

Voice of the People

Negro Preacher's Integration Views Answered

Pro-Segregation Stand Seen Result of 'Brain-Washing'

Recently the people of the United States have been disturbed because certain Communist nations subjected captured American soldiers and airmen to such physical torture and personal indignities that they lost their integrity and became the stooges of their persecutors in order to save themselves from further persecution. These demoralized soldiers divulged information detrimental to their country, betrayed fellow soldiers, and confirmed any story that their Communist persecutors desired them to confirm. These persecution tactics are called "brain-washing."

The Federal government is deeply concerned over how much brain-washing a soldier can withstand.

But brain-washing is nothing new to one group of American citizens. Negroes in some sections of our country have been subjected to all kinds of indignities designed to rob them of their integrity. In some areas the governmental authorities helped design the persecutions and indignities that robbed citizens of self-respect and manhood and then persecuted these citizens unmercifully for their loss of manly virtue.

At the present time physical torture, threats, denial of the right to work, and the denial of the right to buy bread with the money earned by previous labor are all being used to brain-wash a group of American citizens who used the right granted to them by the Constitution to petition the authorities that their children be given the opportunities belonging to them as citizens of this democracy.

Some American soldiers "broke" in a few months under the Communist indignities. Other citizens have been subjected to grave indignities all of their lives. Is it any wonder that they are both brain-washed and "soul-washed"?

The article by Mr. Webster McClary, minister, taxi-driver, and farmer (how can he find time to become an authority on race relations?), appears to be the writing of a brain-washed and soul-washed individual. The article was printed on the editorial page of the Times-Dispatch for September 21 and commended highly in an editorial on the same page. Mr. McClary seems willing to acquiesce to and to repeat the propaganda of his oppressors in the same way that American soldiers acquiesced to and repeated the Communist propaganda. From his writing it would seem that he has lost not only his integrity

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ances as the preacher [Webster McClary] from South Carolina. This one is a very poor example. By his own admission he finds it necessary to be dependent on the handouts of others.

It is, however, very disturbing to some of your readers that so much space should be given to such tommy rot. We have searched our minds as to your purpose in so doing. We would not like to feel that you are trying to discourage loyal citizens in their efforts to become free Americans. You seem to imply that we should be fearful in asking for our rights.

It is my sincere hope that the many kind white friends of mine do not require as a price for their friendship that we refrain from seeking through the courts of the land our denied rights.

My experience leads me to differ with you in regard to the desires of colored people. I have never been to South Carolina, but I know well many South Carolinians as well as people from other places. I am sure, with few exceptions, all of our people want to be full American citizens. Some may be misleading in their expressions and some may be fearful of their statements, knowing the reprisals which might be inflicted.

We have always assumed that you were sympathetic toward our cause. Therefore, may we suggest that you give to your readers more of the writings of the intelligent NAACP leaders and suggest that they carefully examine the effects of the association's accomplishments in the past. They might well be reminded of their regard for law and order, their lack of hate and their loyalty to our country.

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Richmond.

Differences Between Races Called 'Unbridgeable'

On September 25 Mrs. M. E. Young reproached Webster McClary, of North Carolina, for intimating the Negro race's inferiority in some things. She said racial differences are only surface ones, that Negro children are behind whites in ability to learn only because they have been denied equal opportunity. She asks on whose authority Mr. McClary says Negro children learn not as fast as whites. She quotes "an outstanding white

authorities who prove the unchangeable differences between races (and Negroid slowness at learning) cannot be listed here. But Mrs. Young can find many of them in Landry's book, "Cult of Equality," and Cox's "White America."

Though other races built civilizations in the jungle, the Negro did not. Though in equal and superior surroundings (as Liberia), the Negro failed to progress, and slavery, witchcraft and other depressing conditions exist there today.

The truth about the destructiveness of integration upon religion and culture is available for searchers of truth. But too many are, as the Bible says, "allowed to be deceived because they will not accept the truth."

The superior individuals among the Negro race are a joy. Their loyalty, humor, sympathy, pride in service and accomplishment, their self-respect, their acceptance of racial limitations, their refusal to hate whites or covet white fruits—these command respect and love.

Yet the whole Negro race's record throughout countless centuries, in and out of civilization, compared with Biblical warnings, makes one fear for Christianity if this country is truly integrated.

Mr. McClary's courage and honesty is rare. He is not afraid to see and call integration as it is: A double-cross of white men and a defiance of God. A reasonable pursuit of facts reveals this to fair men.

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Highland Springs.

Please Drive Carefully, The Birds Have to Eat

My friends often inquire why I have not written an article for the paper recently. So I decided to send a short one this morning.

Dickie Bird has returned from his vacation, and he called very early on yesterday A. M. while he stood on his feeding station. I enjoy the bird music these days.

Connie blew down my feeding station, and the large bird bath is also broken, but Dickie's private bath and station are in good shape. He is rather selfish though, and is not willing to have others share his conveniences.

We are rather tired of the hurricanes, and I have decided that it would be a good idea to give them masculine names, but I imagine they would have to be himacanes.

With many good wishes for all readers of The Times-Dispatch. Be sure to drive carefully, as the birds will need food this Winter.

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