

The Gigantic Task Facing the Trustees of NCC

As we indicated in an editorial last week, it is probably too late now to hope for any action on the part of the North Carolina College Trustee Board beyond that of accepting and approving that of its special committee appointed for the purpose of finding a capable and worthy successor to the retiring president of NCC. However, because of our deep interest in the school, Durham, the race in general and our desire to help in the urgent and gigantic matter before the NCC trustees we would like to call their attention to an observation we did not make in our last week's comment on the matter.

When the trustee board of other large and distinguished educational institutions of higher learning in this area have been called on to find a successor to a retiring president, in practically every instance they have endeavored to replace the outgoing president with one of proven administrative experience as well as academic achievement. The record discloses that Duke University for example, selected as its new president a man from a smaller western college who had proved to be a successful administrator; Hampton Institute selected Dr. Jerome Hoiland from Delaware State College; Fisk University chose Dr. Stephen J. Wright from Bluefield State College; Virginia State College, Dr. Robert P. Daniel of Shaw University; and A. and T. College, Dr. S. D. Proctor from Union University.

In short, the record discloses that in every instance that trustees of the educational institutions named above took no chance that a good and well trained scientist or person of

other academic achievement might not turn out to be a good administrator if placed at the head of a university or college. To avoid the risk they sought out and secured the service of those of proven ability. They did so because it just does not stand to reason that one who has been merely a classroom teacher can be transformed over night into an educational administrator capable of running a \$10 million institution such as NCC.

It is most unfortunate that with all of their planning to improve the field of learning that universities have no program for training college presidents. It is also unfortunate that those who head our larger educational institutions are seldom far-sighted, intelligent or unselfish enough to take some younger and promising person under their wings where they could learn and experience the grave and heavy responsibility of heading an educational institution of higher learning. As a result, when a vacancy does occur at the top of one of them, the trustees are faced with the difficult problem of finding a qualified successor.

In spite of the lateness of the hour and because of the gravity of the situation, it is our hope that the trustees will consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the move they are about to make. As urgent as the situation is, we feel it would be far better to delay another month, or even several months, in selecting a successor to the retiring president of NCC than to place at the head of the institution one who is entirely inexperienced in such matters as directing the affairs of a large educational institution.

The Negro and the Southern Vote in 1964

No person who is outside of the Republican Party high command is able to determine what is cooking behind the scenes for the 1964 presidential election campaign. In spite of all the noise that is now being raised over the rush of some political figures and others in the GOP camp to jump on the Barry Goldwater bandwagon, we cannot bring ourselves around to the point of believing that those who control the destiny of the Republican party are stupid enough to try out the Arizona senator as their standard bearer in next year's election.

It might be that the powers-that-be Republican Party circles have already conceded the 1964 presidential election to Kennedy and have decided to rid the party once and for all of the Goldwater enigma by making him a scapegoat in the 1964 campaign. If this is the case the Republicans may find that they have lost for a long time to come much of the support they have been getting from northern and western Negro voters and all they hope to get from the growing Negro vote in the South.

On the other hand if the Republicans are actually serious about winning in 1964 with Senator Goldwater as their standard bearer they appear to be willing to write off the Negro vote nationally with the hope of offsetting it with a new found source of strength to be derived from disgruntled Democrats of the South who are dissatisfied with the Kennedy administration's civil rights program.

Therefore the 1964 campaign may find both the Republican and Democratic parties in a new role, so far as the South and the Negro vote are concerned.

As it now stands no self respecting Negro is going to take kindly to getting on the Goldwater bandwagon, whatever the GOP intentions are. Even dyed-in-the-wool Negro republicans are sure to vote for Kennedy in 1964 in preference to Goldwater if he is the GOP nominee. Once they enter the Democratic fold via the Kennedy door it may be hard for them to turn back especially if the future leadership of the Democratic Party follows the trend of the present occupants of the White House and backed up by his brother, the Attorney General.

