

Token Representation Not Enough

This newspaper feels that the time has come when the custom of giving Negroes in the South only token representation on various policy making boards, committees, etc. should be replaced with that of more equitable representation. It is our firm belief that such a custom is neither fair to the Negroes nor the opposite group. Instead of adequate representation, it quite frequently results in misrepresentation which is often worse than none at all.

The philosophy or custom of token representation for Negroes in the South is not only followed in government, employment and the like but more recently in the matter of the integration of public schools. Thus, the granting of integration to a few Negroes in the public schools of Greensboro, Charlotte and Winston-Salem is relied upon to satisfy the desires of Negroes for full citizenship throughout the entire state as well as others of the race in the three cities where it has been instituted.

This southern tradition of token representation for Negroes on juries, boards of education, police departments, city councils, county commissions and various other groups only serves for the most part as a soothing salve to the conscience of the white South for its

usual custom of giving Negroes no representation at all. It is decidedly unfair to the Negro who finds himself in the position of the only one of his race on a committee, board or other group in that it places upon him the full responsibility of representing the entire Negro citizenry of a city, county and quite often an entire state.

The Negro citizenry of any given community is composed of as many and varied segments as that of any other group. It is foolhardy to believe that even the most learned and experienced member of the race is capable of adequately representing all of them at all times, however honest and sincere he might be.

Since white people of the South have to some extent become accustomed to Negro police, Negro members of city councils, boards of education, county commissions, and other policy making groups, or token representation of Negroes, we feel that it is time to begin a policy of adequate or more equitable Negro representation on such bodies, other citizens should not expect from one-third to one-half the population of a community to continue to be satisfied with only token representation in government on juries, in employment and other fields of endeavor.

Respect for Law and Order Must be Upheld

Editor's Note: The following editorial comment was prepared prior to the announcement of the suspension of Union County NAACP president Robert F. Williams. The action by the National NAACP Secretary in suspending Williams in no wise changes the ideas of this comment, but rather gives support to the TIMES' unequivocal repudiation of violence or advocacy of violence on the part of any individual.

The Carolina Times cannot and will not endorse the sentiment expressed in the statement reported to have been made by Robert Williams of Monroe regarding the outcome of the trial of a white man accused of attempting to rape a Negro woman. When Williams threatens to take the law into his own hands and resorts to "on the spot trials," he drives from his side every law abiding and respectable citizen of North Carolina as well as Monroe. Neither do we believe that the attitude expressed by Williams will be endorsed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

As revolting as the crime of rape or attempted rape is, and as revolting as the freeing of those accused of such and similar crimes—even when it appears that the only thing that stands between the accused and conviction is the color of his skin—this newspaper recoils from and repudiates any Negro or so-called Negro leader who endorses resorting to lawlessness or violence as a means of securing justice.

Such rash statements as those reported to have been made by Williams will never be considered justifiable by the Carolina Times.

We stand for law and order because we know that it is utterly impossible to eradicate one wrong by committing another. That is the way of the lynch mob, the hoodlum and the anarchist. It is not the way of respectable, law abiding citizens.

The unblemished record of Negro citizens of this state, when it comes to respect for law and order, must not be marred by irresponsible persons who advocate taking of the law into their own hands. We will criticize the courts, we will condemn the apparent miscarriage of justice; but we will never endorse nor advocate resorting to violence. In taking such a stand, we are satisfied that we will have the endorsement of the NAACP and all other reputable organizations and good citizens.

It is our honest opinion that the statement reported to have been made by Williams, if true, would justify his removal from his office as president of the Union County branch of the NAACP. Certainly, an organization with such a clean record should find his service as head of a local unit no longer needed if it hopes to maintain the support of law abiding citizens.

Southern Justice On Trial

The discovery of the lynched body of Mack Charles Parker of Poplarville, Mississippi and the rape of a Negro co-ed in Tallahassee, Fla. by four white men are two recent incidents in the South that have placed southern justice on trial before the eyes of the entire world. There was a time when outrages of this sort could be committed against Negroes in a corner and confined to the American public. The radio and television have now made such happenings front page news to the far corners of the globe within a few hours after they occur.

We commend the students of Florida A&M University for the orderly manner in which they have protested the outrage committed on one of their fellow students. Their conduct has helped to place without reservation the courts of that city on trial, and the outcome of the hearing will be awaited by every lover of justice throughout the world.

Both Mississippi and Florida now have a duty to perform which must be met head-on if southern courts are to maintain any respect of people all over the world.

Here in North Carolina, no white man has ever paid the supreme penalty for rape. From all appearances the death penalty for that crime in this state was made "for Negroes only." Likewise, we know of no case in the annals of southern court history where a white man has ever paid the supreme penalty for raping a Negro woman.

