

An Apology to Leaders in Chapel Hill Controversy

For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, thou shalt see enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this:

—Esther 4:14

When we entered the Chapel Hill School controversy, we did so with one and only one objective in mind, and that was to give our readers the benefit of our findings in the matter by presenting to them a true picture of it in all its aspects. We felt that in endeavoring to give an accurate report that we also had the responsibility of interpreting to our readers, to the best of our ability, the meaning and ultimate results of this most unfortunate struggle which has divided intracracially the citizens of both races in Chapel Hill to the extent that no ordinary person knows who to follow or listen to.

In our desire to get at the bottom of the whole affair, we sought out leaders on various sides, including ministers, members of the Chapel Hill Board of Education and just ordinary citizens. Other interested citizens volunteered their services and brought us information both oral and written. Among our informants was one minister whom this newspaper has known, respected and admired for more than 15 years. So far as we were concerned this word was unquestionable as we considered him a person of the highest character and integrity. As a result of this faith in him, we relied on certain information he furnished us relative to Rev. J. R. Manley, Rev. W. R. Foushee and others involved in the Chapel Hill School controversy as being the unadulterated truth.

Frankly, we were somewhat perturbed when Rev. Manley denied that he had ever voted for a segregated school as a member of the Chapel Hill School Board and that he had told its members that is what the Negroes wanted as charged in the minister's written statement handed to us. We were satisfied, however, that when the time came, our informant would stand by his word and confront Rev. Manley with proof as charged in his statement. Instead, when he was confronted with both Rev. Manley and Rev. Foushee, he flatly denied having given us the report or even bringing it to the office of the Carolina Times. He did this not only in the presence of Rev. Manley and Rev. Foushee

but in the presence of two other members of The Carolina Times staff who saw him when he delivered the written statement to its publisher.

Naturally the action of our informant, also a minister, as afore stated, shocked us almost beyond recovery. In other words, our informant turned out to be a wretched liar. What his motive was or why he deliberately lied need not be discussed here and now.

The Carolina Times does think, therefore, that it owes Rev. Manley, Rev. Foushee and other ministers or persons in Chapel Hill an apology for having partially relied on the testimony of such a person in both our news stories and editorial about the school controversy. We, therefore, are glad to make such an apology and to know that both of these gentlemen, instead, have stood forthright and unalterably for an integrated school system as well as for other rights of their people.

We do think, however, that the two ministers, along with others in Chapel Hill, have a grave responsibility in the present crisis which now faces the Negro citizens of their community and that is to furnish them with a dedicated and unfaltering leadership that is uncompromising on the question of an integrated school system. To capitulate or waver in the least to any other is to surrender to a plan that means inferior schools for Negroes. The damage already done to the race under the pattern of segregated schools is too staggering for even the most conservative Negro to waver in his demand for equal educational opportunities that can only be realized under an integrated school system.

In furnishing such leadership, the ministers in question are going to have to lay aside selfish ambitions and denominational pride and form a solid phalanx. Only time will tell if they are capable of rising to this high point of Christian statesmanship so seldom found in places where the leadership of masses have fallen entirely into the hands of the Negro ministers. In Chapel Hill, the destiny of the Negro school children is now marking time while the parents await marching orders—marching orders that will mean deliverance from inferior schools. If deliverance does not come from their ministers, then shall it arise from another place, a place which may mean that they and their churches shall eventually be destroyed or made ineffective in their program of salvation.

"Love Ye One Another," Our Christmas Message

Sunday, December 25, is Christmas Day when all of Christendom will pause to pay homage to Him who walked the earth nearly 2,000 years ago and taught mankind to love one another. That humanity has failed to heed this simple lesson is no fault of the sower or the germinating power of the seed. The fault lies in the fact that the seed, for the most part, has fallen on stony ground.

