

## What Price Token Integration?

If the federal government is not going to do it, some person or group of persons should look into the recent approval of an integrated medical staff by the Trustee Board of Watts Hospital. It might be that a close scrutiny of what is really happening at Watts in the matter will reveal that both Negro physicians and citizens are being handed a first-class bill of token integration with the understanding that they are to pay for the same by keeping their mouths shut about a situation that is not entirely in keeping with the interpretation of integration as described by the federal courts.

As a matter of ethics, Negro physicians, like all others of the medical profession, will take their time or tread softly in making complaints about the methods or procedures of other physicians, to say nothing about reporting them to federal authorities. There is a known and age-old tradition of professional ethics among all doctors that at times may even transcend that of race. Then there is the klanishness of the profession that is well nigh as biding as that of the oath of a secret order.

We think, though, that the duty of seeing to it that Negro citizens of Durham, as well as Negro physicians, are not sold a bill of good for what appears to be purely token integration at Watts, or just enough integra-

tion to keep the checks rolling in from the federal government, is one that belongs principally to Negro lay leaders outside the medical profession. In the solution of such, Negro citizens have one or perhaps two courses they can pursue and that forthrightly.

The first course is to ask for a thorough investigation by federal authorities into the integration policies of the staff and patients at Watts Hospital. The second is for Negroes to bide their time and wait for the bond issue election to be held in behalf of Watts and Lincoln hospitals when they will have the opportunity to voice their disapproval of what is being referred to as "token integration" at the former. We think either course is an unpleasant task and, therefore, we would like to propose a third procedure and that is the enlarging of the Watts Trustee Board to make room for a minimum of two Negro members.

Such a course may appear in the outset as revolutionary. We think though that it holds the best solution to what in the end may prove to be a most difficult if not a disastrous situation, from a financial standpoint, for both Watts and Lincoln hospitals, if not otherwise. The situation is one of those in which an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and one which demands forthright action and remedy.

## A Step in the Right Direction

The announcement in last week's issue of this newspaper to the effect that three bishops of the AME, AMEZ and CME Churches had performed the ordination service of eleven new ministers of the three denominations should be hailed by every one of their several million members. In the final analysis it is the laymen who pay for the luxury of denominationalism and not the bishops, other high officials or ministers of the churches.

The joint ordination is a step in the right direction and proves conclusively that ultimate union of the AME, AMEZ and CME denominations is not only possible but practical. It is our hope, therefore, that last week's ordination service will quicken the efforts of the officials and members of the three denominations in the direction of truly becoming one great united body in the cause of Christianity.

While the proposed union of the three Methodist churches may not be considered ecumenical in the truest sense of the word, it does show the direction in which the wind is now blowing in the field of religion. In the very nature of the case the consummation of such a union is certain to give impetus to the overall ecumenical movement now underway to unite all of the Christian churches and, therefore, it should receive the support of every person of sound judgment.

It is not hard to visualize what a powerful force for good the uniting of the three Methodists bodies can be, from an economic standpoint as well as a spiritual one. We trust, therefore, that the ordination of the eleven young ministers will be the beginning of a series of similar events, all leading up to the ultimate union of the three denominations.

## 'Rights' Lawyer One Of Magazine's Award Winners

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Marian Wright, 26-year-old Mississippi civil rights lawyer, has been named one of the country's four most promising young career women by "Mademoiselle" magazine. In its January issue, the editors of "Mademoiselle" acknowledge Miss Wright's achievements and predict even greater success for her in giving her one of the magazine's four 1965 Merit Awards.

Miss Wright holds the awesome and sometimes frustrating position of NAACP Legal Defense Fund Attorney in Mississippi, handling the Fund's statewide docket of hundreds of cases pending before the Federal Court. Last November she became a member of the Mississippi Bar — one of the few women and the "only" Negro woman ever to be admitted.

HER COMMITMENT to helping the Negroes of Mississippi understand and exercise their Constitutional rights extends beyond the limits of her legal profession. She is active in instituting and promoting community programs, organizing schools with qualified Negro teachers. Miss Wright points out that "the community response to the poverty programs and the schools is phenomenal. The people understand that they must help themselves."

A native of Bennettsville, S. C., Miss Wright was educated at Spelman College in Atlanta, where she was one of the co-founders of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She spent her junior year at the universities of Geneva and Paris; she also spent a summer in the Ivory Coast with "Operation Crossroads Africa."

IF WAS BACK in college in this country, while attending a local NAACP meeting that Miss Wright became aware of the appalling shortage of lawyers working in the South. She decided to do something about it, applied



MISS MARIAN WRIGHT Magazine Award Winner

to Yale Law School, was admitted on a John Hay Whitney Fellowship. After graduating, she became the first legal intern with the NAACP and went to Mississippi.