The Florida case places the responsibility of the unbiased administration of justice squarely up to the courts of Florida. If the case is whitewashed, it will be held up before the eyes of the world, especially the communist world, as the kind of justice which Negroes are afforded under a democratic form of government in the entire United States.

Protection of the Law

There is so little time for all of us to come to the understanding that "protection of the law" is our greatest possession—that, if we keep the law, the law will keep us.

The disinherited, the despised, the persecuted of many lands came here. From the bitter experiences which they had known came our constitution, our laws. Because we possess the "protection of the law," we have been able to build our homes, have our families, to worship in our churches and synagogues, to attend our schools, to operate our businesses.

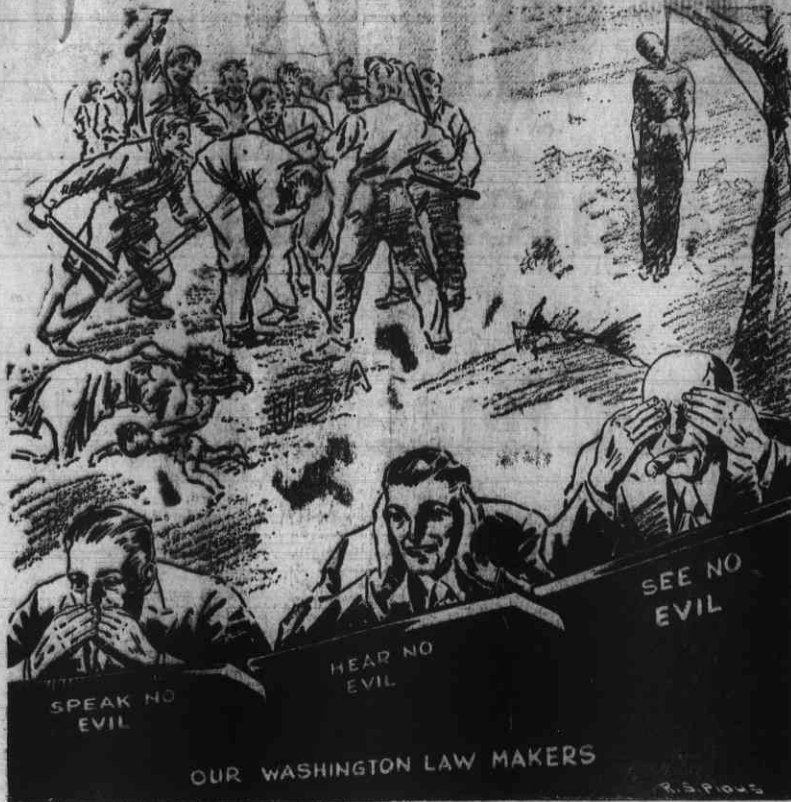
Under law we become an orderly people fulfilling our destiny; without law there is chaos.

For self-protection, if for no other reason, we must stand together in the pledge that we

will keep the law. When we allow our democratic system to falter, the hopes and the confidence which the peoples of the world have in us are only two earthly directions in which mankind may look—one is towards Kadan, the other here.

It should be our hope that the peoples of the world will continue to face America—that the dreams which they have of peace and opportunity may in time become realities for them in this land—and that, from our homes, our churches, our synagogues, and from all this land, may go forth the spirit which will in due season make peace on earth, good will to men a reality over all the world.—Attorney General Malcolm B. Seawell of North Carolina at the B'nai B'rith meeting in which he was presented the "Four Chaplains Award."

Only Strong Civil Rights Legislation Will End This Disgrace



WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK

Senator Goldwater Makes Hay for Richard Nixon and GOP in Miss.



WASHINGTON — Politicians are fond of saying that they know how to take care of their enemies, but Lord help them when it comes to handling their friends. Vice President Nixon must be saying something like this today as the result of an episode at Jackson, Miss. on April 17, 1957.

The Mississippi Economic Council, a private organization, invited Sen. Barry Goldwater (R. Ariz.) to address a local luncheon and, according to local reports, he made quite a hit. In fact the Jackson Clarion-Ledger described Goldwater as being as "keen an oratorical marksman as Mississippi has heard in many moons." He also spoke at a Mississippi Republican breakfast and held a press conference.

Before the latter group Goldwater said he regarded Earl Warren as unfit to be Chief Justice because "he hasn't practiced law in 25 years, has never been a judge and is a socialist." According to the wire service reports, Goldwater also was fulsome in his praise of the Vice President.

Nixon was lucky in one respect. The Goldwater speech did not get much editorial attention.

