

'No Such Thing As Black Power,' Says Minister; It's Hopeful Myth

BY LEON L. LEWIS

DALLAS - (NPD)-The Rev. Richard A. Lowe, pastor, Zion Baptist church, Newark, N. J., and vice president, New Jersey Progressive Baptist association, had some startling words to say about Black power last week in an address before a capacity audience in the local Peoples Baptist church.

He said, "There is no such existence as 'Black power,' The advocacy of 'Black power,' or any other power of a worldly nature, is a hopeful myth in the mind of man."

Rather, he declared, a man should heed the influence of the power of God and the Holy Ghost. He "weld at length on the 'camouflaged purposes of man to play down edict of God and His influence in world progress and development.'"

"We must believe that the principles of the Christian religion are supreme standards of public and private personal or institutional conduct."

The minister, who is also executive director of the nationally influential Independent Negro Civic and Political as-

sociation, explained himself by saying:

"We are not propagandists. We are not anti-American. We are not believers in the agitative and coercive slogan or its connotations."

"We believe those who resort to riots or threats of riots and unrest, unlawful demonstrations, destruction of public or private property, molestation of the innocent, etc., should neither be encouraged nor supported, for they are birds of a feather."

He advocated independence of political philosophy as the chief means by which the Negro can chart his political future and progress.

"In thinking and acting independent of specific party affiliation, he is sure to become a 'part of the action' in this phase. He must not set himself up as a separatist--'Black' or African label--but must be fully dedicated to the full American ideology in all its ramifications."

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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Several years ago, the city of Chicago witnessed one of the most daring robberies in recent times.

Right in the heart of the Loop, on busy State Street, while all the stores were open for business, two masked robbers entered Lebolt's Jewelry Store. One of them did not even carry a weapon, but the other had a revolver in each hand, so while he kept the two customers and eight employees under control, the other went to the window and scooped up more than \$250,000.00 worth of diamonds and jewelry. And all this with an audience looking in at the window.

Roy Lloyd, Lebolt's "diamond man," said: "It was like a weird dream. Here I was watching the man shovel diamonds into his bag, and at the same time I could see people out on State Street, watching him do it."

Something like this seems almost unbelievable, but actually it is not, in the light of our times, for this is no isolated incident. Never has morality been at so low an ebb among nations and individuals -- and never has the crime rate been so high. This should cause thinking people to recall what

the Bible says about the closing days of the age of grace in which we live.

II Tim. 3:1-5: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."

"Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good."

"Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;"

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. . ."

Doesn't this sound very much like the times in which we live? And should it not cause us to consider whether "The dispensation of the grace of God" might not be drawing to a close? At this moment God is still sending forth His ambassadors to proclaim salvation by grace, through faith in Christ who died for our sins, but more than ever should we heed the exhortation of St. Paul: "Receive no the grace of God in vain. . . Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation!" (II Cor. 6:1, 2).

RELIGION and RACE

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL RACIAL STUDY

MEMPHIS-A community program has been launched in the suburbs to study Negro-white racial attitudes under the title of Project NAME, sponsored by the Centers for Continuing Adult Education of Siena and Southwestern colleges. Some 30 Catholic nuns began knocking on doors of white citizens in selected community areas to leave questionnaires and discuss racial attitudes and problems with homeowners. The program, which began June 23, will be brought to a close on Aug. 8.

INTERVENTION

NEW YORK-Officials of the United Church of Christ intervened last week in behalf of the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC president and leader of the Charleston (S. C.) hospital strike. The officials dispatched telegrams to President Nixon and Charleston and South Carolina officials demanding an immediate reduction of \$200,000 bail set for Rev. Abernathy and his followers after their arrest.

TOP ITEMS

LOS ANGELES-When the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice holds its biennial convention at Loyola College, Aug. 21-24, top items on the agenda will be reparations for social injustice, church response to needs of oppressed minorities, and the boycott of California grapes. Among the main speakers will be the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation Breadbasket.

AGREES FINALLY

HOUSTON-The executive committee of the Methodist board of publications has finally agreed to become a participating member of Project Equality, the four-year-old program initiated by the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, designed to promote fair employment. The publishing house had been under fire for several months because it delayed making a decision on joining the program.

REPARATION REPLY

ST. LOUIS-One result of reparation demands made by Black militants is a promise of a \$200,000 loan, without interest, to help build low-income housing. The loan, agreed to by the Second Presbyterian church, is being transferred from undesignated funds to the Ecumenical Housing Fund of the Interreligious Center for Urban Affairs.

MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"So will we sing and praise thy power." -- Psalms 21:13.

Someone has said, "Clouds must form and rain must fall over our lands and over our homes, and like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory recall, this is Thy blessing, Lord."

In almost everyone's life, some tension-forming situation, like clouds, will gather at times . . . worries, anxieties, and disappointments will darken the horizon. But the blessedness of God's peace, inspired through prayerful meditation, will invariably, like the rain, bring us refreshment and renewal.

In times of stress, we must strive all the more to close our eyes to the so-called woes of life. Instead, we must give room to our "grateful memory" . . . a memory that recalls His benefits, His compassion, His nearness, His love, His wisdom, and His understanding.

Like a bird singing in the rain, we must try as much as possible and as often as possible to express our appreciation of all the wonderful blessings God has bestowed upon us. A mind full of woe is beclouded and does not comprehend all the good there is for the taking. A mind full of joy and gratitude is an open mind and cannot help but attract more and more of God's blessings.

Just as you know that the sun shines behind the clouds, so you must know that the joy of the Lord shines behind every appearance of unhappiness. One cannot have perfect faith in the goodness of God and still be unhappy. Cling through every



WOMAN'S DAY SPEAKER
Mrs. Mae Thelma Brooks, the former Miss Mae Thelma Adams, will be the Woman's Day speaker at the Juniper Level Baptist Church, on Sunday, July 6. Mrs. Brooks is a 1953 graduate of Shaw University, and has done further study at New York University, N.Y., and Paterson State College, Paterson, N. J. She is presently a faculty member of Eastside High School, Paterson, N. J., and is a member and Youth Director at St. Luke Baptist Church in Paterson. The public is invited to attend.

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w. Robert Pollard, assistant reference librarian at D. H. Hill, compiled the bibliography.

The titles cover such fields as biography, history, anthropology, folklore, social sciences, sociology, political science, law, education, music, medicine and the fine arts.

appearance of darkness to your faith in God's power and His goodness. Be happy. This is His will for you. This is your heritage.

"That my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." -- John 15:11.

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THE JOY OF SHARING

There is pleasure in doing things with others. It may be looking at a picture magazine, or riding toys, or for parents it may even be sharing knowledge of the day's events that bring joy. God's people have a desire to share with you in the greatest joy, that of worshiping together in God's House. **ATTEND CHURCH**

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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