

The Destiny Of Men And Nations

You read in this newspaper last week that bombings of Negro homes and churches in the deep South... with blasts at Birmingham and Columbus, Georgia. These kind of reports should give you courage, increase your faith in God and your support of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. God brought us out of the land of Africa, ran us through a crucible of slavery for nearly three hundred years, freed us after confounding the wicked who held us until they fought a civil war in which brother shot down brother like heathens. When the blood bath was all over the South was prostrate and the wealth piled by the bondman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil was sunk and every drop of blood drawn with the lash was paid for by another drop with the sword. "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform."

The NAACP has never bombed a house. It has never bombed a church, it has never participated in a mob, it has never burned a cross. Its members have never worn a disguise nor held a meeting that any law abiding citizen of any race could not attend. Its success in the fight for freedom and the rights of an oppressed people have been in the courts, which is not establish, and

under laws, which it did not enact. In spite of the mob and fifth headed at its members and persecution in and out of the courts, it has refused to sling any mud at its accusers. Its record with the federal government, like Caesar's wife, is above suspicion. Long after the perpetrators of crimes against the organization and its members are forgotten, men and women of both races will rise up and proclaim it the greatest defender, probably the savior of democracy in the South. History always plays such tricks on those who oppose fight and those who attempt to enthrone wrong. The early Christians were thrown to beasts in the Roman arenas; in other countries they were run through with spears, beaten and spat upon in the streets of Greece, Rome and elsewhere. The world soon passed such nations by. The highway of destiny is strewn with their bleached bones. Truth, faith, love, hope are still with us. Drink at their fountains and you will live and help your country live.

The destiny of men and nations is not in the hands of bombers, dynamiters, mobbists nor spitters, but in a God who sees all, knows all and, in His own good time, will set aright the wrongs that now beset us on every hand.

We Are Opposed To The Death Penalty

The confession of a 19-year-old murder by a former Illinois policeman, which frees another man who had twice been sentenced to death for a crime he did not commit, drives another nail in the coffin of the penalty of death for capital punishment. It is horrible enough when the state takes the life of a confessed killer, rapist or other person charged with a capital offense. But when the state takes the life of a man later proved to be innocent or nearly takes his life, it makes our flesh crawl.

Had the white man in Jefferson, Georgia not had friends who believed in his innocence and supplied money for his defense, he would probably be dead today. We shudder to think what would have happened to him had he been a Negro in the state. Georgia, at its best, has a double standard of justice for whites and Negroes, and there is little hope for a member of the latter race who comes before its courts charged with a capital offense against a white person. We also shudder to think just how many innocent Negroes have died in the past fifty years under the double standard of justice in southern courts or have died at the hands of mobbists.

Whereas a certain type of southern white man's conscience might prick him and in time force him to make a confession to keep a white man from dying for his foul deed, it would probably not do so if the accused were a Negro. In most cases Negroes live and move outside the conscience of such southerners who can participate in the lynching of a member of the race, cut off his toes, fingers or other parts of his body as souvenirs without any qualms. The truth of this statement was brought out when white men in one southern state horrified the civilized world several years ago by punching out the eyes of a Negro veteran of World War II. In another southern state last week they emasculated another Negro without showing even the slightest signs of remorse.

This newspaper opposes death as a means of capital punishment. There is too much chance that the life of an innocent man might be taken. We do not believe that the state should take that it cannot give any more than an individual. We are also opposed to it because in most instances the law in southern courts does not apply to Negroes the same as it does to whites.

A Warning To The Ku Klux Klan

The warning which Attorney General William B. Seawell gave the Ku Klux Klan in his July 4 speech at Siler City was very timely. It may serve to avert bloodshed if heeded by irresponsible who are members of the Klan or those who are sympathizers. Several years ago we also warned the Klan that its reign of terror methods would not be tolerated by Negroes in North Carolina, other non-white or minority groups. We declared at the time that if its members attempted a reign of terror under white sheets or any other disguise that the sheets would need laundering the following morning and the stains on them wouldn't be mud or other dirt. It would be human blood and muck that of Klan members.

