

# No Arrests Yet in Charlotte Bombings

We are keeping our journalistic fingers crossed for an announcement from the FBI, the SBI or Charlotte police authorities that one or all of them have apprehended the person or persons responsible for the recent bombing of four Negro homes in Charlotte. This editorial is being written Tuesday evening and we trust that before it is read federal, state or Charlotte police authorities will have made an announcement of an arrest or arrests in the dastardly and murderous attempt made on the lives of the four prominent Negro citizens of the state's largest city.

We have been encouraged and proud of the various statements decrying the bombings coming from the governor, other officials, the mayor of Charlotte, its city officials, along with other prominent white citizens in every section of the state. We think though that we discern a wavering of faith among Negro leaders that all is not being done that can be done to bring to justice those responsible for the bombings, considered by many as among the most heinous crimes ever committed in North Carolina. Unless those responsible for the bombings are brought to justice it is going to be hard to convince Ne-

groes of this state that the statements uttered against the bombings are more than empty words or just crocodile tears uttered and shed to cover up the black and dastardly deed.

If an arrest is not made by the time this editorial is read approximately four weeks will have passed since the attempts on the lives of the four Negroes were made. Although it is quite understandable that police authorities may not find it advisable at all times to disclose the development in such cases, it does appear that some information could be disclosed as to whether any progress at all has been made in the search for the bombers.

Failure on the part of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to finally apprehend those responsible for the bombings will by no means strengthen the confidence among Negro citizens that their lives, homes and property are and will be adequately protected. On the other hand it will set the stage for the occupants of every Negro home to feel it their bounden duty to provide their own protection by making their domicile an armed camp instead of a place of peaceful retreat when the day's work is done.

## COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION... "AND BE SURE"

"A MAN CANNOT LEAVE A BETTER LEGACY TO THE WORLD THAN A WELL-EDUCATED FAMILY."

THOMAS SCOTT



"GAINING AN EDUCATION IS, IN MODERN AMERICA, A YOUNGSTER'S KEY TO A PRODUCTIVE AND REWARDING ADULT LIFE."

"THOSE WHO SHORTCHANGE THEIR EDUCATION TODAY FACE LIVES OF UNCERTAINTY—OF UNEMPLOYMENT, OF UNDEREMPLOYMENT, OF THE LOWEST-PAYING JOBS."

### Comment from the Capital

#### STRAIGHT FACTS FOR TWISTED THINKERS

by Vant Neff

America is suffering from an epidemic of carping and whining about our foreign policy. "Do we belong in Viet Nam... do we have the right to interfere in South America?" But, I wonder why no one asks "Do the Reds belong in Viet Nam... Do the Reds have any right to interfere in South America?"

Why do so many Americans placidly accept the Reds' interference in free world countries and yet question our right, or duty, to help those governments remain free?

The answer is simple. A large number of Americans have come to accept the Red myth that the Viet Nams, the Congos and the Santo Domingos were started by local people. Somehow, they've forgotten the basic fact that these wars were carefully planned and directed by Moscow, Peking and Havana. When the United States goes into Viet Nam, for example, it's not to stop a rebellion by local people, but to stem the relentless tide of Communism that is wearing away the foundations of the free world. Communism is out to conquer the world; we are out to conquer no one, but merely to contain world Communism. If we were out for conquest, Korea, Japan, Italy and Germany wouldn't be free today. Nor would the Philippines and Cuba have had the chance for self-government. Have the Reds ever relinquished their hold on a satellite?

Now, it's often heard that we should let the Viet Namese or Santo Domingans "choose for themselves" between Communism and the West. But, this is in fact what we're doing. The United States is trying to keep these countries free so they can choose for themselves. If we stay out, Mao Tse Tung, Castro or Brezhnev will decide the issue for them. And Communists don't allow any choice.

For instance, it has been shown by Professor Scalapino, of Columbia University, that Red Viet Nam was made Communist by less than five hundred determined terrorists controlled from Peking. Systematically beheading the mayors of some 6000 villages, the agitators chopped their way to power. And this is how these Viet Namese villages "choose" Communism!

Certainly, the Berlin Wall is ample proof that the people of East Germany have not "chosen" Communism. The rush of refugees in Trieste, Macao, Hong Kong and the Burmese jungle is all one way: toward freedom and the West.

