

# HOW TO BE ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

In an editorial of Saturday, April 27, entitled "Civil Rights," the DURHAM SUN, Durham's evening newspaper, takes the attitude that it is just grand and glorious that "North Carolina's Attorney General has added his voice to that of Senator Sam Ervin," who is opposed to civil rights or any legislation that has as its purpose the securing of a better citizenship status for Negroes. What, we would like to ask the SUN, is there to be expected of a North Carolina politician or any other aspirant for public office in the South? There is not now in office in this state or out of this state, from senator, governor on down to town constable, a single holder of public office who has ever dared or would dare raise his voice in defense of even elementary civil rights for Negroes. Such an act on his part, so far as his white constituency is concerned, would be pure political suicide.

What Senator Ervin and the Attorney General are doing is building their political fences with the one tool that all southern politicians know will always work and that is an anti-Negro campaign. White southern voters are usually a simple lot, and politicians know it and are quick to use anti-Negro smoke screens to cover up their lack of knowledge about public issues.

It is a sad state of affairs in the South when the surest way to get elected to public office is for a white office seeker to scream nigger, nigger the loudest and the longest. We are of the opinion that if Senator Ervin would run for the presidency of the United States, he would have only one opponent that would keep him from running off with the white southern vote, lock, stock and barrel in a walk, and that is John Kasper of Clinton, Tennessee illfame.

When Ervin made the statement at a U. S. Senate hearing that he knew of no single instance in North Carolina in which a qualified Negro had been prohibited from voting, he

showed a lack of knowledge of affairs in this state that was enough to arouse thinking voters to the extent of casting their ballots against him in all future elections. On the contrary, we predict that if Ervin keeps on frothing at the mouth against civil rights legislation, he will not only regain his senate seat but will win by one of the greatest majorities in the state's political history.

North Carolina's white voters are not interested in being represented in Congress by a real statesman. They showed their colors about this when they went to the polls and deliberately defeated the greatest statesman North Carolina has produced in the past half century, Dr. Frank P. Graham, for the senate in favor of the late Senator Willis Smith whose main qualification was his anti-Negro stand. "Hate-manship" for white southern office seekers is always more important than statesmanship.

Both Senator Ervin and Attorney General Patton know that there is absolutely no danger of the federal government usurping the powers delegated to state government because of civil rights legislation. They should know that the greatest danger to any government is the unequal dispensation of justice, such as has been going on for nearly a century in the South with regards to its Negro citizens. They know that behind all their screaming about states rights, there is the unholy desire of the South to continue to exploit, murder, humiliate and otherwise take advantages of its Negro citizens in every other manner it pleases without, what it calls, outside interference.

Because of what Senator Ervin has been doing to preserve the southern way of life in Dixie he is now the new darling of the Old South, both of whom are as dead as an ancient Egyptian mummy. The only difference is the Egyptians knew how to embalm dead bodies so they would not stink.

## A SALUTE TO OUR GREENSBORO MINISTERS

We congratulate the Negro ministers of Greensboro for the stand they have taken in asking for a boycott of all theaters that operate on a segregated basis. The only criticism we have is that the stand they have taken has been so very long in coming. It is here however and we predict that it will be followed by Negro ministers in other cities like Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham, Raleigh, Salisbury and elsewhere.

The struggle for human dignity must be made on all fronts, especially those we term as "luxury fronts," such as theaters and athletic parks. In addition it certainly must be made in our churches and the ministers who head the churches are the proper ones to take the lead. If they will do this we are satisfied that the masses will follow.

While we are on this subject we would like to ask our lawyers to look into the matter of states, counties and municipalities renting or leasing public buildings for segregated use. For a number of years we have had a doubt in our minds that if this question were taken before the U. S. Supreme Court that it would stand up. After all the real question is whether or not such governments have a right to do indirectly what they do not have a right to do directly. Or whether they have a right to encourage segregation by providing places where it may be carried on.

