

The Power of the Press

Those who have sneered again and again at this newspaper's refusal, for nearly a half century, to bow before the altar of the financially strong, with the hope of someday being able to show a profit, even at the cost of its own soul, will need to read Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round in last Tuesday's Durham Sun about what it had to say of the folding up of a 142-year-old newspaper, the Boston Traveler of Boston, Mass.

In quoting one of the nation's foremost broadcasters, Edward P. Morgan, the Merry-Go-Round had the following to say in part:

"Instead of trying to solve our problems we organize hate groups to blame the other fellow. Or we flee to the beaches of frantic leisure only to be sunburned by the guilt of our wanton negligence. There is no miracle drug or magic ointment to cure or quiet this situation. But there is an instrument

of devastating effectiveness which we have only superficially, often hypocritically, employed. It is called the power of the press.

"Let's face it. We in the trade use this power more frequently to fix a traffic ticket or get a ticket to a ball game than to keep the doors of an open society open and swinging, by encouraging honest controversy or crusading for truth and justice. There is enough wrong in the republic to merit a full-scale expose daily, if not every hour on the hour . . .

"In our obedience before the altar of profit and free enterprise we have let the lust for material things get the better of us. Nothing is so important as people. But instead of the sacred dignity of the individual human being, too many of us worship dividends and private property more.

The Allen University Fiasco

Just how much longer respectable ministers and laymen of the A.M.E. Church will tolerate the Allen University fiasco in Columbia, South Carolina remains yet to be seen. Frankly, it is our feeling that if Jesus were named president of Allen it would be impossible for Him to remain at the head of the school under the present situation created by the ugly bunch of tyrants now in control of its affairs.

The recent ousting of Dr. B. J. Glover as president of Allen, by the Trustee Board, is just another comical link in a chain of "Amos and Andy" events that have been the fate of Allen over the past 15 years or more. Included in the number of men who have been ousted or resigned the presidency of Allen, because of the intolerable situation brought about by the operation of its Trustee Board, is Dr. Howard Wright, former N. C. College faculty member. Dr. Wright quit the school under circumstances similar to those surrounding the ousting of Dr. Glover.

We are convinced that at the bottom of the Allen fiasco is the jealousy, ignorance, envy, littleness and

downright hellishness that exist within the ranks of the members of the trustees. We are, therefore, not afraid to wager that thorough investigation of the Allen University Trustee Board will reveal that, for the most part, it is composed of weaklings possessed with a rule or ruin attitude in conducting the affairs of the school.

Our observation of a majority of the A. M. E. Church schools is that the educators on the faculties are seldom given an opportunity to direct their operation. On the contrary the affairs of the colleges are most always left up to or taken over by a Board, composed for the most part of ministers, who insist on running an educational institution in the same manner as they run a church. As a result there is most always a clash of the cloth and classroom that usually ends in disaster.

Unless some way can be found to keep the ministers, now running Allen, in their pulpits, instead of continuously sticking their noses in the field of education the turmoil and strife at the school will continue to be a running festering sore in the affairs of the A. M. E. Church.

The Supreme Court Has Helped Again

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has recently laid down guidelines to speed up racial desegregation of the schools, according to the Supreme Court's decision fourteen years ago that segregation in education is unconstitutional. They are armed with a provision, which was won by the political muscle of the NAACP and other liberals, that Federal funds can be withheld from school districts which do not desegregate.

Much of the white South has tried to avoid school desegregation by the mis-called "Freedom of Choice" plans, which permit Negro parents to choose whether or not to send their children to previously all-white schools. White southerners have

economic power, so they can and sometimes do use that power to discharge Negro parents, or throw them off the land if they are tenants, when they make such a choice. Only a few dare brave such economic reprisals, so the children of those few are lonely and are often harassed when they go to the better white schools.

The Supreme Court has now decided that if the "Freedom of Choice" plans do not achieve substantial school integration the school districts must carry out H.E.W.'s guidelines by other methods. So there is now a chance for further real advance in carrying out the Supreme Court's decision, won by attorneys for the NAACP, against school segregation along racial lines.

Negro Mythical Universities

In bestowing the status of regional university on A. & T. College in Greensboro last week, without providing ample funds for university operation, the 1967 General Assembly of North Carolina has simply added another black chapter in Negro education to those already written by its predecessors during the entire period of more than a hundred years that slavery has been abolished in this country.

