

An Easy Way to Get Rid of Demonstrations

In an editorial of Friday, May 17, entitled "How To Get Rid of Freedom Marchers," the Greensboro Daily News points to the failure, in the past, of local business power structures to exert their influence or leadership in abolishing the segregated pattern in the South. The editorial praised the actions of the Greensboro Merchants Association and the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce in asking for "an end to all policies—in both government and business within the city of Greensboro which deny rights or services to any citizens."

In its final comment on the demonstrations or freedom marches the editorial declared: "If Greensboro, or any other Southern city wants to know how it can get rid of freedom marchers, it has the answer. It is embodied in the timely resolutions passed yesterday: Give them equal citizenship rights. Treat them with the same dignity. Then they'll go home."

Here, we think, is the kind of sound think-

ing, advice and leadership that a newspaper should exhibit. It shows plainly just why Greensboro is so far ahead of Durham in population, industry and otherwise. Instead of talking about a "Better Way Than Demonstrations" the Greensboro Daily News faces up to the problem fearlessly and frankly.

We have said again and again that whenever or wherever those in power speak against injustices heaped upon Negroes in education, employment, or elsewhere they will be done away with. The Merchants, the Chambers of Commerce and other influential organizations in the cities and communities of the South have the key to better race relations if they will only use it.

These organizations in Greensboro are on the right road to bring about a solution to the problem confronting that city and we predict that it will ultimately be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Opposed to All Forms of Violence

This newspaper would like for it to be distinctly understood by all that it stands squarely behind and in support of the Freedom Marches and other forms of peaceful demonstrations that are now being carried on in the South. It would also like for it to be distinctly understood that it is absolutely opposed to any and all forms of violence or unseemly conduct on the part of those participating in the demonstrations or others who may think they are lending their support to them by throwing rocks at individuals of the opposite race or at cars in which they are riding. We are opposed to name calling, profane language or any and all conduct on the part of Negroes or others that is not in keeping with that of ladies and gentlemen.

Reports coming to this newspaper that Negroes in certain sections of Durham have resorted to throwing rocks at white persons or cars in which they are riding are to be regretted. Such conduct will not be supported by adult or youth leaders of the demonstration and will only serve to undermine the efforts now being made through them to obtain better race relations in Durham.

It is our feeling that any citizen who knows the names of such a person or persons would be doing the entire community a service by reporting it to the police department immediately. Such persons are a menace to the community and the quicker they understand that their type of conduct will not be tolerated the better off all of Durham will be.

More Reasons For Demonstrations

The attitude expressed by North Carolina's Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody concerning the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling in the sit-in cases is exactly and precisely the attitude on the part of public officials that has made the present demonstrations against segregation necessary. It would have been far more becoming and statesmanlike for one in his high position of public trust to have honestly faced up to the ruling and declared that the highest court in the land has spoken, and it is now the duty of all loyal and law abiding citizens of the United States to comply or abide by the ruling.

Instead of exhibiting sound leadership as becomes a high official, the Assistant Attorney General sets out on the dark and dismal road of endeavoring to find ways and means of circumventing the ruling. So, he blandly informs that stupid element of North Carolina whites, whose members have never been able to rise above a below-standard level of living, that North Carolina's segregation law is still safe and sound. This, of course, will give them comfort to believe that their white skin is still a badge of superiority whether they are possessed with intelligence or not.

The Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Negroes of this state need not look

to its high public officials to do what is honest, what is upright and even what is lawful. So, instead of an atmosphere in which intelligent white and Negro leaders might sit down around a table and work out a solution to the present dilemma in Raleigh, Greensboro and Durham the ignoble Mr. Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody has made it absolutely impossible for any Negro leader of standing to do anything but fold his arms or join the demonstrations lest the present generation of youths of his race spit in his face and the unborn generation spit on his grave.

So, instead of asking for a cessation of the demonstrations, as we had hoped we could be able to do after the Supreme Court ruling, in order to give time for arbitration, we have no alternative but to give our bounden support to those already in process and pray to Almighty God that Negroes in other cities will see that so far as officials of North Carolina are concerned the cause of arbitration is lost. We, therefore, hope they will begin to fall in line by raising their cry in similar demonstrations against this damnable system that has kept them in a state of semi-bondage for approximately 100 years and threatens to cripple the efforts of our country to promote democracy abroad.

