

## We Lose A Battle But Not The Victory

On its face the decision handed down Monday by the U. S. Supreme Court, upholding the constitutionality of Alabama's pupil assignment law might appear to be a victory for segregation. We think, however, the ruling will ultimately prove to be the undoing of the efforts of southern states to preserve segregation in their public schools. The court's ruling places squarely on the shoulders of southern states the responsibility of demonstrating that their pupil assignment laws are not designed solely to thwart the court's 1954 school integration order.

The Alabama pupil assignment law, like that of North Carolina, does not mention race but claims the admission of qualified pupils on a basis of merit. By ruling that such law is constitutional the court has given Alabama an opportunity to prove that what appears on the face law is the spirit and intent of the law.

There will now be a grand rush of other southern states to pattern their pupil assignment laws after those of Alabama and North Carolina. Although no case from the latter state has yet reached the Supreme Court, there is little doubt now that if and when one does the verdict will be any different from that in the Alabama case. As difficult as the task will be to prove that a state with such a pupil assignment law is discriminating on account of race, we are of the opinion that eventually it will be done. Certainly, if a southern state over a given period of several years makes absolutely no move to integrate its schools the Supreme Court will have an alternative but to rule that its law, though not mentioning race, is designed to prevent the integration of its public schools.

As it now stands the integration force have lost a battle but not the victory. The struggle will be long and hard but in the end the goal will be achieved.

## He Struck His True Colors

The action of Virginia Governor J. Lindsay Almond in hauling down the United States flag from the top most position on the state capitol's mast and replacing it with the flag of Virginia was hardly necessary to signify to the world at large that his government is in open rebellion to that of the United States. Long before the Governor took this step, he had declared war on these United States.

From the very moment that he enunciated the plan of mass resistance (or massive nonsense) to the federal court rulings in school segregation, his government was in opposition to the federal government. He did not need to take down the United States flag to illustrate that point. Almond's action in taking down the flag is similar to that of a warship captain, who, after raking the opposition with a broadside, decides to strike

his colors.

We submit that it may be harder for members of the majority race to recognize the menace that Almond and men like him are to this country than it is for Negroes. After all, their actions directly punish Negroes by depriving them of part of their birthright as American citizens. Because we are on the short end of this stick, figuratively speaking of the rebellious canners of the Almonds, we can easily see that such men are so unbalanced that they are unfit to administer the affairs of any government, local, state or national. But when they begin to take down the national flag, it should not be too difficult for even those of the majority race, whose ease and comfort are not disturbed by these men, to recognize the national danger they represent.

## The Negro Vote In The South

The Southern Regional Council has recently released a most revealing but not encouraging preliminary report on the Negro voter in the South. The Council is conducting a study as a follow-up to an earlier survey in 1955. Its study reveals that there has been little change in Negro registration as a whole although in some southern states "the Negro registrants rose rapidly." The gains, said the report were offset by "sharp drops in other states due to purges and state-wide re-registration."

At the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church, Bishop Frank Madison Reid, the presiding prelate, questioned each minister making his annual report as to how many members of his church were registered voters. We think this is the kind of leadership of the church that is going to be necessary all over the South before Negro registration shows any real gain. If Bishop Reid's practice is followed by other church leaders the time will soon come when the Negro vote in the South will

be a formidable force.

The SRC report reveals further that there is an estimated total of only 1,238,000 Negroes on the voting rolls in eleven southern states. This is far too small a number to be of great consequence in either state or national elections. The number must be increased and that rapidly if the South is to be saved from the one-party system which now grips it.

That the rescue from its plight will not come from the white southern voter is certain. In most cases a white child's party affiliation in the South is cut out for him before he is born. Because of the one-party system if after he grows up he hopes to achieve in the political field, he must of necessity affiliate with the Democratic Party. It, therefore, is of vital importance, not only for the future of the Negro but the whites as well that our leaders become greatly concerned about the question of registering and voting in the South.

