

A NEW DAY FOR MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Published on the front page of this week's issue of THE CAROLINA TIMES is an account of the courageous and most worthy stand taken by the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance at its regular weekly meeting here Monday. The action of the alliance, which is composed of all of the recognized Negro ministers of Durham, is in line with that taken by other progressive religious groups and should not only be commended by all thinking persons but followed by them as well.

In Montgomery, Alabama; Tallahassee, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; and other cities of the deep South, Negro ministers have taken a definite stand on the matter of civil rights. In Greensboro of this state, they have also declared themselves against segregation. In Chapel Hill this week, the Interracial Fellowship for schools is urging voters to cast their ballots only for candidates who allegedly favor school integration. The trend in a majority of religious organizations, both small and large, is definitely in the direction

of endorsing civil rights for all people. Certainly, any minister who is not in favor of human dignity for all men without regard to race, creed or color is out of line with the teaching of Jesus Christ and is unworthy of his calling. The church today is in need of men of conviction, men who are not afraid to put Christ above personal gain or position. When that is achieved many of the world's ills will vanish... an ideal the realization of which demands that the church purge from its ranks all cringing, compromising, apologizing leaders who shape the thinking of its members.

The action of the Ministerial Alliance, we hope, sounds the bell for a new day in ministerial leadership in Durham, a day when our ministers will stop complaining that the business men and other professional groups are running away with leadership, but will take their rightful place in the forefront of progressive action instead of the complacent attitude they have heretofore assumed.

A POLITICAL EXAMPLE FOR OTHER CITIES

THE CAROLINA TIMES would like to congratulate all the candidates and voters of Durham for the very fine manner in which the campaign for the primary in the city council election was conducted. We believe as a whole it was one of the cleanest we have witnessed within the past 25 years and we trust the remainder through and up to the election to be held on May 18th will be equally as above board.

This newspaper is always proud when Durham sets an example for other cities to follow in civic affairs as well as educational, industrial, medical and otherwise. It is also happy when Durham can wage a clean and above board political campaign as was done in the primary concluded on May 4.

The only hope we have is that voters will turn out in larger numbers for the election than they did for the primary. The only way that good government can obtain in any municipality, county, state or nation is for

the people to take an active part. One precinct reported that only one person from the North Carolina College community cast his ballot in last Saturday's primary. If this is true, we hope the same will not obtain in the May 18 election. The people who compose our college communities ought to set an example for the remainder of the city's population, especially in the field of helping to provide good government. They cannot do so, however, unless they take a more active part than was reported on last Saturday.

Certainly, a clean campaign is desirable, but an active one is more so. We trust the voters will bestir themselves for the election on May 18 and go to the polls and vote for the candidate of their choice. We urge them to do so and trust that every effort will be put forth by civic leaders not only to keep the election on a high plane, but that a sizeable vote will be cast.

TREATMENT FOR POLIO URGED

There is entirely too much lethargy on the part of Negro citizens of this city on the matter of polio vaccination. The health department of the county has made protection against the disease free and available for all citizens, but, in spite of this, the number taking advantage of the offer continues to lag.

Studies conducted in 22 states and New York reveal that the vaccine reduced the percentage of the disease per 100,000 population among those who had not received treatment from 29.2 cases to 2.3 cases among those who had received it. This we think is prima facie evidence of its value and every citizen should take advantage of it and become immunized against one of the most

dreaded diseases known to mankind.

Especially should parents see to it that children up to 20 years of age are vaccinated so they will be protected from having to spend the rest of their lives wearing braces, in an iron lung or otherwise. We urge our readers who have not done so to consult your family doctor now or your county health department before it is too late.

Likewise we urge our business institutions to see to it that all of their officials and employees are immunized. It will be too late once the disease strikes. This is one of those cases in which an ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure.

SOUTHERN STUPIDITY OFTEN AMAZING

The stupidity of some of our so-called intelligent white people of the South is sometimes amazing if not startling. This week's announcement that a member of the North Carolina General Assembly has introduced a bill in the present session of that body to require the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to lay open its membership and financial rolls is childish as well as pernicious. It follows the lead of less advanced states in the deep South and is plainly designed for one and only one purpose and that is to slap down the NAACP in North Carolina.

