

IS THIS OUR GOLDEN HOUR?

When a religious, social, political or economic order cannot be maintained except through bombings or other forms of violence, history is certain to write the epitaph for its stone which destiny will read to future generations. Ancient Babylon, Greece, Rome, modern Italy, Germany and other nations, who thought that they had the right to grind their heels on the necks of other people, soon found that the mills of the gods may grind slowly at times but they grind exceedingly fine.

Down in Jacksonville, Florida this week a group of white hoodlums, known as the Confederate Underground, bombed a Jewish center and a Negro school almost simultaneously. A member of the organization is reported to have stated that "every segregationist in the South must go free. All integration must stop. Jews will not be allowed in Florida, except at Miami Beach. Jews outside of Miami Beach will die." This is blatant fascism and Nazism, the kind that brought disaster to both Germany and Italy. The thing carries its own seed of destruction.

America cannot isolate this cankerous sore, even though it is in the deep South. Unless the decent white people of Florida, the rest of the South and all over America awaken to the fact that there is danger of the sore spreading to the point where it will know no race, creed or color, the time can come when members of the little group in the South who now speak against bombings and other forms of violence will be dared to lift their voices. Then anarchy will break loose only to be halted after it has spent its fury in the destruction of lives and property. The seed is there, nurtured now by hatred and color-phobia, but, in the end, it will know no race. The law, whether federal or state should never rest until those responsi-

ble for the bombings are brought to justice.

At Roanoke, Virginia—not in the deep South—police were forced to wrest a white man Monday night from an angry mob of white men. The man, probably demented, has been charged with clubbing to death his wife, 10-year-old daughter, nine-year-old son and critically injuring his 15-year-old stepdaughter. Up until a few years ago the only victim and near-victims of mobs in the South were Negroes. The record will show that all over the South mobs operated at will, lynching and beating up Negroes wherever and whenever they felt disposed. In those days the police were always conveniently out of place or if in place unable to identify or arrest a single mobster. It was only after the mobbists started beating up and lynching whites did respectable white people and the white press begin to cry out with indignation against mob violence.

The Jews of Jacksonville, Florida, like their ancestors of old will outlive their adversaries. Suffering makes a people great, wringing out of them such immortals as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and all of the prophets of old, to say nothing about Jesus and the array of musicians, businessmen and scientists of modern history. Negroes of America, and the rest of the world, for that matter, should learn the lesson of forbearance from their Jewish brethren. "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Who knows but what you are being called upon by Divinity to save our white brethren from themselves? Who knows but what we are being called upon to fill the biggest order of history which is to plant love where others are planting bombs, to offer kindness for evil, to offer forgiveness for revenge? **THIS MAY BE OUR GOLDEN HOUR.**

RAISING THE STATUS OF OUR TEACHERS

Governor Hodges' hunt for new industries for North Carolina is compelled to meet the approval of every sensible citizen of this state. The crusade, if successful, should do much to lower the unemployment figure of North Carolina and eventually raise the economic level of all its citizens.

Along with the governor's effort to bring new industries to North Carolina, we think that he or some other high state official should devote some time and energy to the state's most forgotten employees, its teachers. Except in a few isolated cases, where a supplement is provided by a city or county government, North Carolina teachers are among the poorest paid in the nation. In addition, a majority of them get paid for only nine months of the year.

Not only are North Carolina teachers among the poorest paid but they hold their job without tenure. Thus, at the close of each school year they live in fear and trembling lest some disgruntled school superintendent or principal decide that they are no longer needed. Certainly, the lot of the state's most important servants ought to be on a par with that of its janitors, porters, and maids, to say the least.

In Florida the minimum annual salary for beginning public school teachers is \$4,000. In North Carolina it is around \$2,600 or \$2,800. Each year in Florida, there are auto-

matic increases until the salary is \$9,000 per year. After three years a teacher has tenure. Even in Georgia the minimum salary paid public school teachers is higher than that paid in this state. The Florida salary status has been made possible by a closer cooperation between white and Negro teachers than can be found in North Carolina.

The sad state of affairs which now exists among North Carolina teachers with regard to salary and tenure may eventually force them to organize under the banner of the American Federation of Labor or the CIO, as has been done in several other states. When that hour arrives the people of North Carolina may be faced with a situation that will hazard the educational program of their children. It would be far better to provide adequate salaries and tenure for our teachers, voluntarily, than to force them to seek it otherwise.

