

Some of Our Objectives For the New Year

This newspaper has never thought too seriously of New Year's resolutions. For the most part they are too easily forgotten as well as too easily broken. We think, however, that as the year 1963 nears the end it would be a fine thing if all good citizens of Durham would face 1964 with at least a firm determination, if not a resolution, to do something about several old perplexing problems that continue to exist in this city with out any visible signs that city and county officials have concerned themselves about them.

First: there is the City School Board vacancy, caused by the death of Eric Moore, that has been allowed to drag on and one for nearly four months. Unless the Durham City Council, whose duty it is to fill the vacancy, is looking for a "fixer" or some special brand of Negro to replace Mr. Moore, it ought to go ahead and make the appointment by accepting the recommendation made by the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. In view of the fact that the Negro citizenry has now no representation on the Board of Education, the City Council ought to see the wisdom of not delaying further in appointing a person to fill the vacancy who is acceptable to the group he is going to represent rather than one who is entirely acceptable to the Board of Education or the City Council.

Second: there is the unsightly and dilapidated fence on Pettigrew Street, along the railroad track, extending from Fayetteville to Branch Place that has been allowed to become more unsightly and dilapidated by the owners or operators of the coal yard it surrounds. It appears to us that the city officials are derelict in their duty by not ordering the owners to repair, paint, or better still, tear down such an unsightly eyesore, erected along a thoroughfare leading into one of the main business and residential sections

of the Negro community.

Third: there is Fire Station No. 4 staffed by Negro firemen, which we referred to in these columns last week that has become the dumping ground for the ancient and outmoded old fire engine that is evidently so dear to the hearts of some of the white citizens of Durham. Instead of parking this relic of the ancient past in or near one of the fire stations, located in a white section of the city where those who cherish its memory can gaze upon it as often as they wish, it has now been parked in Fire Station No. 4 on Fayetteville Street, one of the city's newest, for the past two years. Our determination for the New Year is to impress upon city officials the necessity of removing the old fire truck from No. 4 provided, as we stated last week, the city does not intend to use the building for a museum instead of a fire station.

Fourth: there is the matter of calling the attention of city and county officials to the fact that there are Negro citizens in Durham, just as qualified as others, who would be pleased to be employed as tax list takers, as well as barious white citizens, who have been employed in that capacity for the past 75 years or more. We are determined for the New Year to impress upon city and county officials the ethics, the decency, the fairness, as well as the need of employing Negroes as tax list takers at the courthouse.

The above are just four of some of the objectives we have for 1964. Without making any resolutions we promise our readers that from time to time we fully intend to call the attention of the proper authorities to the necessity of voluntarily remedying these conditions before legal action is resorted to or demonstrations in the form of sit-ins, street marches and others are resorted to.

Paternalism by Whites No Longer Wanted

Our attention has recently been called to what is referred to in Statesville, North Carolina, as the "Human Relations Committee." Because Mayor J. Garner Bagnall of that city has made the usual serious blunders so often made by white people, even those with purely good intentions, we are reprinting below the seven reasons given by Statesville's mayor for the existence of his so-called "Human Relations Committee." It is our purpose to enlighten white public officials and citizens of other cities and counties of the attitude of thinking or intelligent Negro citizens concerning some of the cherished and carefully guarded beliefs, customs, notions, and traditions many of them have about Negroes.

Here are the seven reasons given by the mayor of Statesville for the Existence of The Human Relations Committee.

1. To promote peaceful relations and mutual understanding between races.
2. To exert its influence to prevent racial trouble in Statesville, and especially the use of force, violence and coercion by group, white or colored, at anytime for any purpose.
3. To act as the medium of communications between the two races in the event of trouble and attempt to resolve the problem at hand.
4. To help to create an atmosphere of fairness and understanding in the field of employment and job development.
5. To give guidance and help to Negroes so they may share equally the responsibilities and rewards of full citizenship.
6. To encourage and try to motivate all our people, especially our youth, in utilizing the education opportunities available to them today and to seek out sound career guidance and job opportunities and.
7. To work to develop a public opinion intelligently informed on interracial conditions and their serious implications for the community at large.

