

The Defeat of the Hospital Bond Issue

The truthfulness that "politics makes strange bedfellows" must not be overlooked in the election held in Durham on last Tuesday. Most assuredly the Hospital Bond Issue was by far the most decisive factor in bringing about what, on the surface, appeared to be a coalition composed of white and Negro voters. That Negro voters found themselves bedfellows with members and/or supporters of an organization such as the White Citizens Council, is one of those rare incidents that only happens in politics.

We think though it is only fair and just to look at the differences in the reasons behind the objections to the Hospital Bond Issue, as evidenced by the predominantly Negro precincts and that of the White Citizens Council, before any conclusions are drawn on either. In the case of Negro voters, opposition to the bond issue stemmed solely from the flagrant inequity in the allocation of funds to Watts and Lincoln as proposed by the Hospital Citizens Committee and others. Joined by the growing segment of fairminded white citizens of Durham who just could not bring themselves around to the point of seeing any fairness in such, the two

forces, combined to make a formidable block against the bond issue as proposed.

The third factor that contributed to the defeat of the bond issue was that of the White Citizens Council, whose opposition was based solely on the ungodly, unchristian stupid idea that God in His all wise creation of man found it necessary to produce a "super-duper" human being and endowed him with the right not only to rule over others of His handiwork but to kick them around whenever and wherever he so desired.

In spite of the aspersions, innuendos and wild attacks made against Negro citizens of Durham by the White Citizens Council and other sources, Negro leaders here are aware of and will hold fast to the faith and respect for the growing segment of forthright white citizens of Durham. When the time comes and the proposal is fair and just for all concerned, Negro voters will politely and gladly join hands with them in helping to provide whatever funds are necessary for adequate hospital facilities for the people of Durham irrespective of race.

The Plight of Negro Teachers

From the November issue of the READER'S DIGEST comes a most encouraging piece written by Helen Ellsberg on how "Negro residents and police have cooperated to ease racial tensions and improve community relations in San Diego," California. Those in other cities, where race relations are on edge, would do well to read the article, condensed from "TOGETHER," and follow the example set by a city, located in a state that has had more than its share of racial conflicts within the past several months.

Says the article in part:

"When there were threats of violence in the area last year, Ted Patrick, 35-year-old Negro president of the Logan's Heights Businessmen's Association, gave up his public-relations business to concentrate on improving conditions. He went from door to door among the poorest families of the area to organize the mothers and fathers into what became known as the Volunteer Parents.

Lt. William Kolender began a series of discussion meetings between police and Logan Heights youths at police headquarters at which the boys poured out a torrent of troubles. The Volunteer Parents and Logan Heights busi-

ness groups sponsored a potluck dinner which drew 100 young adults whose evenings were usually spent on street corners. Honored guests were police officers and the district's councilman.

When a survey by the Volunteer Parents revealed that nearly 1500 families in Logan Heights were without proper food and clothing all San Diego pitched in to see that every family had a Christmas. The police helped pick up and distribute the gifts. For the first time since anyone could remember, no one in Logan Heights went hungry or without a gift. In return, the Negro community declared a "Police Appreciation Week."

Volunteer Parents patrol the school grounds after hours and watch the meeting places of troublemakers. In the first year of the organization, there have been no major disturbances in Logan Heights.

While San Diego's racial problems are by no means over, Mrs. Ellsberg, who lives in Apline, Calif., writes "even the most confirmed racial cynic cannot ignore the clear evidence of improved community relations, and the success of the juvenile program."

A Fine Example of Interracial Cooperation

Several months ago we wrote an editorial in the columns of this newspaper on the "Diminishing Returns of Integration." We endeavored to point out in that editorial that with the acceptance of integration by whites in the fields of industry, education, business, religion, etc., there looms before us the stark spectre of competition that must be met by Negroes in such fields if they are to survive not as Negro institutions perse but as individuals engaged or employed in such fields.

In the July 23 issue of the CHAPEL HILL WEEKLY, there appeared a most penetrating analysis by James C. Wallace, assistant Professor of Social Studies, North Carolina State University on "Teacher Education in North Carolina." The writer goes on to reveal the awesome plight now facing Negro educational institutions, as well as Negro teachers. The writer presents several tables of percentage scores supposedly to show the stark inability of even many of the best trained Negro teachers to

meet the qualifications when faced with the required tests of examinations.

We think there is enough information disclosed in Wallace's article to demand the immediate attention of the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association. In short, there lurks in our minds the belief that there now exists in North Carolina sinister and a most pernicious move, not only cut to the minimum the employment of Negro teachers but total elimination of them.