Without an intelligent and an informed people, a democratic form of government cannot long endure. Thus, it is upon the backs of our teachers that our government rides. They ought to be adequately paid for their service, and we think they ought to be granted some form of tenure. New industries for North Carolina are fine. We are wondering, however, if the governor should not devote some of his time to bettering the lot of the state's most forgotten servants, its teachers.

GOOD FOR THE CAUSE OF INTEGRATION

The row that went on in Charlotte this week at the Presbyterian Congress is good for the nation, the South and Christians of all denominations. Anything that focuses the attention of thinking people on the simple-mindedness of the reactionary South is another nail driven into the coffin of segregation. Such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, DUPEC, White Citizens Councils and others can do more in one week to destroy the philosophy of the so-called southern way of life than the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People can do in a year.

The screaming of members of the Central Presbytery of Mississippi and other members

of Presbyteries of the deep South over the question of according brotherhood to men of all races, creeds and colors can only serve to stimulate the consciences of all honest Christians to a determination to stand steadfast. To do otherwise is to deny the teachings of the author of the Christian faith.

In a strongly worded statement the Presbyterian General Assembly replied to its churches of the deep South:

The Christian conscience cannot rest content with any legal or compulsive arrangement that brands any people as inferior, which denies them the full right of citizenship on the ground of race, color or social status.

Said the Assembly further:

1. The assembly takes the broad view of opposing racial segregation and supporting the U. S. Supreme Court decision as the law of the land.

2. The assembly will not muzzle or abolish the Council on Christian Relations, the agency which has most forcefully stated the church's stand on race relations. (Please turn to page eight)

AFRICA 1958

Don't Want To Be White

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the sixth in a series of discussions on Africa today by National Baptist Convention Secretary, Dr. C. C. Adams.

By DR. C. C. ADAMS

LOGOS, NIGERIA
Do not get the wrong idea of African men and women. They are quite satisfied with themselves as God made them. They know that black is as good, as pretty and as honorable as white, yellow, brown or any other color. Africans want to be themselves and to develop themselves, and in that they will strive forever through education to develop their minds.

They will strive to train the eye and hand in useful arts, and through medicine and sanitation to make the whole body more healthy.

Through religion and the church, under God, Africans seek growth in heart and spirit to become worthy sons of God and brothers of men. As Africans, we believe this to be our mission in the world and should be our highest goal. On this platform, we seek not only our good, but the good of all men. With this, Africa confronts and challenges the world and offers her hand and heart.

No Growth From Isolation

Another thing, it has long since been proved beyond question that neither an individual nor nation can live alone and to itself. By nature man, whether alone or in groups, is an interdependent. He is a social being, his nature and needs call to and for his brother.

And his brother is all colors and nationalities; they live in all the areas of the world. God made man interdependent. No matter how strenuously men and nations seek to make themselves independent of others, they al-

ways wind up disappointed and disillusioned.

Until recent times, nations tried to make themselves inviolate by huge national armies and navies, by building walls and lines of defense. They only finally come to realize that they were dreaming idle dreams. Hence, the need of allies, alliances, friends and a world organization where all nations are recognized and mutually dependant, where they are mutually in need of each other.

Need Others

Therefore, we cannot think of a free Africa as being free from the need of the best in all nations. A free Africa, inexperienced in the fine arts and know-how of government, will certainly be somewhat like a child who but recently has learned to walk. Venturing out, into the dangers of the world for the first time, she will surely need the sympathetic solicitude of those who know both the way and the dangers.

Free Africa needs to adopt and copy the best wherever found in other nations, especially those things which suit her own needs. She need not be ashamed to do this, for that is the way progress is made.

African needs to be especially careful to avoid the evils and the worst found in all nations. She does not need the Caesars, Napoleons, Hitlers and Stalins. She does need in spirit some George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, F. D. Roosevelt, Eisenhowers and some Bismarcks, Nelsons and Churchills. **Next Week: God Greatest Among African Needs**

TO THE EDITOR: DO YOU REMEMBER?

"Do You Remember?"
Mr. Editor:

It was in the 1930's that buses began to take over from the railroads inter-city transportation. The buses wanted to accept only white passengers. The General Assembly enacted a law declaring that buses were not "common carriers," and that therefore they could restrict their services to white passengers, if they so chose.

The North Carolina Commission on Interracial Co-operation appointed a committee to see what could be done. This committee was composed of E. P. Wharton, Greensboro; S. G. Atkins, Winston-Salem; D. D. Jones, Greensboro; N. C. Newbold, Raleigh; Berry O'Kelly, Method; and Roy M. Brown, Chapel Hill.

