

The Wave of Criminal Assaults in Durham

The series of criminal attacks on white women in Durham, supposedly committed by a Negro man or men, is becoming exceedingly distressful to respectable Negro citizens of this city. Until the culprit or culprits are caught, the lot of every Negro male in Durham becomes more and more precarious as the moments pass. It is hoped therefore, that the police department and all citizens of Durham will put forth every possible effort to bring to justice, and that quickly, the person or persons responsible for the wave of attacks.

The longer the attacks are unsolved the more precarious the situation becomes, especially to those Negro men such as garbage collectors who find it necessary to frequent the premises of private homes to remove and replace garbage cans. It has long been our feeling that these humble employees of the city should be provided with some kind of uniform to distinguish them from persons whose duty does not demand that they frequent the premises of others.

Before it is too late, we trust city officials

will give careful consideration to the matter which, under present circumstances in Durham, is becoming decidedly dangerous. At best the lot of a garbage collector is among the most undesirable employment possible. It appears to us that at least the city could provide these humble persons with uniforms that would furnish them with protection against mistaken identity.

We would like to add and insist that Negroes pay little or no attention to the various rumors that are now going the rounds, one of which is to the effect that the attacks are being falsely claimed to offset the picketing of certain downtown stores by Negroes and other pressures being brought to provide equal employment opportunities for all the citizens of Durham. We would prefer to give our fellow white citizens the benefit of doubt in the matter than to believe any of them would stoop to such a base procedure. Until the attacks are proved otherwise we will take for granted that they are actually occurring and will do everything possible to assist in apprehending those responsible for them.

Support for the Student Pickets

The NAACP-CORE Students Protest Group has launched a financial campaign to help raise funds to pay the cost of maintaining the picketing of stores of Durham that refuse to consider equal employment opportunities for Negroes. It is our hope that the Negro citizenry will respond favorably to the request for funds to help defray the expense of the pickets which we understand is costing about \$10.22 per day.

Certainly if the young people who are doing the picketing can risk life, limb and endure the abuse and insults that go with such a task, those of us who are not actively engaged in it can at least contribute financially to the cause.

While we are on the subject we would like to remind all citizens of Durham that equal employment opportunities for all citizens of the United States are mandatory if our own country is to be able to influence other na-

tions of the world to support democracy instead of communism. In fact any individual or firm that insists on discriminating against a person because of his race or color is doing nothing but providing fodder for the communist propaganda mills to feed their ungodly filth to the new nations of Asia and Africa.

Insisting that all citizens and enterprises of our own country maintain a fair employment program is only insisting that they engage in a determined struggle to uphold the democratic nations of the world in their efforts to influence others that our way of life is above that of communism. The efforts of our own nation to uphold democracy transcends that of race. It is in reality a struggle to outdo the Soviet powers in their determination to destroy America and the free nations of the western powers.

Negro Freshmen to Enter Duke University

The announcement last week that Duke University will open its doors to Negro undergraduate students next fall is another triumph for right, justice and truth. It should be remembered that Negroes have put more into Duke University and received less than any other racial group in America. In fact, had it not been for the ruthless exploitation of Negro labor in the early days of the tobacco industry, it is very doubtful that the Duke family could have been able to amass the millions from which it established the endowment that made Duke University possible.

It might be of interest to many of the present members of the Duke University Trustee Board, faculty and student body to learn that there are Negroes still living in Durham who have worked in its tobacco factories for wages as low as \$1.95 per week. Many of their parents before them worked in the same factories for only \$4.50 per month and a sack of meal. While they were doing this the

Dukes were growing richer and richer on the blood, sweat and toil of their Negro employees.

It might be of further interest for them to learn that while the present wage scale of Negroes employed in the tobacco factories of Durham and other cities is comparatively respectable, many of the Negro employees of Duke, because of the low wages paid them by the University, find it necessary to have an extra job to make ends meet.

