

HOW CAN WE LOSE SOMETHING WE HAVE NEVER HAD?

In a United Press release appearing in daily newspapers last Wednesday the State Board of Conservation and Development warned that attempts to mix the races at state parks might result in closing the facilities. The board went on to adopt a report which admitted that there was no state law requiring or compelling segregation of the races at the state parks but pointed out that "by tradition and understanding we have had separate facilities for the races."

The report said further, "It is our opinion that in the event operation of state park facilities results in the development of conditions unacceptable to the people of this state, there may be no recourse other than to close the facilities so affected." The adopted report then went on to request that "our citizens, in the interest of harmony and goodwill, observe a practice voluntary separation in the use of our park facilities." In other words, the State Board of Conservation and Development, although dressing it up in nice sounding language, is requesting Negro citizens of North Carolina to volunteer to accept the humiliating practice of segregation in the use of state facilities.

To put it in even more understandable words, it is saying to Negro citizens of the state, after you have paid your part of the taxes out of which funds for the operation of public parks are provided, we want you to volunteer to not use the parks and leave them entirely to the enjoyment of white citizens. That is exactly what the board is asking and with it the threat of closing all state parks is hurled in the faces of the million Negro citizens of the state.

If by making such a threat members of the Board hope to frighten Negro citizens into voluntarily accepting state park facilities on a segregated basis, they are losing time. In the first place, the state has provided only two parks to serve the state's entire Negro population of over one million persons while it has provided nine parks for its white citizens. In the second place, one of the parks it has provided for Negroes is located near Raleigh and the other near Elizabethtown. This means that both are in the eastern part of the state, and that the Negro population in the western part of the state, under the segregated pattern, would be denied park facilities without traveling great distances from their places of abode. Thus, even under the outmoded pattern of "separate but equal," the state has followed its same old beaten path of carefully seeing to it that Negroes get separate facilities while denying them equal facilities.

In the third place, we would like to remind the Board of Conservation and Development that it is the white citizens of the state who stand to suffer the greater loss should the state parks be closed. Certainly Negro citizens cannot lose that which they have never had. So, if the Board is stupid enough

to close the parks on account of its desire to perpetuate the custom of forcing Negroes to pay taxes for the support of parks they cannot enjoy, we say go ahead and close them.

Let's look at the bare facts for a moment in studying what North Carolina has provided for its Negro citizens, in comparison with what it has provided for its white citizens under the segregated pattern. Not a single mountain park is available to Negro citizens, nor a single beach. Only in one of the two available to them has swimming been provided while it is available in five of the nine parks provided for whites. In spite of all this, the State Board of Conservation and Development has the unmitigated gall to request Negro citizens to volunteer to accept segregated park facilities.

Here is what the facts reveal that the last General Assembly of North Carolina appropriated for the operation of the state parks.

PARKS FOR WHITES	
Cliffs of the Neuse	\$ 92,150
Fort Macon	23,000
Hanging Rock	70,025
Morrow Mountain	76,575
Mount Jefferson	13,650
Mount Mitchell	140,825
Pettigrew	19,800
Singletary Lake	00,000
Wm. B. Umstead	81,150

TOTAL APPROPRIATED FOR WHITE PARKS \$517,175

PARKS FOR NEGROES	
Jones Lake	\$ 18,900
Reedy Creek	71,875

TOTAL APPROPRIATED FOR NEGRO PARKS \$ 90,775

Frankly, we thought we had made it clear, and settled it long ago, that under no circumstances will respectable Negroes of this state ever volunteer to accept less than full and equal privileges and opportunities in the use of facilities that are provided out of the public tax funds. To do so would be volunteering to break the federal laws of the land, to destroy our Democratic form of government and above all to break faith with our Christian heritage.