The committee first secured a conference with the bus operators. We got nowhere. The bus operators were afraid that if they opened their buses to Negroes, whites would not ride in them.

The committee next asked for a hearing before the State Corporation Commission. A was set for the hearing. When the committee appeared in Raleigh only one member of the Commission, Judge Pall, was there to meet us. He, of course, could do nothing officially. He talked very pleasantly and at length, but said nothing. A few days later the Corporation Commission invited Mr. Wharton to return to Raleigh alone. They pointed out that the matter was

loaded with political dynamite. Let's just forget it.

Mr. Wharton called his committee together and reported. The committee decided to employ counsel. We employed Judge L. R. Varner of Lumberton. He repeated the steps the committee had taken. A conference with the bus operators again accomplished nothing. He then requested and secured a formal hearing by the Corporation Commission. When they decided against us, he appealed to the Superior Court. My recollection is that this court decided in our favor and that the bus operators appealed. At any rate the case went on to the State Supreme Court. This court declared that buses are common carriers, that the act of the Legislature was unconstitutional, and that the buses must accept Negro as well as white passengers. The court suggested that the seating customary on city street cars be followed. This continued, of course, until the U. S. Supreme Court's literal interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment.

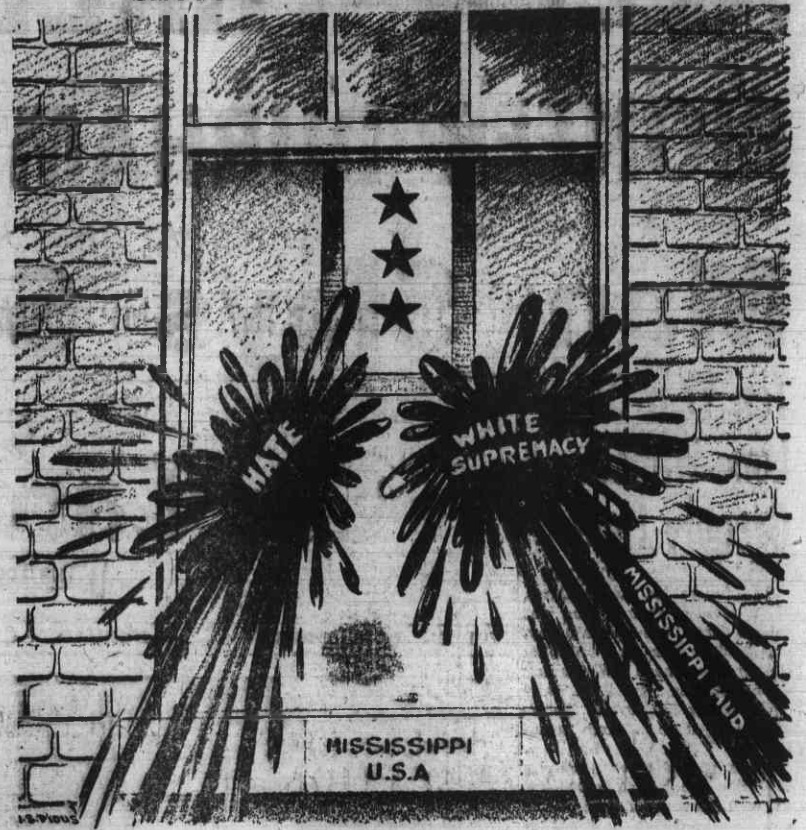
I believe Negroes raised all the money for the court test of the bus law. I remember that after we had in hand all the money needed, groups of Negroes protested that they had not had an opportunity to contribute.

(Of the Interracial Commission committee only I am left.)
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THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND needs \$41,000 this year for its activities. It needs your help. The SOUTHERN NEWSLETTER asks all of its readers to make whatever contribution they can to this fine cause. Every dollar helps. Send it to: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, 822 Perdido Street, New Orleans 12, Louisiana.

MADAME PANDIT, Nehru's sister, speaking for the 600 million people of India in the United Nations says, "In helping to eliminate segregation the SCEF is making an indispensable contribution to the cause of peace and freedom."

BUT WHAT DO THEY CARE ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY AND WORLD OPINION



Spiritual Insight

"TURNING EVIL INTO GOOD"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word . . ." Acts 8:4.

