

Humility Needed in the Present Crisis

All of the good people of Durham, along with the members of its City Council, have a date with destiny that must be kept and that very soon if this city is to continue as a peaceful habitation for our mothers, our wives, our children and ourselves. The public hearing held at the Durham City Hall Monday night revealed beyond any doubt that the situation has reached the critical stage here and must be dealt with intelligently and positively if a catastrophe is to be avoided in this city.

We think the time has arrived when it is befitting to remind all of those concerned or involved, in the present crisis now facing Durham, that threats, accusations and disparaging remarks, as exhibited at the City Council meeting Monday night, are truly earmarks of the weak rather than of the strong. We are hoping, therefore, that, in spite of the gravity of the situation there will emerge within the City Council and the opposing faction that spark of humility, which is an attribute of all noble men, and which is so necessary if common sense is to prevail in such trying moments, rather than rash and stupid action.

Will it be an evidence of weakness

or strength for the City Council of Durham to admit, officially that the Negro community has not always been treated fair in matters of equal or equitable representation in city government, matters of public housing, employment and other areas so necessary if one is to be accorded human dignity in our present social order?

Will it be an evidence of weakness or strength for leaders of the anti-poverty workers to admit that they have not always acted with calmness and regards for the rights of others in lodging their protests against the injustices Negroes suffer in our present social order?

We think once opposing factors are willing to confess their shortcomings in the present crisis they will have opened the door to its solution. For so powerful is confession that the Almighty is moved on His throne to the salvation of mankind. With this in mind, we appeal to the Mayor, members of the City Council and leaders of the anti-poverty workers to rise to the point of nobility and provide Durham with the kind of leadership it so badly needs in this hour of woe.

The Memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune

If the announcement made last week by the National Council of Negro Women to the effect that it plans to raise \$400,000 to complete installation in Lincoln Memorial Park, in Washington, D. C., of a memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune, causes a tingling sensation to run up and down your spine, don't be alarmed. If there is any virtue whatsoever in the belief by many that the dead know what the living are doing, Mary McLeod Bethune may be sending the sensation signals up and down your spine in search of aid in putting a stop to the efforts of the NCNW.

Those who had the good fortune to meet and know anything about Mrs. Bethune, personally, will tell you that she was one of the greatest women of her time—irrespective of race, creed or color. If she could speak, in the flesh, to the present leaders of the NCNW, it is our honest belief she would do what she did when she lived among them by admonishing them to raise the \$400,000, and more if possible, but put it in some project that will result in some jobs, education or a higher economic level for her people.

The \$400,000 Lincoln Park memorial project to Mary McLeod Bethune is typical of too many of our so-called Negro leaders who feel that an only Negro on the committee, only Negro seated on the platform at a public gathering, only Negro invited to dine with the governor, only Negro in the conference at the White House, only Negro invited to the governor's office, and other personal empty honors, is a passport to heaven.

Such Negro, or so called Negro

leaders, need to read again and again the biblical story of Daniel's appearance at Belshazzar's feast to read the handwriting on the wall, and his blanket refusal to accept the personal honors offered him by the king which included: to be clothed with scarlet, have a chain of gold placed about his neck and accorded the position of third ruler in the kingdom. Replied Daniel in refusing the offer of the king: "Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king and make known to him the interpretation."

Somewhere along the line North Carolina and other states need to discover a Negro leader or leaders who will refuse to become excited or intrigued at being singled out as the "only Negro." It might be refreshing to hear one of them cry out: "Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy reward to another."

Leaders of the NCNW will, therefore, need to look beyond the \$400,000 they will raise to have Mrs. Bethune's memorial as the first and the only memorial to be erected to an American Negro on public land in the nation's capital. They will need to look thoughtfully at the hundreds of thousands of Negroes in the ghettos of American cities and in the hinterlands of the deep South, who often through no fault of their own, have not yet seen the light of day or been moved from starvation and ignorance. It appears to us that an investment in some kind of project to help provide economic independence for Negroes would be a far more befitting memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune than \$400,000 worth of sculptured stone and mortar.

South's Anti-Interracial Marriage Laws

Elsewhere in this issue of the Carolina Times is the photo of two persons, a Negro man and a white woman, who were refused a license to marry in Tennessee because the law in that state, as it does in a majority if not all of the southern states, prohibits the marriage of Negro and white persons. This ungodly determination on the part of the state of Tennessee, and other southern states, to deny two human beings the sacred right of matrimony, because of racial differences, appears to us to be entirely out of date. We, therefore, call upon all decent and respectable citizens to wage an eternal and relentless war against such a vicious and ungodly law.