Without attempting to deal here and now with all seven of Mayor Bagnall's reasons for the existence of his "Human Relations Committee" we would like to point out just two of them, No. 2 and No. 5, which entirely undermine or destroy whatever good or noble purpose the other five reasons might have.

When the mayor of Statesville or public officials of any city or state advocates the

abandonment of violence force and coercion in efforts to achieve freedom of one's civil rights, ordinarily we would salute him. However, unless he spells out in detail his interpretation of "force" or "coercion" we are of the opinion that someone should point out to him that the intelligent use of the ballot against tyranny, segregation, police brutality and other abuses Negroes have suffered in this country, could and has often been interpreted or misinterpreted as coercion or force. Certainly the mayor would not expect Negroes to purchase his favor by cooperating with any program that denies them EVERY RIGHT accorded other citizens in this country.

No student of American history, who reads of the Boston Tea Party, the Revolutionary War, the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights or other efforts taken by the founders of this country to achieve and protect their freedom, would refuse to put his full endorsement on the use of the ballot as a means of forcing or coercing those in power to accord him his full rights as a citizen. If such is coercion or force we say to Negroes everywhere, let us have more of it.

With regard to reason No. 5 given by Mayor Bagnall, we think he is either knowingly or unknowingly, intentionally or unintentionally, resorting to the same old trick so often used against subject people under the yoke of colonialism. The only difference is the Mayor's stark and naked resort to paternalism is so contemptible. If Negro leaders who read of it can hold their noses long enough they may be able to keep from vomiting.

So the wise, noble and superior race in Statesville, the race that has produced, not only the recent assassination of the president of this country, but every other before it: the race that establishes nudist camps, engages in pantry raids at its institutions of higher learning and even at times resorts to picking up rattle snakes as a means of religious worship, now wishes to "give guidance and help to Negroes so they may share equally the responsibility and rewards of full citizenship."

Well we have news for Mayor Bagnall and others of his ilk. We would inform him that intelligent Negroes no longer appreciate or want to become objects of paternalism of his or others of his group. Negroes are now fully convinced that they or no whites are any better or any worse than others living on this earth under similar circumstances. Because of this belief they are determined to live by the Divine truth that God is no respecter of person and therefore every human being on this earth, regardless of race, creed or color, is entitled to equal rights in education, employment, housing wherever or whenever their human needs or desires may arise. Mayor Bagnall either needs psychiatric treatment or he needs his head examined.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

REV. HAROLD ROLAND

The Contentious Person Works For Confusion and Disharmony

"But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth," —Rom. 2:8

The word contentious is applied to the person who is engaged in controversy with evil intents. The contentious person works for confusion and disharmony. Honest differences of opinion have their place in group and interpersonal relations. Well meaning criticism is essential for individual and social welfare. But contentiousness usually carries the idea of something that in its very nature has an evil motivation. Thus we are reminded that contentiousness is subject to the wrath of God. Why? This is true of contentiousness because it willfully overlooks the truth.

The contentious overlooks the truth so it leads to conflict and confusion. The honest man can differ because he is willing to face the truth. He who overlooks the truth must be contentious. The contentious is blind to the truth. Inevitably, then, he who is blind to the truth must lead to

the darkness confusion. Contentiousness without the truth is ugly and sinful. Thus those who claim honesty and integrity must shun the contentious spirit. Contentiousness leads to confusion and calls down upon our heads the wrath of a God of truth and righteousness. Contentiousness is something different than contending for the truth—contentiousness is quarrelsomeness which results in conflict and confusion. It is, therefore, something to be shunned by those who seek peace.

Contentiousness usually leads to a state of unhappiness. We have a way of shunning those who are contentious. We would escape their company. Such people are an annoying thorn in the flesh. Who then would seek the company of the contentious? Only those who take delight in a state of confusion cherish the company of the contentious person. We all shun the contentious for we want to get out of life some little contentment. The contentious dis

like contentment. So we who want the life abundant which Jesus said He came to bring would shun the contentious human being.