The Negro freshmen who will choose to enter Duke University next fall should have no misgivings or qualms about their right to do so. If any segment of American citizens is entitled to what the school has to offer in the field of education, it is the Negro. It is our hope that they will enter and pursue their education there with the dignity that becomes the rightful heirs to benefits made possible by the sacrifices of their unfortunate but noble forebears.

PPRMITTING SUCH DEFIANCE IS A BLOW TO OUR WORLD LEADERSHIP



SPRITUAL INSIGHT

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Supreme Faith Necessary When One Sinks Into Night of the Soul

"For lays there were no sign of stars." Acts 20:20.

What do you do when there are no stars in the sky? The real test is when life sinks into one black night. Yes, what do we do when life brings us to the DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL? Do you move on or do you go to pieces? To move on when there are no stars in the sky you must have the inward strength or undergirding of a mighty spiritual power. Man needs God when all the stars seem to go out. Thank God there was one aboard the ship that had a mighty faith in God Almighty. And this gives hope to man when he stands under starless skies. "For days there were no sign of stars."

Faith in God gives to this life a non-shatterable quality. Man by nature needs faith and above all man needs faith in God. Faith in God does give to this life a non-shatterable quality. And this power gives endurance and stability to life amid its shattering pressure. Life does

become anxious and pressure-ridden at times. All we may do life somehow seems to some apart. But if we have found through faith and surrender the matchless spiritual powers of God we have something to hold life together amid its terrific pressures. Just look at Paul the man of faith how he stands confidently amid the pressures of the starless sky. While others were cracking up under pressure, I see him standing firm and steadfast through his faith in God.

Faith keeps us "walking confidently when all the stars have left the sky. In defeat we are left at times under starless skies. When misfortunes strike we are left standing under starless skies. The removal of that love one, in death, leaves us standing alone, seemingly under starless skies. But the man of faith can say with Jesus as he courageously faced dark Calvary—"I am not alone for the Father is with me." The man of faith falls back on his faith in God and

moves on confidently under the starless skies. The man of faith walks on knowing that the darkness will pass and there will be some more stars in the sky. So the man of faith waits knowing the stars will reappear.

Man who must walk, at times, under starless skies needs God. Man, mortal, and finite who must walk in time and space needs God as a companion. How can we walk this dark, anxious and fearful way without God? Amid the sudden and tragic changes we must face we need a God in us and on our side. Thank God we do not have to walk this way alone. God has promised to walk with us, and walking this uncertain way in the company of the Eternal God, we will have some one to whisper to us when the stars leave the sky and say walk on—the stars will shine again.

Anchored in God we can say in sunshine and under starless skies, I am in Him and all is well.

Vets Questions And Answers

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families.

Q.—Does the Veterans Administration Department of Medicine and Surgery engage in medical research?

A.—Yes. During fiscal year 1962 there were medical research programs in 133 VA hospitals, five regional offices, and three outpatient clinics. More than 5,000 professional and scientific publications and presentations resulted from medical research during the year.

Q.—Should a veteran who wishes to be buried in a national cemetery apply to the VA to be sure of having space reserved?

A.—No. Application should be made at the time of the death of the veteran. The gravesites are not reserved in advance of immediate requirement.

Q.—At what age does a war orphan become ineligible for VA educational assistance?

A.—Generally, the age is between 18 and 23 when war orphans start receiving assistance. In some cases the 23 limit is overlooked, but in no case may schooling be continued beyond the 31st birthday of the beneficiary.

Veterans living in or near Durham who wish further information about their benefits should write or visit the VA Office.

PARENTS' who set a good example by their habits and behavior don't need to preach to their children.



Simple, Mona Lisa and Joyce

"Some womens is so evil," said Simple, "they must be evil for fun. Otherwise how could they be so mean? That's probably why Venus got her arms cut off—from shaking her fingers in some mans face once too often. And look at Mona Lisa smiling that sly little old smile, setting there thinking up ways to be devil a man. I can tell by how she looks, Mona Lisa is up to no good purpose. 'Just a cold and lonely, lovely work of art,' nothing! She is a hoddling! Let Mona stay where she is at, in her frame. I do not want no parts of her around me. Was she to come to life here in New York and take the A train to Harlem, I would send her right back to France where she belongs. That woman would do a man like Desdemona did Odd Fellow."

