"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."
14th AMENDMENT, U.S. CONSTITUTION

THE AFRO-AMERICAN

IN MEMORIAM

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful, and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

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LDF Adopts New Approach

The NAACP and especially its legal arm, the Legal Defense Fund, is credited by many with having sustained the vitality of the American Constitution in this century.

Through its petitions and appeals which finally have reached the U.S. Supreme Court, that Court has been able to decide a broad spectrum of issues which have preserved and enhanced individual rights and freedoms not only for colored persons but for all.

Even though our younger activists tend to belittle the techniques of reform through the legal process, there are situations in which that process is the only effective one.

Such a situation, we believe, is the one in which a highly disproportionate number of colored prisoners are found on death rows, awaiting execution, across the country.

LDF has again shown imagination and vigor by asking the Court in a class action (one which affects all persons in a like situation) to stay executions on all of the 61 California San Quentin death-rowers until the matter of how they happen to be there can be carefully reviewed.

This is a new approach — one which becomes necessary because of the emotional and fearful California State Legislature has never been able to achieve a ban on capital punishment.

And this has been the story in many state legislatures across the United States, even though in many enlightened European countries capital punishment is an inhumanity of the past.

One, but only one, of the profound grounds upon which LDF asks the stay is that the death sentence is "cruel punishment." We agree that it is.

Seneca said long ago, "All cruelty springs from weakness." We believe our society has grown too strong and enlightened to engage in the weak and insecure cruelty of capital punishment.

We applaud this latest LDF effort to help us to recognize our own strength, and to strengthen the meaning of our Constitution. We hope this new approach will be successful.

GOP Magic No Answer

Representative Albert H. Quie, Republican of Minnesota, and his associates, along with many Southern Democrats, have evidently taken up the magician's art.

Believe it or not, they have discovered a way to breathe new life into a program by killing it.

According to this powerful group of congressmen, replacement of the Office of Economic Opportunity by a three-man Counsel of Economic Opportunity Advisers to the President would put new life into, in their words, "the languishing and confused poverty program."

We think that the life and death struggle for survival in our economy that millions of unskilled, and poor Americans are making is far too important to be left to the slight of hand methods of Quie and company.

We agree with the Urban League's Whitney M. Young when he told the Public Officials' Advisory Council: "the Office of Economic Opportunity has done a spectacular job."

"If there is anything wrong with the War on Poverty, it is that it has not reached enough people."

Magicians won't be able to fix this. Only a bigger budget such as the President and Poverty Czar R. Sargent Shriver propose, will do the job.

Anti-climax In Miss.

We have been watching James Meredith since he exercised the determination required to integrate the University of Mississippi.

We see in him a young man of unstartling intellect trying hard to avoid permitting the rest of his life to be an anti-climax to the Ole Miss episode.

Last week's "march against fear" served to reinforce our impression.

Certain it is that black Mississippians have been plagued by more than their rational share of fears of the white power structure.

Lately, however, we have observed some of the more dynamic dissenters against the established, ruling (and sometimes violent) order coming out of that state. Charles Evers, Aaron Henry and James Meredith himself, come to mind.

But fear, real and imagined, is a commodity that all people have in abundance. Shelly went so far as to observe that we are relieved of it only when we are ready to die.

"First our pleasures die, and then our hopes. And then our fears — and when these are dead, the debt is due. Dust claims dust . . ."

The only real medicine for fear is security. James Meredith had security on his march, present in the press coverage and the accompanying state policemen.

To the extent that every Mississippian, black and white, does not have internal and external security in his relationships with his fellow citizen, fear, real and imagined, will continue to haunt the minds of both races of that state.

Perhaps somehow Mr. Meredith's march will hasten the day when that security is provided. If so, then maybe even Meredith won't feel that his efforts since Ole Miss have been anti-climatic.

Are People Out Of Style?

There are times when we come close to believing that the human animal just isn't all its cracked up to be.

Time was that when a tough and exacting job had to be done, all one needed to do was find a tough, efficient and exacting person to do it.

But lately the best human animal's inability to cope with some jobs has led us relentlessly into a pattern of relying on the machine.

Latest human activity to be replaced by the machine is that of court reporting. Latest statistics show that courts over the country are about 5,000 reporters short.

Nor are those currently on the job able to keep up with the swift and exacting job of providing appeals transcripts and end-of-the-day reproductions of courtroom proceedings.

Carl Martin, a smart electronics engineer, has produced a six-track recording device, especially designed for courtrooms. It is able to record persons talking at the same time, feet shifting, coughs, papers rattling, and the lawyer is even followed wherever he chooses to wander.