## The Luxury Of Race Prejudice

You will need to read the series of articles now being published in Durham's evening newspaper to understand what a serious predicament your country is in with reference to its national defense. That America has become or is becoming a second-class power should disturb you if you have an ounce of patriotism in your soul. If you have no patriotism, you at least should tremble from fear for your own safety in a country that is so concerned with finding ways and means of keeping 17 million of its citizens in a position of second-class citizenship that it hasn't time to properly prepare for its own defense. While you read the articles, written by the noted newspapermen Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, you will need to think seriously about the crackpots in the South who are screaming about mongrelization. If we can't outrun Russia in this race of armed might, there might not be any of us left to become mongrelized. We need to hurry and make up our minds as to

whether we would prefer to be dead pure-whites or a live mongrels.

The leaders of this nation need now to have all the people understand that the luxury of race prejudice in the end be the thing that will cost America its very existence. Genius plays no favorites but enters hovels and mansions alike. She knows no race, creed or color and in the course of events may wrap up in the mind of some poverty-stricken black child in the backwoods of Mississippi the answer to all the ill of the nation in this hour of peril. What man is there among us so sure of his own security and that of the rest of us that he would deny that child the right to develop his mind in the best schools the nation has to offer?

In 1864 at Diamond Grove, Missouri, Genius entered a hovel where George Washington Carver was being born a slave to a slave mother. Every high school student knows or should know the story of this man's life and what he contributed to rescue the poverty-stricken farmers of the South. A few decades later Genius entered the home of a Negro, Charles Drew, and endowed him with the ability to preserve blood plasma. Just how many American lives were saved in World War II and the Korean War because of this Negro physician's medical skill will probably never be known.

Again, we would like to remind our white brethren of the South who are screaming about integration, mongrelization and pull-

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## Hate dividing us when unity is most needed



### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



## Life Made Poor By Separations

"And he became hungry and desired something to eat..." Acts 10:16.

Prayer changed Peter's prejudiced blindness into a longing for fellowship with all men. Peter now sees the oneness of humanity under God. All men are now seen as brothers beneath the outward signs of custom, tradition, religion, color, nationality, and class. Men are one beneath the seeming outward unlikenesses. Men, in the blindness of pride and arrogance, have divided themselves through class, caste, untouchability and segregation. These divisions have stifled the longings for human fellowship.

In the hour of prayer God revealed to Peter the wondrous beauty of human fellowship above and beyond the many divisive schemes in society. Fellowship is one of the pathways to man's persistent dream of peace. Our divisions hinder fellowship and defeat the dream of peace among

men. Man-devised partitions bring conflict and war. Many ways have been rooted in the divisiveness of man's schemes of separation. In dividing men we practice injustice. And injustice nourishes and brings forth warfare. Thus, the struggle is on in the world to bring down the barriers and bring in the reign of fellowship and peace.

Life is made poorer without the spiritual nurture of Christian fellowship. Rejection, isolation, and a sense of not belonging go along with the lack of fellowship. It is a terrible human feeling to be unwanted, left out.

This feeling of being rejected—left out and unwanted can be one of the most destructive for human beings to bear. Some of its manifestations may be untidiness, delinquency and crime. Why? Where loving fellowship is lacking there is usually left an aching void. And with a feeling of emptiness and loneliness almost anything can

happen. This miserable feeling could be important factors in producing personalities such as Hitler or Napoleon.

Yes, life may be the poorer where there is no satisfying outlet for fellowship. Without fellowship life may become a zestless and meaningless thing.

The church broke through to survival, when it matured to include all mankind in its loving fellowship. Without this breakthrough the Church would have died. And our survival, in these times, may depend upon our ability to complete the real task of Christian fellowship among men the world over in these critical times. Christ has given us the key. The hour is growing late. Let us all let God use us, through love, to enlarge the circle of Christian fellowship.

Christian fellowship will save us from the destructive ravages of pride, selfishness and war.

### WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK



## A Setback In Norfolk

Democracy as it exists in America, Walt Whitman once wrote, is "life's gymnasium, not of good only, but of all." A few days ago at Norfolk, Va. the aptness of these remarks became apparent. In that city, where six public schools have been closed for weeks, the voters by a 3-2 margin still favored segregation.

Reports coming to this news center offer all sorts of explanations for what happened. The turnout was small. There was a loaded "footnote" at the bottom of the ballots unduly influencing the voters. The public was bewildered. There undoubtedly were other local factors of which outsiders are unaware.

Whatever the full explanation, one point really emerges from the Norfolk vote: A massive education job is yet to be done by those who favor compliance with the Supreme Court integration decision. Whether we like to admit it or not, there are thousands of white men and women who regard Negroes as sub-human, to be regarded with fear and withdrawal.

You may feel, as I do, that such reactions are irrational and based on lack of know-

ledge. But when a community will punish itself, as 80 per cent of the Norfolk voters did, you cannot quite write it off with such simple observations.

Make no mistake about it, the Norfolk vote has given the die-hard backers of segregation a new lease on life, just as the Little Rock defeat of Congressman Brooks says likewise encouraged the extremists. But to those Southern moderates who may feel discouraged and regard the situation as hopeless, I pass on a comment recently made by a Negro friend of mine.

"Don't you feel pretty downhearted when you watch what's happening in this country?" I asked.

"Not at all," he answered. "You must realize that we Negroes have lived in this country as second-class citizens, or worse, for some 300 years. It's less than a hundred years ago that there was any recognition of the fact that we have any rights."

"Nowadays, when I walk down the street and a white man looks at my dark skin I think to myself, 'That man is thinking about me.' That's the big result of the Supreme Court decision. It has made that white man think about

me." THE SLOW STEADY PULL Progress in race relations may at times be slow and at other times there may be spurts forward, but on the whole the direction is upward. Just recall these facts:

After recent bombings, 644 ministers in Tennessee commented in an open letter:

"The bombers in their frenzy, have sensed a truth—that the church and the synagogue are the ultimate enemies of evil and hatred. Our faith is built upon the rock of conviction that all men are created equal because they are created in the image of God."

When men will risk their careers to say such things, there is reason to rejoice.

And north of the Mason-Dixon line, when violence broke out in a suburb of Pittsburgh recently, white men also gave an affirmative answer to the race-batters. The new home of Negro Charles Miller was smeared and smashed by racists. Immediately the American Legion, Lions club, the Board of Trade and other groups in nearby Beechview bought materials and helped to do a repaint (Continued on Page 7)

## Schooler Writes Of Final Impressions Of Spain; Will Head Home Saturday

Schooler Prepares to leave - Editor's Note: In all probability, this will be the last in a series of letters from Donald Schooler to his parents which the TIMES will carry. Schooler is scheduled to end his travels through southern Europe on Nov. 27, and sail from LeHavre on the 28th. He expects to be in Durham around Dec. 2.

Toledo, Spain

Dear Family: ...Those people in Valencia were just so nice I can't help thinking of them. Now I'm rather lonely again, and while I know you are wondering what's becoming of my traveling alone in the land of the sunshine, it gives me a selfish pleasure to write you.

I find the Spanish food very good indeed. Every pension (boarding house) and hotel serves practically the same things in the same manner. Every city has a huge and magnificent cathedral, and it seems that each important city is situated on a river or on the sea and is surrounded by mountains.

The cathedral of Seville is simply out of this world. Only St. Peter's in Rome and the big one in New York are larger. It has dozens of chapels, some of which are richly decorated with gold. Each cathedral has its virgin which is carried through the streets during the city's holy week. The virgins are draped in lavish silks and gold, and are revered—too much of course for Protestant tastes.

Here in Toledo I've seen the house of El Greco and some of his greatest works. The city looks extremely medieval; is built on a hill, and from a distance is a wondrous sight. As I prepare to go to Madrid I've been most pleased by Seville and Valencia the latter mostly because of the wonderful people who showed it to me.