The Supreme Court Ruling in the Sit-in Cases

The ruling handed down this week by the U. S. Supreme Court in the sit-in cases surprises no one but that segment of American society known as segregationists. It is going to be interesting to watch the antics of southern governors, mayors and other high public officials in their efforts to circumvent the ruling of the court and continue segregation as the pattern of the South.

Every person who has an ounce of common sense knows that segregation is a "dead duck" and that a new era is coming into being all over the nation as well as in the South. It will remain, as usual, for southern whites to be the last segment of American society to realize the old pattern of segregation is a lost cause. Consequently there will be resentment and disorder in many cities, towns and communities where the leadership will not assert itself and direct the course of the people in the direction of acceptance.

We urge Negroes to keep their heads and not to become panicky or discouraged. We urge them to be polite but firm in their deter-

mination to become first class citizens. The law is on our side, right is on our side and a growing segment of young, upright white southerners are on our side. In the end we can't lose.

There is, one way however, that every Negro can help to implement the ruling of the Supreme Court and that is to register and vote. When high public officials realize that the Negro has sufficient voting strength to influence elections they will be less prone to attempt to defy the Supreme Court's rulings in the various civil rights cases. We think a determined register and vote campaign is now in order and urge Negro leaders in all fields of endeavor to use their influence in seeing to it that every Negro man and woman who qualifies registers and votes.

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I now quote a paragraph from The Blessing of Business:

"When you visit a public park, you note that the bronze and marble statues usually represent statesmen, warriors or poets. They should represent the more useful business men; so should the pictures on postage stamps and paper money. Look at the average community, and consider what business men have done for it; the teachers, preachers, statesmen, writers, artists and orators, however creditable they may be, have not done as much."

I LIKE THINGS to turn out as I planned; they do in my case, and at my age because I always expect the worst.

BUT CIVIL RIGHTS ARE WANTED NOW, MR. PRESIDENT



REV. HAROLD ROLAND



The Fact of God's Redeeming Love Is The Good News of Gospel

THIS GOOD NEWS
"The Gospel God announced in sacred scriptures through his prophets." Rom. 1:2.

The Gospel of God was revealed through Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Through God and Christ, therefore, we have the good news. What is this good news? The good news is the Gospel of God's redeeming love. The good news is what God in Christ has done for us. The good news is that God has come in Christ to save or redeem us from sin. God in Christ lifts the heavy, wearisome burden of sin. It is indeed good news that God offers a remedy of healing for man's sin-sick soul. **THIS IS GOOD NEWS!**

This Good News brings a new outlook for man in his miserable condition. Good News in Christ breaks the vicious circle of man's wretchedness and sinfulness. Christ is the healing for our sin-sick souls. He breaks the enslaving power of sin. And he releases man for the fulfillment of his great God-given potentials. Truly this is the world's greatest good news. It is good news

for it brings moral and spiritual freedom for man. Yes, Christ and his Cross rob sin of its enslaving power. Countless souls now for two thousand years have been finding this great freedom in Christ the Savior.

This Good News heralds man's true freedom. In a world gone wild about freedom what is the ground of all true freedom? Christ is the ground of true freedom. Why? Christ gives freedom from sin. We must realize that the viciousness of sin is the real enemy of human freedom. All the things we fight against grow out of human sinfulness—pride, prejudices, envy, hatred, injustice, greed and countless others are found in the real enemy of man: SIN. Thus Christ becomes the key to true freedom. In Christ we become the new creatures of true freedom. Christ takes away things that make us to be isolated or estranged from God Almighty. And when sin the thing that separates us from God is taken away we are freed indeed. Good News—Christ gives us spiritual and

moral freedom.

This Good News brings us to the fulfillment of life according to the Divine plan or purpose. In Christ we do find the highest, richest fulfillment. Good News just look what God in Christ has done for us. Christ frees from sin and catapults us into a life of the noblest dimensions—a life of loving service. Christ takes a way our sins and gives us spiritual harmony, fellowship, peace, joy and the true blessedness that God alone can give. O that we could call the roll of the great souls whose sins have been taken away by Christ that they in him might find fulfillment according to God's eternal purposes. The list could begin with Stephen and end with that humble Christian who lived and died nobly in the mountains of North Carolina a little more than a year ago.

The world's great Good News is what God in Christ has done for a world of lost and miserable sinners. Good News Christ is the Savior of lost souls!



Jackie Robinson
says:
by JACKIE ROBINSON

SOUTHERN NIGHTMARE

This column is being written on the morning of the day of my trip to Birmingham with Floyd Patterson.