The timeliness of that warning was brought out when the Klan recently attempted to terrorize some Indians at Lumberton. A serious tragedy was only narrowly averted when instead of the Indians running it was the Klan members who took to their heels. A similar if not a worse fate awaits Klan members who are silly enough to start parading or holding meetings in or near Negro neighborhoods of this state. That Negroes are not running any more should have been attested to by the manner in which their youngsters have faced cursing, spitting and howling mobs in several southern cities during last school year.

Fortunately, the Klan in North Carolina has little or no support from decent white citizens. Should any of its members happen

to be apprehended in the course of their lawlessness we are willing to wager that they will receive no mercy at the hands of the courts of this state. The Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, or what is left of it, is traveling a hard road; one that only the foolhardy would attempt.

All respectable citizens of the state will appreciate the warning given the Klan by Attorney General Seawell. The irresponsible will resent the warning and will no doubt attempt to defy the law enforcement agencies of the state, the United States Supreme Court and the United States Constitution. We agree with the attorney general that "there can be no safe society outside the law, and there is no sanity in defying the law."

"Since the Supreme Court's decision something like panic has been scything through the south, slashing off the head of every recreative element that ventured through the social soil. But heads are not roots, and as frenzy abates the hopeful elements have kept on pushing up. This February 14, for instance, Ed Cony, staff reporter of the Wall Street Journal, reported that 'a powerful voice is being raised in the south against segregation.' It is the voice of the preacher pleading with his people for moderation on the race issue, at the very least, and in some cases telling them that segregation is morally wrong and must be abandoned."

From THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY

"The moral case for desegregation is of course immense, but today there are two powerful new arguments, arguments of prudence, rising out of the international strains of competitive coexistence. The first is that a billion dark-skinned human beings in the underdeveloped areas who are now deciding whether to follow the leadership of the free world, look with grave misgivings at the spectacle of racial discrimination in the United States. The second is that we can no longer afford to waste the talent of our Negro youth."

This is the real un-American threat to our security ...



Spiritual Insight

"A Gift Money Cannot Buy"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"He offered them money saying give me the power." Acts 8:18,19.

There are some who will abuse or misuse the most sacred things. The depraved will turn the most sacred things to selfish, personal uses. Thus we find Simon, the sorcerer, offering the man of God money for the sacred power of the Holy Spirit. The most sacred things are not purchasable in the market place. The subtle beauty and power of the Holy Spirit is not to be bought and sold on the stock market. The Holy Spirit is a gift of God. True religion is a thing that money cannot buy. The precious, priceless fruits of the Spirit come to the soul as a gift from God Almighty. The Spirit of God comes as a free gift to the redeemed souls of us human beings. Thus Simon out of the selfish depravity of his mind, "OFFERED THEM MONEY SAYING GIVE ME THIS POWER."

The gift of the spirit comes his loving nature offers, the spirit as a gift. It comes to us

in spite of our unworthiness. It is a gift of the infinite graciousness of God's nature. God in the matchless wonder of it comes to us in our unloveliness to make us lovely. It comes to us in our sinfulness to make us worthy and acceptable in the sight of God Almighty. We can never be deserving of this gift. We can never merit it. God comes in love and mercy with the gift of redeeming grace. God comes in Christ to take away our sins and offer us the sanctifying power of his Holy Spirit. The spirit of God is a power money cannot buy. It is a free gift from God.

It is a spiritual tragedy of the first order to use God's free gift of the spirit for selfish ends. The Simons in all ages would misuse and turn God's free gifts into personal profit. We see it in people who go around offering to pray for people for a price. What is more spiritually contemptible than this practice of selfish profit seeking? And those who sell spiritual portions fall in

this category also? Yes, they belong to the self-seeking clan of Simon the sorcerer. The blessings of the Spirit of God are things money cannot buy. The Spirit is a free gift of God.