The truth of this statement may be attested to by the fact that Christmas Day will find the world in a state of unrest instead of one of peace, solely because mankind will not heed the simple lesson of love. As a result, we find hatred, suspicion, malice, envy and distrust rampant in the world today with nations threatening to "rise against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms."

Our own country, the United States, sorely needs sowers of love, especially in the deep South where men continue to sow seeds of hatred. Here, men still must somehow be taught to love one another and to respect human dignity without regard to race, creed or color.

It might not be a bad idea for us at this Christmas season to confess our sins and admit that the church, even more than the

government, has miserably failed Jesus in helping to sow seeds of love. As a result, we find here in our own city a so-called Christian educational institution, Duke University, still refusing to admit qualified Negroes even to its divinity school while only 12 miles away a state University is admitting them to any and all courses for which they can qualify.

This sad state of affairs is not because the law is stronger than Christianity but because the seeds of love have fallen on the stony hearts of Duke University trustees "where they had not much earth . . . and because they had no root they withered away." Thus we find at Duke University massive and beautiful buildings of stone, stone hard and cold, like the hearts of the men who in the name of the Christ child direct its affairs.

In spite of all this, we call on Negroes everywhere to love these dear people, to be patient and forbearing with them. If at this Christmas season of 1960 Negroes can generate love instead of hate, forgiveness instead of revenge, they will eventually overcome and live to see hearts of stone turn into hearts of love. They will be truly living examples of the doctrine of love and will be celebrating Christmas with its fullest meaning.

The Kennedy "Appointment" of Rep. Dawson

This newspaper does not believe now and it never has believed that President-elect John F. Kennedy ever intended to appoint Congressman William A. Dawson as postmaster-general of the United States. To us the whole affair smells fishy—that is rotten fish.

We do not go along with those who severely

criticise the president-elect for appointing his brother, Robert Kennedy, attorney general. So far as we have been able to determine, his brother is well qualified for the position. In view of the marvelous job Robert Kennedy did in helping his brother to get elected to the office of president, we can see no real reason why he should not receive an appointment in payment of his services the same as any other person. After all "to the victor goes the spoils."

The appointment of a 74-year-old Negro congressman, who is already reported in poor health, to a position involving the arduous and tremendous responsibilities of postmaster-general and his forthright refusal of that appointment appears to us to be just another cheap political trick designed to further hoodwink Negro voters of this country into believing that the Democratic Party is Heaven's refuge for them.



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Hope For Restoring Man to God Is Real Meaning of Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS
"Behold, I bring you good tidings of Great Joy . . ." Luke 2:10.
Merry Christmas. God bless you, my friends. Christmas, tidings of joy. Christmas—God has remembered man at the point of his deepest need. Christmas, joy. God's greatest gift has come to mankind. Merry Christmas—God comes to dwell with us. Merry Christmas—spiritual light has come to banish our spiritual darkness. Merry Christmas, Christ the Savior is born.
Merry Christmas—for God has come in Christ to bring the joyous blessings of our salvation. This indeed should be a time of joyous tidings to celebrate the advent of the one who came primarily to bring Salvation to a world lost in dire wretchedness human sinfulness. Then let us rejoice and give thanks to God that He in love remembered us and came to bring the blessed gift of salvation.

God, in Christ, has become our Salvation. Then let us all rejoice this Christmas time, for Christ is indeed the joy of our Salvation. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy . . ." Merry Christmas for God has come in Christ to bring us Salvation from sin.
Rescue from imprisonment is a timor of great joy. God in Christ has performed the greatest rescue operation of all human history. In the fullness of time, God came to rescue man from the dark, agonizing confines of the spiritual and moral imprisonment of sin. Christ has come to rescue us and give up the blessings of spiritual freedom. Thus, in pondering the moral-spiritual meaning of the birth of the Savior, every mortal being should cry out, Merry Christmas, for God in Christ has come to rescue from the prison of sin. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." What greater joy can we know

