

A Black Hour in Durham

This newspaper opposes with all the might it can summons the disgraceful performance of several of the participants in the abortive and wicked meeting of the Durham Housing Authority and tenants of the facility, held at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center last Thursday night. To say, that for the most part, the session was a disgraceful affair, is putting it mildly.

We would have our readers to understand in the outset that we are also unalterably opposed to the present manner in which DHA is conducting its affairs or the very low, low level at which it pretends to serve the people of Durham. Likewise, we are equally opposed to what appears to be the beastly determination on the part of those vested with authority, to ignore with contempt, the constant pleas of the tenants of the Housing Authority for relief or consideration of the serious condition with which they are faced under the administration of the DHA director, Carvie Oldham.

In spite of the situation, as mentioned above, we now return to the low and disgraceful manner in which some of the DHA tenants conducted themselves at the meeting last Thursday night. We point with special regret and shame to the filthy and indecent language used by some of the female tenants, at the meeting, as well as the unseemly conduct of some of the men.

Because experience of the years has taught us that it is absolutely impossible to clean up one wrong or nasty situation by committing another, we cry out aloud against any man, woman or child who resorts publicly to the use of such filthy words as we heard uttered at the DHA meeting on last Thursday night by one or more of the women speakers, representing the tenants. Such unseemly conduct only serves to destroy, tear down and drive away from the side of the tenants every respectable citizen of Durham, whatever his racial identity or station in life.

We defy any person or group of persons to say that this newspaper has been derelict in its duty or efforts, over the past 45 years of its existence, to defend and fight for the rights of our people. We would have it understood, however, now, henceforth and forever that we refuse to condone violence, threats, the use of profanity and such other vile language, especially by the women of our race, as we heard last Thursday night at the DHA meeting.

Yes, in this black hour of Durham when it appears that truth is on the scaffold and wrong is on the throne in the DHA struggle, we will keep the faith and stand firmly in the belief that "behind the dim unknown standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch over his own."

Negro Taxation Without Representation

There was much wisdom and sound advice contained in and surrounding the words uttered by Dr. Reginald Hawkins in his appearance on the program of the University of North Carolina's educational station last Monday night. It is our hope that Negro leaders over the entire state of North Carolina will give special attention to what Dr. Hawkins had to say especially with regards to his statement that "Negroes will show their strength 'at the eleventh hour' in the November general election."

While we are entirely without knowledge of the "secret" Hawkins referred to when he was asked to be more specific about the Negro vote in November, we are fully aware that whatever it is, it should contain a determined state-wide register and vote campaign, on the part of Negro citizens of the state, to at least double their voting strength when the registration books are opened prior to the general election to be held in November.

It was disclosed during the television interview that in the recent Primary Dr. Hawkins received over 129,000 votes. We would remind Negro leaders over the state, however, that a goodly number of the 129,000 votes received by Hawkins were cast by white persons, probably a greater percentage than has been received by a Negro candidate since Reconstruction days, and therefore there is little for Negroes to get excited about with regard to the excellent showing made by Hawkins.

The need and challenge now facing every Negro in North Carolina is to prepare for an outpouring or a doubling of the Negro voting in the general election to be held in November. All over the state there are thousands of qualified Negro citizens

who have never registered or even thought of voting in an election, be it national, state, county or city. Somehow such persons must be aroused to their duty and be made to understand that they are a liability to their race instead of an asset.

Again we especially call upon our young people in their respective cities, towns and counties to begin now for an intensive state-wide register and vote campaign as soon as the books open and until the election on November 5. By so doing, Negro candidates in Durham, other cities and counties, where they have offered for public office, will stand a chance of being elected. If, even a few Negroes can be elected to public offices, where they will be able to speak out or convey the desires, aspirations and often the plight of Negroes, such will have much to do with easing the racial tension that now exists in many parts of North Carolina.

When it is considered that for over a half-century now no Negro's voice has been heard in the legislature of this state and in many cities, towns and counties, Negro citizens are forever kept on the outside looking in when it comes to public office, it is a miracle that there has not been more race riots or outbursts of strife.

We think the goal of better race relations can be achieved in any city, town, county or elsewhere in the state if Negro citizens are accorded representation as well as taxation in the affairs of public office holding. This is the goal sought by Dr. Hawkins and every other intelligent Negro citizen of North Carolina. Unless somehow it can be achieved, strife, discord and interracial misunderstanding are certain to be the harvest.