The ministers of Greensboro and their followers may as well prepare for a counter attack from the enemy. Very soon attempts will be made to minimize their efforts in the press and elsewhere. In fact that has already begun in that the story carried in the daily newspapers was careful to state that the manager of the theater said "the boycott was not affecting business in any manner."

Such a statement was made solely for the purpose of discouraging the ministers in their effort and we trust that they will be mindful of that fact and continue to encourage their people to hold out whatever the consequences.

Add to the above incident the recent stand taken by Negro doctors who are members of the Old North State Medical Society and you will get a picture of what is happening on another professional front that heretofore has been all too quiet. The doctors were offered membership in the North Carolina Medical Society on a scientific basis but refused with the assertion from its president, Dr. Murray B. Davis of Charlotte, that such was not acceptable. "Limited membership is not enough," said Dr. Davis. "Membership that differs from any type of regular membership or has any limitations is not acceptable."

Far out in front of the parent white medical society of the state is the Mecklenburg unit that has voted Negro physicians of that county the right to full membership. It was to Asheville that the state body moved its 103rd annual convention from Pinehurst for the first time in several years, with its president, Dr. V. K. Hart of Charlotte, the county seat of Mecklenburg, taking the lead.

This is encouraging to those of us in North Carolina who want to see this state take the lead in the South in charting a new course in better race relations. It is the kind of leadership seldom found in these parts where even liberal white persons are too often afraid to face the reprisals that come when called upon to take a stand for Negro rights. Not only is the stand taken by the white and Negro doctors Christian but it is democratic and true Americanism.

## WASHINGTON REPORT

By Alice A. Dunnigan

WASHINGTON, D. C. Like a well organized football team, the Southern solons in Washington have initiated a new technique for blocking civil rights legislation. Mississippi's controversial Senator James O. Eastland, captain of the "Down-Home" team is staying in the background and calling the signals for other trusty teammates.

Reports around Capitol Hill are that Eastland has delegated North Carolina's Senator Sam Ervin to carry the ball. And has unofficially appointed Senator John McClellan of Arkansas as the vicious hatchet man.

Because Senator Ervin is considered a smart Constitutional lawyer, rumors have it that he has been instructed to oppose civil rights on a high legal level, arguing against this legislation in complicated technical terms. His job is to seek tiny technicality which might be blown up with foul air of hysteria, thus frightening and intimidating the witnesses.

Then comes Senator McClellan to puncture the inflated ball with some sharp phrase of threat which might cause witnesses to retract former bold statements and run with fright to shelter.

This new play was recently put into action when Senator Ervin made an attempt in committee hearings to discredit some of the southern Negro witnesses. Later Senator McClellan emerged from a closed-door meeting of the full Senate Judiciary Committee with information for AP reporter that some of the NAACP-sponsored witnesses had "committed perjury" in their testimony before the subcommittee and the FBI was making a check on them.

This statement was obvious an attempt to frighten the NAACP into silence on conditions of the South. But the NAACP doesn't scare easily, so Roy Wilkins contacted the FBI to find out if they had made a check on any of the civil rights witnesses.

The Association was informed that the FBI has made no investigation of any witnesses. When the NAACP executive backed McClellan into a corner he said "it appeared that they (the witnesses) had committed perjury."

He further explained that he understood that the FBI had made a check on some incidents they had testified to and found their testimony to be untrue."

Wilkins said the NAACP has full confidence in the integrity and veracity of all witnesses", adding that: "The record of civil rights violations is such that it does not require any exaggeration, elaboration or falsification."

Another example of the "new-look" maneuver being engineered by Senator Eastland is seen in the theory advanced by Senator Ervin that "the civil rights bills are designed to deprive Americans of their historic right of trial by jury."

After Senator Ervin originated this argument it is being used by all opponents of the bills in floor speeches almost every day in the Senate.

