

Another Nail Driven in the GOP Coffin

The Democratic Party drove another nail in the coffin of the Republican Party last Tuesday when its National Committee took steps to guarantee that Negroes of the South will have a voice in choosing delegates to the party's 1968 national convention. With the Republican Party keeping wide open its door for anti-civil rights refugees from the Democratic Party it is certain that there will be a shortage of GOP Negro supporters in future political campaigns.

Unless GOP leaders take some drastic steps between now and the 1966 political campaign to show they are interested in protecting the voting rights of Negroes in states of the deep South, it appears that the democrats will reap the greater part of the harvest of the new Negro voters of the South. With the growing interest in the register and vote campaign now going on in all of the southern states, it is predicted that the Negro vote

will not only equal that of 1964 but may even double by 1966.

Not only did the National Democratic Committee pass a resolution guaranteeing that all citizens "regardless of race", creed or color will have the opportunity to participate fully in party affairs and to cast their election ballots for the presidential and vice presidential nominees selected by said convention and for educators pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these presidential and vice presidential nominees under the Democratic label but it voted to create a special committee to carry out its mandate.

While all this was going on, GOP leaders were sitting supinely by and watched the Democrats run off with the ball. We think the road, in so far as the Negro is concerned, is going to be rough and rocky for all GOP candidates in the future.

The Retirement of Dr. Miles Mark Fisher

The honorable retirement of Dr. Miles Mark Fisher as pastor of White Rock Baptist Church will be looked upon by a majority of citizens of Durham, the state and the nation as the retirement of a great minister from the pastorate of a great church. For nearly a hundred years now White Rock has stood as a symbol of Negro progress with its pulpit, through those years, being held by some of the nation's most outstanding ministers, among which Dr. Fisher was by no means the least.

Up until a few years ago, the pinnacle of church supremacy in Durham could truthfully be said to be shared equally by White Rock and St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church. Among the official family of both, as well as among the memberships of the past and now, have been many of the outstanding business and professional men and women of the nation. Recently, however, the acceptance of the pastorate of several other churches of Durham by some of the best trained and prepared ministers of the race, has forced White Rock and St. Joseph's to move over, so to speak, in order to make room for other fast growing and well pastored churches.

Thus, Dr. Fisher's retirement from White Rock is certain to pose another great problem to its officials to find a man capable of filling the shoes left by one so highly respected and beloved. With White Rock's proposed building plans and the competition it now has with other churches in Durham, especially within its own denomination, White Rock

officers will need to approach their task prayerfully and carefully.

While we are on the subject of Dr. Fisher's retirement, we would like to take this occasion to pay tribute to the love and respect which White Rock has demonstrated through the years for its pastors, even under difficult situations. Twice within the past 40 years we have seen it rise to the pinnacle of love and affection for a pastor, incapacitated by age or physical disability. Such, we think, is true evidence of a great church.

There are two major things that go to make a great church. First, there must be a great leader, as a pastor or minister. Then there must be among its official family men and women of high moral caliber. Without such a combination even the strongest church is certain to eventually decline in power and influence. For when a church has nothing but a weak spiritual head, sometimes referred to as the pastor or minister, together with a weak official board, it is not long before the boring from within sets in. Then there follows bickering among the officers and members, upheavals in the choirs and its other auxiliaries, until finally the collapse or maybe an explosion, from which it will take years to recover. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

We join with all of Durham in wishing for Dr. Miles Mark Fisher a long and happy retirement from a job well done, a life of service and a great contribution to his day and time.

Churchill, A Man of Destiny

Those of us who are fortunate enough to be living will not see in our time another man equal in stature and achievement to that of Winston Churchill. To say that he was a man of destiny is putting it lightly. Winston Churchill was not only a man of destiny but almost from the time of his birth until he had breathed his last he walked arm in arm with destiny.

No gifted writer has ever created an imaginary character of more noble deeds and higher achievement than that of Sir Winston. History seemed to have claimed him as her child upon whom she called again and again to chart the course of mankind. In answer to her call he never failed but arose each time in majestic splendor to do a noble deed or write in her book of eternity a chapter for the ages.

His pointing out England's "finest hour" was Winston Churchill's own "finest hour" came on June 4, 1940 in his Dunkirk speech when it appeared that the Allied cause was lost and that Hitler had gained the supremacy in his struggle for mastery of the world. Said Churchill:

"We shall go on to the end.
"We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air.
"We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills.
"We shall never surrender."