As we have already stated in the case of the white and Negro couple who were denied the right to live in the state of Virginia, until the United States Supreme Court ruled that such a state law is unconstitutional, we hold that marriage is a highly personal right, so personal that not even parents have the right to attempt to prohibit such.

The Tennessee law denying the right of two persons to marry, whatever their difference in race, is one of the basic causes underlying the rash of riots now going on in this country. Resentment of the younger element of Negroes to such laws, in

the face of the freedom exercised too often by the white male in fathering offsprings by Negro women, only to hide behind the laws he himself has enacted prohibiting intermarriage of whites and Negroes, has reached the breaking point.

We think the time has arrived for every state that has one iota of justice and fairplay left to abolish any and all laws prohibiting interracial marriages. Certainly it is stupid to continue such laws on the books when all two people of different races have to do to marry is to cross over into a state that does not prohibit such and return South to live, where the highest court in the nation has ruled they have a right to do.

Picking Up the Pieces

There is a feeling among some Negro leaders that the pieces of this political debacle can still be picked up and put back together in time for the next major election next summer, when Norfolk voters will select three of the seven members of City Council.

Let us hope that the traumatic experience the Negro community has just come through will help it to learn its lesson, and help it eventually to become a winner, rather than the perpetual loser it has been all of this century.

Don't Let Them Down On The Home Front!



CARRY ON
OUR FIGHT FOR
FREEDOM!

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Man Spiritually Sick Unto Death Needs Christ's Healing Power

"Many limbs and organs, different functions, united with Christ, form one body."

Rom. 12:4-5

There is an inescapable togetherness or interdependence making for elemental oneness among men. There are slight variations of a cultural nature that may cause us to differ superficially. But deep down we are one biologically. We may be conditioned or even enslaved by some cultural variations. But finally and physically we are all flesh and blood. Biologically we are cut from the same pattern. Beneath the variations of hair texture and skin color, then, we are one. The New Testament, to its eternal glory, recognized in the fundamental teachings of Jesus the achievement of spiritual oneness in Jesus. It is expressed in the concept or doctrine that "We Are One Body in Christ." The New Testament declares here "Humanity's Togetherness."

The great message is that basically we have more to unite us than to divide us. Way down beneath the surface we discover our kinship and oneness. The book published some

twenty years ago puts it aptly and precisely when it said "We were brothers under the skin."

The church must never lose sight of this great truth. This truth of humanity's togetherness must be preached in these times. The world undergoing change and revolution needs this strategic message of the New Testament. The world awaits this message from the Church and ministers the representatives of the Christ, the world's Redeemer. We are members one of another. We are our brother's keeper. Christ alone can make real "Humanity's togetherness."

Many members must constitute the one glorious body in Christ Jesus. The great masses at the grass roots of humanity are awaiting this message of humanity's oneness in Christ. In the past this great ideal has been marred by greed, pride and oppression. Thus there has been a block of the message of "Humanity's Togetherness." Men yearn for this message. Men among all races, climes and nationalities cry out plaintively for this message of Christ. Men fed up on racism, oppression and injustice

want true spiritual oneness in God and Christ. If the Church fails man will be misled by the Pied Pipers of false ideologies. Each Church or community of the redeemed must be a symbol of "Humanity's Togetherness." We must cease acts of strife and envy and live in love.

Man sick unto death spiritually needs healing and oneness. This is the expressed mission of Jesus. A world sick and fragmented needs the loving, healing touch of Jesus. And Jesus stands amid the revolutionary stirrings, bloodshed and violence of these times calling us upward to the higher or more excellent way. The way of love, healing and redemption. Man is sick. And Christ has given the healing prescription. It is man turning to God through Christ by way of conversion and regeneration. Christ is the answer for He alone has the remedy for man's sin-sick soul. Jesus removes the sin and makes possible "Humanity's Togetherness."

Out of Christ we are broken and fragmented by sin; in Christ we are healed and become one body.

--Conyers

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is simply not true. Riots are caused by the problems that have arisen from generations of slum life—from slum housing, unemployment, poor education, inadequate training programs, and all the rest of the deprivations which are characteristic of the Negro ghetto.

Noting the broad ambiguities in the bill, the Congressman warned "it amounts to an open invitation to arrest those who seek to encourage voting and free exercise of civil rights. At best, it offers no workable limits to wholesale harassment and denial of the freedom to speak and to travel." Mr. Conyers questioned if it was wise to pay such a high price for "a measure which might afford some people the psychic satisfaction of seeing a few colorful figures arrested but which most certainly would have no effect upon the occurrence of riots."