In bestowing the phoney regional university status on A. & T. College members of the General Assembly have probably been able to appease their guilty consciences for the dirty, raw deal they handed all five of the predominantly Negro institutions of higher learning during the 1967 session of the Legislature of this state. It is, therefore, our feeling that men of such low estate are more in need of sympathy than condemnation.

In the wearing of the university title, A. & T. can now take its stand along side the several other predominantly Negro institutions of Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida that have paraded around for a long number of years with the title of university hanging onto their names. They have

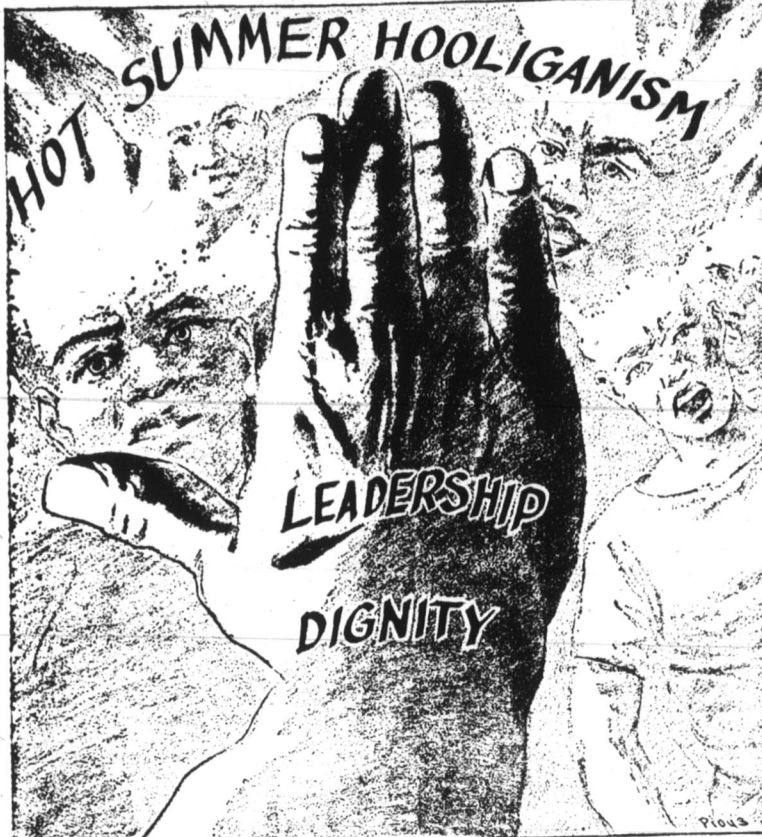
been able to get away with the custom, in the face of the fact that there is in reality only one predominantly Negro educational institution in the entire United States, Howard University in Washington, D. C., that comes within the bounds of such status.

Unless Negro citizens of North Carolina bestir themselves, during the two years interim of the General Assembly, and prepare for an all out attack on the situation at the ballot box and in the federal courts the future for the five predominantly Negro state colleges is anybody's guess. In short, we are of the opinion that the raw deal handed A. & T., or worse, is the fate that awaits all four of the other predominantly Negro state colleges of North Carolina.

Watermarked paper has become a status symbol. The earliest known watermark appeared in an Italian paper made in Bologna in 1282, and was in the form of a cross: a cross with circles at the points and in the center. At that time only skilled artisans were allowed to stamp their work in any identifying way. Papermakers took as their trademark the watermark.

Whether the watermark had any other purpose beyond identifying the mill at which the paper was made is not known, but there is good reason to think that it also served to indicate the size and quality of paper, for many printers' apprentices in those days could neither read nor write. As an example, a 12" sheet had the watermark of a fool's head in cap and bells. Gradually, paper of this size came to be known as foolscap.

It's Time To Speak Up



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Man is All Too Easily Intoxicated With Undue Self-importance

"Think your way to a sober estimate"

—Rom. 12:4

Man, by natural inclination, is all too easily intoxicated by an undue sense of self-importance. Thus we are called to think ourselves through to a sober estimate of Number One-self. It is most difficult to keep self in the proper perspective. We must strive diligently to keep self in the right focus. Before we know it self has been excessively inflated. And this inflation and intoxication with self can so easily elevate us to a high horse of some prideful position. And this unholy attitude isolates us from our fellows and mars our communion with God. Thus we can see the great importance spiritually of having a sober estimate of self and its importance.

