

A Mississippi Visit to North Carolina

Mississippi with all its lawlessness, indecency, ignorance and sadistic traits came to North Carolina this week and spent a few dark and dismal hours in the little town of Yanceyville, located in Caswell County. That the curtain was pulled down on this tragic event without any deaths and only two wounded from pistol shots was due to luck rather than the efficiency or alertness of the local law enforcement officers.

In spite of urgent appeals to the sheriff by local Negroes and individuals outside of Yanceyville, those representing the law in the entire county took a holiday in deliberate defiance of a federal court order to integrate the schools of the county.

It is hard for respectable citizens to bring themselves around to the point of believing that a sheriff would refuse police protection when appealed to for such by a citizen who had every reason to fear for his safety and even his life. It is hard for them to believe that a constable would deliberately take part in attempting to incite mob violence; it is hard to believe that a local newspaper would deliberately fan the flames of race hatred and ask for defiance of a federal court order

by subtly asking for "chaos." Above all, it is hard for respectable citizens to believe that the superintendent of schools in a county would likewise but deliberately ask his constituency to resort to chaos or defiance of a federal court order. But the above mentioned incidents are exactly what happened in Caswell County last week.

In spite of what the sheriff, the constable, the superintendent and the local newspaper say we know that the Negro who was forced to shoot the two would-be mobbists had previously begged the sheriff for protection after he discovered he was being followed, harassed and harangued by a car load of white ruffians.

So Mississippi came to the so-called liberal state of North Carolina this week and found welcoming and outstretched hands in Yanceyville. This is the same Yanceyville where several years ago a Negro, Mack Ingram, was convicted for an assault on a white woman, even though he never got closer to her than 75 feet. Maybe after all Mississippi did not have to visit North Carolina this week. She was already here.

Governor Sanford at the Crossroad

Negro citizens of North Carolina will not become too excited over the statement which Governor Sanford made last week about greater job opportunities for members of their race. What the governor does about the problem from now until the end of the term of his office will be watched, however, with more than passing notice by the one million or more Negroes of this state. Already they are wondering if what Governor Sanford will do about employment discrimination is going to speak so loud they won't be able to hear what he says about the matter.

On the surface the governor's statement about new job opportunities for Negroes is the most statesmanlike and courageous that has been uttered on the subject by a southern chief executive. If he is sincere and follows through by doing something about the problem, he stands a good chance to be rewarded by being called to a higher responsibility on a national level. It might even result in his landing a cabinet post or the vice presidency.

On the question of employment discrimination against Negroes, at the state level there is the matter of the Highway Patrol, the National Guard to say nothing of positions as clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers, statisticians and department heads in state offices. The hiring policies of all of these positions can be influenced for good or bad by whatever attitude the governor takes.

Citizens of North Carolina might not be aware of it but as late as 1924 a governor of this state even refused to appoint a qualified Negro as a notary public for no other reason than that of his race. It seems ridiculous

in this day, but up to that time it was considered entirely out of place for a governor to even consider a Negro for such an elementary position as a notary public. It was not until 15 years later that North Carolina governors abandoned the custom and began to appoint Negroes as such without feeling they were overstepping the bounds of cherished southern traditions.

Then as now, all respectable Negroes of North Carolina would much prefer to shoulder their own responsibility as citizens than to have it shouldered for them. They cannot do so, however, so long as they are continuously barred from the better paying positions for which they are qualified solely because of their race. Once they are convinced that they will not be looked on with contempt or insulted merely because they apply for employment above the level of a janitor or maid, they will gladly assume the full responsibility of citizenship the same as others.

Governor Sanford has bravely walked up to the crossroad. That is where he now stands, and so farther. If he has the courage of his conviction and the statesmanship, he can take the high road to national prominence or he can take the low road to national contempt and end his political career as one who uttered beautiful and high sounding words about a serious problem but did nothing to find a solution to it. If he does take the high road, he can lead North Carolina to the heights of an economic level that will be on par with the best in the nation. If he does this, unborn generations are sure to rise up and call him blessed.