"It is unseemly for this Congress to hurriedly fasten to a mythical scapegoat merely because the road to effective solution appears long and difficult," charged Conyers, the only Negro member of the Judiciary Committee which sent the bill to the House Floor. The Detroit Congressman, who opposed the bill in Committee, pointed out that evidence from the President's Commission on Law Enforcement shows that riots result from the problems of slum life. "It would be a happy situation if the problem were as simple as the proponents of the bill believe it to be. Unfortunately it is not. Urgency is indeed required in dealing with urban slums and all their problems, but we cannot let this urgency lead us to precipitous action which

will, in the end, retard the progress of civil rights."

--Breakthrough

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100 persons at a total cost of \$443,480, of which \$398,280 will be Federal funds.

Charlotte Area Fund, Inc. will sponsor a project to train 62 persons, total cost \$307,500, Federal portion \$258,670.

A project to be conducted by Operation Breakthrough, Inc., Durham, will train 100 persons, total cost \$465,060, Federal portion \$403,580.

Wake County Opportunities, Inc., Raleigh, will sponsor training for 100, total cost \$501,630, Federal portion \$400,970.

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--Lee

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ciate professor of religion and assistant chaplain at Hampton (Va.) Institute; and as professor of religion at Virginia Union University in Richmond.

As director of program planning for the NCC division, Dr. Lee was responsible for coordination and administration in such areas as race relations, economic life, international affairs and church renewal.

His other NCC positions were associate executive director of the Commission on Religion and Race, 1963-65; and executive director of the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations 1951-65.

--Senator

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\$15,000 would qualify for purchase and except when the lower income purchaser has an exceptionally large family of five or more children. In the case of large families, the cost restriction could be increased as much as \$2,500 depending on the number of children.

The home purchase program is aimed at families who are renters, however lower income homeowners who are living in substandard or overcrowded houses would also be eligible. Some 7 million families with incomes roughly between \$4,000 and \$7,000 a year would be eligible for the program, Mondale said. The minimum and maximum income limits would vary depending on region of the country and size of the family. Under the proposed appropriation of \$30 million the first year and \$20 million the second year, the program could help about 170,000 lower income families purchase homes during the first two years of operation. An additional \$10 million would be appropriated to cover expenses and risks of the program.

--Laymen

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more City, Maryland, will be the principal banquet speaker, in the grand ball room of the Crescent City's Jung Hotel.

All A.M.E. eyes are turned toward New Orleans—all highways lead to the Mardi Gras city—all calendars are marked for August 1-5.

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To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

Marshall To High Court

NEXT FALL, WHEN the Supreme Court reconvenes, history will be made. Joining the other judges on the highest court in the land will be Thurgood Marshall, the first Negro Supreme Court Justice in our history.

This is an event of tremendous significance for Negro citizens. It is an example of the new heights which are open to kids in the ghetto. There was a time when Negro youth could aspire only to becoming boxing champs or singers. The doors to positions of power and influence were tightly shut.

But now we see Negroes in the Congress, in the cabinet, in high administrative positions, and now, with Mr. Marshall's appointment, in the most important spot in the judicial system. His appointment is proof that, whatever the obstacles, Negroes can fight their way to the top.

Thurgood Marshall wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth—his dad was a Pullman car steward, and his family was so poor that his mother sold her engagement ring to help pay his college expenses. This is the kind of success story all Negroes are familiar with—the hard work and painful sacrifices so many families have made to help their children escape poverty.



MR. YOUNG

Won His Place In History

Thurgood Marshall graduated from Howard Law School at the head of his class during the Depression in the thirties. Since then, he has won his place in history, arguing civil rights cases before the nation's courts. It was he who argued the historic 1954 case which resulted in the Supreme Court's ruling against segregation in the public schools.

He won 29 of 32 cases before the Supreme Court—a fantastic record of success which is primarily responsible for the end of the legal basis for segregation. Since then he has been a federal judge and solicitor general of the Justice Department.

He has had a great career. President Johnson summed it up best, when he said in his announcement of the appointment: "I have no doubt that his future contributions will add even more prominence to his already well-established place in American history."

The thing to remember about Mr. Marshall's appointment is that he is regarded as the best man for the job. In the past that often meant that the job went to the second best man who was white. But times are changing, and the Negro who is the best man can and often does get the job.

It is a great appointment—great for those who, like myself, have known and respected Mr. Marshall for years, great for all Negroes, and great for all Americans. It is too important to have any but the best men at the helm, and it is good to see that race is no longer the barrier it once was.

Do's And Don'ts

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Let Junior Enjoy Himself — But Not At Expense Of Others

Man Topics



I HAD TO BORROW YOUR NEW RAINCOAT,—I DIDN'T WANT TO GET YOUR NEW DRESS WET!
Continental Features.