

# The Charlotte Bombings A Warning

The editorial comment on the early morning bombing of four civil rights leaders and prominent citizens of Charlotte is being written only a few hours after the brave and courageous culprits had committed their dastardly and murderous acts under a cloak of darkness and sneaked back from whence they had come. That they did not have the courage or the manhood to make their attacks in broad daylight is positive proof that the cause for which they attempted to murder the occupants of the four homes, is not sustained by a conviction.

Men who have a conviction will face their adversaries, day or night, whatever the cost. They do not find it necessary to resort to such fiendish acts under cover of darkness to uphold the cause for which they have taken a stand. Such persons are, likewise, the kind who must disguise themselves with hoods, sheets and other paraphernalia in order to hide their identity.

In spite of the fine editorial comments of a majority of North Carolina's daily press, its governor and many prominent citizens, deprecating the dastardly bombing of the four Negro homes, we cannot exactly give Charlotte nor the state in general a clean bill of goods in the matter. We recall very vividly the bombing of the automobile of Dr. Reginald Hawkins in Charlotte last January which finally resulted in the arrest and convictions of the person responsible. We also recall that instead of full punishment for the act that the defendant was given a suspended sentence, which in reality amounted to a mere tap on the wrist by the court. We charge that such action on the part of a law enforcement agency of this state merely sets the stage for such vile deeds as, that which happened in Charlotte early Monday morning.

As much as the Negro citizens of the state appreciate the condemnation of the Charlotte bombing of the four homes by the governor, the press and prominent citizens, in general, they would much prefer that those same sources of influence exhibit a few ounces of prevention instead of the so many pounds of cure which always come after but not before such vicious acts have been committed. Such a cure must include swift and sure punishment for those who under the Ku Klux Klan, the White Citizens Councils and other such organizations, continue to peddle race hatred which in the end results in such as occurred in Charlotte last Monday night.

Likewise, it must include an organized effort against such acts on the part of the white church. Too often the white church, while not participating per se in such vile acts, is guilty of winking at them or actually holding the coats of those involved.

The Charlotte incident ought to be a warning to other cities of North Carolina and the entire South, that so long as the KKK and other such organizations are smiled upon by the people of this state, the home, life and property of no citizen is safe. Now it is the Negro who is attacked. Sooner or later it will be any white citizen who dares raise his voice or hand against any organization of tyranny or terror, especially if it is in the defense of the Negro.

We think the time has long since passed for the mealy mouthed measures taken against those who know only terror, murder and acts of violence as a means of achieving their ends. We think no stone should be left unturned to bring to justice those responsible for the bombings in Charlotte and when apprehended that they should be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

## George Daniel White, Jr.

The untimely passing of George Daniel White, Jr. on Wednesday, November 17, removes from Durham one of its finest spirits and most noble young businessmen. Small in stature but possessing a heart that was always big enough to make room for just one more, however great or humble, however old or young, George never lost the common touch, nor was he ever out of step with the aged and the youth of his day and time.

George White made no noise about his contribution to the youth of the community as a scoutmaster, nor to the religious, civic and other institutions of Durham. Instead, he seemed to take delight in serving wherever

he could without the beating of drums or the invitation to "come and see what I have done." He truly possessed the spirit of quiet devotion and unselfishness that is seldom seen in these days of the mad scramble to be seen and heard.

We think the example set by this fine young man of our day is worthy of being copied by those who are always selling their souls for the sake of having the spotlight turned on them for only a few moments. That he was cut down in the flower of his life is to be regretted. We think though that those who knew George White will agree that Durham, the state and the nation have been made better because he passed this way.

"FEAR IS THE TAX THAT CONSCIENCE PAYS TO GUILT." SEWELL



### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

## To Know Christ is to Be Freed From the Shackles of Mortality

"To be freed from the shackles of mortality"

—Rom. 8:21

Man's mortality is dramatized in his inevitable appointment with death. Humanity—all men are subject to the terminating act of life called death. Death is the dominant mark of things created. All life—plant and animal—is subject to what is called death. Man fearful of the event does not like to become preoccupied with the idea of death. In this attempt to escape the reality of it we would call it by other names—deceased, departed, demised. Yes, men would attempt to escape the grim reality of death. But Alas! There is no escaping the fact. It is ever with us. Daily we see the signs and reminders. The signals of death are flashing in our bodies. Christians, in Christ, are freed from the shackles of death. Truly to know Christ is to be freed from the shackles of mortality.

Christians should be free from an acute fear of this terminal experience we call death. Just few have achieved this rare spiritual maturity. With a true faith and trust in Christ we should be free from the fearsome foe of death. Christ

has made two great conquests for us mortals—in obedience to God he has conquered sin and death. Christ has subdued death the last of foes. Thus every Christian should join in the joyous shout with Paul in the message to the saints at Corinth. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through Christ. In Christ we stand joyously and triumphantly in the company of the one who has given us the victory over death the last foe. Ultimately, then, in Christ we should rise above the fear of death. Faith in Christ frees us from the shackles of death!

