

The High Calling of Non-Violent Protests

The willful beating of one of the Negro youths participating in the sit-down protests in the Walgreen Drug Store on last Saturday is to be regretted. That apparently it was both encouraged and endorsed by the management of the store is seriously regretted. The Negro youths have been carefully selected and schooled in the non-violent approach to whatever protests they make in the form of sit-down, picketing or otherwise at all of the stores involved. They are not the kind to provoke or invite violence, or the churches, fraternities, organizations and individuals, both Negro and white, endorsing their actions would have long ago withdrawn their support.

Recently a Florida University professor, Kimbal Wiles, made the statement that "Negro youths, with moral conviction on their side, are moving into positions of leadership while their white counterparts, hamstrung by adult prejudices, are becoming less potent forces in community life." Said Wiles further: "When a Negro youth sits down at a lunch counter or carries a placard protesting some injustice, he may be jailed or injured but he is fighting for a basic human right. He has moral conviction on his side. He is learning how pressure groups are organized and the strategies and tactics used. He is developing skill in taking political and social action. Negro youths are moving into leadership roles."

"On the other hand," Wiles continued, "white youths are kept in the background. Action to preserve segregation is in the hands of older people who are watched, sometimes cynically, by the young. If a white youth joins the struggle, he finds himself fighting in a mob and taking action to preserve segregation for personal privileges. This position makes him less potent. If he operates to further civil rights for all he finds himself opposed and denounced by high-status groups and those in positions of legal authority."

The above statement, we think, sets forth

to a great degree the difference in the positions of the Negro youths participating in the protests and the white youths who oppose them with vicious attacks. The Negro youths are to be saluted for their courage, manhood and fortitude, from which they are daily growing morally stronger while the white youths who attack them are to be pitied for the lack of control and cowardice they have exhibited, evidence that they have mistaken both for courage and manhood and are growing morally weaker.

We urge our youths all over America to continue the sit-down protests and picketing without abeyance. We urge them to be polite, courteous, patient and forbearing. Only as a last resort and in self-defense are you to strike back. Let them curse, you bless; let them call names; let them spit on you. You must walk on and sit down with dignity and as ladies and gentlemen in a spirit of love, humility and forgiveness.

Already you have drawn many fine white southerners to your side, as well as others. If you will "keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you," you will not only be free some day but you will obtain freedom for others of your race all over the world. You will draw thousands of others to your cause, a cause that is both just and righteous.

Ah yes, this is a big order, but God, your own people and unborn generations of all Americans are calling on you to give Christianity and democracy a new birth in this land of ours. You are on a mission of destiny. Thank God that you have been honored with the call to challenge the leaders of our great country to implement Christianity and the great dream of democracy before it is too late, and we awaken to find Communism knocking on the door of America with a bayonet in one hand and shackles of slavery in the other.

Let's Support the United Negro College Fund

Perhaps the most compelling argument for continuing support of the United Negro College Fund is that it is a freedom-fostering institution.

Only the UNCF today assures the unfettered development of the nation's privately supported, predominantly Negro colleges. Often in these columns have we paid tribute to the contributions which these institutions have made to the cause of freedom for all Americans.

Once it was said that real freedom in the South was possessed only by a white man and a Negro woman. Add one more dimension: the predominantly Negro college.

Whatever ill may be said of the South's intolerance, it has consistently shown a comparatively respectful attitude toward the Negro college. Freedom movements have been spawned virtually in full knowledge and in easy reach of some of the South's most notorious bigots.

That colleges like Fisk, Shaw and Union are standouts in today's "sit-in" movement is a tribute to the support which they have received from UNCF. Thirty-one other colleges fit the same pattern. Only cooperative, mass-

supported philanthropy can keep the doors of these institutions open.

Faculty members and administrators are free to speak their convictions. Campuses themselves are oases for believers in social justice. But they are dependent economically.

Deplorable economic condition of the masses of the nation's colored citizens make it impossible for some of them to offer substantial help. And yet, with the improved economic lot of graduates of these UNCF institutions, there comes today the moral imperative to give back to help others.

For those who are not graduates, the imperative is no less real. Generally, these UNCF institutions are sound educationally. They will improve eventually to offer high quality education to any who wish to enroll. In the transition period to complete integration, the predominantly Negro college promises to remain a reality for a long time. Let's face this fact and let's improve the quality of education in these colleges by putting our dollars at the disposal of the efficiently managed, soundly conceived, and purposeful United Negro College Fund.