The Twentieth Century Uncle Tom

Those who contend that the traditional Uncle Tom Negro is a thing of the past are probably honest in their belief but decidedly wrong in their statement. For a truth the Uncle Tom Negro is still a thing of the past before his white lord and master scratching his head, when and where it didn't itch, on a whole, is no more. In his place, however, has sprung up a new edition of the ilk or what might be termed the Twentieth Century Uncle Tom. If the old fashioned Uncle Tom was a pastmaster at cajoling and fooling white folks the new one is a past-Ph.D. at cajoling and fooling both white folks and Negroes.

The Uncle Tom of the past had little or no education and made no bones about his dying belief and trust in his white masters. He kept himself aloof from those of his own race and boasted of the fact that his station was only a little lower than that of poor whites and always above that of his master's cattle. Referred to in some quarters as a "house" Negro or one who ate and slept in the big house, he felt himself above the level of the "field" Negro, whose lot was tilling soil, felling trees, digging ditches and doing hard and laborious work. The field Negro ate and slept in the slave or servants quarters and, therefore, knew only the roughest side of life.

The Twentieth Century Uncle Tom is edu-

cated. In fact, he is more often better educated than his white overlords, who got his masters or Ph.D. degree from a southern university, while the Twentieth Century Uncle Tom, because of his race, was forced to get his from a northern or western university that most always is superior to those of the South.

Thus, the Twentieth Century Uncle Tom is a smooth operator, smart, alert and highly intelligent. He even belongs to the NAACP or CORE, holds the highest offices in his church, will make a speech as radical as the next one on the race issue. Because of his acknowledged ability by the whites and his accepted leadership by his own race he is the most appointed man, white or black, in the community. In fact he manages to corner every iota of influence and power with the opposite group and will dance on every set except that of the picket line and court action against the status quo of his race. His grandiose moment is to see his own name or picture in the white press or be invited as the only Negro to attend a conference with the opposite group.

If the old Uncle Tom was a master at belly crawling the Twentieth Century Uncle Tom is the last word at belly hopping. Caught between the two dastardly foes of illiteracy and poverty the old Uncle Tom understandably resorted to the only means or weapons he felt was available, that of sycophancy and deception. Alas, we think when all of the facts are counted and discounted the Twentieth Century Uncle Tom will be declared, by far, the most detestable, the most despicable and the most dangerous of all the enemies of the race. Unless he can be exposed and stopped, the progress the Negro should make in 25 years will take at least a century.

HOUSING PROBLEM WOULD BE LESS DIFFICULT WITH HIS ELIMINATION



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Wisdom is Still Better Part of Valor in Many Areas of Life

"I Can see this will be disastrous" Acts 27:10.

The man of God warns that the proposed move will prove to be disastrous. And subsequent events justified the perilous warning of the man of God. The voyage turned out to be one that was very stormy and involving serious calamities. We often move dangerously against our own better judgment and that of our godly friends. I love the daring soul. But our daring moves should be based on common sense and sound judgment. In this case the masters of the ship went against the penetrating insights of Paul, a man of great faith and wisdom. Thus Paul gave a sound warning about the proposed voyage. "I can see this will be disastrous."

We should be very careful about taking foolhardy moves that may lead us into heart-rending disaster. The prideful and the headstrong usually make these perilous moves in

life. Too often we may fail to listen to the words of wisdom. Too often we may become drunk with power and fail to listen to the words of wisdom of those around us. Husbands may fail to listen to the words of wisdom of their wives in some uncertain adventures and may end in disaster. Youth in its willful ways may not listen to the wiser counsels of their parents and come to disaster. There have been some great historic failures at this point. Napoleon failed to listen and came to disaster in the snows and blizzards of Russia. And Hitler the leader of the so-called master race made the identical mistake.

It is wisdom to listen to those who may be able to see disaster in your future. Truly there is wisdom in the old saying: two heads are better than one. Paul spoke out as an experienced traveling preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But the inexperienced would not heed his advice. The fact that you hold a position of importance and responsibility does not mean that you know everything. It is the essence of wisdom to listen and heed the advice of wisdom and experience. For in listening you may save yourself some heartaches and difficulties. You can even be saved from shattering ruin and disaster.