Certainly if the Negro State Teachers Association is worthy of the name it owes its qualified members protection from any and all unfair schemes to take from them their means of being employed by the state the same as other teachers. We think the matter should be explored and pursued to the bitterest and even if it means resort to the federal courts to render a final decision in the matter.

Viet Nam Restaurant Refused To Serve Negro Soldiers!



SPiritual INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



God in His Sovereign Power Will Not Let Evil Forces Win

"Their voice has sounded all over the earth"

Rob. 10:19.

Potentially the voice of a loving, redeeming Savior has sounded universally in its call for spiritual healing. The redeemed and sent ones have gone among all peoples telling the glad tidings of salvation in Christ. And now with radios, TV's and orbiting satellites available for the proclamation of the Word of God's redeeming love, there is no excuse. There is no race, nation nor tribe who has not had some one to tell the story of God's saving word in Christ Jesus. Yes, a universal call has gone out for man, everywhere, in his lostness to return to God through Christ the Savior. "Their voice has sounded all over the earth."

All have not heard the voice and turned to God for salvation. But the voice has been heard among all peoples. In many places the proclaimers of the Good News have had a hard time as witnesses for Jesus. For almost a half century now there have been studied, deliberate efforts to oppress and crush the tellers

of the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ. Just recently schools have been closed and deserted in places like China. The going has been tough in recent years in Castro's Cuba. Russia has been only tolerantly permissive of the ones who carry the Gospel of God's Salvation. In these places of difficulty we are reminded of the words of Jesus. "In the world ye shall have tribulations." The vicious hand of persecution would crush and stifle the voice of salvation and healing in Jesus.

The call to salvation is still heard in trying times when Godless ideologies would become the master of the world. These vicious Godless systems would win the mind and the soul of man. These evil forces failed in the past where they dared assert themselves. God Almighty in his Sovereign Power will not let these evil forces win the day. Again we must say in these trying times. "The just shall live by faith." Now we must say and believe "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." Above the den of conflict and confusion we must say, "To be carnally minded is death." We must continue to voice the Master's call to salvation even amid the trials and difficulties now encountered.

Let us keep the call of salvation in the hope that we are on the verge of achieving a great spiritual breakthrough for Christ. Men universally need Jesus. Thus we must continue to call men back to salvation and healing in Christ. Violence has failed and is bankrupt. Science as a panacea has left us bewildered and disillusioned. Communism's Utopia has left us in the quagmire of bloodshed, confusion and conflict. Just take a long look about the world. Capitalism with man's sinful nature has fallen short of its ideal. What is our hope then? Christ is the remedy, Christ alone can heal the root cause of man's troubles, he saves man from his sins.

The inescapable conclusion is that we must continue to call man with his evil, sinful tendency back to God for healing in Christ Jesus.

Letter to the Editor

THE HOSPITAL PROBLEM
Editor
Carolina Times

Many Durham citizens, while unopposed to improved hospital facilities, nevertheless, look askance at putting all of the eggs in one basket. Instead of one big, unwieldy building—remodel Watts and Lincoln, make additions to these hospitals that will bring them up to date, and build a new hospital out of the balance of the 15 million dollars, in the Research Triangle-Drive Avenue-Wellons Village area.

Durham is internationally known as a famous medical center, but most of its hospitals, Duke, Veterans, Watts and McPherson are all west of Mangum Street. In the last 20

years there has been phenomenal growth, east of Mangum Street, with Lincoln as its only hospital.

Lincoln hospital, spawned by the generosity of the Dukes, has rendered great service to the community, while furnishing many foreign doctors, as well as young doctors from Duke and other schools of medicine, internship training. Its school of nursing is highly rated. But it needs aid in caring for this explosive population and business growth East of Mangum Street, which include Sears-Roebuck, the Bus Station, Few Gardens, Coman Lumber Co., W. L. Robinson Co., Mechanics and Farmers Bank, McDougald Terrace, Research Triangle, Wellons Vil-

lage and N. C. College.

The druggist have the right idea. They build the drug stores where the people are. Imagine, leaving Wellons Village to go 10 miles to get a prescription filled, or to have someone to put a bandage on your knee. Let's spread-out where the people are. Appropriate eleven million dollars for Watts, and 4 million dollars for the new hospital and Lincoln hospital. Recognition of the great Research Triangle-Drive Avenue-Wellons Village area, would somewhat help to dispel the appearance, that somebody is trying to put all of the eggs in one basket.

FRANK GEO. SOWELL

-Wilkes

Continued from front page had its counterparts among every ethnic group in America from the infancy of this nation until the present time.

It declares that the Negro deserves full citizenship rights no different from any other segment of the population despite acts of the small minority in recent months and urges that these actions are no justification for assuming that the Negro people are less determined to be rational and responsible than any other segment of the citizenry of the nation.