No Protection For Negro Women in Dixie Courts

Negro citizens may well brace themselves for a shock if they are expecting North Carolina and other southern courts to convict a white woman for an assault on a Negro. Here in Durham several weeks ago a white woman was freed after being charged with spitting on a Negro. In Concord another white woman was acquitted last Thursday of an assault charge brought by a Negro co-ed of Barber-Scotia College who was in turn readily convicted by the same court on a charge of trespass because she participated in a lunch counter demonstration at a candy kitchen.

Our readers will only need to recall the Scottsboro boys case of Alabama and the Mack Ingram case of Caswell County, North Carolina, to know that white women does not have to be like Caesar's wife, "above suspicion," to send a Negro to prison, the electric

chair or gas chamber. Likewise, in the sit-down protests southern courts, at best, may convict a white man in the case of a most aggravated assault against a Negro, but can't imagine one aggravated enough to have a southern court convict a white woman for assaulting a Negro.

We may as well face up to the fact that not even a Negro woman of the highest type stands on an equal footing in a southern court with a white man or woman of the lowest type. The truth of this will be found in the fact that even in the most sordid cases of rape no white man has ever paid with his life for raping a Negro woman in North Carolina. In fact, only in rare instances has one even been convicted.

If and when it is possible, we advise all sit-down participants and pickets to avoid becoming involved in arguments or other entanglements with white women, for the simple reason you can't win against them in a North Carolina court.

The man or woman who doesn't take the trouble to register and vote thereby deprives himself of a logical right to complain about the state of his city, state and nation.

By improving ourselves we lessen the burden for all.

The nearly universal desire for quantity discourages the production of quality, and that goes for everything from soup to nuts.

Still Not Enough Stepping Stones



—Courtesy AFL-CIO News
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Men Do Not Run When They Know That God Is With Them

"Paul cried . . . do not harm yourself, we are all here . . ." Acts 16:28.

The guilty flee when no man pursueth. Those who do no wrong have nothing to fear. Wrong is forever running. And wrong never finds a place to hide. Why? There is no hiding place for wrong.

The fetters are off. The jail doors are opened. Paul and Silas stand fast in the rare dignity of justice and righteousness. Paul speaks words of consolation to the terrifying and frightened jailor. We have done no wrong and we are not running. The jailor in his terror is about to commit suicide with the sword, and Paul speaks: "Do not harm yourself, we are all here . . ."

Right carries with it inner stability. Right gives assurance and confidence. Right is a sure anchor for the soul. Right makes for calmness when the storm is raging all around us in its mighty fury.

Paul and Silas had the stable undergirding of right so they speak out: "WE ARE ALL HERE . . ." The jailor is fearful, anxious and uncertain. But look at Paul and Silas—standing steadfast on the sure rock righteousness. Wrong always stands on slippery ground. But right stands with assurance and confidence and can say . . . Do not harm yourself, we are all here . . ."

The righteous can always say, we are staying around to see what the end will be. Wrong gives us the jitters. So we do unreasonable and outrageous things. But right can stand through all the battles and the raging storms of life.

The right can say we have done nothing and we, therefore, have nothing to run from. Paul and Silas could say we are staying here until justice is crowned with her diadem of glory. We are not going any place for we are working on an eternal guarantee. We are backed by him who has all power and they were saying with John the Revelator, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth . . ."

Men do not run when they know that God is on their side. Men who do the right, know and trust God, do not have to run. The evil run because they are shaky within. Wrong does run because they have nothing to hold them when the showdown comes.

Look at Pilate in the presence of the Holy Loving Son of God. Pilate saw that Jesus had someone on His side that was mightier than Rome. No wonder Pilate cried out . . . "Behold the man." Yes, behold Jesus standing in the poise, calmness and confidence of His Heavenly Father's sovereign power. Evil runs for cover. Right can stand for it has God on its side.

Let find God and rest in His matchless, eternal power so that we can stand amid the storms and battles of life.

Changed Attitude Biggest Factor in Sit-Downs

NEW YORK — Sixty-eight cities in 13 states have felt the effects of four Negro freshmen from the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina who could not get a cup of coffee two months ago in a Greensboro Woolworth store, Harold C. Fleming said today in The Reporter.