Interdenominational Cooperation

Durham, probably without a doubt, can boast of the finest group of young Negro ministers as pastors of its churches to be found anywhere within the state of North Carolina. It can be truthfully said that, from the standpoint of academic achievement, experience and above all, high Christian character, on a whole, the ministers who pastor the churches of Durham cannot be excelled, if equalled anywhere in the state.

A shining example of the high plane of operation within the present corps of Durham's ministers may be found in the joint Vacation Bible School conducted last month under the leadership of the pastors of White Rock Baptist Church and St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church. We invite the special attention of our readers to the full account of the closing program in this week's issue of The Carolina Times.

We feel the pastors, officials and

members of White Rock and St. Joseph's are to be congratulated for the fine example of interdenominational cooperation they have demonstrated in conducting jointly the Vacation Bible Schools of their churches. Here, we think, is an example to be followed by churches in other cities, as well as Durham, especially those cities where the idol worship of denomination has stifled to death the true spirit of Christianity found in the new commandment of Jesus which invited all mankind to "Love one another."

It is our feeling that as long as they live the teachers, along with the children in the joint Vacation Bible School, will remember with pride the fine experience of Christian brotherhood and cooperation they received in working as a team to teach the Bible to the youngsters of Durham without any thought of their respective church affiliations.

'Violence Must Be Stopped!'



Letters To The Editor

Carolina Times

Dear Editor,

If Durham should explode in violence this summer, it will be largely because the white community has been worried about the wrong thing, and has not become involved with the right things, namely, the plight of its poor people, both black and white.

I am a white citizen who became acquainted with the public housing problem through the Model Cities program in the past six months.

It is my understanding that the Durham Housing Authority has not responded adequately

to the needs of the tenants for the past several years. As a result, the tenants have become frustrated, angry and abusive.

Instead of the white community worrying about whether there are enough policemen to hold down this anger, we should be finding out whether the Durham Housing Authority is performing its functions satisfactorily or not.

If each of us does not become involved in determining the facts and then taking quick remedial action, we have ourselves to blame for what occurs in the future. Just as much to blame will be those who are

becoming violent, or inciting to violence, for this only paralyzes the community with fear and hatred, rather than spurs it to positive action.

The public housing tenants have no power on their side other than the power to do violence. We must open up other avenues of change that will bring more productive results for the poor, as well as for Durham, in general.

I hope all citizens will join me immediately in this effort. The hour is very late. The crisis in our city is urgent.

MRS. JOAN BOTWINICK

Schools

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cluding food, health and janitorial services and expansion of services in student publications.

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president, who was commended by the trustees for "contributions he had made towards the continued growth and development at the University," reported an enrollment of 1,883 students in summer school, the largest in recent years. He announced the admission of 1,366 freshman students for the fall semester.

North Carolina College will ask the North Carolina legislature for \$22,000,000 for the 1969-71 biennium, according to William Jones, financial vice president of the college.

Almost \$15,000,000 of the request is for operating funds. Requests for capital improvements total \$7,152,000.

The "A" budget, which includes student fees and appropriations, totals \$12,434,563. This amount represents the funds necessary to maintain the college's program at its current level.

"B" budget requests, for improvement and enrichment of the academic program, will total approximately \$2,300,000. The "B" budget requests are estimated at this point, Jones said.

The total operating budget for the two year period will be \$14,585,931. The capital improvement budget, for new construction, building renovation, and building equipment, is \$7,152,000.

Included among the capital improvement request are funds for the purchase of three parcels of land near the campus at a total estimated cost of \$760,000; renovations and additions to the fine arts building, at \$460,000; additions to the home economics building, \$241,000; a communications building to house classes in English, German, Romance languages, reading, writing, speech, and audio-visual labo-

ratories and television studio; a health science building for health education, nursing, recreation, and physical education classes; athletic field construction in a 13-acre undeveloped area southeast of the campus.

The communications building request has been top priority in NCC's budget requests since 1964, and was supported at that time by a recommendation of the Board of Higher Education.

The other requests being made are also revisions of earli-

er requests.