The intoxication of self is a hindrance to the highest spiritual maturity and development of man. It stymies human spiritual growth. It is a distinct block to man's spiritual stature. The truly great spiritual

giants must escape the snares of undue preoccupation with self. It is for this reason that Jesus calls for self-denial. For without self-denial man will fall short of his true spiritual grandeur. With the weights of self-intoxication man is unable to rise too high. So the word rightly calls on us to "Think your way to a sober estimate" of self. Self is the great enemy of man's true spiritual aspirations.

One we begin to think that we are the center of the universe life gets out of focus. With our frailties we can never qualify to stand at the center of the universe. In the vastness of the universe we are so infinitesimal an inconsequential. How then can we get such a bloated concept of our own importance. Yet man repeats in every age the old folly of self-exaltation. And then we become the prisoners of our own sense of undue importance. It causes us to overlook our limitations. It blinds us to the stark realities of this life.

Look what it did to Napoleon, Mussilino and Hitler. They all, intoxicated with a sense of self importance, forgot their limitations and ended in despair and desolation.

We are reminded, then, to be aware of the intoxication of a sense of self-importance. Take a sober look at the stubborn fact of man and his existence. What is man? Man is made in God's image and just a little lower than the angelic beings; and, yet just one fleeting breath from death and his eternal destiny. Truly we need a sober estimate of ourselves. That we may not drink the heady wine of self-importance. This thing fascinates and causes man to lose sight of his true place in God's creation. What is his chief aim? It is to glorify God and lovingly serve his fellowman.

These times, in human history, especially demand that we take this Biblical admonition seriously and take a sober look at self and its place in the Divine scheme of things.

-Convention

(Continued from front page) College, on Wednesday, August 16.

Outstanding national leaders will speak at city-wide mass rallies Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, and conduct day-time workshops on economic, political, social, civil rights, governmental and international issues.

Negro artists, entertainers and speakers will appear at the Wednesday evening rally in a special program on Negro heritage and culture.

Fifteen hundred persons are expected to attend the convention, including "grass roots" citizens, civil rights field organizers, public figures, SCLC officers and members of the board of directors, and members of SCLC affiliate chapters.

In addition to Poitier, special guest speakers will include Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, who has become one of the most respected Negro spokesmen in the halls of government; Louis Martin and Clarence Townes, the highest ranking Negroes in the Democratic and Republican National Committees, respectively; Senator Barbara Jordan, the first Negro since Reconstruction to be elected to the Texas State Senate; William Pepper, representative in New York; Dr. Benjamin Spock, the world-renowned physician and leader in the cause of peace and freedom; and Dr. Robert Theobald, the economist who has written extensively on the need for a guaranteed income to abolish poverty.

-Mrs. Cole

(Continued from front page) lations of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company as assistant director of publicity. She was also a mem-

ber of the National Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the YWCA.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sisters, Mrs. Anna Young, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Ethel Knox, Hanover, Va.; four brothers, Butler, Samuel and Walter Williamson of Norfolk and G. Norwood Williamson of New York, N. Y., and a large number of other relatives.

Interment was at Beechwood Cemetery.

-NMA

(Continued from front page) a privilege for those who can afford to pay the price."

Dr. Holloman and his colleagues said that, "health care is a human right." "It is obvious," they said, "that the cost of medical care will continue to spiral until the present chaos in delivery of health care is replaced by a rational system." They said that they felt "the National Conference on Medical Costs has evaded this crucial conclusion because it would require confrontation with the AMA, many voluntary hospitals, the drug industry and other groups with vested interests in the health fields."

-Bielow

(Continued from front page) rendered by the Senior Choir of the church.

Rev. Bigelow is a native of Greensboro where he attended the public schools. He was ordained July 25, 1956, following which he was called to the pastorate of the New Hope Baptist Church in Chatham County.

After serving the New Hope Church for several years Rev. Bigelow was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Apex. He was called to his present pastorate at St. Paul June 21,

1965 where in 19 months a new edifice was erected under his leadership. The membership of St. Paul has increased over 360.

Rev. Bigelow is married to the former Miss Lillian I. Hughes of Greensboro and is the father of three children, Ronnie, Patricia and Stephen.

