

DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED.....?

AMERICA IS RESPONSIBLE



By REV. V. E. BROWN

Who is responsible for the energy crisis that America faces? In my opinion the people of our country are responsible for the condition of our country as a whole, our sins are catching up with us in America.

The evils of men shall be reaped by the sower, whatever a nation or race sow, that shall they also reap. We have long forgotten God and His purpose and our praise in this world. We, the American people, are supposed to be Christian people and we have lived every way but the way of a Christian.

We have let hate, pride, self-will, self centeredness, disrespect of persons, selfishness, greed and prejudice take us over and we have lost respect for one another and find no time for God on Sunday. We take long pleasure trips instead of going to church. We have lied and made excuses to each other to avoid our brotherly like duty to each other. We have been mudslingers of each other to cast down our fellowman and build up a high place for self.

God has always used evil men to whip his people back in line. We need not put our hurt on any one person. I feel that we are suffering from our own sins and when we return to God he will return to us as set out in 2nd Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and return from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

What we say as Americans does not count in God's sight. But what we do is what counts. We must understand that to reject God is a fatal course in life.

We must pay for our sins, sin is any act or will against God's will. To do what we should not do is a sin of commission and to omit that which we should do is a sin of omission and we are guilty of both. We don't like to talk about our sins, yet they are catching up with us in America.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Romans 1:18.

It is high time for Americans to come to grips with God and know that he is the Almighty God of heaven and earth. When Jacob had sinned and ran away with his sins following him, those same sins sprouted and plagued him until he came to grips with God and met him face to face, and at that point Jacob said, "My life is preserved which meant that God had conditioned his life so he could behave himself any place anywhere as preserve will keep any place anywhere on freeze or off. Genesis 32:30

During World War I, we had the plague of the influenza and there were not enough of us well to care for the sick and bury the dead, and as soon as that plague was gone, we soon forgot God and His purpose. Then later World War II came along and gas, oil, sugar, meat, tires, etc. were rationed and we soon forgot. In 1954 that great storm Hazel came through, destroyed buildings, churches, homes etc. and man soon forgot that God has a way of whipping us in line.

Today, in my opinion the Master is once again reminding us to stop our wicked ways and live and act like civilized people.

EDITORIALS & COMMENT

DISTURBING SIGNS ABOUT MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOAN GRANTS

A report by the American Council on Education presents some very disturbing signs regarding available scholarships and loan grants in higher education for blacks and other minority students.

With financial pressures causing increased tuition and with intensified competition for loans and grants becoming more difficult each day, such news offer new problems for blacks and other minorities who need great financial assistance in order to make it in higher education.

Everything is tightening up and most institutions of higher education are looking carefully at their budgets and are trying to survive in the midst of rising inflation.

A most disturbing feeling that seems to be permeating the country is that low-income and black students are getting more than their share at the expense of the middle income students. It is difficult to assess this anti-feeling since second and third generations of middle classes have been helped for years by many institutions of higher education.

There also appears to be a steady drop in the number of all minority group members enrolling Spanish surnamed, Oriental and American Indian as well as blacks. It seems that many institutions colleges and universities are now backing off from their earlier determination to increase non-white enrollments. Governmental grants have been made in the past to improve instructional as well as physical facilities to help these institutions and this makes it even more difficult to assess these anti-feelings.

As a college education becomes more expensive and steady rising inflation have chipped at family budgets, middle-income students have been competing more

vigorously with low-income, students for the limited amount of available aid.