What seemed to be a great, cruel tragedy God turned into a great good for his Kingdom. Stephen's death and the persecutions which followed seemed to be a great evil. And yet it is turned into a great good for the advancement of the Church. God, in his eternal wisdom, turned it into a rare opportunity for a redemptive witness.

The believers were persecuted, and scattered but they went as flaming witnesses for Jesus. As they went they preached a gospel of salvation to the lost souls along the way. God turned what seemed to be a great evil into a great good for the spread of the gospel. God turned an evil into a stimulant for the growth of the Kingdom.

Good Out of Evil
God often brings good out of what seems to be an evil deed. This truth is dramatically displayed in this incident in the life of the early church. The leader is stoned to death.

The believers are scattered in every direction. The way looks dark. Without, fear . . . terror and anxiety seem to engulf them. They stand amid perils and great dangers. And yet God uses this as a rare opportunity for good.

The little band of witnesses is scattered. But within they have an unbeatable faith in the power of God Almighty. They go with a holy passion burning in their souls. But God turns this evil deed into a great step in the growth of the Kingdom. In trusting God, we too, can turn the evil intended by men into good.

We, too, can still good from our experience of trial or suffering. They reacted creatively, helpfully under the impact of suffering. It became a stimulant to good. Suffering much, they went carrying the word with power.

For those enslaved by sin they had a word of redemption. For the soul-sick they had a message of salvation. For those sick in body they had a power of healing. For the discouraged they had a message of hope. For the dy-

ing there was the message of everlasting life.

You Can Do It, Too
God works through them to bring good out of trial and suffering. God can do the same with you in your experiences of trial suffering. Yes, through faith in God they turned evil into a great good for the church.

Everything that happens to you can be turned to good for the Kingdom. God turned this experience of suffering to the good of the Kingdom. Do you use the things which happen to you for spiritual growth and enrichment? Why not? This suffering made Phillip a leader. It expanded the stature of his character. It brought Christ and his redemption to the city of Samaria. The evil act in Jerusalem resulted in joy and healing in Samaria. Things happening to us, even evil, can be turned into great good.

Let us, then, when trying experiences are ours, let God use us to turn them into great good. Let them be a stimulant to growth and goodness.



By ROBERT SPIVACK

Watch on the Potomac

THE EISENHOWER GAMBLE

WASHINGTON
A man sometimes gives himself away when he least expects to do so. That's what happened to President Eisenhower the other day. He made a remark that's likely to plague him for a long time to come. It was not made in anger, as some of his headlined remarks were. This comment was almost off-hand. He was casual about it.

What happened was this: A reporter asked the President to comment on a speech by Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson made before the American Society of Newspaper Editors. In that talk Johnson said the administration lacked the "courage and boldness" required to meet the recession.

The newspaperman wanted to know if the President thought this was true. The answer given by the President was long and rambling.

When he finally got to the point, though, he had this to say:

"So, what I say is: Courage and boldness are very fine things when you know you

have got a plan that is really effective, and that is in battle or whether it's here."

In short, the President was saying he had no plan to combat the recession.

Muddling Through
Back in the halcyon days of Eisenhower prosperity, the President would tell reporters that if we ever faced another "depression" he would not hesitate for a moment to use "all the resources" of the government to combat it. Now there is "depression" in autos, railroads, among farmers, in the textile industry, as well as in lumber and certain segments of small business. But the President does hesitate.

In fact there is a widely held belief here that the Administration has made a major decision: no further federal action, beyond reduction of interest rates, to combat the recession.

In other words, there will for now be no White House call for price cuts, no public works and no tax cuts for those in the lower brackets. Also: there will be no efforts to plug up the loopholes in the present laws which give the

well-to-do innumerable special tax privileges.

The Battle of The Pentagon
Ever since his 1955 heart attack the President has tried to hold his temper in check. He succeeded until the other day when Sarah McClendon of The San Antonio (Tex.) Light asked him if a military dictatorship might not be the final result of his Pentagon reorganizations plan?

The President's blow-up has already been headlined from coast-to-coast and we see no need to go into it again. It was a spectacular fireworks display. But after the pyrotechnics burned themselves out, Miss McClendon's question still remained unanswered.

One may disagree with the President on other issues but I think he's on solid ground in his call for a Pentagon reorganization. When you consider that 2-3 of your tax dollar goes for the Defense Dept. and related agencies, it is not a subject to dismiss lightly. The President, though, is not really explaining what the argument is all about when he blows up at a perfectly proper (Please turn to page eight).

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