In his copyrighted article, "The Price of a Cup of Coffee," Fleming says that the trivial issue of "who perches next to whom on a lunch-counter stool" points to a real and growing discontent in the Southern Negro. "The time is rapidly approaching when segregation can be maintained only by continuous coercion and the intolerable social order it would create."

Segregationists answered Segregationist testimonies that Negroes "don't want this race mixing anymore than we do" and the angry accusations by Georgia's Senator Richard B. Russell and Governor Ernest Vandiver that the recent student demonstrations were inspired by a northern liberal organization have taken on a desperate quality, Fleming says.

"Quiet, well-disciplined ranks of Negro youngsters seating themselves at lunch counters, filling into segregated public libraries, or marching in orderly silence before state capitols and county courthouses offer a powerful rebuttal," Fleming comments.

The official Southern attitude has been — "Throw the book at a few of them, and the whole thing will fizzle out; the grown-up will put a stop to it."

"Ironically," Fleming says "this official attitude has done more

than anything else to assure the solidarity of young and old in Negro communities. Mass arrests as in Nashville, tear gas as in Tallahassee, and student expulsions as in Montgomery have served only to unite the students and their elders in common defense of the right to protest."

Fleming points out that in some parts of the South, the legitimacy of the students' demands has been recognized by a surprising number of whites. In several communities white students have either actively participated in the sit-ins or have supported them by public statements and editorials in campus newspapers. Public officials have supported the objectives of the Negro students; if not their methods.

In Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Salisbury, Nashville, Knoxville, and Miami, established or specially appointed biracial committees are trying to work out changes acceptable to both Negroes and merchants.

Collins May Open Way
The liberal position of Governor Leroy Collins, of Florida, re-buffed in a state-wide radio and television broadcast that "amounted to an informal sermon on the moral indefensibility of lunch-counter segregation," Fleming says.

Within six days Collins appointed a biracial state commission for mediation of this and other race-relations problems. Within the week, the commission was setting up advisory panels, meeting with merchants' associations, and promoting local biracial committees.

"Given enough skill and a great deal of luck," Fleming says that Collins could "introduce a new era of racial adjustment in Florida and blaze a trail for less adventurous political leaders of the South."

However, Fleming adds, Florida, and the cities of San Antonio and Galveston, Texas, and Jefferson City, Missouri, which have desegregated their lunch counters, are "by no means typical of the Deep South."

Fleming reports that "harsh police methods and vindictive prosecutions have only succeeded in deepening the resentment and determination of the protesters." In cities "where the police and other officials have performed fairly and impartially," the original character of the protest continues as "an economic tug of war between the merchants and the Negroes."

There Must Be Respect For Law

The Tuesday dynamiting of the home of Attorney Z. A. Loby, in Nashville, Tennessee, and the breaking of windows in nearby Meharry Medical College would constitute an outrage of which no civilized state or city would be proud. It would represent the wholesale outburst of a criminal sanction instituted in a feeble derangement of minds fed up on current drive of intolerance and bigotry born of frustration and unrest now showing itself in some cities.

Regardless of how we feel individually there must be respect for the law and respect for the mandates of courts. After all, we are a nation governed by law. If laws are unjust, let us seek to change them through the courts.

The right for peaceful assembly, the right for a free circulation in a free society, would hardly include the right if one to violate other people's rights neither would it license violence when it became a sequel to non-violence.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good; the whole thing therefore might be summarized in a challenge to the leadership of both groups and a call for a more vigorous and responsible leadership.

Meharry Medical College, for instance, has a long and brilliant record of service in this country. It was the first effort in the Deep South after the Civil War for the training of doctors, nurses, dentists and general medical administrators for Negro youth. It is the brain of the illustrious Meharry brothers who founded the school and endowed it so well. The late and lamented Dr. George W. Hubbard probably gave the institution one of its most notable

administrations and it was under him that Negro doctors found so much inspiration and financial aid in pursuing the training for the nursing of their people.

In fact Negro doctors not only have been valuable assets for their own people but general practitioners for all the people in the community where they served.

On the other hand Meharry's contribution is felt today where there is another shortage of doctors. In the absence of state aid in the old days and the refusal even today of Deep South states to allow Negro students to take the medical course in the states where they live and pay taxes, Negro students had to foot their own bills.

Hardly such a treatment would commend itself to the record and long service of Meharry Medical College.

The Attorney in question only had been active in the prosecution of cases ethically coming before him. He had gone no further than within the limits of the framework of the law.