Last night—or rather, early this morning—at about 1 o'clock—I received an urgent call from a brilliant and brave young man for whom I have the greatest respect and admiration.

His name is Wyatt Tee Walker. He is a thirty-three-year-old minister and Executive Assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King.

Wyatt was calling me less than twenty-four hours after some die-hard segregationists of Birmingham, angered because white businessmen had given into Dr. King's demands, retaliated by attempting to assassinate Dr. King with a bomb planted at the Gaston Motel.

Had Dr. King been in Birmingham and in the room which had been his headquarters at the Gaston, he would have been murdered.

Wyatt wanted to know if I knew anyone who could make an immediate White House contact. If so, he was asking that I get in touch with them and seek to persuade someone of the need for the most vigilant Federal Security to guard the persons of Dr. King and Dr. Abernathy.

Noel Marder, the young Yonkers businessman who headed

the "Back Our Brothers" Movement had also been contacted by Wyatt. Noel and I got the telephone wires burning to Washington. A contact was made with a top Presidential advisor who got out of bed to assure us that the White House had been alerted about the danger and that every precaution was being taken to safeguard Dr. King and Dr. Abernathy.

I think the White House realized that, if any harm came to any of the four horsemen of the Birmingham civil rights battle—King, Abernathy, Shuttlesworth (already hospitalized after being hosed to the ground by local police) there would be no stopping of brutal race rioting, not only in Birmingham, but all throughout the country.

As it was, Wyatt himself, had already experienced first-hand the murderous barbarity of Governor Wallace's storm troopers. That same afternoon, while Rev. Walker's petite and attractive wife had been visiting him from their Atlanta home—accompanied by their four small children—the local Gestapo had rushed into the patio of the Gaston and ordered everyone into the building. When Mrs. Walker turned to obey, a hulking police officer smashed the butt of his carbine against the back of her

head. The blood streaming down her face, Mrs. Walker was rushed to the hospital. She was in great pain. But later in the day Wyatt decided to send her back to Atlanta in the family car. In Atlanta, police stopped her for "passing a stop light." When she argued that she had not been guilty of this offense and spunkily refused to pay a \$15 fine they promptly jailed Mrs. Walker and the four small Walker children.

As this was going on, Wyatt himself was returning to the police-surrounded 32-block area about the hotel. Although he had been given permission by police to leave the area, when he returned his car was stopped and he was told he could not re-enter. He got out of his car to walk the rest of the way and two officers jumped him and beat him unmercifully with nightsticks.

As he talked with me, Wyatt was a scared young man. This was all the more disturbing because I know that he doesn't scare in the most dangerous situations and, believe me, he has been through them in a half-dozen Southern cities.

Yet, I noticed that—with his wife beaten, with his own body aching with cruel pain, Wyatt was not scared for himself. He was afraid for his children. He was afraid for what might happen to Dr. King. He was afraid what could happen in America if King or Abernathy or Shuttlesworth were killed.

The "Back Our Brothers" Movement is sending Floyd Patterson and me to Birmingham to thank Dr. King and the heroic Birmingham youngsters who freedom-marched on to the world's



SIMPLE'S PRESIDENT

"If I was President of the United States in this year of the South, 1963," said Simple, "I would make me a speech which would be a statement, and I would say, 'Citizens and fellow-citizens, friends and Republicans, Democrats and Dixiecrats, it is about time all of you, each and everyone, North and South, begin to realize that you cannot fool around with Negroes anymore. Also you should realize that our U. S. A. belongs to everybody, leaving out nobody. It is about time everybody realizes that the word our means belonging to everybody, including schools, swimming pools, police commissioners, and governors. Who would want Bull Connor? Who would want Faubus? But we are stuck with them. They are ours. They belong to colored citizens as well as white. The City of Birmingham belongs to colored citizens as well as white. So do fire hoses and police dogs belong to all. So I would save, take them police dogs away from them cops down South—Negroes. Them dogs are yours—since the last four letters of yours means ours."

