

The Depths of Yellow Journalism

Just how low some human beings can sink in their thirst for money and power was revealed recently by an article published in a New York magazine—we are withholding its name as being too loushame to even mention—which stated that, "Blood Brothers," an extremist organization of Negro youths, is formulating plans to kill all white men." The article goes further to state that, "This small but determined gang, based in Harlem, is known to be coordinating its activities with similar terrorists groups in Pittsburgh, Washington, Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles."

If the owners of the New York magazine were making a stab at sensationalism of a national degree, with the intention of increasing the sale's appeal of their little known publication, they have apparently missed the mark. Outside of New York, and we have learned only to a small degree in that city, is the magazine known and read or considered worth reading. It would appear, therefore, that the magazine's "Blood Brothers"

article, published at the risk of frightening the white citizens of New York to the point of armed retaliation, is a complete flop, as well as the general sale of the publication.

The white citizens of New York should be commended for keeping their heads and not falling for such dirty journalistic efforts as that resorted to by the magazine in question. Certainly when and if such a group of Negro youths existed in New York, or elsewhere in the United States, it would find as much or more opposition from within its own race than it would meet from the whites who might be stupid enough to believe such rotten propaganda.

As we see it, the owners of the magazine have stooped below the bottomless pit of yellow journalism. We trust their failure to profit at such will teach them and all others similarly situated, a lesson. The high calling of true journalists is too sacred for men who would lose their own soul just to gain a slice of the world or even all of it.

Stickers for Car Owners Doing Jury Service

We have viewed with a degree of concern the controversy that has arisen over the parking tickets given to persons serving jury duty for Durham County Superior Court. It appears to us that some arrangements should be made to exempt such persons from having to suffer a financial penalty, however small, for being called on to serve the county in a capacity that in the very nature of the case are the very ones best qualified for such and those who do so at the greatest personal sacrifice.

It further appears to us to add insult to injury when a person called on for such service is penalized a second time simply because he is detained by the court while rendering such service and cannot get to his car to remove it before the time expires. In defense

of common decency and fairness we call upon the courts and other segments of the law enforcement agency to find some means by which persons doing jury service in Durham County can either be provided with free parking spaces or exempted from having to pay a fee for overtime parking while on such duty.

We would like to suggest a sticker for the windshields of the owners of such cars with space provided on the sticker for the date and hours being served by a juror, until the time arrives when the county or courts can provide ample parking space for those doing jury duty. Certainly this would be better than forcing a juror to pay a fee for rendering a service to the county that in many cases is done at a personal sacrifice.

Concern for the Declining Morals of America

Much concern over the very low moral status of this nation is currently being expressed by many leading citizens. Recent exposures of immoral conditions existing in high places of the government, the churches and other places that should be citadel of morals are beginning to awaken thoughtful citizens to the fact that this immoral boring from within, if allowed to continue, has in the past proved a slow but sure downfall of many great kingdoms and empires.

America today stands before the world as the most powerful nation on earth. It stands where once stood Babylon, Greece, Rome, Egypt, Germany, Spain, France, Great Britain and others. All of these nations discovered ere it was too late that inward moral decay is more deadly than any outside enemy composed of great military might.

Whether we want to admit it or not, recent reports of immorality existing in government high places along with the moral decline in the church leadership of this country are good and sound reasons for the general lack of respect the young people of America are always exhibiting for their elders. In short, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge."

Here in the South many of our religious leaders probably thought it was smart to remain silent about four little Negro girls being dynamited to death while at Sunday School. This dastardly act, the burning of Negro churches, homes and the wanton mur-

der of numerous Negroes, figuratively speaking, on the very doorsteps of the white church of the South, while their ministers climb into their pulpits on Sunday morning with pious faces and sermons that steer around such evils, constitute part of why there is general decline in the moral fibre of America today and a growing disrespect of the youths for their elders.

While we are on the subject we may as well also call the attention of our readers to the part the Negro church is playing in contributing to the moral decline in this country. For there is little hope for the moral of any people or nation when the minister of the largest Protestant church in the country and a congressman, be he white or Negro, can take his secretary on a trip outside the country, register with her at a hotel for a week of questionable business and continue as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and a lawmaker of this nation.

Such actions on the part of our leaders in high places in this nation, by all respectable people, are now winked at by the majority of us weaklings as being the modern way of life. Well times change, conditions change and the price of doing wrong never changes. The price Babylon, Greece, Rome and other fallen nations of the past have paid is sure to be the price our own nation must pay sooner or later. For like an individual "Whatsoever a nation soweth that shall it also reap."

