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### Attention Teachers

South Carolina is still a part of the United States and subject to the decisions of the American courts. The American courts have decided that it is illegal to pay teachers unequal salaries for equal work and equal qualifications. South Carolina continues, nevertheless, to pay unequal salaries for equal work and equal qualification. South Carolina is breaking the law.

The victims of this illegality, the Negro teachers, should be firmly determined to invite the attention of the legislature and the city and county authorities to this transgression of the law. If they cannot obtain more satisfaction, much more satisfaction, than they have obtained at present, then they should sue the state. Appeals to work for their race; to work for humanity's sake, miserable "tendencies" towards a farcial equalization; subtle attempts at evasions of the law; none of these should be considered or accepted as satisfactions. There are no valid reasons why Negro teachers in the employ of the state, should DONATE their services for the benefit of their race or humanity, while the white teachers are getting real taxpayers dollars for their services. Any "tendencies" that do not represent something really substantial and that are not based on a frank understanding that they will be followed by other like "tendencies", should be discarded as an insult to the intelligence. The courts have ruled; South Carolina must obey the ruling. "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings".

### Missing On Judgment Day

Week in and week out we have invariably published instructions for those who act as club, society and convention reporters. Among the first things we have emphasized has been the importance of getting your account in promptly. But at this very moment, on this desk, are three conference and convention reports for September and one for August. These kinds of news stories have very little sales value anyway to a circulation manager and to publish them of events two months old destroys what little value they might have. When we ask these reporters about their tardiness they try to turn on all the charms at their disposal and say they just forgot it. Well, if they happen to forget what time the Gates are to be open on Judgment Day, they are going to be left outside.

The Lighthouse and Informer will not, under any condition, publish accounts of conventions and the like, as general news, when such event occurred 10 days or more before publication date of issue desired.

### Your School System

(Figures from 1940 report of State Supt. of Education)

	Col.	White
No. elementary and high schools	2,343	1,758
No. Buildings	1,969	1,520
Value school property	\$7,080,838	\$45,819,707
Expenditures of dis. funds	\$2,570,226	\$15,383,186
Av. daily attendance	162,195	222,800
No. classroom teachers	678	2,916
Salary classroom teachers	\$ 535	\$ 1,067

"The denial of equal educational opportunity to our people makes it impossible for them to give their best in either military or civilian life."—J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks.

### THE NEED FOR CHANGING

By John McCray

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
The prophet John the Baptist was a modest man. It rather seems that he must have been sent ahead of Christ as a build-up among a rather wild and wicked people. At any rate, he gave Christ all the credit.

I thought of John the Baptist this morning, lying in my sick bed and listening to her complain about having to pay seven cents for an emergency six ounce (small) can of evaporated milk at one of the neighborhood stores. This particular shopkeeper has always charged more for his goods than other's and since the war has been on a self-hating lest his war profits that of Hitler's might run into \$1.00 a bottle.

This particular shopkeeper is an exaggerated average of what one might find profiteering among Negroes because they are making a few dollars now. And to be frank the people don't mind who makes the money off them so long as they make a little off somebody. But my shopkeeper has taken the case at laying the foundation for the one to follow him—Hitler. Write the housewife can purchase 6 small cans of cream for 25 cents in a reputable store she must pay 42 cents in his. she pays 10 cents for bread in a first class store, 12 cents in his; 16 cents for cigarettes, 12 in a clean store, 20 cents in his; 10 cents a pint for milk anywhere in town but if you don't talk fast he'll have you paying 15 cents right quick in his.

And that is how one John the Baptist is working things these days. It is a story that can be investigated in many times in Negro neighborhoods all over the country. It is war coming to roost in our pocket books.

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### Morehouse Freshmen From 18 States



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### CONVERSATION PIECE

By MARC MORELAND

#### Washington And The War

I HAVE BEEN reading Carl Sandburg's "Abraham Lincoln: The War Years," volume 4. This is one work every American should read, the volumes on "The Prairie Years" as well as those on "The War Years." The figure and character of Abraham Lincoln never fail to inspire and to instruct.

Politicians and plain people will, during the present war crises, find a guide in Lincoln and the foremost example of Americanism meeting a crisis on record in our history.