"You mean Othello?" I said. "Whoever he were that was driv mad by a handkerchief," said Simple. "It was not Desdemona's fault," I explained. "It was Iago's."

Whoever it were, Odd Fellow had seen too many of them Mona Lisa smiles by that time to trust any woman," declared Simple. "Me, I trust nobody but my wife. She very seldom smiles. Joyce laughs—and when she laughs, she's got a whole mouth full of teeth that flash like a light house in the sea—then she casts her light, I am telling you, man, all

over me! I love to see Joyce laugh. But oh, my! When my wife gets mad, her eyes flash like lightning and her lips get thin as a buzz saw. That is when I leave the house and come here to this bar to get me a beer. But Joyce never did smile no 'un—been smile like Mona Lisa."

Did you go to the museum to see Mona Lisa?" I asked. "I did not," said Simple. "but Joyce went and come back and told me what she looked like. I also seen Mona in all the papers. Even our Harlem AMSTERDAM NEWS had her picture on the front page. That is why I thought at first Mona was colored. But my wife told me, no, she is not Afro-American, she is white. I might have known the public would not be making all that fuss over a colored woman. Never has no colored woman been painted yet and put in a frame with so many polices and private cops guarding her. And a man dare not say, 'Hy, baby!' to her for fear he will be put out of the museum."

"Joyce asked me why would I want to say, 'Hy, baby!' to Mona."

"I said, 'Just to see if she would laugh!'"

"Joyce said, 'It is very crude of a man to speak to a strange woman you do not know.'"

"I said, 'If I paid fifty cents or a dollar to look at Mona Lisa,

--Editor

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"I am asking you to rise up in maladjusted indignation to every form of prejudice around you, be it on your job, in your church, your school, or government . . . in fact, anywhere. And I want you to become so radical by dissatisfied and maladjusted to segregation that you will stay 'magnificently mad' enough to not only speak up and out, but to do something yourself about every reprehensible condition that exists around you," he challenged.

Speaking on the topic, "The Present Role of the Negro Press," Stanley said that the Negro press must ever be concerned about the freedom and security of all Americans. "For indeed," he said, "what ever threatens them, endangers our every right to know, to learn, to live, to grow, to prosper."

No other press, he said, regardless of how liberal, can ever crusade as forthrightly or as dedicatedly. Referring to the Negro press as traditionally a crusading press and as America's conscience, he said, "Its cause for being lies in the fact that we live in an imperfect society, in a democracy still grappling with problems of how best to square its practices with its avowed purposes . . . It is a constant reminder of the jobs that democracy has yet to do. It is a source of inspiration—sometimes the only source—for 20 million Americans known as Negroes."

Congratulating North Carolina for its progress in human rights, he called Gov. Terry Sanford's recent urging of equal opportunities for all citizens a timely and much needed statement, and he quoted from what he considers a new kind of Emancipation Proclamation which "will set the South (North Carolina) free to grow and build, set us free from the drag of poor people, poor schools, from hate, from demagoguery."

--Funeral

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He was assisted by the Rev. Z. D. Harris, pastor of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist.

Burial services were conducted at Glenview Memorial Cemetery.

McCoy, a long time resident of Durham, was a native of McDonald, where he was born on Sept. 8, 1924, son of Eddie J. and Bertha McCloud McCoy.

He came to Durham at an early age and was trained in the public schools of the city. McCoy served four and half years in the Army during World War II, where he saw overseas duty in the European theater and was decorated with Bronze Star along with other ribbons. He was a member of Russell Memorial CME Church and active in the church for many years. At his death, he was a member of the usher board.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons; his parents; two brothers; two nieces and one nephew.

