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THAT A. M. E. CHURCH FIGHT

To start with, it's none of our business; but the press of the Country has given so much space in recent weeks to the spectacular fight among certain Bishops and their cohorts of the African Methodist Church, that for a periodical, even of a sister church might be considered asleep if it did not at least notice the melee.

It seems that questionable handling of finances in "high places" started the trouble. Reports of mis-handling of other people's money always starts trouble. It should always start a move that will result in removing the proven guilty party whether he be at top or bottom of the Church.

Men ordained, set apart and vowed to "Deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts and live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world," ought to refrain from handling other people's "filthy lucre" and by all means mishandling it. The leaders of early Church found the cause being criticized because they were dabbling in material matters of the Church.

Those heads had the sense and unselfishness enough to get out of it and appoint and trust some other men to handle the material part of the organization and the Apostles give their full time to the souls of men and women. — the work for which Jesus had called and sent them forth. Much of the leadership of Negro Methodism could get a helpful lesson here. It would seem a pity to wreck an otherwise great Church organization that could be saved if the constituency would rise up and demand the early Church spirit and management of the material to be inaugurated.

There is always danger of leaders becoming "drunk with power", and the handling of other people's money often adds to that drunkenness.

Such falling out, law suits and near riots led by top men of a Negro Church, not only hurts the standing of those leaders and that Church, but more or less gives a black eye to all Negro Church leadership. The general public pays but little or no attention to the "Z" or the "C" that makes the difference in the three Negro Methodist bodies.

After returning from the great A. M. E. Zion Sesquicentennial in New York, September 8-22, the writer was accosted on the street by a layman that would ordinarily be considered intelligent, who said, "Say, what was the matter with your Bishops up there in New York; getting drunk and doing all that fighting?" We replied, "Nothing like that happened", to which the party retorted, "I read it in the paper." Of course, we told him that the report was not about Zion Bishops, and the party, said: "Well, I didn't know the difference." There are thousands and thousands who don't take time to "know the difference", when these scurrilous reports are published to the four corners of the earth.

It would seem that men holding the position of top Christian leaders in a Church would hold their tempers, be straight, fair

and above board in matters of money and bury their greed and selfish ambitions rather than injure the Church of their fathers and shake the confidence of the public in Negro Church leadership.

Who can be surprised at the growing trend of intelligent young Negroes toward Churches, the heads of which are of another race?

While we know our own Church is far from being without "spot or wrinkle", but based on published and undenied reports, it's hard to disagree with the editorial in the New York Age, October 5th, which closes saying, "If the Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church are incapable of setting things straight without the bitter invectives, the juicy gossip, the riots, fights and police, then every last one of them ought to be asked to quit."

— Missionary Seer

WILL BILBO BE SEATED?

Will Theodoro Bilbo, U. S. Senator from Miss., and former governor of that state be seated when congress meets in January? That is a question being asked by thousands of persons, clubs and organizations in the United States.

The question is, not only will he be seated, but should he be seated. It is said that his election was corrupt, illegal and contrary to Democratic principles and practices. Bilbo should have been dealt with a long time ago. His actions as a member of the world's largest and most influential legislative body has been a disgrace. After all of his work against and public statements against and about minority groups it seems that like Napoleon Bonaparte, he has now come to his Waterloo. We hope so.

With the convening of a Republican Congress in January we Americans expect and will receive many changes in our system of government, along with some changes, none will be more welcome, needed and accepted generally than for the senate to deny Bilbo a senate seat.

Another Mississippian, John Rankin, congressman has also been under fire for some time and there is some talk of putting him in his place. He, like Bilbo is a disgrace to not only the South, but the nation as well. The time has come when our public leaders must more faithfully and truthfully represent Democratic ideals rather than certain groups. When any individual fails to do his duty, or fights minority groups, he should be put down regardless of the section of the country in which he lives.

The question remains, will Bilbo be seated? If the Republicans expect to hold the much needed Negro vote in 1948 and afterward they must meet the issue face to face. What will the answer be?

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It's our own fault. Every desertion of principle, and every act that shamed us before the world, was an effort to please some group here at home.

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BENJAMIN BANNEKER—MATHEMATICIAN & STATESMAN



ENOUGH CANNOT BE SAID IN PRAISE OF THIS GREAT MAN WHO, AT 22, MADE ONE OF AMERICA'S FIRST CLOCKS— IN 1731 BANNEKER WAS BORN (A FREE CITIZEN) AT ELLICOTT MILLS, MD. WITH LITTLE MORE THAN AVERAGE SCHOOLING, HE BEGAN WORK ON AN ALMANAC—THE FIRST WAS PUBLISHED IN 1792. BANNEKER ALSO WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WHICH PLANNED THE LAYOUT FOR THE CITY OF WASHINGTON D.C. BANNEKER'S NOBLE USE OF HIS OWN FREEDOM IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST SLAVERY AS WELL AS HIS PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF PEACE MARK HIM AS ONE OF OUR GREAT STATESMEN.

