

Growing Glorious In Defeat

More and more Rep. Brooks Hays of Arkansas is beginning to loom glorious in defeat. The noted Baptist leader was reportedly defeated in the November 4 election for his "moderate" stand on the question of integration, but he is standing by his guns and is gaining in respect and admiration for it.

appear to be awakening to the fact that men like Governor Faubus have done almost irreparable damage to the school system of the state to say nothing about the promotion of interracial goodwill. The movement to contest the election of Dr. Dale Alford, an avowed segregationist who defeated Congressman Hays, may be the straws that show the way the wind is beginning to blow in Arkansas.

Has Time Caught Up With The Klans?

Has North Carolina finally caught up with the Ku Klux Klan? The State Supreme Court listened to remarks last Tuesday from Assistant Attorney General Claude Love that the Klan might fall in the category of a secret political organization which is outlawed in this state.

out eventually becoming a menace to white people as well. The eyes of some of our white citizens did not become fully opened until the Klan started attacking white citizens. It was then that the state enacted laws outlawing secret political organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan.

The Democrats Intra-Party Brawl

Efforts of the southern segment of the Democratic Party to hold the line against its northern and western liberals on the question of civil rights may or may not be what they appear on the surface. Too many times in the past quarter of a century we have seen these intra-party and before-congress-covenues brawls over the same question only to discover after Congress is in session that some kind of deal has been made behind the scenes which causes legislation favoring the Negro's cause to be pigeon-holed or defeated.

before it ever has a chance to get to the floor of either house in Congress. The decisive victories that liberal democratic candidates won in the November election, which in turn gives the Democratic Party an overwhelming majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives, leaves little if any room for an excuse if it fails to pass civil rights legislation, provided such can be forced out of committees onto the floor of Congress.

Civil Rights Investigation In Alabama

Evidence has been uncovered in the investigation by the Federal Civil Rights Commission now going on in Alabama to the effect that not one out of a total population of 13,000 Negroes living in Lowndes County is registered. In Dallas County, having a total population of 8,000 it was revealed that there are only 128 Negroes registered. In five other counties officials have refused to take the oath and answer questions relative to accusations that Negroes are denied the right to vote.

rights gives them the right to defy the federal courts, commissions and everything else when it comes to Negro rights. On the other hand, defiance of the commission investigating the denial of the ballot to Negroes will be made to shield the sordid condition that exists in many sections of Alabama. We think, however, that this is prima facie evidence that state and county officials have deliberately denied Negroes the use of the ballot, and the commission should be given whatever authority it needs to expose the condition.

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Recognition of human rights could be the safety valve



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Call To Leave The Darkness

"And there came a voice to him, rise, Peter, kill and eat." Acts 10:13
God called his man to leave the darkness. Peter is entrapped in the awful, terrifying darkness of his past. He is caught and paralyzed in the dark shadows of the old life. Thus entrapped, he was unable to enter full into the spiritual wonders of the new life. God now calls him out of the old life with its darkness to enter the light and freedom of the new life in Christ Jesus.

There is a charm and fascination about the old that we are reluctant to surrender. But we must take a step from the darkness if we would really find the light. The little seed encased in the robe of its own nature and resting in the darkness of the earth must break out of that darkness for the great new life that awaits it. All life must pass through the agony of the birth pangs. There is pain involved in breaking out of the darkness into the light. This is a law of things physical and spiritual. The seed must break out of the darkness to find light and life. And the soul, too, must in agony break out of the darkness of sin that it may find spiritual light and life. Through pain we are called

to pass from darkness into the light. Through pain the embryo breaks out of the womb into light and life. Through pain, in its dark agony, we must pass that we might find the light of renewed health. There is the dark struggle before we reach the light and joy of freedom. Yes, the call comes to some soul bound in darkness to take the step that leads into the light. You must leave the darkness before you are fully prepared for God's service. God calls! Arise, move into the light of holy consecration. I hear God calling us above the babbling confusion of voices of the times. What is God saying to us? God calls us from the darkness that we may find the light and life that he offers us in Christ Jesus.

WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK



Has Idealism Become Passe?

Is Idealism Passe? Why is it that men in politics are so often afraid to display their inner feelings—to admit that they yearn for a better society and a better life? I have known a great many politicians, even some from Tammany Hall and other lower levels, whose instincts are decent. As I write these lines I am thinking of two such hard-boiled backroom politicians who, in private, have often told me of the dismay and shame they have felt about day-by-day political operations. Yet both men will never say out in the open what they consider to be the ingredients of good government. For a tough political operator, they admit, the worst thing that can happen is to become known as a dreamer or idealist.

men who are admittedly thinking men; the ADAers take pride in their ability to go beyond today and into the future. Much of the Democratic Party conference was devoted to arguments over whether National Chairman Paul Butler should stop talking about civil rights, where the 1960 convention should be held, and who was going to dispose of that \$700,000 deficit left over from the 1956 Stevenson-Kefauver campaign. All these, of course, are important problems and had to be disposed with, in one way or another. But they took up so much time and underscored so many rifts within the party ranks that almost no time was left to think ahead to the kind of record the new "liberal" 86th Congress ought to try to make for itself.