The Most Crucial Election In History

Last week's issue of this newspaper carried an article in which Dr. Martin Luther King called for a crushing defeat of Barry Goldwater for president of the United States in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3. For fear there might be some misunderstanding or doubt in the minds of our readers as to our stand on the presidential election to be held next Tuesday, we would like to add our word of endorsement to the call of Dr. King in which he reminds Negro voters and others of this country that this is the most crucial and critical election in the history of this nation.

Because of the urgency of the situation we call upon every Negro citizen who has registered to let nothing stand in his way of

voting on next Tuesday, November 3. We call you from your homes, your jobs, your offices, your classrooms, from wherever you are, to rise to the occasion that confronts not only the Negroes of this nation but every decent citizen who wishes to safeguard the future of his country. The situation demands that every citizen who loves his country, put it above party loyalty, selfish desires and ambitions and cast his ballot for Lyndon B. Johnson for president of these United States and Hubert H. Humphrey for vice president.

It is our hope that Dr. King's call for a crushing defeat of Goldwater will be realized in order that a candidate with such a philosophy and program will not again have the audacity to run for president of this nation. Certainly to elevate a man to such a powerful position who has the support of the Ku Klux Klan, the White Citizens Council, other segregationist groups and peddlers of race hatred, will only serve to encourage their members and supporters to further action and promote the growth of bitterness, hatred and racial strife in this country, to say nothing about endangering the peace of the entire civilized world.

"THEIR FUTURE COULD DEPEND ON YOUR VOTE"



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

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Every Believing Soul Needs A Conviction About God's Power

Firm conviction of His power to do what He promised.—Rom. 4:20.

Every believing soul needs a settled conviction about God's mighty power. The word here reveals one who has reached this unshakable conviction. In these times we need more believers in God with this kind of faith. If we are really convinced, God has a chance to show His power in our lives.

A settled conviction leads to a heroic commitment. To have this thing you must make a decision and take a stand. Too many of us are afraid of decision-making. We are afraid to stand as a witness for God of righteousness. We must emerge from the mass. Many are afraid to stand alone, therefore, we never make any really great commitment. In a great commitment we may have to leave the crowd behind. When we, like Jesus decide to go to our Jerusalem,

God will have a chance to vindicate His power in our lives. Moses made a daring commitment at the burning bush. It was a firm conviction that moved the three Hebrews to refuse to bow their knees before the massive idol on the plains of Dura.

A firm conviction will help us to overcome our crippling fears. Daring action dissolves fear. Too many, in fear, have their spiritual resources nullified. Jesus calls us from fear to faith. He calls us from hate to love, and from darkness to light. We are called from frustration to the creative victory of faith in God. Too many of us never attempt any great things for our great Savior but we take no daring steps for Him. There comes a time when we must take the daring step of faith and leave the results in God's hand. To make a high commitment, we must have a firm conviction about God's power in our lives.

Trust God's power to work in your behalf. This trust in God was beautifully demonstrated several years ago in an humble, trustful man of God. God gripped him late one night as he looked at a late TV show. He tried vainly to escape the Divine grip. It was something that would not let him go. Finally he moved in trustful obedience to the call of the Holy Spirit and it led him to New York and God's power was vindicated after many discouraging and trying difficulties in his pathway. God's power was given a creative opportunity as he worked to heal and reclaim the youth amid the wretchedness of a slum of the great city. He has told the story of God's power in "The Cross and the Switchblade."

A great Christian need in these crucial times is a firm conviction of God's power to do wonders in the lives of men.

To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR. UNIONS ON THE MOVE

There are increasingly hopeful signs that a firmer alliance between the civil rights and labor movements is being feared. The two are natural allies in the battle to elevate the condition of the working man, but in the past, many union locals have seen the Negro worker as a competitor rather than a contributor.

Now, a display of courage by a union official in Alabama and a solid agreement to open a local in New York to Negro workers offer evidence of a new mood among trade organizations. The long-held declarations of equality by leaders such as Walter Reuther, Jacob S. Potofsky, and many another chief are filtering down to the grass roots where the real changes must be made.