These unfortunate incidents would expose dangerous open crevices in our framework of good relations and a bottleneck in the channel of our mediums of communications.

This unrest and disturbance are hampering our good offices and influence all around the world. They are signal warnings that our good senses should lead us to seriously ponder.

Violence and bombings are a challenge to law and order and the proper officials and the people should cooperate and join in meeting this challenge.

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HEALTH HINTS

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HOW'S YOUR LIVER?

Not so many years back it was customary, when inquiring about somebody's health, to ask, "How's your liver?" The decline of this query hasn't altered the understanding about the vital importance of the liver and another member of this blood-purifying team: the gallbladder. Both are vital because neither have spares. The human body is blessed with two of certain organs: the eyes, the ears, the kidneys, and others. If one kidney ceases to function, the other can carry the overload and operate. The heart, the liver, and the gallbladder are single entities. Knock them out and the epitaph must be written.

Actually, the liver isn't an organ but is, rather, a large gland, irregular in shape, reddish brown, and soft. It receives the blood from the heart, filters and stores the food elements, makes important changes in proteins, elimi-

nates poisonous substances, and secretes bile in the gallbladder. If there are dietetic abuses, there can be ruptures, infection, atrophy, falling, a change in the fibre known as cirrhosis (hardening), fatty degeneration, and tumors.

Anyone who has drawn (dressed) a fat hen will note the liver may be very light and very soft, so that it spreads under the fingers. This is fatty degeneration, caused by too much rich food and not enough exercise. The human liver in adipose person acts similarly under these a buses. Fatty degeneration ensues.

The liver will not function normally and may become diseased if there is interference of normal nerve energy to the liver. Impediments of nerve force can also act similarly on the gallbladder. Care and correct diet are recommended as an aid to nature in restoring these organs to normal function.

Oxford Science Fair Stirs Interest

The second annual science Fair held at Mary Potter High School created much interest among students, teachers, parents, and friends of the school.

Professor George L. Foxwell, assistant principal of J. W. Ligon High School, Raleigh was guest speaker for the science program which was held in the school auditorium. Mr. Foxwell emphasized the many opportunities in the field of science. He pointed out the need for more specialized personnel in all areas of science. He challenged the students to take their rightful place in this scientific world.

Other participants on the assembly program were Ruth Asgill, Marian Moore, Frances Colbert, and Floriatta Gilreath. Music was furnished by the junior and senior high school music groups under the direction of Mrs. G. J. Farmer, Roy Anderson and C.C. Powell.

Blue ribbons were given in the following areas: Geometry, Geometrical patterns, Ethel Jeffers;

Chemistry-Conductivity of Solution, Walter Craft; Physics-Expansion by heat, Ruth Asgill; Biology-Embryology, Thomas Parker, James McDougle, McCoy Harris; Physical Science Chicken Skelton, Robt. Henderson.

In the junior division, Section 3 of the seventh grade received a first place rating for products of the forest second place rating, 8-3, weather instruments, and third place rating was given to the sixth grade.

Judges for the fair were Mrs. Alice Landis, Shaw High School, Stovall and Alexander Williams, Hawley High School, Creedmoor.

Committee chairman were as follows: program C. E. Gregory; courtesy Mrs. T. W. Anderson; bulletin boards, Mrs. B. P. Lucas; Exhibit, R. L. Bass; Judging and awards, Mrs. B. B. Redding; Resource persons Mrs. R. E. Howell, Mrs. M. W. Gant and publicity, Mrs. A. Hunt. Co-ordinator ware; R. H. T. Wilson, R. L. Bass and F. D. McNeill.

Man--That's Too Long!

The Toronto Telegram asked Canadians if they would like to live 150 years, and the answer was almost two-to-one against the extended life span for which science is striving.

The chief reasons most people gave for not wanting to live longer were summed up: "I wouldn't be any good at that age, just a burden and a nuisance. People don't want you. And I'd be too old to enjoy life." Other reasons: "I can live a good life in less time . . ."

Threescore and ten is enough. Few people are self-sufficient at seventy . . . I want to die when I'm young and beautiful . . . I'd be a crabby old thing.

Most of those who wanted to go on living to 150 explained simply: "Life is good." Other reasons: "I'd like to see if the future brings a better world . . . I just like living, that's all . . . So much to see, and not enough time to do it . . . I'd like to see my great grandchildren."

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