We would like to suggest that instead of asking Negro citizens of the state to volunteer to give their rights as citizens and accept segregation at the parks or elsewhere that the Board of Conservation and Development ask the white citizens of the state to volunteer to obey the United States Supreme Court, the United States Constitution and the truth laid down nearly 2,000 years ago by the author of our Christian faith as proclaimed by His great apostle Peter when he declared, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

THIRTY-FIVE MILLION EYES ON THE U. S. SENATE

If the southern Democratic block in the U. S. Senate succeeds in defeating the civil rights bill now before Congress by a filibuster or by some other questionable maneuver, the full responsibility is certain to be placed on the shoulders of the Democratic party as a whole, instead of its southern wing. The eyes of seventeen and one-half million Negroes will remain focused on the Senate until the bill is passed or defeated. So far as the Negro is concerned, if it is passed, the credit will go to both the Republicans and the phalanx of Northern and Western Democrats. If it is defeated, the blame will be placed squarely on the shoulders of the entire Democratic party, whether it deserves it or not. In the latter case, any Negro leader in the future who has the nerve to suggest that his people remain in the Democratic party or vote the Democratic ticket will doubtless be looked upon as a traitor to his race or as a nitwit.

In previous times when a similar bill has

been up for consideration, it was possible to shift the responsibility for its failure to a segment in one or both parties and thereby leave no choice to the Negro voter. This time the lines have been more tightly drawn than ever before, whereby it will be no hard task to differentiate between the actual opponents of civil rights legislation and the supporters.

While the battle goes on in the Senate, Negro citizens will be watching and listening. Never before have so many of them been as intelligent on a national issue. With every one of them who has an essence of self respect, the civil rights bill represents the biggest effort in our history to bring to the race its second emancipation. On its passage hangs the economic, political and social destiny of eleven million or more Negroes in the South. That is why 35 million eyes of Negroes are now focused on the United States Senate. That is why passage or defeat of the bill will mean the greatest upswing in Negro votes since the days of reconstruction.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have been a reader of your fine paper for a number of years. Without further delay, I commend and congratulate you and the staff for producing a very fine newspaper.

Quite often I had the pleasure of referring the several editorials and utilizing them in high school civics classes. Upon enrolling at A & T College I further discovered that your newspaper was even more than informative reading matter. I found it to be a very reliable source of news. It almost served as a reference text for some of my courses in economics and government.

Because of your fine work, I rest assured that the voice of The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs shall be heard throughout the state and nation. I greatly appreciate the clear, concise, and wholesome news and opinions contained in each and every issue.

I am with the United States

Air Force at present, stationed here in Morocco. I witness and observe injustice and inequality almost daily. As you know this is a land of many races and peoples. The conditions above mentioned are so vividly portrayed, as in our own United States. It often makes one wonder just how and when a suitable solution will be attained.

Sir, as I have forementioned, congratulations for the fine work that you and the staff are yet accomplishing. Again, your newspaper is an asset to our race and any people that desire and respect "The Truth Unbridled."

My regards, and may God continue to help you.

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Supreme Court Shocks Us Again

The security of the United States does not face "a clear and present danger" until an individual proceeds to put his subversive thoughts into action. President Eisenhower and many other outstanding officials of government are said to be outraged by the action of the Supreme Court in releasing several Communists from indictments brought against them. The President is said to regret that he sent Earl Warren to the high court.

There are some who think the action of the Supreme Court in deciding that men's thoughts do not necessarily, in themselves, create a menace to our institutions, is a political gesture to Moscow and that the recent decision has political overtones. Others feel that the nation is in the midst of a social-political revolution and that court members are honestly and seriously convinced that for the past twenty years this nation has been fleeing from ghosts.

There are others who feel that in keeping with the growth of conscience, the high court has rendered decisions, such as in the segregation cases, backed by the thought that dark people of the earth, the most numerous segment of humanity, are entitled to more dignity and respect than the white man has extended, not only Negroes in the United States, but to people of Africa and the entire Orient. For instance, there is danger of the Egyptians accepting Communism, and other black races below the hump at Dakar are beginning to look around and see things in a different light than before.