The cost of the system is about $25 per diem for the operator, plus $5 amortization on the cost of the equipment.

This compares with a much higher per diem cost — usually about $50 — for an experienced court reporter. In addition, the machine can give back a tape in 10 to 15 minutes for review purposes or for an appeal.

Courts in Alaska, Tennessee, Indiana, Virginia and Puerto Rico have already displaced the human reporter with the electronic system. Undoubtedly more will follow.

And the other day we heard that an engineer is working on a robot which will be a completely trustworthy and companionate friend, asking and seeking nothing for his friendship.

People, indeed, seem to be going out of style.

Why Cross Burning Is Not Popular In North Carolina

Wilkins Speaks • *By Roy Wilkins*

More Than A Patchwork Of Living Needed

Buffalo, N.Y., has chosen to call its upheaval a "rampage," rather than a riot, but whatever the label, a complicated, sensitive, oftimes ugly and extremely difficult interracial problem is again presented.

It is not a simple thing (as many white people argue) like colored persons 'behaving themselves" and "observing law and order." It is not a simple thing (as many of us argue) like white people "giving us jobs and treating us fairly."

ROY WILKINS

No good can come of talk by white people of "cracking down," just as no good can come of physical attacks by our people on white passers-by. Beating up a white Joe Jones and his wife does not frighten whites, but only widens and stiffens opposition to our demands. Indiscriminate cracking down by police does not frighten black people; it merely spurs the waging and condoning of guerrilla counter-resistance.

Only 150 jobs for summer

Despite the events of recent years, Buffalo, a city of giant industrial plants and of accompanying commercial businesses, was able to muster only 150 jobs for colored youth as the summer opened.

Various estimates agree that the minimum figure should be 3,000. Buffalo thus came up with only 5 percent of the bare minimum. Buffalo never got around to building housing on land cleared years ago in the colored area.

Police officials are mot emphatic in declaring they have an above-average working program for minorities. Colored Buffalonians are just as emphatic in their complaints about being pushed off street corners and "beaten over the head."

No one, white or colored, seems to realize the deep complexities of the problem. It won't yield to white toughness or to colored demands for instant change. Neither police tear gas nor black power threats to "tear up the town" will get at basic ills.

Problems are monumental

These are part of the monumental problem of urbanization. Buffalo's colored population has grown from 40,000 to about 100,000. The increase, of course, was sparked by colored persons being displaced from submarginal agriculture and barred from training for, or a fair share of, industrial employment.

The cities had no program for absorbing them, only one of herding them into decaying slum housing, packing their children into overcrowded, inferior schools and loosing ill-equipped teen-agers into a world (for them) of unemployment.

Add to all this a general police policy of "black control" and throw in the ambitions, fears, jealousies, ignorance and plain color prejudice of other ethnic groups and the result is bound to be a "rampage."

Buffalo needs a really critical — not routine — study of its schools, its slums and its employment patterns. There is something wrong with an industrial complex that, even under racial emergency pressures, can be as much as 95 percent short in job openings.

Our people cannot expect instant change. If they get emergency measures and sincere, fundamental reorientation toward change they will have done well. But they must watch the new policies constantly.

Internally, we must learn that hating a man because he is white is as bad as hating a man because he is black. Internally, also, we need desperately to learn something of ourselves. Our history does not require little-boy braggadocio today in order to "prove" something that was proved long ago.

Rioting is a cruel and bloody interlude, but it has to be an interlude. No one has suggested that colored Americans are going to emigrate to Madagascar. It is equally true that white Americans are not about to abandon their roots anad possessions here for Antarctica or elsewhere.

All concerned, therefore, beginning with Congress, had better work out more than a patchwork pattern of living together in peace and mutual respect.

JOE BROWN

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WHAT AFRO READERS SAY

I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.—Voltaire on Helvetius

New flag flutters

Roselle, N.J. — It gives us great pleasure to introduce the first original Negro National Flag.

Its purpose is to bring a national unity to the black people of the United States.

First of all we are American citizens, and the American Flag we will always love, honor, and respect. But we are also a black people in the United States, without a standard banner. This flag will represent us just as the Irish, Polish, Hungarian, Italian, and various other nationalities in the United States.

The Negro National Flag will add culture and give a much needed boost in morals. Pride in his race, culture, and flag are a beginning. The black man must begin to know his worth in the American society.

We believe it is time to look into ourselves and begin making our presence felt, not in violence, but in economic progress.

As individuals, we have an important role to fill in the development of America. In this role we are all leaders.