Though her job has led to occasional jailing and physical attack, Miss Wright claims, "When you reach someone, know you have gotten through to him, made him think for himself, made him realize that he has the freedom of choice — then it is all worth it."

OTHER MADEMOISELLE 1965 Merit Award recipients are actress Lesley Ann Warren, ballerina Suzanne Farrell and novelist Anne Tyler.

In addition, "Mademoiselle" gave a special award to the young people of the Metropolitan Opera National Company. The awards were presented at a special ceremony by the magazine's Editor-in-Chief, Betsy Talbot Blackwell.

EASY TO CARE FOR. You want a houseplant, but know full well your thumb is not the green type. Then settle for philodendrons. Philodendrons do as long as they are kept warm — 65 degree F minimum — out of direct sunlight, and moderately moist. Don't, however, over water them, or the leaves will grow very small.



### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



## Christ Comes in the Spirit as a Guarantee of Successful Living

"God sending his own Son in our own sinful flesh." Rom. 8:2

What a sublime mystery—God coming in the flesh—clothing himself in our common fleshly garments to rescue man in his lostness. This idea of God, the high and the Holy One, coming to us in the flesh confounds us. Why? God had to come in such a way that we could understand and have no reasonable excuse. Had God chose to come to us clothed in the majesty of His celestial or supernatural glory we would have had an excuse. But God came so plain and simple that we are now left without a good excuse. God came to live the life in the flesh as we live it. Now we have no excuse. Christ came and clothed himself in our fleshly garments to show us that life can be lived in this world pleasing to God.

In Christ and in the flesh we can now live life acceptable to the God of Grace and love. Jesus did it. Jesus set the example and left us without an

excuse. Now all we need to is to get on with the business of living this life, with the help of Christ, acceptably before the God of Holiness and Righteousness. It can be done. Thus let us get on with this most important business of being Christian witnesses for God in this world. Jesus has performed the great experiment. It was successful — he lived successfully and victoriously this same life we are called upon to live. Jesus lived this life in spite of the sin, heartache and tears. And we heeded and in Christ can live it too.

Christ has given us the helper — The Holy Spirit! Yes, Christ set the example and sent us a helper in the person of the Holy Spirit. To keep us from confusion and frustration he has given the Holy Spirit the helper. So again we must conclude there is no excuse whatsoever for man. You can't hide behind an excuse now — you have all things needed to

live this life. So we say on with the business of living this life at its best—living it as Jesus did. Christ redeems—takes away the sin—and comes in the Spirit's power as a guarantee of successful living. Then Christians, let us stop making excuses. Christ takes away sin and gives you the sanctifier so there is no excuse.

This life can be made manageable with a day to day approach. You remember, Jesus said just one day at a time. Live this day and let God Almighty take care of tomorrow. Let yesterday and its failures go. Ask God to forgive you and wipe the slate clean and make a new start. Forgetting all things in that ugly past. God will forgive you.

God came in His Son Jesus Christ, our Savior, to show us how to live this life successfully with all of its rich potentials. The Savior lived it, and we too, in Christ, can live it.

### --Farmer

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The first project will be a nationwide literacy campaign. It will also conduct programs to instruct local people, including civil rights workers, in the resources and programs available to combat poverty and racial discrimination.

### --Acquittal

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Metropolitan Council of the American Jewish Congress, termed Judge Murtagh's acquittal of the 17 demonstrators "an extremely important decision that the police and the courts will have to bear in mind in all future cases involving persons who have been arrested during peaceful non-violent protests."

### --Emancipation

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of Washington, Dr. Jackson is the Democratic National Committeeman for the District of Columbia; Vice Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee to the President's Civil Rights Commission.

In addition to the main address, there will be three minute greetings from representatives of business, labor, fraternities, education, the press, civic organizations and the local branch of the NAACP. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the choirs of Mount Zion and the Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Churches.

The benediction will be pronounced by Rev. S. G. McCoy, Chaplain of the Alliance.

On any given day of the year, more than 300 billion gallons of Mississippi River water flow past New Orleans on the way to the Gulf.

### --Price

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The Mississippi-born Miss Price, whose schedule prevented her accepting the award at the NAACP convention in Denver earlier this year, is being honored "in recognition of her

divinely-inspired talent in tribute to her extraordinary achievement as the outstanding soprano of our era, and in appreciation of her priceless contribution as artist, citizen and person to the continuing crusade for justice, equality and understanding among the peoples of the world."

