

Northern High School Choir Speaks Out

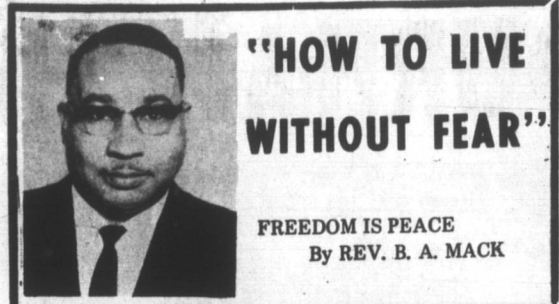
All intelligent and upright citizens of Durham will appreciate to the highest degree the statement made and released to the public by the members of the Concert Choir of the Northern High School concerning the event which occurred at the Crossdaile Country Club last week at an affair given by the Beta Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

The statement, signed by all members of the Northern High School Concert Choir who were involved in the Crossdaile Country Club incident, was issued this week to the press and the general public. The stand taken by the choir will probably not meet the approval of the members of the Crossdaile Club, but it is our feeling it will meet the approval of every fairminded and decent citizen in Durham.

Said the statement in part: "While we respect the right of private clubs to restrict membership to whomever they please, we feel that such extreme action as this was uncalled for. We consider it a gross insult to those of us who are black, as well

as an affront to the entire Concert Choir. That anyone can believe that a person's color reflects anything on that person's character, general worthiness as a human being, or even his ability as a mutual performer is to us inconceivable. However, if private clubs such as Crossdaile must persist in such archaic beliefs, we suggest that they use the necessary caution to assure that such ridiculous confrontation as this not take place in the future."

Appearing on this page of this week's issue of The Carolina Times is a cartoon which we feel tells in a more forceful manner than we can say in words what we have been trying to say in this editorial. Finally, we say to the members of the Crossdaile Country Club, and all other persons of like mind in Durham that we will not surrender to any element of citizens in this country who will place above the rights of loyal American Negro citizens communists and other enemies of this country so long as their skin is white.



"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Peace is the universal desire of mankind. Without peace there is no freedom, without freedom there is no peace. But peace is difficult to achieve. Not only is there the recurring problem of war, there is also the continuing problem of finding personal peace in a world that is not under your control. The Bible promises peace in the midst of life. It does not advocate self-isolation and

indifference. For the peace it promises is not something we accept, peace is God's gift. In Jesus Christ the barriers between man and God and between man and man have been removed. The possibility for good relationships has been established. Since we belong to God, we need not be anxious concerning life. We need not control the situations of life. That can be left to God. In Jesus Christ we are free to seek peace that He gives in our relationships in home, in the church, and in the world. Such peace is the fruit of the Spirit.

U. S. Attorney Thomas Foran, the prosecutor, Bond was not permitted to testify about a speech he gave to Grant Park demonstrators during the convention and a conversation he had with Chilago Mayor Richard Daley at the site of the convention.

service during the meeting in appreciation of her 20 years of outstanding service to the credit Union.

Charles Costner, Jr. was elected to the nine member board of directors

Unanswered Questions About Biafra

The fall of Biafra was no surprise. It appeared that the intent of the federal forces was not necessarily the upholding of a political idea or territorial claims, but rather the complete annihilation of a people. Destruction of a race can be accomplished by continually demoralizing them but this takes time. Apparently the only consideration given time in the recent conflict was that little of it as possible be spent in bringing the secessionist nation to its knees.

Although the world has known of the 30 month conflict, the victory now won evidently was not attained by conventional military strategy. Or was it? Targets of war usually include industries producing arms, governmental complexes, transportation and communication centers. Did the strategists include genocide as a weapon? Civilians are not to be the prime targets of battle. Is genocide by means of starvation, in any way tolerable by rules the Geneva Convention?

Reports show that the death toll of the Biafrans exceeded two million—most of whom were children and most of whom starved. Predictions are that 2 million more will die from malnutrition, injuries, exposure and disease. How is it possible that wea-

pons and ammunition were delivered and food, medicines could reach neither the military nor the civilians in time to abate such a tragedy? What do the nations who supplied both sides with military equipment hope to gain at the cost of a race's destruction? What hideous set of human values guided nations in choosing to help the federalists or the rebels?

What role did the U. N. play? (Following the fall of Biafra, U. N. representatives toured the conquered land). Did the U. S., long a champion of any struggling people, exert its hand?

Why did some black militant groups in this country express sympathy toward the Nigerian forces? Some of them have voiced the opinion that now the federalists (Nigerians) and former secessionists can settle down to a peaceful coexistence. This is paradoxical to say the least unless one final query is explored. Considering that the Ibo children have been the chief victims and the conspicuous absence of young Ibo females as reported by newsmen on the scene, who will declare the future generations of the once great cultural and proud Ibo tribesmen?



It is not often that a group of well-educated, and distinguished people make a mistake as dangerous to the facade they carry around for the world as the one the members of the Crossdaile Country Club made recently.

Prejudice and racial bias notwithstanding, the age is past when a group of people can just presumptuously embarrass and belittle Black people. It is rather bewildering to try to fathom the lack of foresight in people who knowing their shortcomings do not take the time to check into the make-up of performance groups before inviting them. Just a few phone calls would have saved everyone involved a great deal of embarrassment. However, one is tempted to wonder if ignorance is not a folly unto itself.

By now every intelligent white person has had an opportunity to see that Negroes are just people. We are not some cosmic off-shoot on the tree of evolution. We don't grow tails after twelve either. We are human beings with the same skills, aspirations, talents and abilities as other people. With this information available, I can but help wonder why would it come as a surprise to the White Anglo Saxon Protestants at Crossdaile to see Black faces in the choral group from Northern High School.