'Citizens and fellow-citizens, Republicans and friends, Democrats and Dixiecrats, voters and voteless, particularly in the South, take the vote if you do not already have it. Else how can you use it? Take the hoses and put out the fires raging in the heart of Dixie. You bought them hoses with your tax money. Take Alabama, including Birmingham, and you won't have to bother anything else in the future. The hoses belong to the city and the city belongs to us which is ours. I am speaking as the President of all the people, all the cities, all the states. Them what misuses and abuses any people in any state, I declare out of bounds. I hereby command the misusers to turn over all dogs, road rods, and fire hoses to Rev. Martin Luther King, all patrol cars to Rev. Shuttlesworth, and the constitution of the State of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi to Dick Gregory because them constitutions must be funny. Dek could read them for laughs.

'All right, here am I speaking noble, but speeches is one

thing and action another. Some papers and some so-called leaders of civil rights has been trying to bait me, the President, into hasty action. This I have thought about well. None of you baiters ever thought I would do what I now intend to do. The next time an Autherine Lucy is barred from the University of Alabama, or any children in Little Rock is locked out by National Guards or a Meredith is denied entrance to any University like Mississippi, or six little girls is hooted at by white mothers in New Orleans on their way to school, or a Rosa Parks is hustled off a bus in Montgomery and cussed for being colored, or the fire hoses and dogs is trained on any of our citizens in Birmingham, I, me, President of the United States—President of all people, black as well as white—me, I am going down there into Dixie wherever it is where such things is happening in the South.

I am going to take the next Autherine Lucy by the hand. The next James Meredith I will personally stand beside. The next lot of little girls trying to go to school, the next group of would-be voters in Greenwood, Mississippi, or the next line of marchers in Birmingham to leave a church to march for freedom, me—President of the United States—I am going down there to march with them. I am going to carry a sign: EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL. If any hoses are hosed or dogs are sicked, or electric prods are prodded, them hoses will wif me, the President. Them dogs bite me, elected by all. Them prods will shock me. Them police will lock me up, the President of the U. S. A., Land of the Free—which is a country for all which I am determined to make it so—Colored, white, Gentiles, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, rich or poor. The least I can do for being ton man in the White House is to be ton man for all in this land of ton democracy which is the U. S. A., Capital of the Free World. I mean what I say. I am sick and tired of this stuff against any of my people, particularly my colored people. Here I den! I leads this line. I comet Gangway for the Presi-

New Gastonia Councilman Lauded

Only once in a great while do we feel that there is one candidate who has so exemplified those good attributes of citizenship that he should be singled out for public appraisal. This is particularly true of newcomers.

In tomorrow's city election there is such a man. Thebaud Jeffers is a quiet, unassuming man who sets about the task of being a good citizen in unobtrusive manner that one does not realize the extent of his influence until it has already been effectively used.

Dr. Jeffers, long the principal of Highland High School, has long been recognized for the guidance he has given and the contributions he has made to thousands of our Negro citizens during the most sensitive years of their lives. Less known is the profound effect he has had on the entire community.

A "gentleman and a scholar" whatever the color of his skin, has set in the "councils of the mighty" pointing with clear logic to the roots of many a problem and suggesting a workable solution. Decisions of importance have resulted from his suggestions, but rarely has he received credit for the part he played in shaping the solution.

He not only has served as a member of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations but his was one of the guiding hands that helped to form the group in the first in-

stance. It is doubtful if Erwin Park would be the fine facility that it is today, if it were not for the efforts of T. Jeffers. Certainly the Gaston County Negro Hospital, whatever its limitations, wouldn't provide the services that it does had not he had some part in its operation.

As president of Excelsior Credit Union for 12 years, he learned importance of fiscal responsibility and proper business planning. He is highly regarded among educators in this state and spends many of his summers teaching college courses.

Dr. Jeffers' stand has been clear. Extreme racists should vote against him, for he will not bow to their wishes. Never militant nor overbearing in his attitude, he has nevertheless worked steadily and continually for the progress of his race.

But more so than anyone else we know, Dr. Jeffers' life itself is the best argument for equality.

Today, one American farm worker grows 124 cent more food, fiber, and other products per man hour than he did in 1947-49.

The most rapidly expanding segment of American agriculture is the family farm with \$10,000 or more worth of annual sales, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

front pages and into the world's conscience.

That's the least we can do—to say "thank you" to Martin King, to Wyatt, to Abernathy and Shuttlesworth and Mrs. Walker.

We can do more. We don't have to face beatings. We can send

freedom dollars to the Back Our Brothers Movement which is raising a war chest so that the Martin Kings and Wyatt Walkers will know we're with them. Send your contributions to this column or to "Back Our Brothers" c/o Noel Marder, 733 Yonkers Ave.

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