If and when the present Administration is able to maneuver its omnibus civil rights bill into law that is now before Congress, which includes legislation that will make it possible for large numbers of Negroes to vote in states of the deep South without fear of economic and physical reprisals, it may be the beginning of a new day in political affairs with the GOP depending entirely on the white vote of the South to replace the strength it will lose by having Goldwater as its presidential standard bearer in 1964 and the Democratic Party depending entirely on the new Negro voting strength of the South to off-set whatever it will lose to the GOP.

Last Week's Meeting at the County Stadium

Respectable and intelligent leaders and citizens of both races in Durham will not become too alarmed at efforts now being made by a segment of the city's population to perfect a semi-secret organization that has as its intent and purpose preventing Negroes from obtaining their constitutional rights in this country. The record of Roy Harris, the Georgia apostle of race hatred, is too well-known in North Carolina for any but the very lowest sort of the state to be led off by their noses and by his asinine philosophy. In spite of what has transpired so far, we are confident that the decent citizens of both races in Durham will not permit any apostle of ill-will to destroy what has already been achieved here by our mayor and its bi-racial committee in the way of bringing about an honest and better understanding between the races.

No sensible Negro leader or citizen in Durham or North Carolina expects, or is going to ask for any more than the U. S. Constitution

allows him. No Negro leader or sensible Negro citizen in the state is going to join or support any organization that he has to object to his picture being made in its meetings or object to any decent white person becoming a member.

The meetings and membership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, CORE and every other organization in Durham or elsewhere in this state, now working for the improvement of the Negro's status, are wide open to any and all law abiding white and Negro citizens, including the press. In fact, Negroes in Durham and North Carolina would be greatly disappointed were it not for the encouragement and help they have received from sympathetic white citizens who have been fair enough and kind enough to take time out to look into the objectives of individuals and organizations engaged in the struggle the Negro is now making to achieve full citizenship rights in this country.

Finally, we are satisfied that the good and decent white people of Durham and this state have ample confidence in its good, decent Negro people to know that not one of them approves rapes, attacks on women or any other lawless acts that may occur, regardless of the race of the person responsible. It is this mutual respect, understanding and confidence that in the end will safeguard Durham and all of North Carolina against such ignorance and fool hardy action as that displayed at the County Stadium last week.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

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Human Imagination, Creatively Used Is Gift From the Creator

"They became vain in their imaginations." Rom. 1:21.

Spiritual blindness can move us to a vain misuse of the great, creative power of human imagination. Imagination, when creatively used, is a great gift from God the Creator. And this creative power from God can become the basis of some of the great works of men. Creative imagination is a great factor in the production of poetry, music, literature, and the great works of art. And on the other hand this same creative power from God may be misused and abused by those who are criminally or evilly inclined. We marvel at the creative genius of some criminals. But this is vain or destructive use of the God-given power of imagination. Thus here the holy writer reminds us of the vain or destructive nature of misused imagination.

Christ gives a creative touch to man's God-given power of imagination. The magic touch of regeneration or redemption in

the personality of man releases the fruitful powers of human nature. God wills creative expression for every human being. And every human being needs creative expression. This creative expression on the part of human beings means satisfaction. It gives the human being a sense of counting for something and being of service to mankind. We cry out for expression. Then let our lives find expression creatively. And the highest creativity for the human being is found when Christ in love redeems from sin.

Christ saves us from the vain, futile expression of our great imaginative powers. Sin causes the misuse or abuse of our God-given imaginative powers. But the soul redeemed by Christ Jesus is ready for the creative expression of our powers of imagination. Christ saves us therefore, that we might find creative expression for the God-given potentials of our sin-marred lives. Then let Christ the

Savior free you so that you may find creative expression for your life.

Paul used his great powers of imagination viciously and destructively until he met Jesus that day on the highway at high noon. But with his dramatic regeneration his great powers were channeled or harnessed for the loving purposes of God Almighty through the magic touch of God's redeeming love as found in Christ Jesus. And countless others have been transformed by Christ and turned their lives to creative expression for Christ the Savior. Christ can do the same for any lost or unsaved soul. Will you consider Christ and give Him a chance in your life? To every unsaved soul I hear Christ calling—come let me release your great God-given powers for creative expression in the Kingdom of God.