As sickening and disheartening as the incident is, I sincerely hope Negroes do not place such significance upon it as to give it importance beyond its worth. Our viewpoint should be that we and all other enlightened people stand on a plane of intelligence so high that those wallowing in the nadir of ignorance cannot touch us. We should not stoop so low as to even consider retaliation, for people of this ilk are not worth it. If they wish to buy their heads like ostriches in the sands of a darkened past, then let them. We as intelligent and considerate humans will reject even the temptation to apply a well-placed foot at the exposed end.

It is hard for me to believe that even these people can allow such a drastic mistake to go unheeded. It is them respectively suggested to the membership of the club in question that they issue a formal statement, signed by all members, apologizing to the high school choral group and all sensitive citizens of Durham who see the incident as an affront to their efforts to maintain racial harmony. A failure to issue such a statement on the part of the Crossdaile group will probably cause people to wonder if the tablecloths out there are white linen, and if the lamp shades have eye holes.

--Shaw

(Continued from front page) In 1968, his own social fraternity, Omega Psi Phi chose him "Omega Man of the Year." Murphy is a devoted member of Saint Paul A. M. E. Church in Raleigh where he serves as President of the Layman's League, a member of the Board of Trustees and Senior Class instructor in that Sunday School.

He was honored as "Tar Heel of the Raleigh News and Observer."

--Bond

(Continued from front page) fear of the Chicago police, an that Dellinger told him four days later in Atlanta, on the evening after Dr. King's funeral "that violence — official, planned violence — might erupt in Chicago because of the city's lack of cooperation in granting parade permits for the demonstrators."

Because of objections from president's home. Also to be requested is a total of \$84,000 for renovation and repairs. The 1973-75 request will total \$2,744,100. A total of \$2,155,000 will be requested for the 1975-77 biennium. The largest project slated for that period is a \$1,200,000 cafeteria. A 200-student men's dormitory is expected to cost \$740,000. Renovations and repairs will total \$215,000.

The projection is contingent upon the board's right to make additions and corrections before each legislative session.

--Board

(Continued from front page) will include \$1,480,000 for a women's dormitory (with authorization approved by the General Assembly), \$800,000 for an athletic field (already authorized, with funds to come from non-tax sources), \$300,000 for renovation of the infirmary, and \$80,000 for a

Letters To The Editor

His Own Received Him Not

To the Editor: E. L. Addison, journeys a long ways from home. He intends to become a lawyer, determines not to be a drop-out. But, the college door slams shut in his face. Instead of becoming a lawyer, he winds-up getting 10 years in prison.

By contrast, there was another young man who worked in a coal mine. One day he quit and walked more than 50 miles to a school in Virginia called Hampton. The New England white woman who ran the school said, "Let me see how well you can clean a class room." On investigation, she found the room so spotlessly clean - she told him, "I will admit you to the school." He graduated and taught at the same school. He received compensatory aid; Booker T. Washington was given a chance.

He became principal of Tuskegee Normal Institute in the State of Alabama. When he arrived, the institute consisted of a small shanty, a rickety church building and about 31 students. This he developed to more than 100 buildings, over 1500 students, and a \$3,000,000 endowment by 1915. It was one of the first schools for practical education in America. People came from all over the world to study its system, and to build schools like it in their own countries. He was invited to dinner at the White House in Washington, by President Theodore Roosevelt.

We cannot continue to request of other institutions, that which we are unwilling to do for ourselves. There must be something inherently wrong with any system that glorifies a standard at the expense of the human element. Condone lawlessness? No! Neither uphold the failure to provide compensatory aid - when needed.

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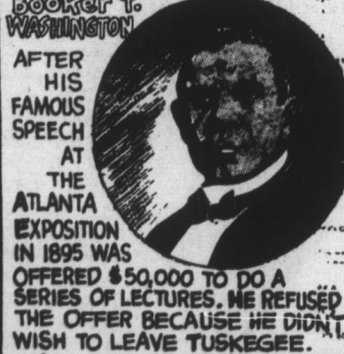
FIRST NEGRO ELECTED TO CONGRESS AFTER A LARSE OF 30 YEARS.

SERVED IN THE 72ND AND 73RD CONGRESS, 1931-1935. NATIVE OF ALABAMA, HE LEFT FOR CHICAGO, WHERE HE STARTED AS A HOUSE PAINTER AND LATER FOUNDED A FLOURISHING DECORATING AND REAL-ESTATE BUSINESS. ENTERING POLITICS IN 1916, HE WAS DELEGATE TO THREE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND WAS ALDERMAN IN CHICAGO AND COMMERCE COMMISSIONER OF ILLINOIS.



REFUSED \$50,000!

Booker T. Washington AFTER HIS FAMOUS SPEECH AT THE ATLANTA EXPOSITION IN 1895 WAS OFFERED \$50,000 TO DO A SERIES OF LECTURES. HE REFUSED THE OFFER BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WISH TO LEAVE TUSKEGEE.



THE NAME "Ethiopia"

IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN COINED BY THE GREEKS AND MEANT "THE SUN-DARKENED PEOPLE" BUT IT IS ORIGINALLY AFRICAN—K-EFTIOPIA. SO IS "AFRICA" FROM—K-AFRICA. ETHIOPIA WAS A MIGHTY POWER WHEN THE COUNTRYMEN OF HOMER AND ARISTOTLE WERE FISHERMEN AND LIVED IN HUTS. THE GREAT PYRAMID OF EGYPT, BUILT BY BLACK KING CHIBORG, IS OLDER THAN GREEK CIVILIZATION BY 2,500 YEARS.

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