GLEASON T. JACKSON,
MELVIN CHARLES

P.S. The symbolism of the flag is:
MOORISH BOARDING SWORD for defense, power and authority.
The FIG, a symbol of peace and happiness.
RED, for the blood black men have given for freedom and human dignity.
BLACK, for the pride of pigmentation.
GOLD for purity and power.

Who knows Benny Kubelsky?

Louisville, Ky. — The widespread refusal of news media to refer to Muhammad Ali by his adopted name is only more evidence of hidden racism.

It is all right for film actors to change their name; no matter in what sort of behavior they may afterward indulge, they are granted the dignity of their chosen names.

Whether this insult is due to racism, religion, or the boxing champion's political stance, this sort of slur is not worthy of those entrusted to write or broadcast the public's news.

ROBERT A. POTTER

Youth backs Powell, Ali

Denver —The black youth of the nation have made it absolutely clear that they back, respect, and support Congressman Adam C. Powell, and heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, and anyone who thinks that they do not is "whistling Dixie."

The mature man, aged 27 through 55, will not go so far as to call Whitney Young of the Urban League or Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, "uncle Toms," but they do strongly state that these two have a point of view diametrically opposed to that of black youth.

In fact, this is a point of view to which youth is entitled, or maybe in plain language, a point of view that they can frankly have.

The black youth are leaderless, except for Stokely Carmichael, Muhammad Ali, and Congressman Adam C. Powell. These are the only people of whom they speak well.

Muhammad Ali, dethroned by WBA for the second time, was called every name in the book, but "Muhammad Ali" and his trial was not even scheduled. He was called: "Brassius Cassius" "The Louisville Wind" and a host of other names. Everything but his name, Muhammad Ali.

Powell was called a fugitive from justice, and a host of other names while his case was still in the appellate courts of New York. This is kind of hard to do, isn't it, — be a fugitive from justice when in fact your very defense case is before the appellate court?

Any assumption that tends to undercut black youth bears a lot of scrutiny. This is probably the most sane bunch of blacks in this country since the Lincoln-Douglas debates, where this whole messy problem of "black truth" started.

And if not the most sane, surely the Mckissick, Gregory, and Carmichaels are all good guys — in "black hats."

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Reverend: Let's get to work

Chicago — Thanks to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, there is a new job available for every living colored minister in the nation.

Operation Breadbasket, successfully working in 12 cities in the U.S., is, at the outset, a minister's project. This kind of mobilized "black power" needs to be at work in hundreds of communities wherever colored people reside.

First of all, a team of ministers calls on the management of a business in a community to get the facts on the total number of employees, the number of colored employees, the departments or job classifications in which all employees are located, and the salary ranges for each category.

After evaluating this data, recommendations are made concerning the number of new and upgraded jobs that should be requested for colored people. The team makes its request to the management to hire or upgrade a specific number of qualifiable persons within a reasonable period of time.

Should negotiations break down, then the ministers call upon their congregation — the community at large — to withdraw their patronage of the company's product. If this does not bring about the desired negotiations, the next step is for orderly non-violent demonstrations.

Recently a Chicago supermarket in a predominantly colored area — where at a given time on Saturday you have to look for a parking place — the lot had only three or four cars and hardly any shoppers in the store. Needless to say, the company is trying hard to negotiate.

Let's face it. Praying for God to give jobs to those employable young boys and girls graduating from schools and colleges is not where it's at. The power of the selective dollar can bring about more job opportunities and job advancement than all the bemoaning that characterizes the average mid-week prayer meeting.

The Altar of Bread in the Basket can be a modern-day version of what the Man from Nazareth did with the loaves and fishes . . . provide enough for all, with plenty of leavings.

EMORY G. DAVIS, D.D.

Virginia Beach via D.C.

Kenbridge, Va. — 4 - H Clubs here sent 40 members camping at Virginia Beach last week as the result of a report by the inspector general of the Department of Agriculture.

Without that report the group might have numbered half that many. You see, for the first time the campers were integrated, exactly half white and half colored.

Last year, as president of the Lunenburg County NAACP, I lodged a discrimination complaint against the county Farm Extension Agency with the department in Washington.

William M. Seabron, assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, reported that the investigation showed:

"In relation to potential 4-H Club enrollment, the man days devoted to this work for colored children were much less than for white. The same type of differential in service exists in home economics program.

"White home economics agents held 13 community leader training meetings of which 10 were attended by white only. Presently, all leader training meetings are open to all, regardless of race."

Seabron assured me that he will see that all forms of discrimination are reported to the State Extension Service.