New Deal" for the 1960s. What he outlined was a program to realize the huge economic potential of this nation and to avoid stagnation. The present Administration, and the President in particular, have become so "budget-blinded by this year's recession-caused deficit" that they are thinking of how to re-trench at a time when we ought to be expanding, Nathan said. Unlike the political "pros" Nathan was not afraid to delineate the over-all objectives of this "New Deal" nor fearful of outlining the means of achieving them. What did he ask? Nothing very radical, but his words were words we do not hear very often these days: "End poverty in the United States; eliminate slums and provide a decent home for every American family; offer a first class education to every American child; bring the miracles of modern medical science to every American; secure equal rights and opportunities and civil liberties for every American; provide, in concert with other developed nations, our share of the 'seed capital' and 'know-how' required to help underdeveloped countries on the way to self-sustaining economic growth."

U. S. Imperiled By 19th Century Attitudes, Historian Tells Audience

ANN ARBOR, Mich. The U. S. has imperiled some of its world leadership because it has fallen into patterns of 19th Century nationalism, Henry Steele Commager, noted historian, declared recently at The University of Michigan. Commager, professor of history at Amherst College and Columbia University, spoke at an International Week lecture sponsored by the Student Government Council. He cited these indications of nationalism:

- 1) The growth of statism which levies and controls science for national security.
- 1) The invasion of civilian life by the military. "This is not done in a deliberate fashion, but because it no longer treads the military and the civilian."
- 3) The aggravation of national ideological antipathies. "There is nothing in our own past history like the U. S. fear of and hatred of Russia and Communist China."
- 4) The growth of cultural chauvinism. One example, he noted, was undue concentration on the teaching of American history.
- 5) The growth of nativism. This is exemplified in the current official immigration policy which shows a preference for certain types of peoples. These developments are contrary to the U.S. tradition, he emphasized, and have "cost us some world leadership in the minds and hearts of the Western world. Europeans no longer look at us as the champions of democracy and liberalism as they did in the 19th Century. Our indulgence of McCarthyism, treatment of the Negro, rigid passport policy, and

our lacking of Chiang Kai-shek make it increasingly difficult for us to maintain a stand against chauvinistic nationalism. In order to regain some of the U.S.'s lost leadership, he said, we must:

- 1) Institute a better policy toward China. "We'll have to accept Communist China in the long run."
- 2) Accept India as a leader of Asian opinion.
- 3) Abandon nuclear tests and respect the use of atomic bombs even for tactical purposes.
- 4) End our scandalous treatment of Negroes, not in the South alone, but in metropolitan areas of the North, as well.
- 5) Revise our foreign aid program, which now is predominantly military rather than economic.
- 6) Cease to harass scholars and scientists. As an example, he noted the Oppenheim case and the Gray Committee's statement: "He exercised the arrogance of judgment."

We are going to have to live with nationalism, at least for a while, he said. "What we have to do is humanize and civilize it." We must recover the American tradition of invention, so that we can invent new devices for breaking down nationalism, he continued. "Learning attitudes and will outlast nationalism. The university is the best place to link up the past and the future, the East and the West to overcome nationalism. We also need faith in the power of man to solve the problems of the world. We cannot tolerate something that is particular, privy or selfish."

NAACP Christmas Seals Provide Way To Put Meaning In Season

Sensitive souls who wish to put more meaning into Yuletide often have difficulty locating satisfactory outlets. The high demands of the Christmas spirit are actually so exciting that this will probably always be the case, no matter what we do. For what is asked of us exceeds our capacities to respond adequately. One minor—but highly significant—outlet for this condition is suggested by the annual letter which appears over the signature of Lena Horne. This is the yearly seal campaign of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The request is that individuals, who are interested in seeing more brotherhood prevail among men, buy and use NAACP Christmas Seals. The NAACP, of course, is the organization which has



The NAACP's 32nd annual Holiday Seals 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 seals come in two color combinations—green, yellow and white, and red, yellow and white.

rate economist, says it is a "moderate" approach. "It is dangerous nonsense to counsel inaction on the grounds that action is inflationary," he said. "The rising national output can increase government revenues, at present tax rates, by some \$4 to \$5 billion each year (\$5 to \$6 billion a few years from now)." In those few sentences, it seems to me, Nathan was providing the kind of idealism for which the nation yearns. At the same time it was utterly realistic and within the realm of possibility. In short, it is this combination of the practical and the ideal that can win for some candidate in 1960—if the public is convinced of his integrity.

STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS
The Lord is my helper; I will not fear what man shall do to me.—(Hebrews 13, 6.)
When we know, in the completeness of our faith, that the Lord is beside us every minute of every hour, ready to help us in all things that are right and good, we find courage and strength beyond imagining, to win over evil and despair. How wonderful is the firm conviction that we are not alone—that He is ever with us!

wrong from the U.S. Supreme Court a series of notable decisions extending civil rights among all Americans. They have carried cases to the land's highest court which have outlawed racial segregation in the public schools, public transportation, state colleges, party primaries, juries, and the like. Today, when people in our town wish to relate themselves to the current struggle over racial segregation here is a small practical way to do so. Buying NAACP seals helps finance the great court costs which are involved in this organization's judicial battles. Drop a card to Miss Lena Horne, NAACP, 20 West 40th Street, New York. Your seals will be on the way, and you may send in your contribution later. Actually, this isn't quite as sacrificial an act as might first appear. To support the NAACP at this stage is to serve the interest of all of us. For as long as racial discrimination remains anywhere in America, this nation will be handicapped in winning the minds and hearts of that two-thirds of the world's people who happens to be colored. Thus the impact of the NAACP's activities is to cleanse our country of a monstrous evil and, by doing so, to increase our effectiveness in resisting the spread of communist tyranny in the world. From Bloomfield (N.J.) Independent Press, Nov. 27