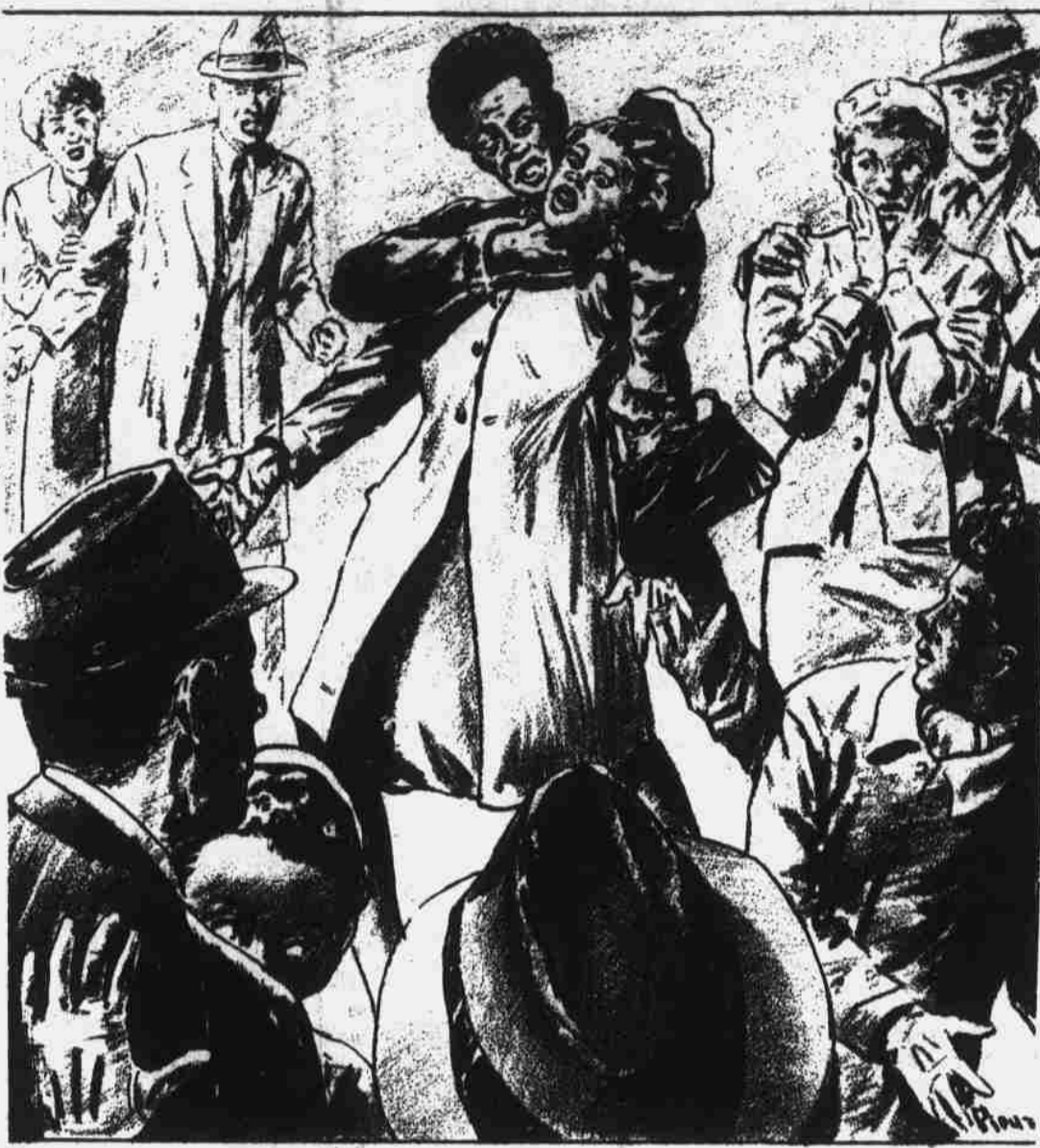
A decrease in the number of students with family incomes less than \$6,000 and an increase in the number of students with family incomes of \$30,000 shows a steady rise.

The educational director of a non-profit educational policy center that studies minority opportunities in education sees students from poor families losing out as financial aid officers and admission officers are reallocating funds to the benefit of the middle class. Many say that they don't want only poor and rich students in college so they take one big grant from a poor student and split it up among six middle-income students, giving each of them enough to get over the hump, but leaving the poor student out of college.

In other words, it means that they can help educate six middle-income students for the price of one low-income or poor student. It does seem a bit unreasonable as all segments of society should and must have access to the pool of available educational opportunities if we are to develop much needed leaders and resource persons in the coming decades.

It would seem that greater individual motivation and effort must put forth at all levels by all minorities to aid them in developing greater intellectual and competitive skills and possibly thus require a lesser amount of financial aid.

Now is the time for greater individual effort and decisive study to be pursued to better develop one's self as you go about the task of education and intellectual growth, in order to share in the available grants or loans for the top academic students.