But take a look at any nation on the globe and you'll find a virulent Communist organization. Every country is infested

with a hard core of trained agitators gathering and cultivating a cell of malcontents. How do they do it? The Reds play to any cause that comes to hand. In Pakistan, it's religion; in Venezuela, the inequality of wealth; in the U.S.A., it's civil rights or ban-the-bomb. The Reds promise the people anything, and find a following because the people often have a legitimate gripe. Consequently, we are often put in the embarrassing position of supporting political leaders who are less than perfect. But, all this should not obscure the real danger. Each country that falls into Communist hands brings the Reds closer to their goal: a Communist world. And, a Communist world means world slavery. We may support an idealistic leader here or there, but for us to withdraw our help would support the Communists.

The important thing is that Communism is being forced on these countries from outside. For the last 20 years each outbreak of terrorism and war has been described as another ex-



ample of "the people" trying to "choose" Communism or "agrarian reform." And, in each case, the truth was shown to be the opposite. The British spent ten years putting down a guerrilla operation in Malaya, and were reviled during those ten years for not letting the Malaysians "choose" Communism. In the end it was found that a small hard core of terrorists from outside Malaya had engineered the entire uprising.

Everybody was so shocked to learn that "Doctor" Castro was a Communist and not an "agrarian reformer." Unfortunately, America, including President Eisenhower, didn't wake up to the truth of what Castro was really up to until the "Doctor" was in the seat of power! And so it goes. While the Communists weasel their way into every country on the globe, and country after country slips out of sight behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains, we sit and philosophize about "should we or shouldn't we!" If the free world doesn't dispel the myths

that cover up Red subversion today, there won't be any free world left to save tomorrow.

We do belong in Viet Nam and Santo Domingo, and any other free world country whose future is being jeopardized by Red terrorists. The have-not nations have a right to a real choice, and we should protect that right. The common sense viewpoint is: "The Reds don't belong there. Let's march the free world to keep them out."

Now, why does one so seldom hear this common sense viewpoint? I think it's because the Reds are better organized to spread their ideas than we are, so the common sense viewpoint is drowned out. The Reds spend \$2 billion a year and employ 500,000 people full time whose sole job is spreading Communist dogmas. The Red propaganda effort is 100 times greater than that of the entire free world! Schools in Moscow, Leningrad, Tashkent, Prague, Peking and Havana turn out thousands of propagandists and agitators a year. There are six such schools in France alone!

This concentration of propaganda explains why so many Americans have fallen for part or all of the Communist myth. Not all the Americans who question or demonstrate against our foreign policy are Communists, or even Communist sympathizers. But, we've been bombarded for 20 years with Red propaganda and it's seeped into our consciousness. Consequently, we've lost the habit of stopping to think "what are the facts?"

But, the effect of Red propaganda can be overcome. There are two ways this can be done. First, Americans should get back into the good habit we had before the onslaught of Red propaganda, the habit of skepticism. In those days we didn't believe everything we read. When a story or news item insulted our Common Sense we rejected it. We wanted the facts, not sob stories.

Second, the silent majority should be heard. Right now the Red and Pink minority has the loudest voice because they're organized. If you don't think you're in the majority, poll your friends and find out how many have fallen for the Red myths about Viet Nam, Santo Domingo and the Watts riots. I'll bet my last dollar we're in the majority. And, in America, unlike Russia, the majority is supposed to prevail. But, in a democracy, the majority has to be heard from.

It is time for the free world majority to speak out. We have a powerful weapon, the truth. But weapons serve no purpose if they are not used when needed.

## The Meet With the County Commissioners

The announcement this week that the Non-academic workers of the city schools had voted to return to their jobs, after being out on strike for higher wages and better working conditions, will be of little or no consolation to Negro leaders in Durham. In the first place it appears that certain reprisals are being inflicted on the leaders of the strike, and many of the workers as well, in that upon returning to their jobs they were told that either the positions had been filled or they were not needed.

The rumor being circulated to the effect that school authorities have been ordered or advised not to permit any of the leaders of the strike to return to work may or may not be true. We think, however, that one thing definitely revealed at the meeting held with the Durham County Commissioners on last Monday morning was that Negro citizens need not look to that body for any relief from their many ills and problems.