Too many selfish profit seekers would drape themselves in the sacred mantle of the spirit. Yes, there are always those who would turn the most sacred things to selfish uses. Such people would attempt to give respectability to their selfish motives and actions. Simon saw the wonders of the spirit of God in the lives of men. So he would use the most sacred thing for magical ends and aims. Here we have one of the most dastardly expressions of ugliness of human selfishness. "He offered them money saying give me this power."

The Spirit of God is not a commodity to be bought and sold in the market place. It comes rather as a free gift from God to the repentant, redeemed soul.



SPIVACK

(One of the most distinguished of the many European newspapermen now covering the Capital is Dr. Herbert von Borch, U.S. correspondent of Die Welt of Hamburg, Germany and former co-editor of Ausenpolitik, the German foreign affairs publication. He is writing this week's guest column on "The Problems of Foreign Correspondent in Washington".)

By Herbert von Borch

Anywhere else in the world a correspondent's big worry is how to extract news. That's not the case in Washington. A foreign correspondent's worry in the American capital is how he avoids getting drowned in news. He must learn in sheer self-defense to become selective.

Just too much is happening and at too many places simultaneously. What can you do if, having the ambition to report from the source and not from the ticker, the following events coincide:

The daily briefing in the State Department, an important Congressional hearing, a news conference in the Pentagon, and an internationally important case like, let's say, the Girard case, is going on

behind the noble facade of the Supreme Court? You have to choose and it is often a question of conscience.

Life becomes easy for us on those Wednesday mornings when the President has his news conference. No struggle in the breast of the foreign correspondent on that day! This is the big event in his journalistic week and there is no competition from the news point of view.

It is interesting to see that a debate in the American press and on television is taking place over the value of these Presidential news conferences.

NOTHING LIKE IT—Maybe for a foreign observer it is easier to see how great this institution is and how unique. It is utterly impossible to imagine an European head of government exposing himself to this kind of unrehearsed and sharp questioning almost week by week.

Of course there are the parliaments in front of which most of the European chief executives must justify their policies. But as an intellectual exercise, so to speak, this is not existing because the topic of the debate is fixed in advance.

By ROBERT SPIVACK

Watch on the Potomac

The Washington news conference jumps on the contrary from one theme to the other over the whole range of political and human experience in a terrible complex and complicated society. There is no capital in the world, be it of a small or a big power, which gives a foreign correspondent the extraordinary chance to see the head of government react spontaneously and in a large variety of ways to all the current problems.

The Presidential news conference and the weekly meetings with the Secretary of State are the two most important direct approaches to the "sphere of decision" open to the foreign correspondent in Washington. This is not only listening to questions being answered. It is a barometric process, the most immediate chance to gauge trends and positions of the U.S. Government.

But what about "scoops"? How does the foreign correspondent get special information? Here again a certain modesty is appropriate. There is, as I said, not too little but too much information in Washington for one (Continued on Page 7)



I've Got "That Old Feeling" - Please Join Me

Did you did, or have you ever, gotten that "ole feeling" I have, and I do hope that you will join me from week to week, that you will "Be My Guest" by reading this, our new column, through which the writer will endeavor to bring to you his views on people, places and events.

In a not too distant yesterday, we tried to entertain and inform you through our column, "Kendrick Comments." We hope that you were our guest then, and will now be. I remember some of those columns of yesterday. Do you? There was the very emotional one, "My Son, Alan, Discovers Race," in which I had the shocking experience of learning that my four-year old son, now eleven, didn't know that his mother was colored.

I also wrote on "I'm Going West, Again," "The Convention Circuit," "The Sad Story of 'Little Ben'," "Support The Negro College Fund," "The Return of MacArthur: The Big Story," "Tale of Two Cities: Others Take Note," "Ole Long, Tense Moment," "Moss, Jr., Goes to Congress," "Thanks to a Teacher," "You Need The Negro Press," "My Praise to Television," "My Mexican Rainbow Fades," "Negro Leadership: Not Red, Not Yellow!" "Louis—My Champion Forever," etc. Then there was "I Love A Convention," "J. Finley Wilson—The Great," "Benny We Forget?" "America's Gayest Little Block," "I'll Take the Air," "Negro Affairs Advisor, Necessary Evil," and so on, again, Please "Be My Guest."