But it is not of Lincoln that I primarily want to speak here. It is of the Government at Washington today and its handling of the deepening war crises. In this connection one could certainly wish to see something comparable to Lincoln's realistic facing of the actual situation, to his shrewd understanding of men and motives, his constancy of purpose, his willingness to follow the right as he saw it no matter who was inconvenienced by so doing.

Now, it seems to me that there is too much concern in the present Administration over appeasing persons and groups whose ambitions and demands will contribute nothing to building a strong democratic front here in the United States and nothing to aiding the nations which are now holding the front against the professed anti-democratic of Hitler, Petain, Franco, Mussolini and the Mikado.

I do not propose here to argue because I think we ought to argue whether the United States should enter war or not, and mainly because I think we ought to make up our minds first what we are willing to fight for.

Considering the State, Department's solicitude for Vichy, France and Japan, and for the large number of known and working pro-fascists and fascists who enter and leave this country at will while known anti-fascists are barred, one could wish for light in this dark corner of American policy. Nor is the President blameless, for he must be presumed to control the State Department.

**AID TO RUSSIA**  
In regard to aid to Russia, which is surely doing a great and heroic service to this country by sapping the strength and reserves of Hitler, the Administration has apparently taken the lead in raising the question of religious liberty in connection with granting aid to the Soviets at a time when sensible and practical men are surely more concerned with defeating Hitler than they are with whether the Russians will permit the education of their young people to be taken over in part by priests. The British, according to CBS's Edward Murrow broadcasting from London, are merely annoyed by this country's gratuitous attempt to bring up a religious quarrel with Russia, Britain, and the United States. It says, are trying to stop Hitler.

And then there is at Washington the matter of production management for our defense effort.

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Each day we learn that some vital material for defense is lacking, or soon will be lacking, because some more interested in pushing up prices and making larger profits for industry than he has with getting this country prepared to defend itself. Doesn't the Administration know at this late date in history that there isn't any such thing as a "dollar-a-year" industrialist?

**EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY**  
One final observation to the present. This has to do with a matter fundamental both for democratic aspirations and effective defense of the country. It is the matter of equality of opportunity for citizens of color in the armed services of the United States.

#### Bishop King

The occasion stated that almost to very date 40 years ago the grandfather of the first place winner gave him the letter that secured for him a scholarship at Claflin in the absence of President Randolph, presented to Miss Gloria Blackwell.

Bishop King delivered the coronation address and crowned Miss Gloria Blackwell, Miss South Carolina Conference.

**1,000 See**  
The new library at A. C. meets a long felt need in the life of its students. It is being erected at a cost of \$35,000 exclusively of equipment. It will have two stories and floor space for offices, a lecture hall, and book racks sufficient for 25,000.

**What Is Wrong**  
carry my letter in your columns so that other alumni might answer and state their candid views. I trust you will receive this request in the spirit in which it is made and that other alumni students who are at close range will express themselves freely and, if necessary, confidentially. I am sure that such letters reprinted in your columns will assist us in our investigation and efforts to give our college new life.

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**Weaver Reveals**  
pletion of their courses. It is interesting to note that in connection with this local Urban League maintains a revolving fund, allowing each trainee to borrow \$10 for tool purchase. This is returned to the league when the trainee starts work.

**Brewster Hires 22**  
The Brewster Aeronautical company of Newark has increased its Negro personnel from 6 to 22 of which three are machine operators and five paint sprayers. Ten Negroes are enrolled as sheet metal workers and being trained in the Bloomfield school for immediate employment in the Newark plant.

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on the lists of that office. The Western Electric company of Kearney, N. J., has employed 200 Negroes and is asking for Negro machinists. The Wright Aeronautical company at Cincinnati, has 23 Negroes out of 300 bench hands and plans to increase the Negro personnel to a total of 1,500.

**125 WILL BE HIRED**  
The Kankakee Power plant at Joliet, Ill., has 14 Negroes and will increase this to 125. One of these is in training as a "laundry operator" (a highly specialized department). Upon completion of his training his salary will be \$250 per month. Other workers are receiving from 65 to 72 cents per hour.