WHITE CONTROL AND INTEGRATION

By ALFRED BAKER LOUIS

Some members of the black educational hierarchy, and others, are warning against school integration on the ground that integration means too often "white control" of the schools.

Whites of course had control long before integration, before racial segregation in education was declared unconstitutional. They then used it so much to the detriment of black students that sometimes only one third or less as much money was spent per pupil to educate black students as to educate white ones. The NAACP proved that in court to win the decision declaring racial segregation in public education was unconstitutional.

The purpose of integration, in education, employment and promotion, politics, housing, recreation, or the Armed Forces, is to get equal opportunity.

"Control" in itself is neither good nor bad. It depends solely on what the control is used for, not on the race of who exercise it.

Gen. Idi Amin is in control of Tanzania. They have black control. He has used it to oust some whites, but mostly East Indians from their homes and businesses without compensation.

The black control is bad because the purpose and result is injustice.

In Liberia the control is in the hands of descendants of freed American slaves who were settled there, and are called Americo-Liberians. I have never been there but I am told that the native Africans, in Liberia are denied equal political rights. That, too, is black control, but it is unjust.

They have black control in Fayette, where Charles Evers is mayor. He has brought new small industries to Fayette and given more jobs to blacks and white alike. They have black political control in Petersburg where the mayor and the majority of the city council are black, in Atlanta, where the mayor and chairman of the board of education are black, in Gary, Ind., where Mr. Hatcher is mayor. The black control has in general been used for the good of everyone, and is good because the purpose is good, although some leading members of the NAACP feel that the interests of black pupils in Atlanta have not been sufficiently protected by black control there.

Whenever whites have a majority whites have control. But that is not necessarily bad. It depends on what kind of whites are exercising that control, and the purpose for

which they exercise it. I certainly, and probably most black people, would prefer control by white men like Andrew Goodman or Mickey Schwerner, who gave their lives for racial justice for a racial group not their own (they were both Jews), rather than control by some black Uncle Tom who was doing the bidding of some white person who was calling the tune and pulling the strings from behind the scenes.

In the U.S. Protestant rights. A Catholic has been elected President. (And may be again according to the polls.) The Protestant control is reasonably fair. In Northern Ireland there is Protestant control. They have used their control to deny decent homes, jobs, and government positions, especially on the police force, to Catholics. The Protestant control is wrong, not because Protestants have control but because the purpose of the control is injustice.

Whenever whites have a majority, they have numerical control. If they are decent, and exercise that control for equality, which is what they are supposed to do, there should be no complaint. If they do not do what is right, they can and should be made to do so under the law and the Constitution. All that is required is proof of the facts, not complaints.

It is wrong, therefore, to decline against white control, when white control may be either good or bad, like black control, depending on its purpose.

The positive arguments for integration are overwhelming. Neither white students nor black students can get a good education in democracy unless they know what their black or white fellow students, and future fellow citizens, are thinking and how they got their ideas. This they can only learn in integrated education.

A Negro student came to the dean in a certain college which had been recently integrated, and said he did not want to room any longer with his white roommate, because he was "tired of being a sociological study for his white roommate." The dean sensibly asked him why he did not make a sociological study of his white roommate. "You ought to want to know what his ideas are and how he got them, just as he wants to know what are your ideas and how you got them. Each of you can educate the other." It seems to me that the dean's answer makes sense.

Roy Wilkins Column

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MAYORS THEY ARE AWARE

If there had been any doubt that a Negro mayor just might not have an understanding of the principal problems of the whole city, rather than those of the areas where black citizens live, the doubt should have been resolved by the inaugural speeches of the two new black mayors of Detroit, Mich., and Atlanta, Ga.

Both declared that crime was one of the big problems and both urged their citizens to help reduce it. Now crime, despite propaganda popular in some localities, is not racial. It is neither black nor white. When white people have been snugged or have had a relative attacked or killed by black criminals, it is difficult for them to be cool, objective, non-racial. The grief and bitterness are so great that it is hard to have a fair and balanced point of view.

Yet Mayor Coleman A. Young and the 35-year-old Mayor Maynard H. Jackson both know that crime is a city problem. Detroit fashioned its 1973 killing record and handed its black Mayor Young the label, "The Murder Capital of the World." Atlanta gave its young Mayor Jackson "a soaring crime rate."