In commenting on this theory, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell of New York said in a recent speech in Atlanta, Ga., that this same Senator Ervin had an exact opposite judicial opinion when he was a member of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

"Under North Carolina statutes," said Powell, "an individual accused of contempt does not receive a jury trial. And while Senator Ervin is Justice Ervin, he militantly enforced that contempt law. In four different cases he voted to uphold the convictions of individuals charged with contempt of court, not one of whom had received a jury trial. All four of these cases involved textile mill workers. The trick of course, in back of Senator Ervin's new change of heart is that he knows that under a jury system no southern white jury would convict local officials who had denied the right to vote to Negro people."

Powell agreed that the ranting and raving of Eastland and Ervin is being pushed forward as the spokesman for the South. This is perhaps to Ervin's liking because he has received more publicity in the past three months than he had received in his nearly three previous years in the Senate of the United States.

## "THEIR STALLING ON CIVIL RIGHTS, MAKES HER ASHAMED"



## Spiritual Insight

"POWER OVER EVIL"

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"And he cast out many demons." Mark 1:34.

Christ has power over demons or manifestations of the unholy spirit. All too often we allow the dark powers of the unholy spirit to dwell in our minds, hearts and souls. And it is so easy for this unholy spirit to invade and occupy our souls. A fit of anger and the Holy Spirit is gone and the ugly demonic power is in our souls. My friends, it is a spiritual impossibility to have the HOLY and the unholy spirit at the same time. One demon is bad enough. Sometimes several demons enter and possess our souls. Thank God Jesus has power over demons. And what a blessing that he gives us this same power over the ugly demonic powers which enter our souls.

Those who really give themselves to Jesus are given power over the dark demonic forces of evil. In the new birth or regeneration, the soul is purged

of sin and evil. In this act, the Holy Spirit comes into the soul for sanctification. We are purged. And we are given the power of Holy living. Christ gives to the redeemed soul power over demons. He promised the disciples power over all evil. In the act of giving our selves to God, we are given God's power to overcome evil demonic powers and influences. How can I fight these dark, ugly powers in my soul? How can I overcome and rout the evil, demonic powers in others? The power of the Holy Spirit helps us to cast out and overcome demons.

Only the mightier power of love can cast out and overcome the evil, demonic powers in our own souls and in the souls of others. The life of Jesus demonstrated this great spiritual truth. The Gospel teaches this great spiritual truth. Thank God that there is a power to rout and cast out evil. Love overcomes

evil. Love drives out evil. Evil is blind and unreasoning. Evil enslaves and destroys. Evil in its blind unreasoning finally kills itself. It carries the seed of destruction in its very nature. Thus the Love of God in Christ Jesus can cast out and defeat evil. The Love of God that offers itself on Calvary's Cross is a power to defeat and cast out demons in our souls.

Yes, God's love, a love that loves the unlovely, has power to cast out demonic powers in our souls. He... "Cast out many demons..." And we, too, in him, have the power to cast out and defeat demons.

Demons make men mad, furious and destructive. Demons make your soul a battleground. The demons bring death to the soul. The Holy Spirit gives "LIFE AND PEACE" to the souls of men. The love of God drives out the demons and leaves God's peace and joy in your soul.

## North Carolina Out Of Step With Many Other Progressive States

RALEIGH

"North Carolina is out of step with other progressive states in the failure of many Tar Heel banks to clear checks at face value, and the public is unnecessarily suffering because of it," a par banking spokesman said here last week. He further stated that "par banks would be derelict in their duty if they did not use every effort to eliminate this costly and unjustified expense for their customers."

President A. D. Shackelford of the National Bank of Wilson is heading a recently-chartered group which is seeking to eliminate by law the practice in which some banks charge the recipient of a check a fee for paying his checks when it is presented through the mails. Shackelford's group is the Association For Payment of Checks at Face Value. It was formed last month by "par" banks, which charge no such clearance fee but clear checks at full value as well as by manufacturers, distributors, retailers and others.

"There are approximately 13,500 banks operating 21,200 banking offices throughout the 48 states," Shackelford said.