We all have gifts. Will we use them or abuse them? You, and you alone can decide.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

White Man's Burden

A few years ago, Gunnar Myrdal, a Swedish sociologist, came to America to make a social study. He concluded that America was in a dilemma, and gave the title of a book that he wrote as a result of his study, AMERICAN DILEMMA. True, he was, but this was largely philosophical on the part of Mr. Myrdal, because at the time the white man was well in control; he had chartered his course; he had appointed his captain to direct his ship to the shores of unreality. Mr. Myrdal saw the seeds for this and he was sure that germination was good. He apparently saw an America who was able to amend her ways in time to avoid the crisis she is now suffering. America's racial problem is one made wholly by the white man, yet the Negro is called upon to help him to bear the burden.

This is the greatest task the Negro has ever been asked to perform, because it means going the second mile with a man who has respected his dog more highly than he has regarded his Negro brother, yet in the name of God we must make it. Our vigilance and our march to freedom must be ceaseless and constant, yet we must never walk without the awareness of our white brother who needs our help to give him a conscience worthy and in accord with the religion he proclaims. Yes, they are his burdens but his burdens become our burdens. He is afraid, and his fear is

based on his guilt. The very nature of his questions reflect the fear of retribution for his sins. We must let him know that vengeance is not ours. How can this be done? We must move and work in love, never allowing ourselves to hate though we reap the cruelty of his hand. We must help him to understand that retribution is controlled by Eternity, and that ever once it has been set in motion, no human force can influence nor stop it. We must be kind to him, and realize that he is having his trouble adjusting his practice with his ideal. Our white brother is victim of his own power. We must help him to realize that power has its position in the Universe, and its usefulness to mankind depends upon the morality of the possessors. We must help him to save himself by giving him a soul that is outleaked by a force that is above himself. We must be quick to hear his cry, and ready to sympathize with him in the predicament he has brought himself.

My white brother has displayed all the weakness of a human being, while he has worked hard to show himself as a super human being. He flays the statement "the white man is on the run, let us keep him on the run!" No, the Negro must never adopt this attitude. He cannot adopt this attitude. The Negro must never rejoice over the dilemma which expresses the white man's position. We must nev-

er add to his burdens; rather we must help him by giving him the spirit and courage to practice the ideals he expounds as a society and nation. No we cannot and will not make the statement that "the white man is on the run, let us keep him on the run." We must be controlled, commanded, and guided by the Godly Force deeply imparted in us. We shall not wish him any ill will, nor shall we work to the ill of his cause. Yes, the statement in quotation is exactly what the "white man has said about the Negro. (we have the Negro down, let us keep him down). Here is a clear indication of weakness on the part of my white brother who seeks to avoid the experience of what he has practiced towards others for hundreds of years. Yes, my brother we are ready to go the second mile. We will not seek to exploit your troubles, but rather we shall help you to receive an inward birth that will enable you to live with your God and yourself without shame or fear, as we march to freedom. Wilson W. Lee

Vets Questions And Answers

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



BUGGED

"From what kind of insects comes the word bugged?" asked Simple.

"You mean to bug, to be bugged? I asked. "Yes," said Simple. "I mean to be bugged. From what insect you reckon that word comes — from a mosquito, a fly, a gnat, a chinch, a roach, a chigger, a flea, or from a daddy-long-legs. Light-bugs around a lamp also can bug a man."

"I do not know the origin of the word bug in the sense of a verb," I said, "but any one of those pests you mention are enough to irritate a man, certainly."

"And it looks like that is just what Negroes are doing to white folks nowadays. After they have been bugging us more than three hundred years now we get accused of bugging them when we try to get them to stop bugging us. White folks is like mosquitoes that have the nerve not only to come zooming around you head, but to say, 'We have our rights, too—to bite you.' Then, when you slip back, they claim you are bugging them. Do you dig what I mean?"

"I dig," I said. "But you are speaking of minor irritants like little insects. This year has seen so many racial demonstrations, North and South, that they have become really big irritants to many of our white fellow Americans."

"They is bugged," said Simple. "I think more than bugged," I said.