The accounts by United Press International and the Associated Press differed in detail but agreed on many of the essentials. The UPI story gave a national emphasis to Goldwater's remarks. The AP story led off with remarks about Warren. Neither story got much play in the northern press breaking as they did for Saturday papers.

What must have been embarrassing to Nixon were the following points reportedly made by Goldwater:

1. He believes most Republican leaders want to withhold enforcement of school integration. "I think the general feeling in the Republican Party now is let the southern states go along as they are," he was reported to have said.

2. It was Goldwater's opinion that most Republicans across the country believe the sending of troops to Little Rock "was a mistake."

And this was his final point, as told by UPI: "Goldwater also told newsmen that he did not believe Vice President Nixon would be as dedicated to support the Supreme Court if he became President as would a Democrat."

Goldwater has not repudiated the quotations attributed to him. And Nixon has not repudiated Goldwater.

Our Political Ambassadors

The furore over Clare Boothe Luce's appointment as Ambassador to Brazil is likely to be repeated in the case of the Administration's nominee for Ambassador to Israel, Ogden Reid, Jr. The new head of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, Sen. William Fulbright (D. Ark.) isn't saying much for publication but he is curious to know what qualifications Reid has for service in such a sensitive area as the Middle East.

Incidentally, at the National

Press Club some of the wits are suggesting that Reid's brother, Whitelaw, ought to be named Ambassador to Lebanon. "In that case all uncertainty would be ended. We know there would be war in the Middle East by Christmas," they say.

Sen. Thurston Morton (R. Ky.) the new Republican National Committee Chairman, has been more forthright in some of his observations about the causes of GOP defeats last year than one normally expects a party chairman to be.

The biggest factor, he admits, was the recession. Next to that, Morton said the Republicans simply have not been able to "sell our merchandise." Local Republican organizations, he says, have been neither "efficient" nor "dynamic." The backroom boys don't like this kind of talk.

The AEC's Clouded Crystal Ball The new disclosures, that Strontium 90 and other radioactive poisons from Soviet and American nuclear tests are falling out over North America at a much higher rate than the public had been told, got one of our researchers busy the other day.

While the Atomic Energy Commission has repeatedly denied that it ever sought to minimize the dangers here is a quote from Dr. Willard Libby, the AEC's science member:

(1955) . . . The fallout dosage rate as of January 1 of this year in the United States could be increased 15,000 times without hazard."

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Man Must Be Given the Word Of God for His Regeneration



"They proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues . . ." Acts 12:5.

There is power in the word of God. The word of God has power for the transformation of human lives. The word proclaimed under the power of the Holy Spirit has been an influence for the change and transformation of the lives of human beings. The word has power to convert and regenerate. The word is God's power of redemption. The word changes us human beings from sinners to saints. The word quickens and makes alive.

Paul and Barnabas, having been indwelt and sanctified by the mighty power of the Spirit of God, stand forth in boldness to proclaim God's word. Man, the finite creature

needs a word from God. Man, the creature needs to have a word from God the creator. Man in his weakness needs to know that from God there comes a word of power. Man in his sins needs a word of spiritual deliverance from God Almighty. Man in his sickness needs a word of healing from God.

Man, often dominated by hatred, needs a word of love from God. Man in his hard-heartedness needs a word of mercy from God. Man in his sorrow needs a word of joy and comfort from God. Man in his hopelessness needs a word of hope from God. Man in his confusion needs a word of guidance from God. And above all man, the creature of death, needs a word of Resur-

rection and Eternal life from God.

The word of God, in its fullness, should be proclaimed in the house of God. In God's house, God's word ought be proclaimed. At times we are tempted to let other things crowd out the word of God. But God's word should be given the place of priority in God's house. They proclaim many things in the schools and colleges; but one should be proclaimed in the house of God — God's word.

Men by the millions turn aside weekly and go to God's house. Why and for what? That they might hear a word from God and heaven. They come to hear God's word with its message of forgiveness, peace, light, courage, strength,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just this morning, I have had handed to me a clipping from your issue of April 25, containing an article by Robert Pace, Editor of the Durham Labor Journal, in which he states that my many letters relating to the Catholic Church show "an amazing amount of bigotry", and in which article Mr. Pace seeks to add force to the worth of his views with the statement that he is not a Catholic, but an Episcopalian. He also states that I lack a knowledge of history.

These two characteristics, ignorance and bigotry, are not unrelated, since bigotry is the blind attachment to some opinion, blind through lack of knowledge or willful refusal to know the facts. Bigotry is prejudice, which is defined as being an opinion "without just grounds or before sufficient knowledge". Bigotry is also a synonym for intolerance.