## 'Twas the Night Before Election

'Twas the night before election When, all through the land, Not a citizen was sure of Who would be the next Congressman. The candidates nervously paced the floor, All but one who sat quietly by the door. She sat thinking quietly and still Praying her victory to be God's Holy will I sat and I thought of the days that had passed, How we campaigned and skipped meals just like a fast. We met people with her and walked many a mile, But on Mrs. Small's face she greeted everyone with a smile. Then I remembered her voice, so triumphant and sweet I remember her words, which in my heart, I shall always keep. I remember Floyd McKissick and Gold Frinks, Together they banded a strong chain that links, I remember the Revs. La Garde, Scott, Nixon and Pettaway. They stood by Mrs. Small both night and day I remember the Smallettes, of which I am a part, To Mrs. Small, we gave our support, our time, The love in our hearts. I remember the people of Plymouth

Mrs. Shester Small, and the rest, They gave our candidate their very best I remember the adults Mrs. Agnes, Simpson and Cherry They worked hard, they want to be free, I remember the towns like Lewiston, Ahsokie, Windsor, Edenton and Williamson. I remember the campaigning, the walking and the talking too, All this, to us, was very new I remember the question, is she qualified? But who can be more qualified, than a person with God as his guide. Now, all the questions are answered and the work is done, And still there is the victory to be won. Now, the day is here, And the hour is very near And as the time goes by My eyes gaze toward the sky. And I feel the Lord's spirit near me And he tells me in my heart, Be willing to do your part. For I'm ever with thee. If she doesn't win, It isn't a sin. We can try again and again, For God's work is never done in vain.

—Phyllis Simpson

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

## Freedom From Want

SUPPORT FOR CUTTING of present and planned expenditures in the domestic public sector of our government, in order to more adequately finance our expanded international involvements, is being voiced more and more frequently by private and public officials. It is true that some of those who advocate this kind of move have never been supporters of public programs — the War on Poverty, federal aid to education, expanded health and welfare benefits, and other — and it can be easily recognized that they are simply using the international situation to destroy that which they never favored in the first place.



Nevertheless, there are others who are more sincerely motivated and who have less invidious reasons for supporting the idea of a reduction in domestic expenditures. Their reasons, however, are largely based on the belief that we are presented with only two choices — military preparedness or domestic programming — and they feel that MR YOUNG under no circumstances must military preparedness be weakened. In addition, there are those who are reluctant to accept the fact that in this period of unprecedented prosperity and employment any self-respecting, conscientious, hard-working person would be unemployed and dependent.

### Their Own Sense Of Adequacy

Finally, there are those who have themselves only reached comfortable incomes in this generation, who feel their own sense of adequacy — and, indeed, superiority — by suggesting that even temporary government support of the unemployables contributes to their dependency; or worse still that being unemployable reflects some congenial moral flaw in the person so affected.

While President Johnson and his Cabinet members remain committed to the Great Society, and have given no indication that they would propose such a cutback, it is conceivable that unless those who feel differently from the above begin to make their feelings known, then it can be assumed that these proponents represent a great consensus. And if this is true the pressure on the Administration will be most difficult to resist.

The fact remains that not only does our country spend a smaller percentage of its budget on programs of health, education and welfare than any other country in the world, but, actually, in relation to the value of the dollar today we are spending only a fraction more than we spent 20 years ago. And by far the large percentage of that which is spent go for those who are basically unemployable — children, the chronically disabled, and the elderly.

### Displaced By Machines

We are also faced with another fact — that while miraculous technological advances may not have reduced the number of jobs per se, these advances have greatly affected the employment picture in that so many jobs now require skills which are not present among a large group of workers displaced by machines.

Few of those who glibly recommend the transfer of Great Society funds to the Viet Nam war effort really stop to contemplate what would be the alternative were we not to spend in the public sector not only at the present level, but at a greatly increased level. And this, unfortunately, notwithstanding the dramatic example of a Watts riot, which is estimated to have cost — in economic terms alone — between forty and one-hundred and seventy million dollars in one week.

Too few people are aware that the image of our country abroad having a gross national product almost that of all other countries combined but with a rate of unemployment, school drop-outs, mental illness, substandard housing far exceeds many much less affluent countries.

It is tragic that almost no one conceives that the best long-range defense of this country — as well as its appeal — is a society where each human being, regardless of race, religion, nationality or economic class, has the opportunity for a full education — to the limit of his capacity and desire; an opportunity for decent housing, for the best health and medical care; an opportunity for a job at the highest level of his ability; and the security of adequate insurance against economic fluctuations, health hazards, or the dependency and boredom of old age.

In a world where both sides possess the weapons of total destruction, thus making war an impossible way of resolving conflict or assuring loyalty, then the ideology which in practice works to provide real freedom from want and opportunity for all its citizens to participate will ultimately win the battle for the minds, hearts and loyalties of people the world over.