"Anyhow," said Simple, "civil rights is too much for them. They keep talking more and more about we Negroes ought to go slow, pipe down, stop demonstrations, behave our black selves. Is they not at last trying to do right by us Negroes, says our white folks. Them peoples that is doing this slow-down talk has not been wet with water hoses, chased by cops with hilly clubs, prodded with electric rods, or put in jail for wanting to vote, work, and eat. Them that is saying to us to go slow would be going as fast as they could if they was in our position — and had nothing to lose like Negroes hasn't. But the fact that we is getting wetted, chased, beat, prodded and put in jail bugs them. My white boss says he is getting tired of reading about it. He says we

ought is enough — we ought to take it easy. I wouldn't be surprised if Negroes didn't bug white Americans so until they ups and gives Malcolm X and the Black Muslims a separate state just to get them out of their hair — or which I want to have no parts unless that state was New York."

"I thought you were such an ardent race man," I said, "that you would want to live in a Negro state."

"I would," said Simple, "if it included Harlem, Manhattan Island, U. S. A. — gimme Harlem and I would stay. But never no move to Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia or points South."

"Suppose the government gave the Muslims Alaska?" "It would be too cold up there for me."

"How about California?" "Too far from the Apollo Theatre," said Simple. "Well, maybe New Jersey?" "Too many mosquitoes."

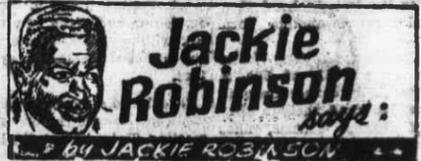
"Hawaii — that's a state where the climate is pleasant, the population integrated, the hills hot and the trade winds cool. If the government gave Malcolm X the Hawaiian Islands, wouldn't you follow the Negroes there?"

"I hear tell, Washington is about to move the capital to Honolulu. And I would not want to be nowhere near where Eastland is or any of the rest of them Southern Dixiecrats Congressmen. Besides, that far off, a man would have to have a mighty lot of plane fare to get back to Harlem on a visit."

"What is it you like so much about Harlem?" I asked. "Since I been an orphan," said Simple, "Harlem is my mama. Since I been homeless, Harlem is my home. Since I been friendless, I have found in Harlem friends. Beardless, I have found here beer."

"There are homes and friends and beer in other parts of the world," I said. "The Muslims do not believe in drinking," said Simple. "They believe in race pride," I said. "I too," said Simple. "But I do not want to go to Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Alaska or Honolulu to find it. I want to stand on my own two feet right here on the corner of 125th and Lenox and be proud."

"Proud of what?" I asked. "Of living so long on so little," said Simple.



The Hilton chain is really holding its own in the global competition to construct new, splendid hotels.

I've just returned from a delightful visit to the new Durado-Hilton, just outside of San Juan Puerto Rico, where I participated in one of the finest golf tournaments ever put on.

It was great falling out of bed onto the toughest golf course I have ever played. The tournament was played on the Durado-Hilton greens. While this course is not nearly as elaborate as that

of the Rockettler-Durado, which is just a brief distance from the Hilton hotel, it is a most interesting golf course. The wind, water and sand traps are hazards on each hole. We found it most difficult to judge our shots.

The hotel fronts on the Atlantic Ocean. You can see miles of sea and sky. I suppose it was partially this atmosphere which helped us to have one of the smoothest tournaments in which I've ever participated. The tournament committee was headed by Earl and Warren Jackson and Jimmy Morrow. Marv Campbell, of the Choicette Golf Club, did a great job as tournament director. Richard Brown, the Hilton representative said to us that we are here to please you—and every effort was aimed in that direction. While the help was new at the Durado, they went all out to give us the ultimate in service and attention.

James Brasswell, who fought off the challenge of James Paul with some tremendous putting, won the mens division of the tournament and Myrtle Hudgins was her usual fine self as she walked off with the womens championship. I believe the winner of the championship fight and the other winners were more pleased than ever, for the trophies given them were the most gorgeous awards I have ever seen.

I think the International Golf Group and the Hilton chain has served notice on all future sponsors of tournaments that it has compete with the very best.

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