

FOLLOWING THE SOUTHERN PATTERN

The southern wing of the Associated Press sank to a new low in yellow journalism last week when it released to its member papers a story which attempted to convey the idea that the Communists were planning to infiltrate the Prayer Pilgrimage to Washington on May 17. Not that such an effort on the part of the Reds is impossible. There is no part of American life, including its churches and even branches of its government, which at one time or another has not been the target of Communist infiltration. The Reds are a determined and most persistent group and, if it were possible, would try to gain side door entrance into Heaven.

What we resented in the AP story was an apparent attempt to undermine the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom by slanting the story in such a way as to make it appear that the movement was being aided and abetted by the Communists with approval of the organizers of the Pilgrimage. A half lie is always worse than a whole lie and if the Communists plan to infiltrate the Prayer Pilgrimage to Washington it will be without the sanction or wishes of those responsible for its inception or organization.

Not only is the movement backed by Negro ministers all over the nation of unquestionable reputation, but it is backed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. That organization has again and again been attested to as thoroughly American by government agencies or their representatives.

In a recent folder distributed by the NAACP it had the following to say on the effort of the southern press and southern politicians to pin the Communist label on the NAACP:

"Ever since the United States Supreme Court handed down its historic decision banning racial segregation in public education, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the organization which carried these cases to the high court, has been the target of an organized effort to smear, discredit and destroy the civil rights movement.

Politicians and their hirelings have repeatedly borne "false witness" against the NAACP. Eugene Cook, attorney general of the State of Georgia, in a widely circulated 1955 address to law enforcement officers of his state, sought to pin the Communist label on the NAACP.

Now comes a State of Louisiana legis-

lative committee at a staged hearing, March 8, 1957, using Manning Johnson, a self-confessed former Communist, as a witness to make the wanton and malicious charge that the NAACP "has become the vehicle of the Communist Party designed to overthrow the government of the United States."

Newspaper accounts relate that Attorney General Cook attended the Louisiana hearing along with a state delegation from Mississippi. Some southern newspaper carrying that Johnson testimony described the witness as "director of research for the Department of Justice in Washington."

Following publication of these newspaper stories, Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, wrote to the United States Department of Justice inquiring what, if any, position Mr. Johnson held in the Department and if he spoke for the Department or represented the Department's views or findings.

In response to this inquiry, Mr. Wilkins received a reply dated April 8. The following is in part what it had to say:

"Manning Johnson is not employed by the Department of Justice as Director of Research or in any other capacity. In fact there is not nor has there ever been any such position as Director of Research in this Department. Further, with respect to any testimony Manning Johnson may have given before the above mentioned committee, he had no authority to speak for or on behalf of the Department of Justice. You may be assured that his testimony concerning the alleged relationship between the NAACP and the Communist Party does not, in any manner, reflect the views of this Department or any findings it has made."

The AP story last week follows the pattern of the southern white press which more often seizes every opportunity to belittle, undermine or sabotage efforts of Negroes to secure their rights as American citizens. This abortive effort, we predict, will be met with a more determined effort on the part of Negroes in North Carolina and other southern states to support efforts of the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom to have 50,000 of their people in Washington on May 17.

IMPROVING COLLEGE BASEBALL

The decline of baseball in Negro colleges is to be regretted, especially by those old enough to remember when such schools in this state as A. and T. College, Livingstone College, J. C. Smith University, Shaw University and North Carolina College, could trot out a team on the diamond that would make some of those now playing college baseball look like clowns. Not only is the brand of baseball being played in our Negro colleges far below that of yesteryear but in several of them the game has been taken entirely out of the athletic program.

Whether the lack of emphasis in baseball in Negro schools is due to the increased interest in football, basketball and track, we are unable to say. We do know, however,

that it has come at a time when there should be a greater incentive than 15 or 20 years ago when no Negroes were playing in organized baseball. Now that they are and the game offers often a lucrative income for those who are good at it, it appears to us that our schools and colleges should make it one of their major sports.

It might not be a bad idea for the athletic departments in our colleges to make a study of their baseball programs and see what can be done to improve them. Certainly, there is little hope of the public giving financial or moral support to the kind of baseball that is now being played by the average Negro college in this state.

GREENSBORO STUDENTS POINT THE WAY

The students of Bennett College and A. and T. College are to be commended for the stand they have taken in boycotting the jim crow balconies in the theaters of Greensboro. It is indeed refreshing to know that our young people are beginning to think seriously about obtaining self-respect. It is more refreshing to know that they are not only thinking seriously about it but are beginning to put forth an effort to obtain it.

Generally speaking, Negro students are the most complacent lot about social changes to be found anywhere in the world. Their attitude often ranges anywhere from docility to cowardice when it comes to opposing the status quo. While this might be understandable in public schools where the superintendent is afraid of the Board of Education, the principal is afraid of the superintendent and the teachers are afraid of the principal; and in a state college, where the president is afraid of the Board of Trustees and the teach-

ers are afraid of the president, it is not understandable in a church school.

