group observed the event at the home of the Van Sombek's on Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, March 20, with a buffet dinner.

On Wednesday, the Van Sombek living room was decorated with spring flowers. After the religious program there was music and songs by two Australian artists and an hour of games.

The advent of Spring and the changes effected in the universe as a result play an important part in Bahai theology.

According to Bahai scriptures, "the center of illumination is the sun itself. Through the will of God, this central luminary is the one source of the existence and development of all phenomenal things. Just as the phenomenal spiritual or prophetic Sun confers illumination upon the human world of thought and intelligence, and unless it rose upon the horizon of human existence, man would become dark and extinguished.

"The vernal spring is for the Baha'is the symbol of light, color, and happiness, of life and growth, of unity in diversity, of the beginning of a new cycle in the life of mankind, the birth (continued on page 7)

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