It was this speech of Churchill, we think, that electrified the free world and aroused the fighting spirit of what appeared to be its beaten forces. If not now, history will some day point to it as the turning point of World War II.

High Point Steals The Show

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of High Point is to be commended for its action in selecting a Negro for its 1964 "Young Man of the Year." The action, taken by the Jaycees of the furniture city should do much in helping to bring about better race relations in High Point and it establishes a fine example for the senior Chambers of Commerce in other cities that continue to cling to the ancient and out of date custom of "for whites only."

Robert J. Brown, the president of the Jaycees award in High Point, is a most worthy young citizen and his achievements in the field of business and in civic affairs make him a most deserving person for the honor that has come to him.

It is our hope that similar organizations in other cities of the state will follow the example of the Jaycees of High Point and give honor to whom honor is due without regard for race, creed or color. Here in Durham, with its numerous young Negro men and women of achievement in the field of business and the professions, the example of High Point well might have been set years ago. For some reason though, Durham lacks the kind of leadership within the ranks of both its senior and young citizens that would encourage such action as taken by the Jaycees of High Point.

Likewise, the adult organizations of Durham, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, the Civilians, the Merchants Association and others appear blind to the large number of Negroes of local, state and national acclaim who are citizens of this city. In short, High Point has simply stolen the show.

Because of Robert J. Brown's connection with this newspaper as the chairman of its Board of Directors, we are indeed happy to join with the Jaycees of High Point in honoring what we feel is a most deserving young man.



By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Faith in God Gives Man the Power to Overcome the World



"Have faith in God who raised Jesus from the dead." Rom. 4:21. A life of great, untold potentials await those souls who really have faith in God. The Bible repeatedly calls us to the wonders of faith in God. It further reminds us that this is the pathway to great living. Many are searching other ways to achieve the goal of great living. But the one inescapable fact of the Bible is that great living comes through faith in God. What is it that places Moses among the ten greatest men of the age? The answer must be his faith in God Almighty. Why do the Hebrew Prophets tower as lofty spiritual peaks in the thought and history of mankind. We find the answer in their faith in God. Faith in God shows us life at its best.

We called to faith in the God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Here in the resurrection of the Crucified Son of God the final reason of faith in God. Men in the fury of their spiritual blindness nailed God's Son to a cross. They laid him in a tomb. And they shout with glee

we are done with the troublesome agitator. But they in blindness overlooked the fact this was the incarnate Son of God, this was God clothed in garments of our flesh. This son of God had anchored his hopes in a faith in God's power. And in this faith he had said with assurance I will rise on the third day morning. And this faith in God was vindicated on the third day morning as he rose on time to get the Easter parade started. It is wonderful to have faith in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Faith in God gives us the victory over the world. This is our hope of victory over the world—even faith in God. Is there any other way for man, in his weakness, to overcome the world. The answer of history is no. The answer of human experience is no. Man left to himself is unable to overcome the world. But man with the anchorage of faith in God can overcome the world. And if we would overcome the false philosophies and ideologies running rampant in our world at this

hour, it must be through faith in the God that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. The only thing that makes me fearful for the nation is that it will throw away, cast aside, its faith in God. This is the danger of the nation and not some Godless philosophy.

The critical call then this day is a return to a simple faith in the God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Here is individual and social salvation. Have faith in God by giving Him the first place in our lives. We hear much about the politician's dream of the great society. The great society was envisioned by the one who came from heaven to be born in a manger and walked among men for thirty-three years, was crucified, buried and rose on the third day morning with the keys. The new society was to be built on man redeemed and filled with the love of God. In brief, the new society was to rest upon faith in God.

Each soul needs a faith in God, the one thing that gives man power to overcome the world.

To Be Equal

By Whitney M. Young Jr.
RACE AND REASON

Two of the more maligned groups in the current social revolution are those often disparagingly referred to as "white liberals" and the "Negro middle-class."

You can toss an egg out a window and hit somebody who will take after either one or both of these groups. Most often "white liberals" are lambasted for offering lip-service only to the Negro's protest. And the Negro middle-class, supposedly, "turns its back" on its origins, and "won't help its own people rise up."

It's easy enough to make such statements but I think it is a lot harder to prove them. First, I wonder if we don't expect the Negro middle-class to perform miracles. While I don't want to be put in a position of excusing any person who is callous to the plight of the poor, white or black, I do think we must take into consideration its size and composition.