WASHINGTON

NEWS LETTER THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

PAUL MALLON

Washington — The headlines said: "CIO Rejects Communist Interference" at the opening of its Atlantic City convention—but it did and didn't. What happened was this:

Hardpressed President Phil Murray got the Communists in on a statement denouncing themselves. He induced three of his unionists whom he would call rightwingers to work on a policy statement: Reuther of the Auto Workers who is reputed a Socialist, Rieve of the Textile Workers and Murray of the Newspaper Guild. But he also caused to work with them three, whom he would call leftwingers: Gold of the Fur Workers, an acknowledged Communist, Flaxer of the questionable Public Workers and Quill of the doubtful Transport Workers.

The difference between a Communist and a Communist sympathizer is purely technical. As far as world foreign and domestic economic policy is concerned (and nothing else) a sympathizer is more dangerous than a Communist party member because he can wield more influence while claiming the right of immunity. It was this kind of CIO committee which wrote a policy and secured its adoption by the executive board of fifty-one members, saying, in effect: "We resent and reject"—"We will not tolerate such interference," but not proposing to do anything about it.

This kind of political flagellation or self-denunciation was promoted to prevent something worse, for instance, a purge attempt by CIO of its Communist leaders. Advance word was privately passed around within the organization that "a sweeping clean-up of Communists" would follow the statement but it is clear the Commie sympathizers do not think so or they would not have joined in. Indeed no one thinks so, for the truth is simply this:

The CIO is so deeply entangled with the Communists it cannot get rid of them. It is afraid of a showdown. Its leaders would rather gloss over its predicament with such statements of policy as it produced to stop criticism—and wait. The Commie sympathizers have seized control of local unions. They have infiltrated into secretarial and treasury positions in other unions, contrived economic and political policy and will even deny they are Communists if the party line calls for it, for unprincipled Communism calls for even violation of oaths on a witness stand. But next time they have an opportunity to sabotage American foreign policy or hinder domestic production, they will be in the right position to bring their influence to bear.

The problem of the CIO then is how to get rid of Communists in a democracy. Indeed the problem of the whole Democratic

world similarly inquires how to handle Communism in a free ballot permitting representation for all parties.

There is a way—the establishment of reciprocal rights. It could be done by law and pressure. Some authorities wish to extradite all members of the Communist party, and this could also be done under existing law in accordance with the J. Edgar Hoover report to the justice department.

Ever the Democrats could thus rid themselves of the Communist party influence which is trying to establish a balance of power over them—but only that portion of the movement. Such a law could not rid the country of the influence of the American Labor party, which both unionist and liberal leaders have said is dominated by the secretly working Communists in New York City.

But if a law were passed, giving the advocates of Communism no more rights than a Democrat enjoys in Russia, the infiltration movement might be headed off. We do this in trade. Under the reciprocal trade agreements, we give trade concessions only to those foreign nations which give us concessions. Why not do this in politics? Why not give Communists and their sympathizers only such rights as they give us in Russia—meaning none?

This would be a truly Democratic and Christian approach to a solution—not punitive, not baiting. Instead of leaving democracy a weak catch-all in which even Communies and their sympathizers can participate for the sole purpose of destroying it, democracy could become as exclusive as Communism.

Members of the Communist party would thus be excluded entirely from participation in elections and would thus lose their influence. While their sympathizers could continue current agitations, a clause in the law should require them to remove themselves from suspicion, and the pressure of a foreign power in domestic unionism as well as politics would be removed.

CIO might clean itself under such a law. Indeed Russia might be induced to give the Democratic party the right to vote in Russian elections someday, abandoning its iron curtain isolationism, and then, of course, her Communists would have a reciprocal right to vote here. In case Russian unions acquired the right to vote against their government, they would be restored rights here. That would make it fair and even.

This is only a personal idea, to which anyone has the right to add—or subtract.

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M. B. Robinson, Editor, Harris Herald, Harris, N. C.: Congratulations to The Harris Herald on its first anniversary. The Herald is doing a good job in promoting better race relations and in giving the colored people of Rutherford county a good newspaper. Congratulations to Editor M. B. Robinson. R. E. Price, Editor-Publisher, The Rutherford Co. News.

Ellenboro News Of Late Interest

Eunice Tuggle (Staff Correspondent)

Everyone here is busy picking cotton and sowing grain. The Flat Rock choir sang at Mt. View church Nov. 10 during the 3rd anniversary celebration of the pastor, Rev. F. T. Williamson.

Mr. Roy Thomas was burned very badly recently. His brother from Washington, D. C., visited him here.

Rev. James and wife from Atlanta, Ga., visited relatives here including Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Tuggle.

Mr. James Blount is very ill at this writing. Several of his sons from Washington, D. C., visited him. We really appreciate the kindness shown to us during the sickness of our father. The family.

Mrs. Fannie Dixon, Cleveland, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tuggle.

Mr. Lucious Coleman was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tuggle. Mr. and Mrs. King and Mrs. Pearl Dawkins.