When the camping trip was first planned only white adult leaders were going with the boys and girls. I later learned that Mrs. L. J. Booker, the colored Home Demonstration agent, went with the 4-H Club members.

Sincerely yours,
NATHANIEL L. HAWTHORNE
President
Lunenburg County NAACP

The Weather

July 12, 13 — thunder storm
July 14, 15, 16 — hot
July 17, 18 — rain

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First Quarter	July 14	10:53 a.m.
Full Moon	July 21	9:40 a.m.
Last Quarter	July 29	7:15 a.m.
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Thurs., July 13	4:18 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Fri., July 14	4:19 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Sat., July 15	4:19 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Sun., July 16	4:20 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Mon., July 17	4:21 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
Tues., July 18	4:22 a.m.	7:18 p.m.

Holidays and Holydays
July 13 — Forrest's Day (Tenn.)

Thoughts Of The Founder

We cannot expect others to take greater interest in us than we take in ourselves.

John H. Murphy Sr.
April 3, 1909

Separate But Equal Facilities —Manlein in The Chicago Sun-Times

FROM THE WORK BENCH • *By Clarence Mitchell Jr.*

Close Reading Of Congressional Records Tedious, but Essential Business For Freedom Fighters

The fascinating and complex problems affecting pro-civil rights forces are illustrated by some of the matters which will concern Congress as it returns from the July 4 recess. It is not possible to make sharp divisions between good guys and bad guys among some of the legislators. Even some of the best fail to get a perfect score when measured by purely objective standards.

CLARENCE MITCHELL JR.

Sometimes the opponents of civil rights pop up in favor of a desirable program while a staunch civil rights friend will be in the wrong column. This is bound to happen when the Senate Appropriations Committee begins action on the Urban Development Appropriation Act. This bill passed the House after a combination of Republicans and Democrats succeeded in knocking out forty million dollars for a rent supplement program.

In the House Reps. Wilbur Mills (D.-Ark.) and Phil Landrum (D.Ga.) were among the southerners who voted to save the rent supplement program. Of course it is well known that they do not support civil rights legislation. On the other hand, northern Congressmen who voted to kill the rent supplement program included Reps. William Mailliard (R. Calif.) and Edward Garmatz (D.Md.) who usually support civil rights legislation.

Race fear behind opposition

The underlying cause for opposition to the rent supplement program is racial. There are a few members of Congress who oppose it for economic and partisan reasons, but most members are for or against it because of the climate on open occupancy housing in their districts.

In short, it appears that there is enough sentiment against open occupancy housing to cause a Congressman to worry about an opponent defeating him by pointing to his support of non - discriminatory housing, rent supplements usually do not get his support.

However, this still fails to give a rational explanation for Southern votes in favor of rent supplements. The explanation is that some southern congressmen are so secure in their districts and have such long records of opposing civil rights bills that they feel free to vote on principles in some instances.

Fortunately, the rent supplement program is one of these instances. Although the votes cast on principle were not sufficient to save the program in the House, they may be numerous enough to save it in the Senate.

Another example cited

Another example of an issue that will make strange bedfellows is the legislation authorizing the so called Atom Smasher to be built in Weston, Ill. Civil rights groups opposed this site because the State of Illinois refuses to take concrete and effective steps to end housing discrimination. The measure passed in the House with Rep. Chet Holifield (D. Calif.) giving it full support.

Congressman Holifield is one of the most senior of the pro-civil rights representatives. Not only does he vote for civil rights bills, but he also works and speaks in favor of them. Yet, there is little doubt that his championship of the Weston site was one of the most potent factors in getting the House to approve it.

Joining with Congressman Holifield were such unusual allies as highly conservative Rep. H. R. Gross (R.-Iowa) and arch segregationists Joe Waggoner (D.-La.) It should be noted in passing that, for some reason, Waggoner deserted most of his Dixie comrades and voted to help save the food stamp program when it was in jeopardy.

Wanted program crippled

Most Southern conservatives wanted to cripple the program because they knew it would be helpful the poor white and poor colored victims of unemployment caused by mechanization of agriculture.

The Senate now must wrestle with the Atom Smasher problem. There we are likely to see some pro-civil rights senator take the floor to ask that the site selection be approved. Again, as in the House, deadly foes on economic matters may unite to support a big expenditure (over seven million to start with).

Other problems which make it necessary to give close reading to Congressional records include the draft, crime legislation, the anti-poverty program and a whole host of others. Doing this may be tedious to some, but it is essential in determining which way the country will go in the near future.

Strength For These Days From The Bible

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. — (Proverbs 15:3)

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