-Program

(Continued from front page) address. Delegates will be welcomed by John A. Volpe, Governor of Massachusetts and John F. Collins, Mayor of Boston. Kenneth I. Guscott, president of the Boston Branch, will preside at the meeting which will be followed by a reception for delegates in the Prudential Plaza adjoining the headquarters hotel.

On Tuesday night, Sen. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, will be awarded the Association's 52nd Spingarn Medal. The presentation will be made by the new Senator's senior colleague, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. The medal is awarded annually to the "man or woman of African descent and American citizenship, who has made the highest achievement during the preceding year in any honorable field of endeavor." Sen. Brooke is the first Negro ever to win popular election to the U. S. Senate.

-Execution

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LDF attorneys point out that two petitioners (Saterfield and Anderson) are Negro, and one (Hill) is Caucasian.

The attorneys explained that they have filed an action which could affect all death row prisoners, who show up on death row in disproportionate numbers, of adequate constitutional safeguards.

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To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

Wonderful Youngsters

THERE WAS A time when most Americans quit school early to help support their families, but now most Americans complete high school and many go on to college. Those who leave school before they finish are called dropouts. I don't like the word. It gives a wrong picture of what actually happens to these kids. I'd rather call them "pushouts," because they leave school not because of any great defect in themselves, but because the educational system just doesn't make the effort needed to motivate them and teach them.

Negro youngsters attending ghetto schools learn at a very early age that society stacks the cards against them and they are smart enough to observe that the Negro high school graduate has the same unemployment rate as the "dropout."

This is a serious problem, because only by continuing their education can they hope to get a decent job and escape the poverty they have known all their lives. But most educational systems are by their bureaucratic natures, unresponsive to the needs of the disadvantaged. They can handle the average student pretty well, but they just can't cope with the special attention needed by disadvantaged youngsters raised in a poverty-stricken racial ghetto.

Model For Every Ghetto

The New York Urban League has a successful program which should serve as a model for every ghetto in the country. The League has set up storefront schools, called street academies, which enroll teenagers who have been "pushed-out" of the regular school system. League staffers give the students remedial work, discuss their problems with them, and motivate them to go to college. For those kids who are homeless, the League has rented apartments in the neighborhood, and they serve as "dormitories" and places where students can study.

This personalized attention has paid off. Over thirty of these kids, labelled "unteachable" or "disciplinary problems" by the school system, have gone to college. Over 60 others were placed in prep schools and will eventually attend college.

The League has plans to operate its own prep school in central Harlem, an area of 300,000 people which doesn't even have its own high school. That way graduates of the street academies won't have to depend on scholarships to out-of-town prep schools.

Mr. Eugene Callender, the League's executive director, says: "Our premise is that 70 percent of the teenagers in deprived areas have the capacity to attend junior college or college." Thanks to discrimination, poverty, and the failure of the educational system, they don't.

Potential Of Ghetto Youths

How long is America prepared to waste the lives of its young people in this way? The potential of youths in the ghetto is great; we need to direct it and develop it. The street academies point the way to solving the problem. Their teachers, Negroes and whites, have built a rapport with the students unsurpassed in other schools, because they really care.

The youngsters who are part of this program are real heroes, the kind you don't often read about in newspapers which pay more attention to the kid who throws a rock in a riot than to the kid who burns the midnight oil studying to get ahead.

One of the students at the academy spoke at a meeting honoring Frederick Douglass. He said: "Frederick Douglass stressed education, but he also stressed self-knowledge. He reminds us that the man who knows himself is the man who can remove any obstacle."

These young people are removing the obstacles placed in their way by a hostile society which would rather condemn than help disadvantaged people. It takes real guts to go back to school and start again, more guts than it takes to stand on a street corner and curse fate. My hat is off to these proud, wonderful youngsters.

Do's And Don'ts



A Cheerful Start Can Make It A Pleasant Day . . .

Christ Called Top Man In All History

NORFOLK — The pastor of Bank Street Baptist Church described the power and influence of the life of Christ in a sermon Sunday on "One Solitary Life."

Dr. J. H. Henderson pointed out that the urbanization of society is doing to the individual. "The individual is becoming less and less" and "is lost and lonely in the midst of millions," he said. The action filed in Federal District Court lists the three petitioners, Hill, Saterfield, and Anderson, and "all other similarly situated petitioners."

It asks the court to enjoin San Quentin's warden, Louis E. Nelson, from all executions until a full hearing can be held on the petitioners' claims.