

# Bishop Shaw

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hope that the day is not far distant when the support of trained, qualified and efficient ministers will compare favorably with that of men in other professions.

### War and Peace.

"We agree with the prevailing sentiment in the Methodist church in our refusal to condone war as a method of solving national and international problems, but we loyally support our government, forced into this present war on account of the treachery at Pearl Harbor. We do this, however, with the hope that when this war ends there shall be established some kind of international co-operation that shall find a more excellent way of settling international difficulties. Permanent peace must come through the substitution of service and co-operation for the present too prevalent emphasis upon domination and control.

"Peace is an inner spiritual quality which can be attained only under the process of following the policy and program of the prince of peace. We feel that the time is at hand when all the forces of righteousness, justice and good-will should unite in such a manner that the words of the ancient prophet shall be fulfilled in our day and generation, and 'nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more'.

### Full Citizenship and Economic Opportunity for Negroes.

"We deeply regret and are concerned over the apparently growing sentiment for the maintenance of an un-American, un-Christian, undemocratic, and often wicked system of segregation of Negroes even in public relationships which cannot be enforced and practiced without manifest injustice and inconvenience below the standard of civilized communities. Even if the fear of intermarriage of the races is the alleged excuse, a more courteous and less wicked method should be used to adjust such matters.

"It is true that the church may not be responsible for much of the race hatred and segregation of Negroes on account of race, but we contend that the Christian church should not be dominated by those who seek and desire a lower standard in race relations than is clearly taught in Christianity. The church should practice and make operative its idealism or confess itself incapable of actually becoming genuinely Christian and close its doors in inevitable defeat by the forces of evil.

### Some of Our Needs.

"The rural church: In our jurisdiction about three-fourths of our churches are rural or in towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants. One of the greatest needs of the central jurisdiction is a more skillful rural ministry. A first class rural minister devoted to the task of helping his people live a better life here as well as hereafter, may by precept and example transform his people economically as well as spiritually.

"Great preacher-pastors: One of the greatest needs among us is great preacher-pastors who are able to deliver a helpful message to practically every person in his congregation at least once on Sunday and at the same time be masters of handling congregations assembled and the people in his par-

ish. Ministers must not forget that not all of the Christian wisdom and training is in the pulpit. There is an abundance of wisdom of all kinds in the pews that can be used in a co-operative manner. We need ministers who are willing to respect the judgment and personalities of all the people.

"Better worship services: One of the greatest weaknesses of Negro churches is the worship service. The great pastors of the future will be those who are most gifted in training the people to worship and to make the church an agency for human uplift and building a better world.

"A constructive district superintendency: Under the intensively organized Methodism of today the office of the district superintendency was never more indispensable. Far too many district superintendents major in finances. This is important, but how much more useful a district superintendent could be if, along with his promotion of the temporal affairs of his district, he combined the training of pastors and officers to do efficient work in many ways and the improvement of the Christian life

and conduct of the people. How much more helpful to the bishop he could be if in his rounds he studied the charges in such a manner as to be able to recommend the type of pastor who would fit best into each pastorate.

"Enlarging our borders: The time is at hand when we must visualize and utilize the opportunities given us as a Negro group in our Methodism, eight million strong, to enlarge our borders by taking greater advantage of the numerous opportunities given us for establishing new churches, especially in communities where white Methodists have moved out and Negroes moved in. Let us conduct ourselves in such a manner as to command the respect and deserve such recognition and co-operation as to put behind us in our work not only the power and influence of our own race group, but the great strength and influence of Methodists of the white race, among whom we live and work together for our common Methodism.

"Christianity applies—the need of the world: The secret of the marvelous material advancement

of the past two or three generations is found in the utilization of the great physical forces of steam, electricity and gasoline. There are likewise great spiritual forces in the world which must be utilized in the same manner as we have utilized our physical forces if we expect to produce a good man in a good earth. The same devotion, application and even abandon, is needed in the utilization of the well known spiritual forces, such as faith, prayer and love.

"The task of the minister today is not the mere display of learning, not mere dabbling in what we call the social gospel. His task is to interpret and release the spiritual forces and make them available to the humblest child in the family of God.

"There is a lot of nonsense passing for wisdom among the strong in these days. In spite of the influence of nearly two thousand years of Christianity, we still operate a semi-pagan program, following which failure is inevitable.

"God needs a generation that is capable of becoming an incarnation of the eternal principles

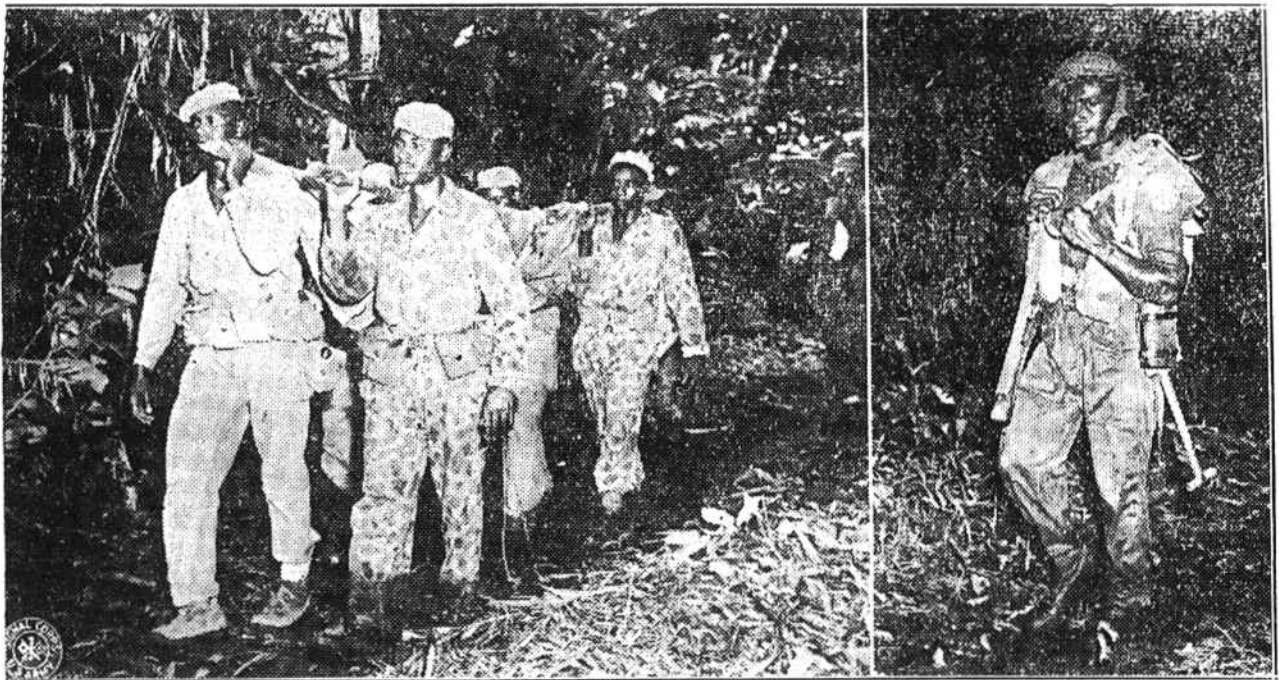
taught and lived in Jesus Christ. He wants a generation to take the banner of unselfish service borne by our Lord up Calvary's heights and carry it on until we shall be able to give to the nations the kingdom of God, the kingdom of peace, the kingdom of love and good-will among men.

"Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears; And gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears Thy Cross is lifted o'er us; Thy journey in its light; The crown awaits th' conqueror; lead on, O God of might!"

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