Why have not the Catholic Church's leaders replied to these letters, as they did some months ago when there was a letter in one of the Herald-Sun papers concerning something about their practices? They would do so, if they could point out any flaw in my letters. Mr. Pace charges me with ignorance of history. Why does he not cite one example? Why does Mr. Pace feel called upon to defend the Church, if she does not see fit to try to defend herself? Does he think that he is more capable?

The Catholic Encyclopedia, volume XIV, page, 765, says "intolerance is a prominent characteristic of the Catholic Church!" This intolerance goes so far as to hold an economic club over publications, by threats of boycott, etc., and has been effective in preventing me from advertising my book, SLAVERY and CATHOLICISM, in most of the largest Negro magazines in this country.

I suggest that Mr. Pace contact the leaders of Catholicism, and suggest that they make

official reply to my letters, not by way of ridicule, which is the ready weapon of those who are on the wrong side of an argument, but with specific facts, pointing out specific errors and stating specific truths.

I follow my own suggestion in giving the following quotation from the pen of one of the Church's most respected historians, Louis Gaston de Segur, part III, prop. VI, p. 183, where he says "The Church proclaims and maintains truths as certain as the mathematical ones. She teaches and defends truths with as much INTOLERANCE as the science of mathematics defends hers. And what more logical? The Catholic Church alone, in the midst of so many different sects, avers the possession of absolute truth, out of which there can not be true Christianity. She alone has the right to be, she alone must be, intolerant. She alone will and must say, as she has said through all ages in her councils, "If any one saith or believeth contrary to what I teach, which is the truth, let him be anathema", or "let him be accursed," or "let him be damned!" For this is what it means! I find the above quotation from Segur on page 80 of "The Panacea and the Civil Power" published in 1876, and written by Richard Richard Wigginton Thompson, Secretary of the Navy, and a most capable scholar.

I invite disproof of any of my statements in my many letters, or in the book, SLAVERY and CATHOLICISM. Let the Church's defenders do their worst! My enmity is not against the Catholic people, among whom I number many very fine friends, but against the bloody system of apostasy brought to view so plainly in the symbolic language of the seventeenth chapter of Revelation.

Sincerely yours,
R. R. Miller

Nazism In Poplarville

WASHINGTON—"I am sick at heart and ashamed that I belong to a race that can commit the same kind of cruelty that made us shudder when it came to the fore in Nazi Germany. We shudder when we hear of it today in Communist Russia and in Communist China. What has happened to us that we do not see in this kind of action the seeds that will bring destruction upon us all in the future?"

These are the words of Eleanor Roosevelt and how she felt after reading of the Mack Parker lynching.

"We have not yet," she continued, "reached the point, thank God, when mass murders of people in gas chambers are going on, but when a mob does not wait for the action of the law, then you are no longer a law-abiding nation."

"This occurrence in Mississippi was not something that could be shrugged off by the rest of the country by saying: 'Well, this is unfortunate but it did not happen in our community.' Nor can it be explained that it happened in a particular area where people are so conditioned by their past

that their emotions have led them to forget their obligations as law-abiding citizens.

"This was something about which we all have some responsibility. If we in other parts of the country do not express our feelings of shock at such conduct, then we are as guilty as the men who actually were in the kidnapping group.

"When you begin to allow yourself to override the law you do not know where it will end. When you begin to allow yourself a kind of self-righteous prejudice against another race or religion, you do not know what the end may be, and in the end you may suffer as did those who sowed the seeds of World War II.

"There is nothing that concerns only the people of one section of our country. This unspeakable behavior in Mississippi concerns all of us. And if we feel strongly enough no one will dare defy a real moral reaction over what happens to our own citizens who may be of another race and color but who are American citizens and entitled to equal justice before the law."

and salvation. In the power of the spirit let us proclaim God's word in God's house.

Let us proclaim God's blessed word to lost souls. The heart of the word of God is the good news of salvation from sin. God's word became flesh and dwelt among us to redeem the souls of lost human beings. The redeemed soul must tell the good news of what God in Christ has done for man in his lost condition. If the redeemed soul fails to proclaim the word of God, it will not get to that lost soul.

The Minister, the church and

the redeemed soul — all are duty bound to proclaim the word of it to some lost soul today. Why not proclaim the word of God to some lost soul today? Say to that soul: "ALL THINGS ARE READY COME. . ." Say to some lost soul with the man born blind . . . This one thing I know . . . whereas I was blind now I see . . ."

Men in our times need to have the word of God proclaimed to them in all of its fullness and power. Why? The word of God is the remedy for the sickness of our times.

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