I don't mind not getting down to Africa, or even Gibraltar. They were close, but I wouldn't have been able to do Spain justice. A lady here at my Toledo pension from Morocco says that Casablanca is a very modern and prosperous city, and for that

reason she likes Spain (because Spain is very old, surprisingly backward compared to other parts of Europe).

My hotel is freezing, but it is cheap. In Spain they eat dinner at 2:00, supper at 9-10, invariably. Since I do so much walking I'm always starved when eating time arrives. Partly because of the glaring inefficiency of Spanish trains I've been smoking far too much... Spanish tobacco is some of the best in Europe.

There are less than two million cars in the whole country - many mules, donkeys, and horses do the transporting even in the larger cities. There are also many bicycles, motorcycles, and various contraptions composed of bikes, trailers, etc.

Yes, this is a land of sunshine, of palm trees and wide spaces of dry hills, of warm, friendly but curious people, of lavish festivals like the Mardi Gras, of sumptuous religious ceremonies, of glorious and magnificent cathedrals, of unwavering admiration for their dictator, of strikingly pretty girls, of little bars where one drinks delicious wines and savours delicious little seafoods, of rice, olives, oranges, vineyards, of donkey-and-cart transportation, of very strong Catholicism and virgins dressed in untold splendor, of great paintings, of ruins of the Arabic regime; a country which is humbly suffering after having been the greatest nation in the western world.

That is not to say that everywhere is ancient and crumbly and poor. Every area has modern parts, the people have cars, furs, and all the things which most Americans have.

I hope to be heading back toward France the day I become 21. I want to spend a few days in The City, Paris. I know I sound a little "touched"; but as far as delighting the eye and the ear and the taste buds are concerned, I find France unbeatable - her capital especially. Bless you all. I won't start a new page.

Love,  
Ronny

## Liberalism Of The Early Seventh Day Adventist Church Said Swept Away

In two recent letters Mr. R. R. Miller refers to some people as "renegades" and "perverts," who parade as "good Adventists" attempting to mislead the people of the Seventh-day Adventist church. These charges are made without any supporting evidence, something Mr. Miller's legal training should have taught him not to do.

May I submit here a few quotations from their publications, which may cast light on just where and how and by whom the perversion was made. Much evidence could be submitted but may these few suffice.

The Seventh-day Adventist church had a benevolent spirit in its earlier stage as revealed in the following, "The Holy Spirit will, from time to time, reveal the truth through its own chosen agencies; and no man, not even a priest, or ruler has a right to say you will not give publicity to your opinions, because I do not believe them." Testimonies to Ministers p. 70.

Again, "The doctrine that God has committed to the church the right to control the conscience, and to define and punish heresy, is one of the most deeply rooted of papal errors." Great Controversy p. 293.

It is only when we have gained, through devout prayer, our Father's everlasting mercy, that we can gain also a clean heart and a right spirit. Then we will know His presence, enveloping and filling us, and find therein a strength supernatural, a peace beyond description.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy holy presence. —(Psalm 51:10-11.)

The NAACP's 82nd annual Holiday Seal campaign has been launched with a letter of appeal from Miss Lena Horne, star of the Broadway musical hit, "Jamaica." Proceeds from the sale of seals at \$1.00 for a sheet of 100 go to help the NAACP carry on its fight for freedom. The seal comes in two color combinations—green, yellow and white, and red, yellow and white.

That one has no longer an individual right in the Seventh-day Adventist church is revealed in the following. "In all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the church, such as church government, or order, standards of conduct, plans and policies and so forth, he surrenders his right to independent or individual decision and action." Review & Herald, March 10, 1932.

That the benevolent spirit that the early stage of the church advocated is no longer a fact is revealed in the quotation just made. There have been many statements made showing a realization of the departure from the former standards and practices. May two or three here suffice.

In 1924 a General Conference President said, "In our blindness and dullness of heart, we have wandered far out of the way." Christ Our Righteousness p. 6.

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