In Memphis, Tenn., only eight percent of all Negro families are earning over \$6,000 a year, a recent Urban League survey of 68 major cities disclosed. In no city analyzed did the Negro middle-class exceed 45 percent of the total Negro community. In Dayton, it comprised but 33 percent; in New York, 36; in Baltimore, 25; in Cincinnati it was only 22 and in St. Louis only 19.

Yet many people deride this group for not doing more financially, and otherwise, to help poorer Negroes along. Do the

critics of this class recognize that often a Negro family earns \$6,000 a year only because the husband makes \$80 a week as a laborer and the wife brings home \$40 from a job ironing shirts in a laundry?

In terms of composition, this so-called "middle-class" family differs greatly from that of, say, a white office manager for an architectural firm. Yet the Negro family is supposed, by virtue of its "middle-class" designation, to be pouring huge sums into the NAACP, CORE, or sending book parcels down to SNICK field workers in Mississippi.

As for the "white liberals," who ever took a pool to determine just how many of them signed petitions to keep Negro families out of their neighborhoods? How can the critics of this group judge them as an entire class?

Isn't it just foolish to say that "white liberals," (meaning I suppose, all white liberals,) are behind the times, as it is to say that all Negroes who succeed don't help their poor relations down at the bottom? To be sure, there are men formerly thought of as liberals who won't stand up for equal opportunities for Negro citizens when it involves some mild inconvenience for their own families, like bussing a child to a school.

But from my vantage point at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington, I could see tens of thousands of white faces among the marchers. And more keep joining all the time as they recognize that a fair chance for all is in their

interest, too.

If the current social revolution teaches us nothing else, I hope that we have learned to be careful in avoiding loose generalizations. Thousands of Negro families of middle-class status are, despite their struggle to keep their heads above water, contributing to Negro advancement. So are many white liberals supporting the right movement. Our problem, society's problem is not that some people support, and others oppose, social justice. Our problem is one of awakening the people that large body of good and indifferent men, of whom we should hear, and who are being crushed in plain view of all the people in New York or in entire race can be dragged through the streets in chains yet they will keep their silence. Until they speak up, justice in America will not be assured for any man.

HUGHES WRITES SPECIAL POEM FOR CORE

Langston Hughes, the Negro Poet Laureate of America, wrote the following poem especially for a new greeting card to be issued shortly by CORE.

TO VIEW
To sit and dream to sit and read,
To sit and learn about the world
Outside our world, is here and now—our problem world—
To dream of vast horizons of the soul

One World

By SHERWOOD ROSS
SUKARNO, THE LOSER
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—
President Sukarno of Indonesia has embarked his 84,000,000 people on what may well be a suicidal course towards isolation, suffering, want, and war.

By telling the UN to "go to hell" the aging dictator-playboy did infinitely more damage to his own nation than to the UN, which shows few signs of tottering since his walk-out earlier this month.

In withdrawing, Sukarno has kissed goodbye to \$50,000,000 in aid his hard-pressed people were receiving from the UN in the form of technical and agricultural aid, medical supplies and disease-fighting services. He also forfeits Indonesia's right to sit in the new world trade council, created at the behest of the smaller nations to improve their disastrous commercial plight.

And by stepping up his "crush Malaysia" drive, Sukarno has alienated virtually every Afro-Asian country, incurred the wrath of Great Britain, and perhaps ended his romance with the Kremlin—disgruntled by his overtures to the Red Chinese. In his "go to hell" speech, Sukarno intimated the shaping of a new alliance among his country, North Korea and Red China. But even if he succeeds in uniting the outlaws and the outcasts, he is still outclassed morally and militarily.

Today, as he sends forth band after band of guerilla raiders in sneak attacks on his Malaysian neighbor, he invites only self-destruction and disgrace. British Prime Minister Wilson recently warned, "No one...in any part of the world will doubt the resolve with which Britain stands by our partner Malaysia in resisting infiltration." Backing up Wilson's words is a fleet of 70 warships, including the aircraft carrier Eagle, at battle ready in Malaysian waters. On land, 50,000 crack Tommies stand prepared to bolster Malaysia's loyal troops.

Even though Indonesia's people are eight times as numerous as Malaysia's, there is faint hope that Sukarno's armies can wage a successful guerilla-type war against them. It was in Malaya where, between 1948 and 1960, the British put down a vicious and crafty jungle war inspired by the Chinese Communists.