It might be that Representative Satterfield and his associates hope through this method to intimidate Negro leaders, especially those who might hold jobs on the state payroll such as teachers, into cancelling their memberships with the NAACP. Be that as it may, it will not prevent those same teachers or other state employees from supporting the organization with even stronger financial backing than heretofore. Some of the strongest support the NAACP has is from Negro and white persons whose names have never been recorded on its official rolls.

It might be a revelation to Satterfield to know that the late Dr. James E. Shepard, Dr. C. C. Spaulding and other Negro leaders who were listed as among the more conservatives of the race were staunch, supporters of the NAACP almost from its beginning and contributed heavily to its financial support. It might also be a revelation to all of the members of the present session of the General Assembly to know that every respectable Negro in North Carolina (and a majority of those who are not respectable) is a member, supporter or sympathizer of the NAACP. Every intelligent member of the race considers it an honor to be affiliated in one way or other with an organization that has done so much to preserve democracy in this country.

The continued attacks on the NAACP, the efforts to label it as communist and to otherwise destroy it or cripple its program are useless. They may for a moment drive some of its more timid members underground where they will contribute even more heavily to its program, but the attacks will never prevent Negroes from supporting it.

GOOD THINGS HAVE COME OUT OF THE CLINTON SITUATION

By Mrs. Septima Clark
We should offer congratulations to the old and established families of Clinton, Tennessee, who have stood up for law and order in the six months of strife and civil commotion in their community. As seen by a bystander, we owe this tribute to the families there, many of whom trace their ancestry whom trace their ancestry back to the pioneers of East Tenn.

One might say that Anderson County, in which Clinton is located is segregated in four ways. There are four communities with very small Negro populations; and these are mainly centered in Clinton and Oliver Springs. There are only five Negro families living on the Norris side of the Clinch River in Anderson County.

Norris and Oak Ridge are populated by people who moved into the area to work for the Federal government on the TVA dams and in the atomic energy project. They are considered to be outlanders and Yankees by native stock.

There are two groups among the whites—the established people who control county politics, and the people living in the ridges who are considered the "havenots." These are all white people, but there is a big social and economic difference between the haves and the have-nots.

Much of the strife in Clinton has been a commotion raised by folks of little education and no economic security. These are the ones who have supported John Kasper, the segregationist.

The dynamite explosions rather dramatically point out that the "ridgers" and not the "quality" folks support Kasper's violence—witness the bombing of the house of the editor of the local newspaper! In other words, violence has not solely been directed against the Negroes, but against some of the leading white people as well.

I have recently seen clippings from newspapers in Cairo, Egypt, and Tokyo, Japan, about Clinton. And they are bad. But a lot of good has come out of Clinton, too.

First, it was shown in Clinton that you just do not come naturally. Mr. Brittain, the principal of the school, was habitually a segregationist. He joined in the fight against the lawsuit which went on for five years.

Second, Judge Taylor finally made the decision to integrate the Clinton High School. But after the decision, Mr. Brittain decided that he would stay as principal and operate that school as an integrated high school. He gave the students in the school that kind of leadership. At the time school opened on an integrated basis I'm sorry that it wasn't stronger. I'm sorry that he could not have felt in his heart to come out and say, "Integration is morally as well as legally right." He would, now, I believe, say that. He came to believe in this as he fought this fight. He learned a lot last fall and winter.

WONDERFUL CHILDREN
The kids were wonderful. The captain of the football team said to the principal, "We're with you," and he whipped the football team into line. The players were solidly with Mr. Brittain all the way through the fight.

It wasn't until the last of November that there was any trouble inside Clinton High School. Until that time all of the trouble was on the outside. The pupils and teachers accepted the integrated situation beautifully. The pupils and teachers in nearby Norris also felt the same way, and if there had been any Negro applications in Norris, the acceptance would have been smooth and orderly. The court gave the right to integrate to all high schools in the Anderson County system.

KASPER RELEASED
The trouble inside started after John Kasper was released on a local charge. He was tried for inciting a riot, and on one other charge. Everyone knew he was as guilty as sin but the local authorities could not prove their case against him. Fifty persons got up and spoke in that court. They were the only ones who could convict him. They didn't. So he was released.