While the matter of equal employ-

ment opportunities for Negroes in the several offices the county maintains in the courthouse was mentioned by only one speaker at the meeting with the county commissioners last Monday morning, a casual glance through office after office in the building will reveal that not a position in one of them is held by a Negro.

We think the situation, in so far as the county commissioners of Durham are concerned, demands that Negro leaders take a second look at just where they stand with that august body. With an election coming up in 1966 it might not be a bad idea to remind Negro voters of their plight with the idea of not only obtaining Negro representation on the Board of County Commissioners but of securing some members of the opposite race who would feel more kindly disposed toward them having equal employment opportunities in the various offices of the county courthouse.

## Giving Them Flowers While They Live

The account, published elsewhere in this week's issue of this newspaper, of the dedication of the \$1,500,000 Fine Arts Building at West Virginia State College, named for Dr. John W. Davis, former president of the school, is a most worthy as well as a most noble project. Instead of waiting until Dr. Davis is dead to bestow upon him all kinds of praise, some person or persons have been thoughtful enough to give him his "flowers while he can smell their fragrance." In keeping with the idea, we would like to again emphasize the fact that one rose petal strewn in the path of a weary traveler means more than a floral profusion laid at his feet when his toes are stiff and point upward.

Dr. Davis has made a distinct contribution to his day and time, in the field of education and elsewhere. It is a most commendable idea that there are those who appreciate what he has done to the extent that they are willing to say "we thank you," by

naming a building in his honor on the campus of the college he labored so long and hard to bring to the forefront.

During his administration at W. Virginia State College, Dr. Davis was never the "play it safe" type of college president. On the contrary the Board of Trustees, the state officials and leaders of the community were always able to know just exactly where he stood at all times on issues involving the rights of his people as well as administrative matters of West Virginia State College. In short, he was not then and is not now for sale at any price.

We join with those in honoring a most worthy and a most noble citizen. It is our hope, therefore, that the example set by W. Virginia State College will be followed by persons in other cities, towns and communities of the nation in honoring, while they live, at least some of the unsung and unhonored heroes of our time.

### Things You Should Know



## JAMES McCUNE SMITH

As a young student faced with racial bias, he entered the University of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1837. He returned to his N.Y. birthplace—a physician! In ensuing years he won fame and professional recognition as practitioner and scholar in the field that had denied him entry!

### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By Rev. Harold Roland

## We Need the Hope That Comes To Man Thru Christ's Power

"Saved... in hope."

—Rom. 8:24

What if human life without hope, one of the abiding spiritual values? Hope stands at the very center of the religion of Jesus. And hope becomes a sustaining and keeping power for us in the face of all of the loneliness, hurts, hardships, discouragements and disappointments that we must endure in this uncertain business of human existence. It is hope stirring in the souls that keeps us from being crushed under the almost unbearable weight of the burdens of life. We accept the radical spiritual change in our souls called salvation and then spiritual hope floods our soul.

Hope is the bright flame burning in the soul for life's sometimes dark and despairing journey. This life at times becomes a dark, lonesome and weary journey. But in our salvation through Christ Jesus we can say thank God I am not alone. We can say Christ saved us and left the spark of hope burning in our souls. Hope keeps us fighting until the difficult victory has been won. Hope helps us to build above the dark scenes in our lives. Hope keeps us plugging on toward the goal. Hope keeps us running in the race of life until we cross the finish line. Truly we all need hope—the abiding spiritual value. Christ saves us and lights the candle

of hope in the soul. So life without hope may be but a series of futile and frustrating experiences. Man needs the sure anchor of hope for this life's sometimes stormy journey. This life is indeed like a ship on an ocean voyage. We must be prepared for the changing circumstances that may arise in the course of the journey. The ship needs an anchor, a compass and a captain. In this life there will be some sunshine and smooth sailing. And then again the skies will become cloudy—there will be no sunshine in the skies. And then the clouds will grow into the dark storms. And when the storm comes and things really

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**To Be Equal**  
 By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

### After All These Years...

PATIENCE, too, has its reward. Particularly when it's of the kind found almost exclusively in the Negro whose life in this society is so complicated and tormented by social injustice.

But the human spirit is a powerful force for good, and it frequently serves to enrich the lives of the oppressed with a sense of dignity and courage which enables them to withstand the most flagrant misdeeds of their oppressors.