Requests for improvements to existing facilities total \$1,696,000. Among these requests are funds for completion of the new chemistry building now under construction and for renovation of the Robinson Science Building for use of the physics and mathematics departments; air conditioning for four classroom buildings and the auditorium area of the B. N. Duke Building; and renovation of the infirmary and health building as an infirmary.

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"Separate But Equal" Is A Myth

By SAMUEL L. BRIGGS

A news release on another page of this newspaper reports that a new organization, National Association of Afro-American Educators (NAAE) has been formed whose aim is to achieve black control of black schools.

At first reading, this goal may appear commendable but a deeper analysis raises some serious questions regarding the soundness of such a proposal.

A segment of black Americans evidently is as frustrated in their efforts to seek identity as an ethnic group and at the same time establish rapport in their relationship with other Americans as white people are in seeking answers to race relations questions.

For more than 100 years, Negroes have sought an elusive freedom in the land of freedom. They have had their Harriet Tubmans, Sojourner Truths, Nat Turners, John Browns and hundreds of other lesser known and unknown freedom fighters who gave time, energy and in many instances their lives. All sorts of organizations, from the abolitionist groups, and the Quakers to the present day, civil rights organizations, have sought and are seeking to obtain liberty and equality.

These men (and women, for the most part), sought to find the means whereby black Americans could be integrated into America's mainstream on an equal basis, to have Negroes share equally, maximum opportunities and advantages on every level of endeavor, with the white man.

The fight has been long and hard. Due to the white man's belief in the superiority of his own race and because of numerous other social and economic factors, the Negro has not attained complete and total

integration. The emphasis now appears to be changing. One rarely hears the clamoring din for integration anymore, the cry now is for black separatism, black ownership, black control, black power, black schools, black housing, black everything. The old saying "if its white its right" has changed to "if its black it can't be wrong."

Black identity is beautiful. To see black people pride themselves in being black is beyond condemnation; however, the Negro as a group in America can no more submit alone than the white man. The black man needs the white man and vice versa. For this country to survive white and black must find a workable solution to their differences and this solution must include respect for each other's individuality and worth.

It is entirely wrong for black students to seek housing for blacks-only, on a predominantly white university campus. To do so is to revert to the exact level which the white man has practiced for years. It is equally as wrong for NAAE to seek black control of black schools. If separate but equal is an erroneous doctrine for the white establishment then the doctrine is equally amiss for blacks.

There cannot be a truly democratic America if racial bias and division, based on religion, skin color, creed or ethnic background, is perpetuated. Too long has such a foul practice been allowed to exist. Nothing in this country, be it education, religion, housing, job opportunity, government or you name it should be all black or all white solely on the basis of one's racial identity. Whether we like it or not, blacks and whites in America are interdependent, and it is only through complete integration will full equality be realized.

To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR.

Race And The Election

THIS NOVEMBER'S election could be the most important one this nation has faced in many years. I can't recall an election year in which the electorate has been so divided or concerned with so many crises.

Racial tensions, the war in Vietnam, the student rebellion, and political assassinations have divided and embittered the nation. It is vitally important for all candidates to realize that this year of crisis demands intelligent discussion of the issues and a refusal to deepen our divisions with appeals to the backlash vote.

Recent elections have resulted in defeats for candidates who played upon anti-Negro prejudices. But there is still a danger that race may become a factor in the campaign through subtle appeals to backlashes. This may be done through what I call the "code of racism" which consists of talking seemingly innocent phrases and clichés and giving them an anti-Negro meaning.

Since I first wrote about the way "crime in the streets" or "neighborhood schools" have become misused for these purposes, I've received many letters of protest from people who insist that the terms themselves have no racial connotations.

Better Police Protection

I know that everyone who uses the term "crime in the streets" isn't a bigot. In fact, crime is one of the biggest problems faced by the ghetto. Every time a survey is taken in the ghetto, better police protection comes out at the top of the list of concerns.

But my concern is with the way candidates use terms like "crime in the streets." Instead of saying that crime is a problem and that the answer to the problem is more and better trained policemen, as well as eradication of the poverty which breeds crime, they take off in wild-swinging attacks on the Supreme Court.

Now, how can people who supposedly revere "law and order" hope to foster respect for the law when they strongly attack the highest court in the land?

The bulk of the decent citizens take terms like "crime in the streets" and "law and order" at face value. But a large minority associate these terms with racial tensions.

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