Where the French failed

against such tactics in Indo-China; where America is failing in Viet Nam, the British triumphed in Malaya. Observers credit Britain's success to winning "the hearts and minds" of Malaya's 10,000,000 people. These people experts say, stand firmly behind their new government. Otherwise, Sukarno's raiders would not be mopped up as they land on the beaches.

Now, with increasing anxiety, Asian diplomats watch to see if Sukarno will escalate his corsair warfare into all-out aggression. Tokyo reportedly is extremely worried. Japanese Premier Eisaku Sato has urged Sukarno to reconsider abandoning the UN. Sato is said to have written him that Japan's military misadventures began when it left the League of Nations—a pointed warning.

War in the Pacific is the last thing Japan wants. It is winning through peaceful trade a prosperity unimagined when it last went to war, and its people proudly see their country as "the Britain of the Orient." Sukarno, unfortunately, has paid Japan no heed. Nor has he listened to the wise counsel of India.

Asian spokesmen say privately that he is stuffed to the gills with his own publicity. His mirror does not reflect the shabby spectacle of himself as an amateur Mussolini bent on "living dangerously"—and probably doomed to suffer the same unhappy end should he adopt his idol's—showman methods.

Faced by perpetual internal discord, haunted by the spectre of assassination, and heedless of chronic hunger and malnutrition among his people, Sukarno likely is beating the drums of war to take his public's mind off their rumbling bellies. (Kicking out the UN specialized agencies like UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and the Food and Agricultural Organization) is certain to worsen an intolerable situation.)

If Indonesia's flag is finally hauled down at UN headquarters here, it scarcely spells the end of the organization, as the sayers of doom and gloom are ever ready to predict. More likely, it will increase the determination of the other 110 members to prevail. And most likely, it will mean the beginning of an era of tragedy and disaster for Indonesia's unlucky millions and their nickel-and-dime dictator.

Advice on Choosing Good Medical And Hospital Care Given in Booklet

NEW YORK—If your doctor is hard to reach because he's spending a lot of time at a hospital clinic, is he being unfair to you, his private patient?

If you have to check into a hospital, do you have a better chance of getting the best care in one that is modern looking, comfortably furnished, and known for its tasty food?

The answer to both questions is no, not necessarily. More reliable criteria for judging a doctor's competence and a hospital's care are to be found in HOW TO GET GOOD MEDICAL CARE, by Irvan Block, a new Public Affairs Pamphlet issued today. It is available for 25 cents from the Public Affairs Committee, 381 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10016. Mr. Block, a writer on medical affairs, is now serving on the Governor's Committee on Hospital Costs in New York.

Because of today's increased medical knowledge, concentration and specialization have become essential. This in turn means, Mr. Block points out, that "Constant communication and teamwork with other doctors, in a setting concerned with a broad range of medical problems, is essential if today's physician is to keep up-to-date and remain competent."

This is true whether the family doctor works in "solo practice" or as part of a group plan. Though group practice is not an automatic guarantee of highest quality care, the author finds that many knowledgeable people believe "it affords the greatest chance for good medical treatment because consultation and referral are 'built in' to

the system....When this is combined with strong supervision and painstaking selection of well qualified physician-members of the group, superior medical care is assured."

Mr. Block discusses some of the signs of good quality medical care which patients themselves can check. For example, the physician usually displays his diploma and license as well as a certificate from a specialty Board, if he is a specialist. If you do not recognize the name of his medical school, it is not at all improper to check with the County or State Medical Society. You can also review the information in the Medical Directory and the Directory of Medical Specialists, which most libraries have. It is also important that a doctor limit his practice to his field of competence.

Affiliation with a hospital of good quality is another important criterion. Such affiliation is highly competitive, however, and preference may be given to specialists rather than general practitioners. Consequently, "many excellent doctors are forced to obtain bed privileges, or the right to attend patients, in hospitals whose quality is somewhat less than they would want it to be."

To get back to the question about doctors and clinics: "If you sometimes find it hard to contact your doctor, because he is working extra hours at the hospital clinic, swallow your impatience and congratulate yourself upon your choice of a doctor...who wants to enlarge his experience and skill, (through) hospital clinic work...which exposes (him) to problems, professional contacts, and medical ideas that his private practice could never provide."

Similarly, it is possible to judge a hospital, but such factors as architecture, comfort of the rooms, TV, and tastiness of food...
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