This story provides an excellent example to illustrate the simple truth of the above statement.

It seems a retired Baptist minister named Rev. Andrew Carter in Montgomery, Ala., lost his right to vote at the age of 25 and had to wait 75 years to regain it. But he isn't the only one who waited.

Mrs. Cora Lee Williams, a resident of the same city, had to wait even longer — 84 years.



MR. YOUNG

Under the U. S. Voting Rights Act of 1965, both Rev. Carter, 100, and Mrs. Williams, 105, recently registered with a Federal examiner at the Montgomery Post Office to become the oldest voters in the county.

And the elderly pastor feels indebted to President Johnson for doing so much to restore his voting franchise.

### Has Praise For President

"President Johnson, he has done the most," he said, remembering that his voting rights were taken from him in 1890 because he was not a landowner.

"The Bible says, 'As ye sow, so shall ye reap,'" the minister continued, "I knew the vote would come."

Rev. Mr. Carter, born of slave parents the year the Civil War ended, picked cotton at the age of 4, "dropped corn" at 7, and hoed the cotton fields as a child of ten.

He remembers voting for the first time as a young man of 21, and the time, a few years later, when Negroes were no longer allowed to vote unless they owned land.

"Before that you had to be at least 21 years old and a citizen. That's all."

He remembers, too, when Negroes in Montgomery had a strong political organization until their leader was killed.

"President Hoover had bad times," he said, "but I thought President Roosevelt gave us two things — equal rights and jobs — with NRA and WPA, when we all went in the ditches. eh was coming on good, then he died."

President Johnson was also praised.

"That Johnson, he's for everybody, isn't he? You can't get by him. You can't move Mr. Johnson. He stands right up for right and justice. He's a good President."

### Mrs. Williams Born A Slave

Mrs. Williams, a great-grandmother born a slave, had neither registered nor voted before.

Her reason for coming to do so recently, she said, was "to do something... To do what I can."

When she arrived at the Post Office in Montgomery, Mrs. Williams was reportedly in no mood for questions.

"Don't ask me all that stuff," she snapped, "I ain't got time!"

The examiner informed her that she did not have to pay the poll tax since it was only required of persons under 45 years old.

Listening, she twitched a bit in her chair, giving the impression that such obvious fact should have remained unmentioned.

There were routine questions like: "Have you ever been crazy?"

"Lord, no," said the old lady, "and I ain't about to go, neither!"

Her granddaughter, who was present, cautioned her to answer the examiner's questions with a simple "yes or no."

"Let me have my way," demanded Mrs. Williams.

And when it was over, she rose slowly from the chair and walked away from the examiner's desk with all the grace and dignity of her 105 years.

Of course, she had her voting certificate.

After all these years, she wasn't about to let it slip.

### IT'S AMAZING!

**THE WEALTHY PERSIAN NATIVE**  
 HAS A TUBE INSERTED IN HIS MOUTH EVERY MORNING, WHILE HE SLEEPS, AND INTO IT IS Poured A MIXTURE OF WARM MILK, WHISKEY AND HONEY...  
 THIS HIS FIRST CONSCIOUS SENSATION EACH DAY IS THE TASTE OF NECTAR!

**CATS WHISKERS**  
 ENABLE THE FELINES TO JUDGE DISTANCES!

gets rough in life's journey we will need the anchor of hope. In Christ's saving act we are given the anchor of hope for life's sometimes stormy scenes. In the raging storms we can let down the anchor of hope and say peace be still.

I have seen this hope at work in the lives of men. Hope will help us to endure for another heart-breaking day. It is hope which whispers to tell us that this won't last always. Hope lets us know that the sun will be shining tomorrow. I have seen hope help families to build again above the shattered ruins of a new life. Hope is a great sustaining spiritual power.

in the life of man. Hope has kept some wife working for a change for the better in an alcoholic husband. So we all need the hope that comes to man through the saving power of Jesus Christ. I have seen hope sustaining while God changed the heart of an enemy. But the greatest hope of all is found in Christ God's gift of redeeming love to a world lost in sin. In Christ we have the hope of life abundant, and life eternal.

Why would you remain in hopelessness? Christ can save you and give you the sustaining power of man's greatest hope.