In Alabama, a determined stand by AFL-CIO leaders favorable to moderation has cost the Alabama Labor Council perhaps 15,000 members. But leader Barney Weeks, who heads the federation's Alabama unit, has insisted that Negroes and white must be seated in the same hall at the state conventions. This seems like proof that enlightened labor officials recognize that if a racial wedge is driven between their affiliates and the civil rights cause, the victory will be the forces of extremism and ultra-conservatism, not the working man.

The South's major problem has long been the depression of its economy brought on by the oppression of its Negro millions. By shutting Negroes out of educational and vocational opportunities, it has kept a large percentage of them in poverty or as chronic dependents. It has also reduced their purchasing power to an abysmally low level, thus reducing the overall demand for goods and services and perpet-

uating the economic lag between itself and the North and West.

But now AFL-CIO leadership in Alabama has, in effect, stood up to the racist challenge of Gov. George C. Wallace, and this augurs well, despite defections, for a labor movement which will open its doors to all, both in and out of State convention meetings.

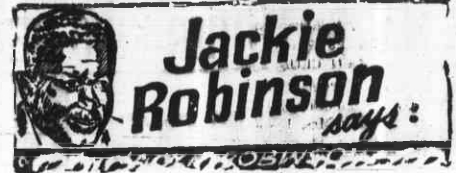
In New York, Local 28 of the Sheet Metal Workers International Ass'n which has never had a Negro member in its 76-year history, has agreed to open its apprenticeship training to minority citizens. Holding meetings in the offices of Justice Jacob Markowitz of the State Supreme Court with State Human Rights Commission officials, a good start was made to include minority trainees.

In both Alabama and New York, the issue is the same. If Negroes are viewed as a "threat" to white workers and excluded from training and employment, purchasing power will remain

low, welfare rolls will soar, and democracy and fair play will be trampled. By contrast, every time a family in poverty, whether white or black, is allowed an opportunity to pull itself up by a chance to train, work, earn, and spend—the entire community is better off and prosperity increases.

Perhaps the placards of the demonstrators, the sit-ins and the oratory reminded union leaders of their early struggles to achieve recognition and a place in the sun. The rise of unionism in America lifted the common man to uncommon heights and made our contemporary prosperity possible.

Labor's help in opening its ranks to all who seek work, regardless of color, will usher in an era of prosperity as yet undreamed for all Americans. The same dignity which Samuel Gompers and the other labor pioneers sought for the working man is the goal of Negro labor, too.



The other night, in the city of Philadelphia, I experienced one of the most wholesome evenings I have spent in some time. I also had the privilege of seeing in action what EBONY Magazine recently reported as "a bold, new educational venture." It is called The Organization of Industrialization Center. This project is a program which is moving forward with great speed under the capable and vigorous leadership of the Rev. Leon Sullivan, Pastor of The Zion Baptist Church.

The OIC is based on a simple and terribly important thesis: that is the necessity to give hope and, indeed proof, to hundreds of our people by making them realize that they can be trained to fill skilled and semi-skilled jobs in modern industry.

Located and operating in a Philadelphia area which has been considered sub-standard, OIC is the dramatization of "hope through self-help." Dr. Sullivan and the group of distinguished Philadelphians who have organized around him, did not wait for the Federal Government—or anyone else—to hand them an anti-poverty campaign on a silver platter. They organized their own crusade, months ago, to train young and old for the expanding opportunities in business and industry. But the time OIC was four months old 4,300 applicants had been screened and evaluated, 315 persons were going through training in a number of job and work categories, from drafting to restaurant techniques. Close to 700 are now being trained.

It was a real honor to be invited by the OIC Board, through Dr. Sullivan, to talk about my life, problems I have faced—in fact to be the speaker at what OIC called its first "Inspirational Assembly." I don't know whether I inspired any of the hundreds of trainees who were present. I do know that I was inspired by the eagerness of these people, inspired by their recognition of the fact that it is one thing to cry out, to picket, to demonstrate for equality and it is equally important to qualify for the "breaks" when they come to us.

I was inspired by the cooperation which is being given by big business, headed by Charles Dates, Employee Relations Manager of General Electric, GE is to be praised for its vision and for giving the kind of leadership which is certain to be followed by other giant corporations. I was inspired by Mr. Dates' advice to the trainees that: "It is not a time for applauding from the sidelines. It is a time to get into the arena."

I was inspired by the leadership of the dedicated board of community people.

Most of all, I was inspired by the man who modestly leads the OIC. Dr. Sullivan's guidance of OIC is only one more dramatic example of his sensitivity as a statesman and concerned leader in the eternal to make America stronger. It was this same minister's minister (for he enjoys the respect of so many of his fellow-Americans) who organized me and led the now-famous economic boycott in Philadelphia which broke the back of job bias in the oil industry and other businesses.