We are freed because Christ has robbed death of its dominion and power over us. Before we were saved from sin we were indeed in the shackles of sin and death. But now as Christians we can say thanks be to God who giveth us the victory in Jesus. The victory man had longed for, the great hope of the ages, has come to us in that act of regeneration or the new birth. Thank God we are free from the shackles of mortality. In Christ we triumph over the mortal by becoming immortal. In Christ the heavenly has won the victory over the earthly. The slaves

have been freed—we the slaves of death and mortality have been emancipated and we thank God for this gift of freedom in Christ Jesus. We mortals—dying creatures—may now be clothed in the glory of the immortal.

Let us then as believers in Christ Jesus be done with unnecessary, acute fears. In Christ there is no basis for the fears. The things you fear—death, has been overcome. In Christ we have and we shall overcome. In Christ we have snatched the victory from death. Death lost its dominion to Jesus. Early that morning three days beyond dark calvary we see Jesus standing above the grave with the keys the symbol of his victory over death the last of. And we hear Jesus saying victoriously, I was dead but I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of hell and death. Believers in Christ now have no need to fear death.

Christ freed us from the fearsome shackles of death on the first Easter morning when he conquered death and the grave.

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## To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

### Power Of The Ballot

A CURSORY glance at the results of the off-year elections held in recent weeks throughout the country brings into focus one salient fact: the Negro who is emerging as a most powerful factor in big city politics.

Indeed, there is much evidence supporting the belief that the political persuasion of the Negro voters in major urban centers of the nation will eventually help to dictate the destiny of both major parties.

The most convincing testimony to that, perhaps, is the marvelous showing made by a young and popular Ohio legislator named Carl B. Stokes in losing a photo-finish race to incumbent Mayor Ralph S. Locher in the Cleveland mayoralty election.

Opposing the Mayor and two other contestants, the handsome and well-spoken 38-year-old Negro attorney, the first of his race elected to the Ohio Legislature, received 85,375 votes as compared to the winner's total of 87,933. In other words, a margin of only one percent of the aggregate 238,977 votes cast prevented Stokes from recording what would have been an incredible upset in the face of overwhelming odds.

Stokes is the second Negro to run for mayor in Cleveland during the past decade. Alexander H. Martin, like Stokes, an independent Democrat, polled 10,930 votes, about eight percent of the total, and finished fourth in a five-man race in 1955.

### Still Wondering About Stokes

Political observers are still wondering how Stokes was able to severely test the strength of such a formidable opponent as Mayor Locher who boasted the strong backing of two Cleveland daily newspapers, a powerful Democratic machine, organized labor and almost 10,000 city employees.

Stokes, with a 15-year career in public service behind him, staged a vigorous campaign in all sections of the nation's eight largest cities.

However, he was reportedly victimized by a vicious whispering campaign. "Vote for Locher," they warned each other in the white areas, "or you'll get Stokes."

Consequently, he got virtually no support in those areas where the apprehensive thought of having a Negro as mayor caused a sharp reaction against him.

Of course, this damaged Stokes' chances immeasurably. Many of his supporters, on the other hand, expected him to gain from an avalanche of Negro votes which, they hoped, would approach or perhaps equal the 98 percent given LBJ a year ago in the Presidential election.

But things didn't turn out quite that well. There are approximately 115,000 Negroes among the 337,800 registered voters in Cleveland, and it's reasonable to assume that as many as 10 percent of that number backed the traditional Republican ticket. Maybe another 10 to 15 percent went for Locher.

Elsewhere in the nation, other Negro candidates achieved noteworthy political advances in major state and municipal elections.

Woodmere, a Cuyahoga County suburb of Cleveland, voted Attorney Samuel S. Perry in as its first Negro mayor, and Dayton's Don Crawford was re-elected to his important Commissioner's post.

### Cincinnati Elects Myron Bush

Myron Bush was elected to the Cincinnati City Council, and Robert C. Henry won a seat on the City Commission in Springfield, Ohio.

Voters in Chester, Pa., the scene of racial conflict last Spring, elected Leo S. Holmes, a math teacher, as the first Negro City Councillman.

Hutchings F. Inge, a 65-year-old Democrat in Newark, became the first Negro elected to the New Jersey State Senate.

And in Detroit, the Rev. Nicholas A. Hood succeeded as the second Negro elected to the City Council, while Charles S. Farmer emerged as a judge in Wayne Circuit Court.

The last election showed: 1. That increasingly intelligent and enlightened white citizens are portraying a greater concern about the qualification of the candidate than his color.

2. That the Negro is now more concerned about the ideas, the principles, and the platform of the candidate rather than his party label. Both Lincoln and Roosevelt remain his heroes in history, but they are not current candidates.

The Negro in America is moving ahead in many areas, but it is imperative that he assert himself even more in the political arena and make the ballot a weapon for waging war on bigotry and poverty.

### -Fraud

Continued from front page of 3 Negro delegates and 8 alternates were elected, while 15 white delegates and a score of white alternates were elected (therefore, Negroes, who represent 82% of the population in that county, won only 20% of the positions for ASCS county convention delegates).