In Charlotte, Salisbury and Raleigh, it is our hope that students in Negro church schools of those cities will catch the spirit of the students in Bennett and A. and T. Colleges in Greensboro and refuse to patronize theaters or other public places that maintain a jim crow policy.

Freedom and human dignity are precious jewels and those who have them can only keep them by keeping an eternal vigilance for those who would deny them or take them away. As we said again and again, the oppressor has never voluntarily lifted his heel from the necks of the oppressed. We must either struggle to be free or forever remain second-class citizens. The students in Greensboro are to be commended for pointing the way to a new horizon and a new day when democracy shall be enthroned in the place of racial prejudice and bigotry.

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Letters To The Editor

Carolina Times
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Dear Editor,

Among the many publications which come to my desk I read the CAROLINA TIMES with consuming interest. For quite some time, it has been my purpose to write you a congratulatory letter upon the excellent newspaper which you are giving the public. In our common fight for first-class citizenship, you are courageously carrying your part of the burden, and I commend you.

Your editorial, which appeared in the issue of May 4: "A salute to our Greensboro Ministers" is heartening and timely. This is a day when ministers of the gospel must be imbued with

the spirit of the Eighth Century prophets in Israel. The fire that was kindled by Reverend J. A. DeLaine a few years ago in Summerton and Kingstree, S. C., and later by Martin Luther King in Alabama is spreading, not only in America, but in South Africa, and Bermuda. May it continue to spread. The Reverend Melvin Chester Swann, Pastor of Bethel African M. E. Church, Greensboro, refused to see the TEN COMMANDMENTS upon a segregated basis. The Greensboro ministers have well merited a salute. May their and our motto be that of GHANA: "Forward ever, backward never."
George Singleton

Open Letter Of The Week

By Mrs. Daisey E. Lampkin

I write this letter to Americans everywhere—to Americans of all creeds, all colors, all races. I write out of a sense of instant urgency and from a deep faith in the ability of Americans to protect and defend their inalienable rights against all threats whether they be internal or external.

In many of the states of the union, in cities and rural communities, the klans and councils are organizing with powerful and bold supporters to destroy the very foundation stones of individual freedom which caused this country to grow to greatness and to become a beacon light of hope for the oppressed peoples of the entire world. The men who control the klans and councils are ruthless in their desire to re-weld around our ankles the heavy chains of discrimination and servitude so recently broken by the Supreme Court of the United States. Make no mistake about this. They are strong and they grow stronger. They have friends in very high places, men who are willing to use the ignorance of the klans and councils to further their own political ends. Their appeal is not to brotherly love but to hate and scorn. They spread fear; they feed on hostility; they use violence as a weapon to create and maintain terror; they intimidate the helpless with bombs; they have reached into some state legislatures and administrative offices in their attempt to destroy their most feared enemy, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The very focal point of their hatred is centered around the NAACP because this organization has won again and again in each contest of strength, in each struggle for the right. The men who use the klans and the councils know that if they can seriously weaken the NAACP they will have blunted the most powerful weapon that freedom loving Americans have. They also know that unless they can stop the progress of the NAACP their hope of returning America to the dark days of prejudice and discrimination is done. They have thus set out to destroy the NAACP, to threaten and kill its members, to intimidate anyone, Negro or white, who speaks well of the organization, to smear it whenever possible in the press, to hamper it with discriminatory legislation.

I am therefore appealing to all Americans to daily around and support the one organization which has consistently fought to bring the blessings of individual freedom to millions of Americans.

There are two great forces contending inside this country of ours. One force is attempting to hold back the rushing tide of freedom and right; the other force is trying to brighten the day of America's present and future. You cannot be neutral. You must either join with us who believe in the bright future or be destroyed by those who would return us to the dark past.

To win this battle, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has included in its million-dollar goal for the 1957 Fight for Freedom Fund Campaign the raising of \$500,000 in memberships through its branches. Reports coming in from many of the larger branches are indicating successful campaigns. Many larger branches have adopted small Southern branches and are including the total of the joint memberships in their goals. The year 1957 is crucial for the NAACP. We are appeal-

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GOD'S MIGHTY KLAN

My God has a Klan a Mighty Klan
And it's a mighty powerful Host;
It only consists of three members,
Father, son and Holy Ghost.

My God has a Klan a Powerful Klan
That no other Klan can conquer;
He rides in the storm with lightning and wind,
And says, "Vengeance is mine I Will Conquer."

God's Mighty Klan walks into a Klan,
And rips it all apart
By taking any one that he chooses;
And you dare not say depart.

All Klans must sow good or bad seed,
But all must answer to God's Klan for all your deeds;
He knows our heartaches, He hears our cry,
Whispers softly, "I am with Thee, All power is in my Hand."

God's Klan has never lost a battle,
And I know that He answers prayer;
Where ever you are on 17th of May,
Get on your knees and Pray—Pray—Pray.
Mrs. Maggie B. Marshall

INVITING THE UNDERTAKER—



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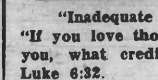
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Spiritual Insight

"INADEQUATE LOVE"

By REVEREND HAROLD BOLAND
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church



"Inadequate Love"
"If you love those who love you, what credit is that?"
Luke 6:32.