Both of these elected men know that a city cannot grow and have an extraordinary crime rate. Business leave crime-ridden cities. The tax base shrinks; fewer enterprises, large and small, see the tax collector. Not only does crime drive the corporate taxpayers away, but those who must remain are senior citizens or children, who assess the tolls with ordinary dollar bills above the poverty level.

Poor citizens, white or black, require costly municipal services such as schools, clinics and other health services, garbage collection, fire and police protection and a

dozen other items. Their tax money does not stretch this far. Deficits result and mayors become gray-haired.

Mayor Jackson recognized that crime and poverty go hand-in-hand. He challenged Atlantans to join him and the newly-elected city council in combating crime and poverty. He opined that if the latter were eliminated, crime could be reduced spectacularly.

Mayor Coleman Young in Detroit had a 3-day inaugural and spoke in soul brother language: "I issue a warning now to all dope pushers, rip-off artists and muggers. It's time to leave Detroit. Hit the road! I don't give a damn if they are black or white, if they wear Superfly suits or blue suits with silver badges. AS of this moment," Mr. Young said, "we are going to turn this city around."

Three thousand people paid \$5.00 each to eat breakfast with the new mayor.

Mayor Thomas Bradley, the black mayor of Los Angeles, had sounded much the same theme, last July, with variations, of course, as southern Californians think of themselves as special people. Thus it was clear that black mayors, in order to be good mayors, must be mayor of all the people, not just the black people.

One black mayor elected two years ago once said: "We found almost the moment we got to City Hall that there were a hell of a lot of problems beside the race problems."

The good ones, like the good ones of any race, will hack away at crime and poverty (both of which have been all over the world for a few thousand years), at budgets and rampant inflation, at political doublecrosses, at slick gardeners and at being business, and whites behind. Yet the white, talking, present troubles for those of which they know nothing. The bad ones, like the hell ones of any race, we can get along without.

live, their fortunes and their sacred heads. And it seems to me, further, that the conformity has come down to a great part of it, at any rate—through the reliance on the television, television, television, television, television, and generalizations.—John Stafford in the Saturday Review.

A Complimentation
We are scarcely a nation now at all; we are, rather, a conglomeration of very loosely connected independent states. It seems to me that, paradoxically, it is the very conformity of speech and gesture, the fact that have captured the imagination which the Federal Fathers pledged their

Your Social Security

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Q. When I'm automatically transferred from welfare to the Supplemental Security Income program, will I continue to be eligible for Medicaid?

A. Yes. You will not lose any benefits because of the transition.

Q. I drew survivor social security benefits for myself and minor children until my youngest child became 18. I subsequently remarried and divorced my second husband after five years of marriage. I am 60 years old. Am I eligible to receive benefits again on my first husband's record?

A. Yes. You would be eligible to receive widow's benefits on your first husband's social security record because your subsequent marriage was ended and you are at least 60 years old. You should file an application at your nearest social security office.

Q. I will be 65 years old soon and will be applying for social security. I know that a record was made of my birth shortly thereafter but I may have trouble getting it. There was also a religious record made of my birth when I was about two months old. I have a copy of it. Will I be required to obtain a copy of my birth certificate before I apply for my benefits?

A. No you will not have to obtain a copy of your birth certificate. A public or religious record of your birth date are both acceptable proofs, and both carry the same weight.

Q. My father died on the last day of the month but I was told that his retirement check for that month had to be returned. Why?

A. No payments are due a social security beneficiary for the month of death. The reason for this is that any survivor entitled to monthly benefits becomes eligible effective with the month of death. This is true even though the person died on the last day of the month.

Q. How can I be sure that my social security checks arrive on time? I, for personal reasons, move around the country several times a year.

A. Notify your social security office each time you move as quickly as possible and also notify the post office, each time you move. You might want to consider having your checks sent to one place all year round, such as a bank. If so, the social security office can tell you how to go about doing this.

Q. How many spinal cord injury treatment centers and prosthetic treatment centers does the Veterans Administration have?

A. As of December, 1973, the agency had 15 spinal cord injury treatment centers and 15 prosthetic treatment centers for amputees, geographically dispersed around the country.

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