than this: that God in Christ has come to redeem or rescue us from sin.
Merry Christmas—for God in Christ has come to restore the beauty of Holiness to this sinned life. The glory and beauty of life had been lost. Man isolated, estranged and cut off from God had lost the beauty of life. Christ, the Savior, has come with the power to regenerate, renew and restore this life to its original, God-intended pattern. This great truth is the basis of good tidings and great joy. Let us rejoice then for God in Christ has given us reason to have great joy. God in Christ has come to restore the beauty of holiness for this sin-marred life of ours.
Merry Christmas—Christ the Savior is born. Merry Christmas—and thank God for the rich spiritual blessings we have in Him—peace, love, joy, and life forevermore.

FOR THE PUBLIC WEAL--II Disabled Persons are Eligible to Receive Assistance From the State Public Welfare Department Program

(This is the second of a series explaining public welfare in North Carolina)
Can disabled persons get financial help from public welfare? Yes, if they meet the eligibility requirements of the program of aid to the permanently and totally disabled.
What are the requirements?
The person must be between the age of 18 and 65 years. He must be making his home in this state. He must not be an inmate of a public institution. He must be permanently and totally disabled. He must be in need because he does not have the essential requirements of daily living, such as food shelter, clothing and other necessary items.
Where should application be made?
At the county department of public welfare.
What information must the applicant furnish?
Proof of his age, information concerning his financial situation and his living arrangements, and a required medical report. A caseworker in the county department

of public welfare will help when the individual has trouble in getting the necessary information or in making an appointment for the medical examination.
What factors are considered when the application is reviewed?
Any resources of the applicant are considered in determining his need for financial assistance. Any income of the applicant, any savings, real property in excess of that used as a home, and the income in the home in which the applicant or recipient lives will also be considered.
After the application is made and reviewed, what is the next step?
If the county department of public welfare finds that an applicant is in need of financial assistance, the social information and medical report are sent to the State Board of Public Welfare in Raleigh. There the case is reviewed by a consulting physician who determines whether the person is totally and permanently disabled as defined in law and policy. If the person is found to be eligible, he will be

receiving a monthly check.
Should the recipient keep in touch with the county department of public welfare?
Yes. He is responsible for discussing with the caseworker his situation from time to time in order to determine whether or not he is still eligible to receive assistance. He is also responsible for notifying the caseworker of any change in address or any other change in his situation, such as an increase or decrease in his needs or income.
Does the county department of public welfare review the cases from time to time?
Yes. Active cases are reviewed periodically to determine if eligibility continues to exist and to determine the current extent of need. Emphasis is placed on helping disabled persons help themselves to the fullest extent possible.
The cranberry-orange combination, given light, fluffy texture by whipped crystals of instant non-fat dry milk, is the perfect filling for a holiday pie.

Before Negro voters become so excited over President-elect Kennedy's abortive attempt that they swallow it hook, line and sinker, we would like for them to calmly consider that Dawson is the only appointee who has been reported to have refused a post offered him by the president-elect. Or at least it is the only refusal made known in the public press. Any town constable knows full well that long before an announcement is made public of an office the appointee is consulted and the details of his acceptance or refusal are worked

out. Only the acceptance of such is made known to the public.
Dawson's so-called refusal of the office of postmaster-general is probably one of the few times in political history that so much noise has been made over a refused appointment. We, therefore, are of the opinion that if such an appointment were ever sincerely offered to him by President-elect Kennedy, it was done so with a full understanding that he would use the perfectly good and sound reasons he gave for not accepting the position.

Timely Questions Answered On Veterans Affairs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.
Q—I'm a Korea veteran, holding GI term insurance. I understand, by a recent law, I now convert it to a permanent plan. Is this so?
A—Yes. Korea veterans holding term insurance policies with the letters "RS" before their policy numbers may either convert to permanent plan insurance or exchange for a term policy costing one-third as much.
Q—On my discharge from the Armed Forces I received a lump sum disability severance payment. Will I have to pay this back to the Government if I am awarded VA compensation for the same disability?
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Q—Is it possible for a disabled "peacetime" veteran to draw VA compensation at wartime rates?
A—Yes - if the disability resulted from extra-hazardous service, as, for example, participation in simulated warfare, the veteran may be eligible for compensation at wartime rates.