Press Comment HOW MUCH WILL LEMLEY HELP?

Voiding Of Little Rock Integration

Federal Judge Harry Lemley has moved to the rescue of the Little Rock School Board with his order for a two and one-half year suspension of desegregation at Central High School.

To Judge Lemley, as to the school board members, such a step seemed necessary to the interest of "eliminating, or at least ameliorating, the unfortunate racial strife and tension which existed in Little Rock during the past year and still exists there."

Maybe it is necessary. If the Little Rock affair were no bigger than Little Rock itself, it would be easy to endorse the Judge's decision without reservation.

The school board there had moved voluntarily to comply with the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. It had seen a set of facts arise last autumn over which it had little control, but which had taken matters pretty much out of its own hands.

The governor of the state stepped in to block its plans

and defy the federal courts in the process. Tensions rose and broke into violence. Paratroopers poured in. Public support fell away from the school board. Central High School came to be less a center of education than a fortress for which two armies seemed to be contending.

We do not doubt that the school board acted in good faith when it broke under the abuse and the chaos and asked the federal courts to bail it out. We do not doubt that Judge Lemley acted in good faith in allowing its plea.

Yet is it doubtful that the Judge's order will help even Little Rock in the long run. Who can say that, once it is beaten back, desegregation will be any easier in 1961 than in 1957? Orval Faubus may be out of the governor's mansion by then, but Judge Lemley's order - if it is upheld - can supply the cause that will raise up a successor just as dangerous.

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DuBois on Socialism and Civil Rights

By John Thayer

The month of June has become somewhat notorious in this country for the commencement addresses, honorary degrees, citations and other honors bestowed by publicity-seeking and endowment conscious universities on Big Businessmen, reactionary publishers, high political muckamucks, "statesmen" of countries in the good graces of the State Department, etc. It seems that real scholars, scientists and others who actually contribute to human advancement pretty much get the short end of the stick as universities barter off their honors in devious financial and political deals.

So it is like coming across a spring in a desert to read that Fisk University honored Dr. W.E.B. DuBois at its graduation exercises. This year marks the 70th anniversary of DuBois' graduation from Fisk and among the numerous tributes paid the illustrious alumnus was the creation of the W.E.B. DuBois Lecture Series which will open next year with Dr. DuBois as the first lecturer. We may be sure that Fisk's actions were not prompted by the U.S. State Department, Wall Street, or the other hidden sources of so many June honors. Nor will its courageous action earn Fisk the favor of those powerful sources, but it will earn the respect and gratitude of all sincere admirers of true scholarship, and of moral and political courage.

At the age of 90 Dr. DuBois is not resting on his laurels. He is still giving more than he gets. An example is a recent speech he made at Chicago's Dunbar High School following a testimonial dinner in his honor. "The future of the colored man lies not with capitalism but with labor, and the future of both lies with socialism," he told his audience of over 3,000.

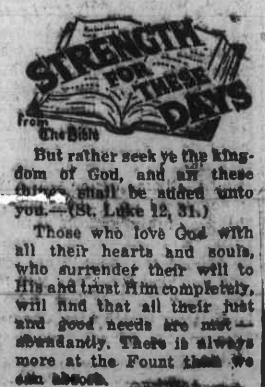
"A group of wilful and irresponsible men, chiefly Americans but also French and British, have spread the lies around that communism is a dirty word, and Communists are criminals and that socialism is either a mistake or a crime."

Dr. DuBois also spoke some home truths about prominent Negroes who lend themselves to the U.S. government's cynical program of speaking tours abroad to allay world-wide indignation against America's Jim Crow system.

These are the sort of things that have to be said to help people to throw off the prejudices and fears instilled by the witch hunt and recommence independent thinking. They have to be said because they are absolutely vital to the advancement of the Negro people in their struggle for equality. They have to be said to help labor break out of its mental lethargy and envisage the socialist goal which alone can solve the terrible problems besetting modern society.

And who can command a more respectful and serious hearing for these things which have to be said than Dr. W.E.B. DuBois?

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