In Greene County (which is 82% Negro) all returns are that county feel that the general ASCS election pattern not yet in, however workers in will follow there too. During the counting of ballots in that county, only one person was originally allowed to watch the procedure. SNCC staffer, John Luitkas, tried to lodge a complaint about the situation with federal representatives Ray Fitzgerald, Deputy Administrator of State and County Affairs; and Victory Phillips, ASCS Civil Rights Assistant, but was told by their secretaries that it would be impossible to reach either of them.

Ironworkers building a garage in Pittsburgh took one look at the sculpture in the nearby Three Rivers Arts Festival and then welded together a birdlike figure of steel reinforcing rods, washers and a drift pin on their lunch hour. They smuggled it into the art show and it was promptly sold.

Steeple on the new church of the Sola Air Base near Stavanger, Norway, is simply made from the wing of an F-34 jet fighter.

Mrs. Daisy Ward, 81, resides with the 125-year-old Mrs. Hamons.

### --Blast

Continued from front page The most damage was done at the homes of the Alexanders located next door to each other. Fred and his wife were alone in their home at the time. Damage to the homes of the brothers was estimated at several thousand dollars.

At the home of Chambers where he and his wife were sleeping in a back bedroom, the blast went off under a front bedroom window. In the Hawkins home the blast tore a one foot hole in the backyard. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins and their three children were asleep at the time.

Local daily newspapers already have begun the formation of an "Anti-terrorism Fund" to which the Charlotte Observer has made an initial contribution of \$500 as a reward for information to the arrest and conviction of the bombers.

Mayor Dan Brookshire of Charlotte has announced a drive called "Operation Rebuilding" for the purpose of raising funds to repair the damaged homes and to "the good name of our city." The drive was endorsed by the City Council in special session Monday afternoon.

### --Panels

Continued from front page reption on November 16. The Planning Session was presided over by A. Philip Randolph, Honorary Chairman of the Conference, and Co-Chairmen Morris Abram and William T. Coleman, Jr.

### --Book

Continued from front page God, one family created in the image of God, one nation under divine discipline.

Charles Rivers Frazer, Sr., educator, author, and businessman, was born in Alabama in 1879. He received his A.B. degree in 1900 from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina; took a two-year course in foreign languages at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, in 1901-02, and received a second degree from the University of Chicago in 1907. He has served as a member and leader of many civic, educational and business organizations, Phi Kappa Phi, Knights of Pythias, and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He has authored two books of poetry and has established his own business as a real estate broker. He and his wife Daisy Christian live in East St. Louis, Illinois.

### --Poll Tax

Continued from front page state, staffed by a coordinator, a secretary and various telephone callers.

In counties where the NAACP presently has no branches, special groups have been assigned.

Sunday, Jan. 9, 1966, has been established as "Poll Tax Sunday" in the three states, when the Association hopes to enlist the churches and various organizations in the campaign.

In Alabama, it is estimated that 92,000 persons have not yet paid their poll taxes. In conjunction with the continuing voter registration cam-

paing, the NAACP will devote its energies in the next two months to making these persons eligible to register.

Birmingham has been designated as state headquarters for the Alabama campaign. Approximately 1,800 volunteer workers will be involved in the drive. The NAACP presently has paid workers in four Alabama counties where Federal registrars are now working.

While the NAACP voter registration campaign has placed thousands of new voters on the registration lists, several Alabama counties are still using various tactics to slow down and prevent registration.

The Association has urged U. S. Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach to send Federal examiners to these counties.

### --Birthday

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She says she has to, because she makes her own clothes. Born in Virginia, a slave, to slave parents, Mrs. Hamons members being sold to a family in Alabama while she was a young girl. She later gave birth to 12 children, six of whom still live.

The family Bible substantiates Mrs. Hamons' claim to her age, since birth certificates were unknown when she was born—at least for slaves.

The Bible also lists her oldest child as being 98 years old and still living in Quincy, Fla. Perry Lee Thomas, 84, a son, lives in New York, and another son, Lee Hamons, also resides in New York.

One daughter, Mrs. Ever Hoggans, resides in Cottonwood, and another, Mrs. Carrie Bell Walker, lives in New York.

**IT'S AMAZING!**

ON A POULTRY FARM IN FOUNTAIN CITY, INDIANA THERE IS AN ACTUAL DUCK WITH A HEAD!

WHEN SOMEONE PASSES AWAY IN CHINA, A HOLE IS CUT THROUGH THE ROOF OF HIS HOUSE TO ALLOW THE DEPARTURE OF HIS GHOST! OTHERWISE, IT WOULD "STAY AND HAUNT THE OTHERS!"

ONE MILK TIRE NEVER GOES SOUR!

IN THE BALKANS, MILK IS USED IN THE MAKING OF RUBBER FOR AUTO TIRES!

THIS HORSE, COMANCHE WAS THE ONLY LIVING THING TO ESCAPE ALIVE, DURING CUSTOMER'S LAST STAND!

DRY ICE—COLDEST COMMERCIAL ICE... IS PUMPED OUT OF A DESERT.... ONE OF THE HOTTEST PLACES IN THE COUNTRY!

HERE LIES JOHN STEERE WHO, WHEN LIVING, BREWED GOOD BEER! AD ON A TOMBSTONE (ESSEX, ENG.)