"Ninety per cent of them levy no fee for clearing checks presented for payment through the mails. However, in North Carolina the story is quite different because we have a disproportionate number of 'non-par' banks which refuse to clear these checks at full value.

"North Carolina has a total of 559 banks and branches but only 58 per cent of them clear checks at face value, compared with the national percentage of 90. Our state is even out of step with her southern neighbors because the percentage of banks which pay in full for checks presented through the mails is 99.6 in Virginia, 99.4 in West Virginia and 66.6 per cent in South Carolina," Shackelford continued.

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## Anglican Bishop Solves Boycott

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa—Anglican Bishop Richard Ambrose Reeves of Johannesburg played an important part in persuading Africans to end a three-month boycott of public buses started after a fare raise.

After he had conferred with boycott leaders and local Native Affairs officials, the African workers agreed to a compromise proposed by the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, which offered to subsidize the raise in fare. Earlier, they had erected a similar proposal.

The boycott began January 7 after the transit company announced a penny raise in fare for the ten-mile ride between Johannesburg and Alexandra Township, a segregated area where 80,000 Africans have their dwellings. Leaders of the boycott contended that since

the government forced them to live far from their work, it should bear transportation costs. They have agreed to buy from the Chamber of Commerce for four pence bus coupons worth five pence, the fare demanded by the bus line. Bishop Reeves' part in ending the boycott is regarded here as a triumph of peaceful reasoning over antagonistic coercion.

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Mr. Spivack

## Watch on the Potomac

By Robert Spivack

THAT BIG, BAD BUDGET—Everybody wants taxes cut. Every politician wants credit for cutting taxes. But whose taxes should be cut? Where is the fat in the national budget? Here we are barely six months after a bitter national election and we find Republicans screaming "too big", while the Democrats are busily denouncing "like" Eisenhower's national budget. It sounds crazy.

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armament manufacturers are in cahoots. Each seems to be saying, "You'll throw a scare into our country and we'll throw a scare into yours and we'll both be prosperous."

While the pace of the arms race quickens, the battle for better schools proceeds with the speed of a snail. We hear solemn warnings from such "statesmen" as Sen. Byrd of Virginia and Bridges of New Hampshire that welfare programs must be trimmed so that the "children of the future" will have a solvent government.

But is that really the choice? LOOKING AT IT THROUGH BANKERS' EYES

When Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey and Undersecretary Randolph Burgess talk of making cuts they are looking at the problem through bankers' eyes. Helping to build schools or raising the living standard in backward countries are not the kind of investments which pay quick or certain dividends.

Here again we return to this matter of armaments. Humphrey and Burgess, when speaking of foreign aid, do not include military "hardware"—jet planes to King Saud or tanks for other Arab potentates. They mean to cut down the things that might eliminate disease, trachoma, and malnutrition in those countries.

And when the right-wing propagandist talk of tax cuts, they don't necessarily mean you and me. A good mechanic, with a wife and two children, who

earns \$5,000 a year pays \$416 in taxes. But a stockholder in a big corporation with the same income would pay only \$206 in taxes.

And if he derived it from royalties on oil wells he'd pay less.

IS THE BUDGET TOO BIG? Granted that there is considerable waste and inefficiency, not to mention special privileges for certain segments of big industry, is the budget too big? Most economists seem to think it has just about kept pace with (1) our growing population and (2) our expanding economy. The fact seems to be that, percentage-wise, the 1958 budget has shrunk from one-fifth of national output in 1954 to one-sixth right now.

None of this, of course, is consoling to people who feel that their taxes are too high. But if we are going to cut, the place would appear to be in those military areas which were described as "operation rat-hole." Certainly the place is not in schools, social security, old age pensions and similar projects where we now spend less than a one-third of our tax dollar.

The suggestion that military outlays could be made more efficient may stir up a brand new controversy, but we are inclined to go along with the guy who said of guns and bombs, "Let's get more bang for a buck."

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