It points out that candidates who happen to be Negroes are well-equipped, intelligent citizens and are entitled to every consideration and opportunity to serve their city, county, state and nation as any other citizen.

-Progressive

Continued from front page 1341 N. Kingshighway Blvd., Jan. 18-19, 1967. The Rev. E. R. Williams is the host pastor to this Adjourned Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

-Tenor

Continued from front page singing of four songs by the Austrian composer Joseph Marx—"Maienblueten," "Nocturne," "Waldseligkeit," and "Hat Dich die Liebe Beruert." Marx, a distinguished composer, critic, and teacher, is most widely known for his songs. Although they are not performed extensively in America, they are regarded as constituting an important and highly individual contribution to song literature.

-Session

Continued from front page bership Committee of Harriet Tubman Branch YWCA, Durham. Music for this program will be furnished by the St. Paul choir. Mrs. T. P. Duhart, conference branch president, will preside.

-Clark Prexy

Continued from front page ness and uncertainty," the speaker said. "Negroes are at the bottom of the economic ladder, and moreover, in the absence of creative and massive remedies... there is no evidence that change will be forthcoming in the near future." The "new frontier" in race relations involves new demands for equality of access,

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as well as equality of opportunity. Henderson said. Negroes have been given hope by the civil rights laws, he emphasized, but unless tangible results of those laws are seen, the Negro masses are vulnerable to "an ill-conceived concept of 'Black Power' and other kinds of ideology which are the antithesis of what civil rights objectives are all about."

-Black Power

Continued from front page cago, the 250 representatives unanimously adopted the manifesto outlining several steps which must be taken if in their terms, "the civil rights struggle is to succeed in the future."

The manifesto, read by Bishop

of Joseph Gomez, presiding bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, had been prepared by a drafting committee of nine Negro church leaders.

Underlying the manifesto and the entire spirit of the conference was an appeal for a return to law and order in the civil rights struggle. As stated in the manifesto, Bishop Gomez reminded the representatives that "As a race, we must not allow the failures of others to embitter our spirits. Neither must we directly or indirectly turn to violence of any kind. Race riots, the destruction of life and property can add nothing to the constructive efforts to solve the remaining problems in our society."

To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

Riots In The Cities

LAST summer, like the two previous ones, American cities were torn by riots in ghetto areas. Few cities were spared, and those only through luck.

Why?

Answers have come hot and heavy from all sides, but it is obvious that the riots were caused by long suppressed bitterness and frustration fostered by over-crowded slums, widespread unemployment, ineffective cooperation between the races, and the failure on the part of ghetto-dwellers to see any real immediate change in their bad living conditions.

Until Americans realize this and do something about these conditions, they can look for rioting to become a permanent fixture of American summers, in spite of the efforts of responsible civil rights leaders urging restraint and condemning violence.

That they don't realize it or are unwilling to face the effort needed to change these conditions, is obvious from the reactions to the riots. We all know about the so-called "backlash" in which long-hidden racist thoughts have become plain for all to see. Another response is to blame the riots on "outside agitators." People who talk this way sound very much like plantation bosses: "our Negroes are happy, it's those outside agitators coming in here and making trouble."

Mayor Blamed Trained Agitators

The mayor of Cleveland went so far as to back a grand jury there which blamed riots in Hough on "trained agitators" and Communists. But police undercover agents said Communists had no part in the riots and a study by sociologists concluded that lack of effective leadership and the unresponsiveness to the needs of the Negro community was the real cause.

The then Attorney-General, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach told the Senate that the real agitators were: "agitators named disease and despair, joblessness and hopelessness, rat-infested housing and long-impacted cynicism."

Anyone put in those conditions would think of violence. A young VISTA volunteer from a middle-class suburb now working and living in the South Bronx (NY) told a reporter how he felt on a sweltering day in his slum apartment. "I feel inside me how riots start. I just had to get out into the street, walking six flights down, and if a cop had said anything to me, it would have been hard not to start something."

If the cycle of rioting is to be broken, both government and industry must move immediately to alleviate conditions in the ghetto. These moves must be made before riots, not after them. Riots in Chicago resulted in better recreational facilities and riots in San Francisco resulted in job openings. Had enlightened self-interest prevailed these concessions could have forestalled costly bloodshed.

Needed: Real Effort To Change

Nobody wants a riot. The only ones who are hurt by them are people in the ghetto themselves. It makes no sense to allow terrible conditions to exist, watch them explode, and then offer token concessions. Yet this is what is happening. No city is making a real effort to change the face of its ghettos by creating jobs, building better housing, and doing all the other things necessary to relieve tension and create a healthy atmosphere conducive to progress.

Tan Topics by NEWKIRK



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