OIC is succeeding and will succeed because Dr. Sullivan has no political axe to grind; because he has the complete confidence of his board and community; because he is known as a mover and shaker of men who gets things going, not for personal greed, gain or glory—but to fulfill his mission as a man of God and one who points the way.

I am proud of him and of the people of Philadelphia. I am humbly proud to have been asked to make some small contribution to a magnificent project.

Letter to the Editor

Editor Carolina Times

As you know, we are drawing very close to November 3 when we shall vote for the candidates of our choice for President and Vice-President of the United States, and for officers of our State and County governments. This is not only a precious privilege but also a most solemn responsibility. What we do at the polls on November 3 will affect not only ourselves but our people of future generations for many years to come.

After fighting for over 100 years to gain our rightful place as first class citizens with all the rights of citizenship enjoyed by any other part of our population, we have at long last gained recognition of our rights in the passage by Congress and the signing into law by President L. B. J. of the Civil Rights Act officially known as HR 7152. Thus, after wandering for 100 years in the wilderness of second class citizenship, we have come to the Promised Land of Freedom and Equality. The question now is, Shall we enter in and possess the land or shall we linger on the border and neglect to enter it? Shall we claim and avail ourselves of our heritage won at so great cost or shall we give it back of our own accord to those who have fought so valiantly to keep it from us?

The answer will be given in the way we vote on November 3, especially in how we vote for President and how we vote for governor of North Carolina. As we all know, President Johnson and his running mate Senator Hubert Humphrey have done all that any two men could do in winning for us our civil rights, while Republican candidate Goldwater has done all he could do to keep those rights from us. Certainly common sense tells us vote for President Johnson and

Senator Humphrey, not just because they are the Democratic Candidates but because they are the candidates who deserve to be elected.

But what about the governor's race? As we all know, Dan K. Moore, endorsed by arch segregationist Senator Sam Ervin, and committed to work for the repeal of the Civil Rights Act, is the Democratic candidate for Governor, while Robert Gavin who has promised to uphold the law, even though he doesn't like it, is the Republican candidate for Governor. Which of these two men shall we choose? Well now, let us reason this thing out. Surely we have not forgotten how hard we fought in the may primary for Richardson Preyer because of the three candidates for the Democratic nomination he seemed to be the one who was least against us, and how desperately we worked to defeat L. Beverly Lake and Dan Moore because of their rabid hostility towards us. We surely remember how both Lake and Moore pledged themselves to work for repeal of the Civil Rights Act if it should be passed by the Congress. We also must remember how, after Preyer came out ahead in the first primary and Lake was eliminated, press reports quoted Moore as declaring that Preyer came out first because of the Negro bloc vote; which he would have to carry about his neck, as if having Negro support were something to be ashamed of.

We also remember that Beverly Lake the arch segregationist swung his unholy support to Moore, and we must now know that if we should vote for Moore on November 3 we will be swallowing of our own accord a triple poison dose of Sam Ervin, Dan Moore and Beverly Lake. Are we deliberately going to sell ourselves out by voting for his avowed foe just because he is

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For far no one else will think of telling you, I would like to inform members of the congregation that the period of November 1 through 7 has been officially designated as International Cat Week.

Don't take my word for it. Those among you who suspect me of fooling around may ascertain by checking it out. An organization known as The American Feline Society, Inc., located in New York, has been sponsoring International Cat Week for twenty-six years.

Furthermore, Governors of California, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Tennessee and Wyoming have all issued important-looking and statesmanlike-sounding proclamations affirming that Cat Week is creeping upon us. Also, purrs of approval for this noble observance have been recorded by ambassadors, press attaches, cultural affairs

counselors, first secretaries, charge d'affaires, ministers and military aides of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Austria, Australia, Brazil, Lebanon, Netherlands, Mexico, New Zealand, Israel, Honduras, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic.

There is even an official "Cat Kit" explaining how to observe Cat Week, which may be obtained by writing The American Feline Society, Inc. at 41 Union Square, West, New York 10008.

The Society in addition to being the only organized group which does publicity for cats, feeds starved cats, houses homeless ones, protects cats which are victims of cruelty and generally looks out for the welfare of cats, regardless of race, color or creed. Even the most integrated cats, sporting black and white colors are included.

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