It is so easy for love to degenerate into simple self interest. Such love says Jesus is insufficient, inadequate. A you give me—and I will give—you love is an inadequate love. Such love falls short of the nobility of true love. A love that offers itself as a medium of exchange is not the real thing. True love does not work at a bargain counter. Jesus warns against a love that would build a mutual admiration society. Such love is insufficient to build the Kingdom of God. Christ is the embodiment of true love with all of its rich, full beauty. Only the love that was in Christ is sufficient to save and redeem the world.

A healing and a redeeming love—a love that is adequate—is a love that finds us, embraces, lifts, heals us even when we are unworthy and undeserving. Let us guard against that in-

adequate love... "If you love those who love you what credit is that...?"

A love that is concerned only about its friends is not the love the world needs today. The world needs the outgoing, self-sacrificing love of God. A love that ends with the worthy and the deserving does not go far enough. Such a love is unbecoming for those who claim Christ Jesus. This inadequate love may overlook the lost, the wayward, the wounded, the cursed, and the seeming worthless and undeserving souls among us. A love which shows favor to those who favor you is not enough. A love that dresses and parades in the robe of self interest is not enough. Self love is essential—a feeling of self-respect—but it does not go far enough. Self seeking love lacks redemptive power. Jesus is right... "If you love those who love you, what credit is that...?"

The life of Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross proved the truthfulness of this kind of love.

It is sufficient for it has power to redeem a world from sin.

Real love is adequate for it loves the unlovely. Real love works to heal and reclaim the unlovely. This welcomes home the returning prodigal when he has lost everything. This love saves the woman at the well. This love says to the woman who had committed adultery... "Go in peace and sin no more..." This love forgives us, reclaims us as the children of God. This love works to heal and reclaim the alcoholic and the dope addict. This love works over the imperfections of the unlovely. This love finds us in our warped and works over us until we are lovely again. It transforms and reshapes us into the loveliness of a redeemed soul.

We must look to Christ and his cross to see real love in all of its healing and redeeming beauty and power. It works in sinful man to restore the beauty and power of Divine loveliness in man. This is adequate love.

By Robert Spivack

Watch on the Potomac



THE BOSS—The reporters blinked and the politicians shuddered at a little noticed episode during President Eisenhower's latest press conference. Sara McClendoff of the El Paso, Texas Times asked the question, "She wanted to know if the President had yet selected a possible successor to Treasury Secretary Humphrey and whether the new appointee 'will change monetary policy now and perhaps use his influence to bring about some lowering in interest rates?'"

There was laughter in the room at Reporter McClendoff's pointed inquiry, but the President himself did not laugh. Any announcement on appointees would first go to the Senate, he said grimly.

Then the President added: "...the monetary policy of this Government is mine, and no one underneath me is going to change my policy."

It was this last comment which evoked the newsmen's surprise and caused the GOP politicians to sigh.

Although the U. S. Chamber of Commerce is yowling about the budget and other right-wingers are belaboring the President as a New Dealer, the more realistic GOP politicians recognize that the "high cost of money" may have more lasting effects at the polls.

Interest rates have gone so high that people are not buying new cars, housing has fallen off and many small businesses are feeling severely pinched. When people want things, but can't af-

ford to buy them, that spells trouble for the party in power.

Up to now the Republicans have pretended that the high interest rates were the responsibility of the Federal Reserve banks, over which government politicians theoretically have no control. It was a "bankers' policy" and even the President pictured himself during the 1956 campaign as helpless to correct the situation.

This, of course, was sheer fantasy. The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Humphrey, has always advocated the "tight money" policy. In his position of influence and power he has a lot to say about the climbing rate of interest.

Behind The President's Remarks
It wasn't any desire to assume responsibility for the policy that evoked the President's comment, many of those at the news conference agreed. Nor was it any wish to expose the sham of campaign oratory that caused the President to say what he did.

It was something entirely different that might not be noticeable to the casual onlooker. The President was really answering those critics who maintain that he is a "part-time" executive, lacking any deep interest in governmental operations.

Those who are close to him feel that the President resents this criticism more than almost anything else the opposition, within and without his party, have directed towards him. It burns him up for anyone to

think that he is NOT in charge of things.

Tax Write-Offs And Special Privileges
Two questions at the White House news conference elicited from the President a rather halting reply. The chances are we'll hear more about them as time goes on.

The first dealt with the favored position of the oil industry. The second concerned itself with the fast tax write-off granted the Idaho Power Co. in construction of its small Hells Canyon projects.

Big Oil and the Power lobby have screamed for years that the federal government must end its welfare "handouts." Yet the Arabian-American Oil Co. (Aramco) last year paid no U.S. income tax on \$280,000,000 profits on Middle Eastern oil (continued on page 7)

Forward to Civil Rights

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