We all may well remember the warning of Holy Writ in this connection that pride goeth before destruction. Many a prideful soul has ridden off on the high horse of self-sufficiency and ended up in a disastrous smashup on life's highway. Many a soul has had great, unimaginable possibilities but they were unrealized for a lack of wisdom and common sense. In the stubbornness of their pride they would not heed words of wisdom.

The words of the wise and the Godly may save us from untold disappointment and unhappiness.

None Exempt from Race Problems

By ALFRED DUCKETT
On a network television show, recently, one of the youthful contestants brought forward to seek to confound the panel was a good looking teenager, Roy Campanella, Jr.

It was a holiday show and as it ended with a glory of Christmas music, the panelists and moderator joined in dismounting a large tree of presents to give to the dozen of more youngsters who had taken part.

As the festive scene of joy on the faces of the givers and on the faces of the youngsters came to an end, credits and all that goes with the wrap-up of a show began flickering on the screen.

Rather suddenly and with a sense of anxiety I became aware that in seconds it would all be over and every youngster there had happily received and acknowledged a gift except Roy Campanella, Jr. the only colored boy in that group.

It was sheer accident, of course, that the hands busily distributing holiday largesse had simply not yet reached the package bearing Roy's name. And, being a bright boy, I am certain that Roy attached no social significance

to the delay. But for a kaleidoscope forty seconds, I watched the expressions on this youngster's face. There was doubt, fear and a whole world of wonder if he would face the public in dignity and the private shame of being not discriminated against, but merely forgotten.

Here is a boy who has a famous father and though this boy and his family have had publicized troubles, here is a boy who presumably has received many gifts and I suppose a great deal of love. Might we assume that he ought to be a little better insulated than so many others against the fear of the consequences millions of Americans face because they look "different?" Obviously, he wasn't.

Like a good bedside story, the small incident ended positively. A second before the picture disappeared back into the television screen, one of the panelists found Roy's gift and handed it to him. The look of relief on his face was classic. But so also was the memory of all that had lived for forty seconds on the face of a Negro boy at Christmas who feared he might be "left out."

More Opportunities for Negroes

North Carolina and other Southern states have long experienced a heavy drain on their resources by preparing youth for opportunities they have to leave the state to take advantage of. This has been particularly true in the case of the Negro, though by no means limited to those of that race, for opportunities have been much more limited for him than for the white person. The preparation the state is obligated to provide. It is important that it realize full dividends on its investment.

That is the purpose of Gov. Sanford's announced policy to end discrimination, insofar as race is concerned in employment in state agencies. And the function of the Good Neighbor Council which he has set up, and to which he has appointed outstanding persons of both the white and colored races in North Carolina will be the opening up of better employment opportunities generally to qualified Negroes.

Fitness for the job should be the principal requirement for any position. As we move toward this goal we must

realize that this carries with it no racial qualifications.

We must also realize, as Gov. Sanford indicated in his address at the Press Institute last week, that while there are some Negroes qualified for jobs currently denied them because of race, the number of those qualified is not large, in fact is disproportionately small to the total population of the race in North Carolina. This situation explains the second objective he assigned to the Good Neighbor Council: "To urge youth to become better trained and better qualified for employment." This goal is applicable to white as well as to colored youth.

The state will benefit from the increase in employment opportunities to Negroes who prepare themselves for better jobs. It will benefit not only in the strengthening of the economy which better work opportunities for more people will bring but also in better citizenship, in the full implication of the word, in building better homes as well as better citizens and in making better communities.

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Addicts Help Selves at Hospital

"Hopeless" drug addicts are curing each other through a new approach to the problem of drug addiction, reveals the February issue of Ebony, now on the newsstands.

Ebony tells the story of Synanon House - "a Santa Monica, Calif., haven from the hell of drug addiction where the tortured junkie finds group therapy administered not by men in uniforms or white jackets, but by his own group; fellow-addicts who, like him self, want to get the monkey off their backs."

"The results," says Ebony "have been spectacular." "Few people with even the remotest knowledge of the sordidness of drug addiction can visualize a group of a hundred old such people living together in spotlessly clean quarters, surrounded by oaks from best-selling fiction to deepest psychoanalysis, and busy at work operating a \$100,000 a year institution," Ebony says.