At that time, a Junior White Citizens Council was formed of fifteen dissatisfied kids who remained in the Clinton High School, and twenty who had gone to Lake City or Norris by parents' orders, and who had reentered Clinton with orders to make it miserable for the Negro students. They were paid money to start a fight. One boy testified that he was offered \$50.00. The established people of Clinton, even the Rev. Turner, for example, did not at first think that they should be involved; they did not think that Mr. Brittain needed support

even when the Negro children were forced out. The established people were not in favor of integration.

DID NOT LIKE VIOLENCE
These established citizens however did not approve of violence; in fact they strongly disapproved of it. But at first theirs was a "hands-off" policy. None seemingly knew how to do anything.

But the White Citizens Council members attended all meetings and asked for illegal sanctions—such as requesting the school board to furnish money for white children to be transported to all-white schools. Not one person from Clinton attended the meeting to discuss the illegal use of taxpayers' money, but the school board, guided by arguments from well-thinking whites of surrounding communities, voted against the proposals of the White Citizens Council.

At one meeting in Mr. Brittain's office, when Rev. Turner said that the whole problem was simply a disciplinary matter to be thrashed out by the principal, Mr. Brittain expressed the idea of resigning. He said, "If this is the kind of school the people want, I'll not try to give them another. I'll resign." The men left the meeting with these words haunting them.

But on the following Sunday, Rev. Turner preached the parable of the Good Samaritan and urged his people to come out and help solve this problem.

On Monday morning he went up to the Negro settlement, accompanied by Attorney Sidney Davis. These men escorted the Negro children to school. Later, an angry mob soundly beat the minister. His nose was bloodied.

VALUABLE BLOODY NOSE
That was the most valuable bloody nose that ever happened in the history of Anderson County. It spelled out action for Clinton.

All of the children, Negro and white, were scared by the angry mob, and a common bond grew up between them.

Out of the demonstrated lawlessness of the adults in the milling crowds of angry people, juveniles turned to other crimes. Juvenile delinquency increased in Anderson County. Children had been taught to break one law, so they broke others. Someone had to do something.

Old tensions among various church groups have been broken down now in Anderson County. For example, six years ago, the International Community Church was not considered Christian, but getting together to solve the Clinton problem has brought mutual understandings. Christian relations between two towns increased; people of Norris and Oak Ridge are not considered outlanders any more.

Clinton learned that you can't have a little bit of violence. So they voted four to one against the White Citizens Council slate in the city elections.

Attorney Sidney Davis had written in the little note book the slanderous words spoken by the angry mob; he has also recorded their names. They were halled into court.

And the next Sunday, with a large congregation, reported to number 650, Rev. Turner preached "There is no color line on the Cross."

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN
As a bystander, I firmly believe that the people with Christian principles in Clinton have found that the way to end racial discrimination is to act on it, and not debate it, and as I hear the situation discussed while traveling around, I can truthfully say that I feel that the majority of the white people in Clinton have learned how to translate the brotherhood of man into everyday living.

Anybody, anywhere, can do it just by acting or standing up for the truth; we can make democracy work because it is right. Yes! Many good things have come out of the Clinton situation.

THOSE WHO LIVE IN... SHOULDNT...



Spiritual Insight

"HE SEES THE CROSS"

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"And they shall kill him... and the third day he shall rise again." Mark 10:34.

Jesus in clear-out, penetrating insight sees the cross of Calvary rising in the path of holy consecration which he had chosen. He looked at the gathering clouds of bitter opposition. And with a little simple addition, the results represented the cross on which he was to be crucified. But Jesus stands undaunted by what he sees. He resolves to go all the way and pay the price. Nothing now can turn him back. He sets himself with grim determination to go to Jerusalem. The cross and the passion now could not move him. Yes, Jesus sees the cross of Calvary rising in his path but he resolves to go on all the way. Why? For beyond dark Calvary he sees God giving him the victory... "THEY SHALL KILL HIM... THE THIRD DAY HE SHALL RISE AGAIN..."

The way of the Father's will leads to a cross. Walk the way of right and it may bring you

to a cross. Resolve to do the Father's will and it may lead you to a cross. The way of the Father's will is sometimes hard and difficult. There is glory in this way, but you may have to bear a cross before you enter the matchless glory of the Father. Yes, the way of the Father may lead to a cross. He sees a cross in his way, but he resolves to go on. There are blessings of joy and peace in this way, but you may have to bear a cross. Choose this way, walk this way, but you may find a cross in this way. Remember the way of God's holy will may lead you to some dark Calvary.

