

SPOTLIGHTING THE WORLD



By Dr. Roy George de Hay

Straws In The Wind

"Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide."

MILLIONS OF WORDS have been written in this election year, yet millions of honest citizens are still in the valley of indecision. I intend to throw some light as to the reason or reasons why so many intelligent people have not been able to appraise the leading candidates for their true worth and the services that they have rendered to their country in the past and present.

Politicians may come and go, but one thing is sure, posterity goes on forever. A true statesman makes provisions for generations yet unborn. Politicians are a notorious crowd that think only in terms of the next election. We will at this time forget the ravings and Quixotic behavior of George C. Wallace and company. We have to think in a more positive vein. You owe it to yourselves and your children to select a man who has proven himself. A man whose program and ideas were anathema with the power structure less than three decades ago.

At that time, it was political hari-kari to advocate and support legislation that would bring the Black citizens of this nation into first-class citizenship. The record is there for everyone to see, no one can dispute it, it is in the archives of the United States Congress.

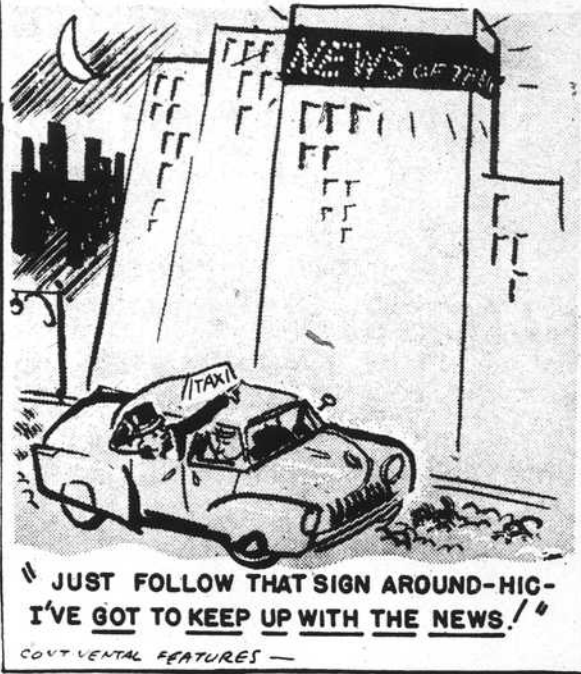
This man of destiny fought long and hard against great odds and personal sacrifices to insure better conditions for the working man, the senior citizen, for public education, for decent housing to people of all races and color, for a strong and prosperous America and, last but not least, to give the Black Americans a tangible stake in the mainstream of American life. These were very revolutionary and this man met with bitter opposition from all quarters.

WHO THEN is this man, where did he come from and what is his background? This man saw his parents shed tears when they were forced to sell their homestead during THE GREAT DEPRESSION that swept the nation in the late twenties. But in spite of many setbacks and vicissitudes, he went on to great heights. First as an educator and college professor, then as mayor of a large mid-western city (Minneapolis, Minnesota). During his tenure as mayor, many drastic changes were initiated that made his city one of the cleanest and most progressive cities in the nation at that time. He sent the vice-lords and racketeers running to distant places, corrupt officials were booted out of office and honest men gave the city good government.

As a congressman and senator, he was without peers, notably so for his humanitarianism and farsightedness. As senator, he brought many progressive and enlightened innovations to that august body of lawmakers. His election as vice-president of the United States gave him an intimate knowledge of the machinery and workings of the executive branch of the government. He has been a very hard-working Veep.

He has traveled extensively to every continent of the globe and met the heads of state of many nations. He has a comprehensive knowledge of worldwide problems and is an expert on domestic issues. THIS MAN IS HUBERT H. HUMPHREY. HE HAS BEEN OUR FRIEND AND IS OUR FRIEND. LET US REWARD HIM FOR HIS MANY SERVICES TO BLACK AMERICA COME NOVEMBER 5 AT THE POLLS. WE CANNOT AND MUST NOT LET HIM DOWN. SO GOES IT. AMEN!

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married the Greek multimillionaire--not for this or that respectable or unrespectable reason--but simply because she fell in love with him?

And is it not her own business why she married him--and not the world's?

A third focus of judgmental concern is Lewis M. Steel, an associate counsel for the NAACP, who was dismissed for writing an article accusing the U.S. Supreme Court of seeming to uphold the Black man's cause, while actually defending the white man's rights.

The article, entitled "Nine Men in Black Who Think White," appeared in the New York Times magazine.

I do not agree with Steel's thesis, but I think it is silly and dangerous of the NAACP to fire an employe whose publicly expressed opinions stir up controversy.

The NAACP's action--which lends credence to the charge that the organization is too circumspect to be of much value to Black Americans--calls into question the association's professed commitment to civil rights, one of which is to express one's mind.

Of course, it might be answered that the NAACP itself has a right to take actions without outside interference. True, but the organization denied a man his job, not for what he did, but for the opinions he expressed. It would have been different had the NAACP only disputed his views.

The Black athletes, Mr. and Mrs. Onassis, and Steel--all took actions which they had every right to take.

It does not serve the cause of propriety to condemn them for expressing themselves. Such condemnation merely makes propriety an oppressive force and legitimizes the charge that good taste is only a coverup for puritanical tyranny.

No, good taste would say, "To each his own," and recognize every man's inalienable right to his own pursuit of happiness.

And propriety would add: "To pass judgment on another person is to outdo him at whatever he may be doing wrong."

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