The Carbide and Carbon Chemical company at Texas City, Texas, is constructing a new plant with less than 200 men on the payroll. Of this number 12 are Negroes, and it is hoped that the same percentage will be maintained after the plant is in operation.

On the other hand, Dr. Weaver deplors the conditions in Detroit where some 800 Negro trainees will be affected by the mass layoffs in the automobile industry. The same predicament was expected in Buffalo when the Chevrolet plant closed down, but the Negro trainees were so superior to the average worker they were retained, while the older workers were let out.

Once again, Dr. Weaver pointed out the absolute necessity for Negroes to obtain the training necessary to compete with modern labor and industry and then wait for the opportunity, which according to the head of the O. N. Y. is just about to break for Negroes.

#### Churchill Gets

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of America's 13 million Negro citizens in the national life and saying that the succession of discriminatory acts on the part of these British agencies are "building bitter resentment against Great Britain among the main elements of the population of the United States, the five known cases where Negroes were discriminated against were listed.

**ASHE CASE LEADS**  
First was mentioned the refusal of the British Air Commission, Washington, D. C., to accept Charles M. Ashe, fully qualified commercial pilot and instructor, as a ferry pilot solely because of his color. Ashe volunteered for the service and after repeated aviation was told on September 15, by Captain J. D. Mugford of the RAF Ferry Command, British Air Commission, Washington, that no Negro would be accepted for ferrying bombers. Captain Mugford sent Ashe a copy of the minimum requirements for pilots and co-pilots issued by the RAF Ferry Command, the ninth of which reads: "All applicants must be of the white race."

**NEGRO DOCTOR REFUSED**  
Second case of discrimination pointed out to Mr. Churchill was that of Dr. W. King of New York City. In reply to urgent appeals received by the American Red Cross, he was informed by Dr. G. D. Williams, Medical Administrative Assistant of the Red Cross

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in a letter dated May 28: "It is true that only white citizens of the United States are eligible for the Doctors For Britain project. The American Red Cross did not set the standards which are being followed. The American Red Cross is acting upon instructions and cannot deviate from them."

**NO NEGRO BLOOD**  
The NAACP letter continues, "Touching appeals have been made to Americans to contribute their blood banks to be sent to save the lives of men, women and children in Great Britain who, without such aid, would die from grievous wounds inflicted by Nazi bombs. Instructions have come to the United States from Great Britain we are informed, that only 'white' blood is wanted. Does this mean that English men, women and children would prefer dying to living, if the balance in favor of life in non-Aryan blood?"

The fourth of the instances of British race prejudice states that reputable newspapers here have reported that the British Government asked the United States Government to refuse to send any Negroes, regardless of qualifications, to help build naval and air bases in islands of the British West Indies, and that the charge was upheld on the floor of Congress.

The letter noted the denial of the charges by the United States plain facts are that visas are denied by British consulates to highly qualified American Negroes who wish to work in the British Caribbean Islands. Other means, subtle and otherwise, are used to discourage American Negroes from applying for work at these places.

"This is all the more incredible in view of the fact that the Negro population of these islands constitutes from 90 to 95 per cent of the total. Does the British Government bar these American Negroes, the best example of qualified Negroes filling executive and other official positions arouse too great ambition to do likewise on the part of underprivileged Negro British subjects in these islands?"

The NAACP also said that, as far as it is able to learn, every one of the qualified Negro applicants for employment with the British Purchasing Commission at Washington

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No answer has yet been received.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor Lighthouse: With your kindly give me space in your paper to correct an article published October 12, 1941 under "Georgetown News." It is true that Rev. T. O. Mills, now of Beaufort, has been called to the Bethesda Baptist church. With justice to Rev. O. G. Daniels and the officers and members of the above named church it is not true that Rev. Daniels was deposed and ousted from Bethesda because of dispute in the George Thomas case. Your informant stated, which statement we do not like.

Rev. Daniels served as pastor of Bethesda for 16-17 years; he resigned of his own volition. He tendered his resignation Feb. 9, 1941 which took effect May 11, 1941 which is in keeping with the laws of our church. Yours very respectfully, H. McD. Jackson, chairman Board of Deacons, Georgetown, S. C. (Oct. 14th).

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