The path of righteousness is rather costly at times. Thus this path calls for daring and courage. It is hard for cowards to walk this way. The path of righteousness is too costly for the weak and fainthearted souls. In this way, there are mighty enemies on every hand. Dark clouds of persecution and trouble hang over this path. Is

the price too high? For many the price is too high. Yes, the way of the heavenly Father's will is a very costly path. It is the way of trials, tribulations and crosses. Many get faint-hearted and run when they see the high cost of the path of righteousness. Jesus now stands at the point of no return. He sees the cross! But he resolves to go on and pay the price.

Beyond the cross he sees a victory. Yes, beyond the suffering he sees the glory. God's way finally leads to glory. This way will bring you to a joyous victory. There is mockery. There are scourgings. Men will heap scorn and contempt upon you. They will kill you—kill you to a cross. Yes, in his chosen path, Jesus sees the cross rising, but, thank God! beyond that cross he sees victory... "THEY SHALL KILL HIM... THE THIRD DAY HE SHALL RISE AGAIN..." Beyond every cross borne in righteousness there is going to be a day of victory.

Watch on the Potomac

By Robert Spivack



Mr. Spivack

Four months ago it seemed almost certain that the Administration's mild civil rights legislation would glide easily through both houses of Congress and be on the President's desk for signature by Easter.

Now Easter has come and gone and the civil rights legislation is in deep trouble. What's happened and why?

Part of the answer is that Dixie lawyers have gone to work on the legislation with a vengeance. Northern Republicans have sat by expressing admiration for their opponents' skill at maneuvering while doing little to back up the President's requests for early action. The lawyers have injected a note of doubt about the legislation, claiming that it deprives citizens of the right of trial by jury.

On top of that the White Citizens Councils (1957 version of the KKK) have become so powerful in the South few in that area dare even suggest that "moderate" legislation might ease racial tensions. To oppose the WCCs is to invite violence. Actually all the Administration's legislation would do is modernize methods of enforcing existing civil rights legislation. It doesn't really propose any new laws.

The laws which have been on the books since Civil War days have proved ineffective because Southern juries, packed in many cases, would not vote for conviction where lynch mobs have acted. Nor would they convict where Negroes have been

deprived of the right to vote or otherwise been deprived of "equal protection under the law."

What the new legislation does is by-pass the maze of state administrative agencies and state courts and give a civil rights complaint the right to go directly into federal court. It also empowers the Justice Dept. to file civil suits whenever it has reasonable grounds for believing anyone's civil rights are violated.

When one recalls the Emmett Till case and other violent episodes in recent times, one wonders if the Dixie demagogues aren't deliberately prolonging the argument to keep the cash rolling into the coffers of the WCCs?

And speaking of the WCCs, questions are being asked why the Senate Internal Security committee hasn't looked into their activities and the whole pattern of violence in the South. Is the committee chairman, Sen. Eastland, "protecting" some one?

In Canada A Mémoré
In all the furore over the suicide of Canadian Ambassador Norman there were some pretty violently and silly things said North and South of the border. Now one witter comes along, tongue-in-cheek, with a suggestion that "the real threat to U.S. institutions is from Canada, not Russia."

Why? Well, it seems our northern neighbor plans to provide government hospital insurance for its citizens. No citizen need

die any longer because he can't afford a hospital bed. What will The American Medical Association think of that?

And writes "T.R.B." in The New Republic, "It is a further affront to the U.S. that the Canadian dollar is worth more than ours under the Republicans."

The Labor Management Escapes
The Dave Beck case has publicized some rather startling practices in the management of union welfare funds, with so-called labor leaders dipping into the kitty for "loans" to engage in fabulous business ventures. The Beck case, of course, is an exception but there has been enough exposed to merit some federal inquiring.

The nation's top labor leaders, George Meany and Walter Reuther, are all for digging as deeply into these scandals as possible. They believe the union books should be kept open and that union members should be given strict and regular accounting of where their funds go.

Ironically the National Assn. of Manufacturers now warns Congress against "undue haste" in curbing union "looting" of welfare funds. Reason: the McClellan inquiry could lead to "government domination" of welfare funds.

There may be another reason. The "management managed" funds outnumber the "union-managed" funds by about 12 to 1. How the money from these funds is handled would also seem worth looking into.

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