Let us thus refrain from being a contentious person. Life is too short to live in a quarrelsome atmosphere. Then let us strive to add a little joy to life as we pass along the way. Let us add some peaceful serenity to this war-torn world of ours. Let us add a little health to a world too full of sickness. Let us lift a burden of some weary traveler rather than add to another's burden by our contentiousness. Yes, let us lose ourselves in the wonders of God's redeeming love so graciously showered on us by God in Christ Jesus. And he who gives himself to this will have little time left to be contentious.

Contentiousness will give some kind of cheap, short-lived satisfaction but it offers very little of satisfying fulfillment for the life of a human being.

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR CAROLINA TIMES

We come now to the end of a most extraordinary year in the civil rights struggle. For the first time since the Civil War the majority of the American people has been brought to the realization that a solution to this urgent problem of human rights can no longer be safely postponed. They may not wholly agree on what action needs to be taken, but they apparently are agreed that some remedial action is imperative.

Newspapers like yours and organizations like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and, indeed, everyone who helped to bring about this important new development have a right to take pride in their respective contributions.

We of the NAACP salute you and your fellow-editors for the vital role you played in awakening the American conscience to the urgency of the civil rights crisis. We thank you for your consistent support of the NAACP and of the Fight for Freedom generally. Certainly the banner year that the NAACP achieved in 1963 has been due measurably to the generous support your newspaper gave to our efforts. Others also helped, notably the Negro Church, fraternal, professional and civic organizations and certain segments of the organized labor movement.

We look forward to other years of cooperation with your publication in our common cause of freedom justice and equality for all Americans—irrespective of race, color, religion or ethnic origin.

Again our thanks and our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary

Letter To The Editor
The Carolina Times

Though we are critical of S. B. Fuller because of his warped view of Negro problems, the whole situation seems to be one that all of us helped to create.

Nathan L. Thomas



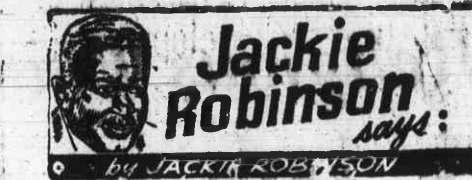
It was a year of the one hundredth birthday of freedom, yet freedom had not yet come of age.

It was a year of which the NAACP had said "free in '63" — but the way things happened, it looks as though we must "fight more in '64".

It was a year nine years removed from the decision of the highest court of the land that separate was inherently unequal — but less than 10 per cent of the nation's Negro children were attending integrated schools.

It was a year in which bomb and fire destroyed the House of God — more than once — in the sovereign state of Georgia.

It was a year in which man walked an Alabama road, carrying a freedom-seeking letters to deliver to the Governor — and was thrown to



BORED OF INTEGRATION?

I suppose I am only one of millions of Americans who thought highly of the courage, ability and wisdom of James Donovan, the Manhattan attorney who earned international fame for his role in freeing Americans who had been made prisoners of Fidel Castro.

Recently, I attended a dinner given by one of our outstanding women's organizations and heard Mr. Donovan speak on the platitudes which are mouthed by Northern liberals — and you know, I thought he meant them.

There are different sounds coming from Mr. Donovan's lips now that he has become President of The New York City Board of Education.

One of the first statements attribute to Mr. Donovan, after he had taken over the responsibility for the education of our city's children, was the laudatory observation that the Board "is not a Board of Integration."

In response to the protests of the Rev. Milton Galamison, the NAACP Urban League and other individuals and organizations which are dissatisfied with the city's handling of the education problem, Mr. Donovan has commented that the Board is "doing more than those who are advocating freedom now and integration now." These people, Mr. Donovan says, are "dealing in fables," and cannot be counted upon to offer "constructive, practical plans" for integrating the schools.

Has Mr. Donovan taken upon himself the role of the strong man who is going to defend the status quo desired by so many Northern whites who have become bored of integration — and indeed angered over the belief that the Negro is pushing too hard and seeking too fast to that place which he should have occupied centuries ago? If so, Mr. Donovan is in for a rude awakening and I have enough faith in the determination of the Negro people and whites who are far too just to believe that he will not get away with whatever game he may be playing.