Mr. Hersher Long has been sick, but has recovered. Miss Lynch is back as the teacher of Webb's school, Mrs. M. S. Gardner is back at Brooks Chapel school. They are both good teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Laster moved near Webb's school. Marvie Laster is back in school in Charlotte. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Laster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts and daughter Miss Leatrice visited Mr. and Mrs. John W. Blount, also Mrs. Mae S. Gardner.

Mrs. Willie L. Fredrick is doing fine at her home.

The following persons visited Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Tuggle, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sober, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dillingham, Mr. Jake Tuggle, Fallston, N. C. and Mr. Alton Glover, Washington, D. C.

News In And Around Belmont

Mrs. Maebell Dixon (Staff Correspondent)

We had a fine session of the Friendly Aid Union in its recent session at Ellis Chapel church near Shelby, N. C. We were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Accor. Over \$1300 was raised with each person receiving \$112.50. The next session will meet with the Salem Society, Sharon, S. C.

Home coming was at Henry's Chapel Oct. 20th. Rev. W. S. Norwood preached a fine sermon in the morning and Rev. D. L. Blakey preached in the afternoon in the place of Rev. I. L. Houston, who was unable to attend on account of flu. \$536.25 was raised in the rally for our new church.

Home coming was at Mt. Pleasant church Oct. 27. The sermon was by Rev. Reeter of Charlotte.

The members and officials of

O'Conner's Grove A. M. E. Zion church have on a drive and hope to build a new church soon. Mr. Elmer Cook and Miss Geneva Young were happily married recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Boyd were baptized recently at Mt. Zion church. Rev. Lindsay, pastor. Mrs. Hattie Rankins is sick at this writing and in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte.

Zions Grove News

Jessie L. Miller (Staff Correspondent)

The rally for Zions Grove church Oct. 27th was a success. Rev. S. W. Brice, pastor preached a fine sermon and the offering for the day was \$50.00. Several visitors were present. Rev. Brice preached his farewell sermon Nov. 3.

Dr. W. D. Carson, P. E. Western N. C. conference spent a few days with his brother, Robert, of New Prospect, S. C. He is looking forward to his annual conference that meets in Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 19th.

Recent visitors to Zions Grove church include Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Thompson, Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. James Carson, Montreat; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Briscoe, Tryon; Mr. and Mrs. John McEntire and daughter, Greens Creek Baptist church; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins, Montreat, N. C.

Mr. W. F. Gray has been on the sick list, but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. John Miller, Washington, D. C., spent a few days with his home folks. He has returned to Washington.

The weather has been very favorable and farmers have been busy harvesting their crops and planting grain.

Uree News

Mrs. Eugene Whiteside (Staff Correspondent)

The farmer of this section are happy to have had such fine weather in which to gather their crops, of which there is an abundance of food and feed made.

Miss Mae Freeman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman was married to Mr. Edward Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery are proud to have their son Pvt. Samuel home on furlough. He expects a discharge soon.

Mrs. Gevena Allen is happy to have her husband, Cpl. Bobby Allen home on furlough and to see their son.

Our sympathy to Deacon and Mrs. Frank L. Logan, of Mt. Nebo church on the death of his sister, Mrs. Elvina Logan Simmons, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Simmons is survived by her husband, Rev. E. L. Simmons, two children, four sisters, four brothers, and a host of relatives and

friends.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Mr. Joshua Edgerton, who recently passed at the age of 96 years. He is survived by three daughters, one son, eighteen grand children, and a host of relatives and friends. He was buried at Mt. Nebo church with Rev. H. B. Ferguson conducting the funeral.

Naval Reserves To Be Called For Duty

Charleston, S. C.—Officers and men are needed for active duty until July 1947 in connection with naval reserve enlistments.

The bureau of naval personnel desires to recall for active duty reserve officers of the rank of lieutenant commander and below, including warrant officers; and enlisted personnel of all ratings of pay grade (1 to 8 inclusive) and yeomen and pharmacist mates of pay grades (1 to 4 inclusive), except ships service man

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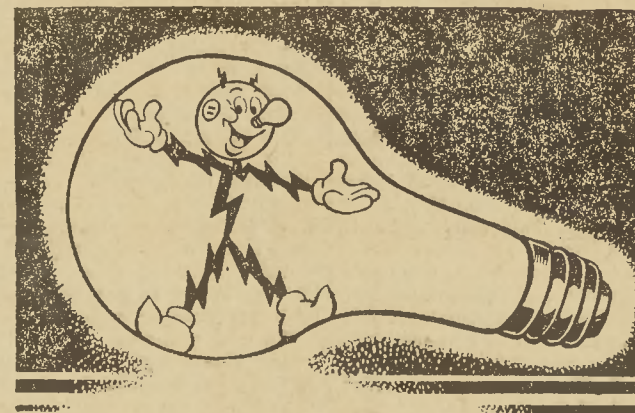
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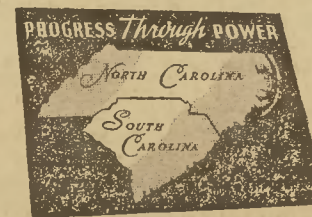
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