--Woman

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mission; directed a city-wide register and vote campaign, putting 11,000 new voters on the books in 1942; 31,000 in 57-58; and 20,000 in 1960.

She served as counsel in the Maryland recreation suits in 1950 to eliminate racial segregation in municipal and state beaches and swimming pools which were won in Supreme Court, November, 1955; also counsel in the Baltimore segregation school suits, which resulted in Baltimore being the first Southern city to integrate public after the Court Decision of 1954.

Mrs. Mitchell is the mother of four sons, wife of Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Director of Washington Bureau, NAACP, daughter of Dr. Little M. Jack-

I should at least have the privilege of saying 'Hello' to her. Even if she did come from France, she is no more than any other woman displaying herself in public, except that she is in a frame and you do not see much more than her head. I would like to see how Mona is built, myself."

"Mona Lisa is a work of art. Her face reveals her all," said Joyce. "That one detail of her smile speaks mysteries."

"Speaks mysteries," I said, "so hell and damnation for whoever were her husband."

"How do you know she had

son, President of the Baltimore NAACP and Maryland State Conference NAACP branches.

--Boycott

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personnel. Many of the stores being boycotted employed Negroes in the dual capacity as clerks and maids or janitors. Others hired Negroes as clerks but assigned them to remote sections of the stores.

These practices, plus the plain refusal to hire Negroes as clerks are the targets of the latest campaign, Reynolds explained.

At the outset of the campaign, two weeks ago, 17 Durham stores were under boycott by the NAACP and CORE.

The campaign has taken the form of nicking of the stores on the list and the arousing of Negro community to support the action.

Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, former militant Alabama minister, spoke in Durham last Friday at a rally in support of the movement.

Reynolds reported this week that the Negro community has "supported the campaign 'pretty well.'" He noted, however, that several Negroes had crossed the picket lines at Sears.

--Rapes

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been reported. These residents feel that police have not been alert on the case.

However, following the last reported assault on Monday, the State Bureau of Investigation had been called in to assist local police.

Almost a dozen Negro men have been picked up and questioned, but all have been released when their alleged victims could not identify them.

Negro taxi drivers, who reported trips in the vicinity of the attacks, were also questioned this week.

Because of the close similarity in details of the assaults, police theorize that most of them have been committed by the same man. The phantom suspect is credited with at least 17 unsolved rapes over the past three years.

Police said most of the victims described their attacker as a Negro man wearing a handkerchief over his face and carrying a gun. In almost each case he feigned robbery and proceeded to rape his victims.

The large number of victims the suspect has claimed plus his elusiveness has raised many questions in the minds of Durhamites. Some skeptics have preferred the opinion that some of the reports may have been hoaxes and point to what they claim conflicting and improbable incidents in some of the reports.

At any rate, the opinion of the majority of Durhamites in both races at mid-week was that the entire city will rest easier when the cases are solved.

--Powell

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common headlines of lodging, meals, transportation, and miscellaneous; and that no public report is required of senators.

Sen. John J. Williams of Delaware recently renewed the attack on Rep. Powell by describing the trip as a "European vacation for Mr. Powell and two lady friends, where he attended all the night spots of the European capitals."

At a subsequent news conference Powell accused Williams of racial prejudice.

Reports on the use of counter-part funds, American owned foreign currencies, made available to House members and employees when they travel abroad are required by law.

The Congressional Record published on Tuesday a detailed expense account submitted by Rep. Powell in compliance with the law.

a husband?" says Joyce.

"'Because the AMSTERDAM NEWS says she were pregnant. And when a thing is in the papers,' I said, 'everybody believes it. Colored papers always knows everything about everybody—and what they miss, JET catches up with.'"

"The papers do not know anything about the private life of Mona Lisa," said Joyce, "and neither does anybody else. What does her smile mean? Who knows?"

"'Maybe she is listening to a record by Jackie Mabley,' I said."

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