Did Mr. Donovan think that the sales for freedom of the imprisoned Americans launched by the Cuban people were "fables"? Did he expect that the Jews with deliberate speed or

allow Mr. Castro to warn him to "be patient"?

The Rev. Milton Galamison, an intrepid fighter, has announced that there will be a city wide boycott to "tip" the school system in protest against the policies of Mr. Donovan and Superintendent Gross. I feel the parents of our children have no other recourse than to support such a boycott unless more reasonable men, than the current heads of our system enter into the picture.

I think it is up to all of our churches and organizations and public-spirited parents to join forces and to display such a formidable unity that there can be no denial of their reasonable demands.

I am in favor of the bussing of children which seems to be an unholy idea as far as many people are concerned. I want to caution, however, that we must not lose sight of the necessity for the Board of Education to do much to improve those schools which are still segregated. One method of course would consist of sending the best teachers to give the least in those neighborhoods where unusual problems exist. There has been too much nonsense which has discouraged the finer teachers from wanting to serve in the ghettos of Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant and Queens.

In this connection, I was quite shocked to read some of the statements of a white principal, a Mrs. Timmerman, who was leaving a public school in Brooklyn there after some controversy with some of the teachers and parents. The principal remarks of this lady were the kind of assertions which would make any teacher feel he or she would not like to come in that particular school. No matter what her personal view with this lady was leaving behind if she is to make the worst of facts, she made most on the part of the principal to have made. These remarks she made. It is shocking to believe that this lady is to represent the whole profession. Someone had better make us as we are going to have a really hot time in this town on the issue of the education of our children. It is not to be played with.

--NBA

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Louis with a .846. The durable Cincinnati basketball ace also improved on his lead in the assist making column by adding 40 feeds to give him a season's total of 353 for a 9.8 average, 3/10ths of a point better than his last week's average. His closest competitor is Giv Rodders of San Francisco who has 225 assists for an even 7.0 per game average.

Johnny Kerr of the Philadelphia 76ers created a new League record for most successive games played by an NBA performer. His 707th consecutive game on Saturday night against the Los Angeles Lakers broke the previous record held by his teammate and present coach, Dolph Schayes. Despite numerous minor injuries and virus attacks Kerr has managed to perform in every League game since he joined the Syracuse Nationals during the 1954-55 season.

Visiting teams continued to improve their win/loss on the road by compiling a 45 per cent average for the months of October, November and December. During October the visitors had a tremendous month and compiled 63 per cent of all games played. In November, the visiting teams managed to win 29 and a half of their games and during December, through Sunday the 29th, they won 42 per cent of all away games played.

so v. do it unto Me." It was a year of hurt and shock and tragedy.

But it was also a year of hope and dedication and purpose.

It was a year neither all good — nor all bad.

It will be determined which has triumphed, in accordance with what we do with the year to follow.

--Rockefeller

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role which it can have in the improvement of educational opportunities in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean area generally, were pleased to make this grant to the College of the Virgin Islands' program of renovation of existing buildings and the construction of its new library.

The new institution has an enrollment of more than 400 students, both full and part-time, in its second quarter of operation, drawn from the Virgin Islands, the U. S. mainland, South and Central America and Africa. Plans call for expansion to a four-year college in the near future and the establishment of an International Training Center for students primarily from the underdeveloped nations of the world.

The high quality of the faculty at this new institution is attested by the fact that after only five months of operation 6 mainland universities have agreed to accept credits transferred from the College of the Virgin Islands. These are Antioch College, Ohio; Catholic University of Puerto Rico; Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts; New York University School of Education; Sacramento State College, California; and Utah State University.

The president of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Laurence S. Rockefeller, personally represented the College with its first major grant earlier this year. It was also a \$100,000 challenge gift to be matched on a one-to-one basis. Fund raising efforts of the College, according to President Lawrence C. Wanless, have already met this "original challenge."

By saying nothing some people acquire a reputation for being smart, and maybe they are.

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