If the United States is not diplomatic, the whole of Southwest Africa may fall into the Red orbit. Just last week a show of might in the Suez by the Russian fleet as it passed through Arabic waters on the way southward, may have given a new picture of Moscow that North Africa never observed before. There is grave danger that Communism may start building in some of the strategic countries of the East a desire to enter into covenants with the Kremlin that never existed before.

The role Harold Stassen is taking about disarmament, which is a much changed position, may also be reflected

in the Supreme Court action regarding Communism, and this turn about face may also be observed in the growing tendency in the United Nations to accept Red China in this international organization.

What we must realize and understand is that one revolutionary change in the world instantly changes the thinking of people everywhere. When we dropped atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the entire concept of land armies, as they have been traditionally demanded by war technicians, was completely changed. One H-bomb may today be considered the equivalent of 200,000 men. One bomb could wipe out 300,000 soldiers.

Now the Supreme Court has had some remarkable changes of mind. The trials in Foley Square, looking at the general picture, would never have convicted as many Communists if the Supreme Court had been thinking terms of its 1957 decision. To overthrow this government, one must attempt to put subversive thoughts into action. Hitherto, proof that a man had belonged to the Communist party was justification for conviction by our courts. We are getting around to the reasoning and thinking of Voltaire, whom you will recall said at one time, "I do not believe a word you say, but I will give my life for your right to say it." This is what we call tolerance.

When we, as a member of the Oklahoma Federation for Constitutional Rights, were called some years ago before a legislative committee, when asked, "What is your opinion of Communism?" we said, "Break that question down so I can understand you better."

We told our interrogator we wanted to know whether he was asking our opinion of Communism as a political philosophy, or was he asking us what we thought of force and violence, the tools with which Communism is charged with forcing its belief upon the people. These are two entirely different subjects. American society has used force and violence on Communism without ever stopping to determine what pure Communism is, and contrasted it with the American system. (Continued on Page 7)

"It Was Their Threat Of A Filibuster That Killed The School Bill"



Spiritual Insight

"THE THINGS HE DID"
By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do. . . Acts 1:1. The deeds of Jesus became the foundation of his teachings. The things we do must become the final test of our religion. Words are essential. But deeds carry greater weight and authority. Talk about your religion is not so becoming. Talk is cheap. Jesus gave to the world a holy life pinpointed by kind and loving deeds. The world has been charmed and fascinated by the things Jesus did. The deeds of compassion, kindness, love and understanding which Jesus did have been a mighty magnet to arrest the attention of men. The things he did have been a magnet to inspire and draw men. Jesus spoke a word of love; but the thing that has given him influence and power among men has been the loving deed. The holy, loving deed symbolized in Calvary has been the inner essence of the Good News of the Gospel — Salvation or redemption of the sinful soul from sin. Yes, Jesus captivated the world by THE THINGS HE DID.

There is a persuasive power in DEEDS: Words apart from deeds have little lasting power. In a moment of emotional fervor men may be temporarily fascinated by clever words that play upon their feelings. The flaming word must be backed by a loving deed. The word must be backed by an act of forgiveness. Deeds have a gripping authenticity. Deeds are influential. Deeds carry with them undeniable authority and power. The Holy One doing loving deeds have inspired millions for two thousand years to redeem and rehabilitate the lost and the wrecked. Jesus' life was a series of good deeds. Jesus moved and persuaded men by the things He did. We are saved and redeemed to be consecrated to lives of loving deeds. We are redeemed to live in holy consecration. The world in its lossiness needs more loving deeds. The world is crying for loving deeds in the midst of its growing sicknesses of body, mind and soul. Mental hospitals are overflowing. General hospitals are filled.

Millions of others are sick but have not found their way in to the Churches — the healing stations for those suffering from spiritual or soul sickness. Jesus in a loving deed healed the mind of the man in the graveyard among the dead. There he is lonely, isolated and cut off from God and man. Jesus in a loving act healed him and reclaimed him for God and society. The physician of the soul, the minister, must move among the wrecked ruins of humanity with loving deeds to save and redeem. This is what Jesus did. It was needed in His time. The need is great now, in this hour. The dope addict and the alcoholic both need healing and escape from their inner worlds of isolation and pain. The lonely need the healing touch of a Holy and loving community. The heavy-laden need relief and release from their heavy burdens. Jesus moved in the midst of the crying needs of men with a Holy life doing loving deeds. He won the hearts of men by the things HE DID!