Synanon House is a complex of five buildings, centered around an old army, run democratically by the residents themselves under the leadership of founder-director Charles E. (Chuck) Dederich. Ebony explains. There, drug addicts cure each other through three weekly group therapy sessions where new members are "cajoled, baited, taunted and ridiculed" by old members to "bring out deep-seated fears and prejudices" which are the "motivations behind their drug addiction."

The Ebony article tells how this amazing new institution overcame community prejudice

John Henry's Heir

By DON WEST
In West Virginia, Bluefield town,

The miners have a tale to tell Of one who beat the steel drill down And there beside his hammer fell. Big Ben Tunnel on C and O Twelve pound hammer swinging high, Smashing the rocky mountain low, Arching a rainbow in the sky. John Henry's hammer sucking air Twelve pound hammer pounding steel Sparked a rainbow sharp and fair And caused the cliffs to shake and reel. The rainbow stretched above the land, Glad colors streaked across the sky, Reminder of a mighty hand And he whose spirit wouldn't die.

Oh, Rainbow, symbol of a day When faith and hope may courage send To help man on his groping way To find the treasure at the end. Now at the rainbow's end, we wot, Digging deep with bated breath For dignity the treasure pot, Is Man alive, James Meredith. Dig deep, you Man, John Henry's heir, With gentle strength and courage bold Till on the morrow you shall hear A treasure fine far than gold!

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Explosive Force of Black Muslim Movement, Its Role in U.S. Race Relations Explored by Writer

"We are the victorious people. We will rule!" is the belief of the leader of a semi-sect, anti-white sect known as the "Black Muslims" which is one of the most explosive forces in the American civil rights struggle, according to The Saturday Evening Post published today.

"In doing all I can to make the so-called Negroes see that the white race and its religion, Christianity, are their open enemies," the leader, Elijah Muhammad, told Post writers Alfred Balk and Alex Haley, Muhammad, who was born Elijah Poole in Georgia 85 years ago, was interviewed by Balk and Haley in his 10 room Chicago mansion.

After expensive interviews and first hand experiences, Balk and Haley reported that the Muslims believe integration is "White man's trick to keep the black man enslaved." Openly critical of leaders of fights for Negro rights, the Muslims hold the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in contempt, demand racial separation in exclusively Negro states and attempt to turn Negroes from Christianity, the article said.

The sect owns stores, restaurants and other property in large American cities, operates a tabloid newspaper, hate-filled magazines and pamphlets, and broadcasts over 50 radio stations across the country, Balk and Haley said. Muslims pledge one-fourth of their income to the movement, are required to

attend services in temples, refuse to vote and most refuse to report for military duty, they reported.

Although preaching anti-violence, Muslim statements report "we must take things into our own hands." Muslims were involved in a Los Angeles street riot, prominent in a reformatory riot near Washington, D. C., and were involved in prison riots in California, Michigan and Maryland.

Balk and Haley, following their study, said reports of Muslim financial power and membership are exaggerated. Although Muslims have found prisons and slums their most

fertile breeding ground, the Post reportorial team found that the sect "has flopped miserably" in communities with good race relations.

Harry S. Ashmore, Pulitzer Prize-winning editor of Little Rock, Ark., said "The Black Muslims are a warning to which churches, community leaders and public officials had better pay heed." Police officials expressed fear that the dedicated Muslim may be worse than the criminal. Assistant U.S. Attorney General for Civil Rights, Burke Marshall, said "no group with this discipline and dogma can be ignored."

Answers to Veterans Questions

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to question from former servicemen and their families:

Q—May a widow who has previously been denied a claim for pension because her husband did not have a service-connected condition when he died, apply again under a new law?

A—Yes. The new pension law does not require that the veteran have a service-connected condition, but is based chiefly on the financial need of the applicant or her minor children.

Q—How does a new law affect educational benefits for reservists called up for active service during the Berlin crisis?

A—A reservist whose training or education under the Korean GI Bill was interrupted by the call up for active service will have his deadline for completing his education or training extended by a period of time equal to the length of his "call-up" period of service.

Q—Are young people engaged in the VA's War Orphan Educational program benefited by the provisions of a new law?

A—Yes. If they are forced to suspend their schooling or training because of financial reasons beyond their control, such as illness in their immediate family, or because the job at which they work requires their present on the job at a certain season, their

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