The Law, However Unjust, Must Always Be Obeyed in Our Society

It cannot be left to the individual to decide what laws he will obey and which ones he will not obey. Such a system would lead to chaos.
In suggesting in his TV debate with a southern segregationist that an "unjust" law is "no law at all" and need not be obeyed, Dr. Martin Luther King was treading on dangerous ground. As much as we admire him for his courageous stand against segregation and for his leadership in the Montgomery bus boycott and the sit-in demonstrations in the South, we cannot agree with Dr. King that an individual has a right to disobey any law he considers to be unjust.
One of the duties of a good citizen is to uphold the law whether he agrees with it or not. One of the most fortunate things about our democratic system, however, is that citizens are free to protest such laws as they consider unfair and to fight and fight hard to get them changed. But until the law is repealed, it must be obeyed or the violator must suffer the consequences.
In the civil disobedience program, of which the lunch counter demonstrations are a part, those who violate the law are prepared to pay whatever penalty is exacted of them. By going to jail, hundreds of college students have focused attention upon the "unjustness" of the laws they violated. It was the students' protest against the laws and their willingness to be jailed or fined for a principle that has brought about a change of climate in many parts of the South. The thing that brought sympathy and nationwide support to the students' demonstrations was not a belief in their right to violate the law but their willingness to pay the price for what they believed was right.
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, speaking in Kansas City last spring, brought out this point most effectively. After expressing himself as fully in support of the sit-in demonstrations of the students, the Morehouse college president said:
How long must a man obey a law and custom that he knows deep down in his heart may be wrong? Does the time ever come when a man places individual conscience over law and custom?
When a law is broken, however, the person breaking it must be prepared to pay the price. The students staging sit-ins are willing to sacrifice for their rights. Whenever a people is willing to go to jail and suffer for freedom, it is a new day. No people will ever be free until they are willing to pay the price.
Dr. King's argument on television would have been far more telling had he emphasized the students' willingness to suffer and sacrifice for a principle rather than their "right" to violate a law. Ghandi disobeyed the law but he went to jail and thereby eventually won freedom for his people.

Kennedy Creates New African Affairs Office

President-elect Kennedy has very properly created a new cabinet post and appointed a minister for African affairs, who will be a liaison officer between the various African republics, our ambassadors thereto, and the presidency.
It is significant that this was almost the first cabinet appointment made by Mr. Kennedy. The vital importance of Africa to this nation is recognized by the new administration and will grow fast in the months to come.
Africa is the world's greatest source of manganese, uranium, copper and iron, and may shortly become the greatest export of oil and gold. Two of the newly-constituted states — Ghana and the Congo — contest with South Africa her "monopoly" of diamonds. Africa also is the world's greatest reserve of hardwood and almost the only source of palm oil, cocoa and many varieties of nuts. And Africa is the greatest underdeveloped continent with undreamed riches still to be discovered and exploited.
All of these riches now belong to the African instead of to the colonial powers. The exceptions are the copper of Rhodesia and the products of the Portuguese colonies. For many years their exploitation must be in hands of European and American technicians, until the Africans learn the arts and crafts of mining and industry.
Competing in the exploitation of Africa's wealth are the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, West Germany — and the Communist block.
As I have frequently said before this, a proportionately large share of the wealth resulting from this exploitation must be spent in Africa for the advancement of the Africans, particularly in matters of education, health and transportation.
The nation which first puts this principle into active operation is the nation which will benefit most from the emancipation of African — after the Africans themselves.
That is why Mr. Kennedy's appointment of G. Mennen Williams as minister for African affairs is of the utmost importance to this country.

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