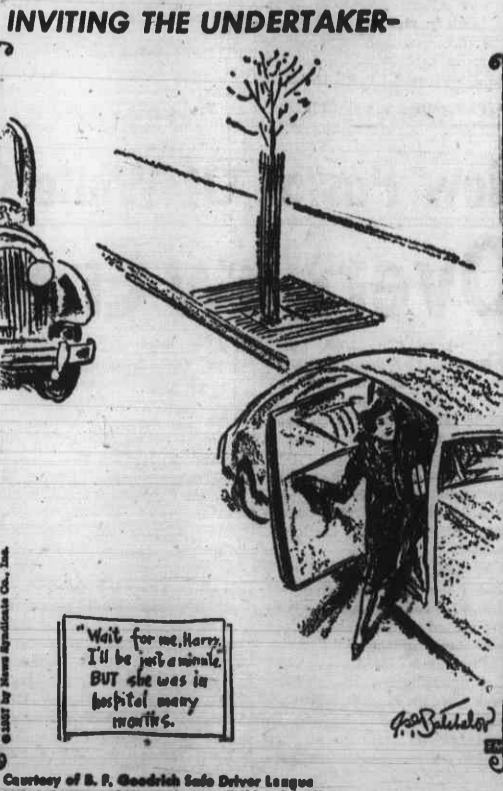
By Robert Spivack

Watch on the Potomac

WASHINGTON COURTING DEFEAT — The great debate over civil rights got off to a shaky start in the Senate, because President Eisenhower evidently had not done his homework. We have no doubt that the President meant to be helpful, but through inadvertence he was exactly the opposite. What happened was this: Sen. Richard Russell, the Georgia lawmaker, called the Civil Rights bill "the most cunningly devised and contrived piece of legislation I have ever seen." Its real purpose, said Russell, was not to win the right to vote for the South's disfranchised Negroes. It was really meant to implement the Supreme Court's school integration decision, he said. It was a "force measure" aimed, as in Reconstruction Days, to "put black heels on white necks."

White House and familiarize him with the Administration's own proposal. So far as the contents of the bill were concerned the President said, "Naturally, I am not a lawyer and I don't participate in drawing up the exact language of proposals." In his mind, the President went on, it was "rather incomprehensible" why some people thought the bill was extreme and would lead to disorder. HE WHO HESITATES — A reporter wanted to know if the President would be willing to see the bill written so that it specifically "dealt with the question of right to vote rather than implementing the Supreme Court decision on the integration of the schools?" It was at this point the President virtually confessed that he had just read the bill, which was written months ago, and did not understand certain of its provisions. This was his answer: "Well, I would not want to answer this in detail, because I was reading part of that bill this morning, and I — there were certain phrases I didn't completely understand. "So, before I made any more remarks on that, I

would want to talk to the Attorney General and see exactly what they do mean." Finally, the President said that he has spoken with many critics of the bill "but Sen. Russell has never given me any oral or written message on it himself." If it can cause delay in enactment, Sen. Russell will certainly be willing to bring the filibuster right over to the White House and carry it on all summer. ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK — We believe that great progress has been made in the field of civil rights during the last 20 years, but not enough by democratic standards. Take, for instance, the case of 18 national airlines. According to the Urban League they promised nine months ago to hire Negroes in flight service jobs. Since then there have been 48 qualified applicants but none have been hired, except by a helicopter service and the Seaboard and Western, a cargo line. Theodore W. Kheel, chairman of the League, lists the companies not yet employing Negroes as: American Airlines, Braniff Airways, Capital Airlines, Delta, Eastern, Mohawk Air. (Continued on Page 7)



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