

## Letters to the Editor

### IRAQ

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 large-scale conflict. That may well not be enough to get concerned about. But how much conflict will be enough to make our silent acquiescence speak? Chemical warfare, ideologically and religiously dogmatic attitudes, on both sides, promise a showdown of, quite possibly, unlimited size. How much is enough when tens of thousands of lives are at stake? Granted, Hussein cannot be allowed to wreak worldwide havoc with oil supply (to say nothing of our economy: he must delight in the fact that every time he speaks Wall Street obediently cowers) — but would we care so much if it didn't affect gas prices? And, since it does affect them — what about that suddenly makes loss of life an acceptable risk? How many lives buy a tank of gas today? Think of your car ignition as a trigger and the fuel gauge as a body count.

I don't have the key for avoiding war — only a desperate hope that someone reads this who does. There are many of us who don't want armed conflict — but the tide is over our heads, and

we're not even trying to swim against it. Can we find a starting point? Is there not an action, an action befitting our commitment to peace, which can at least stand

### REV.

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 as visiting instructor at Emory University's School of Theology and has been named Citizen of the Year on two occasions. He's a strong family man, married to Evelyn Gibson Lowery and they have three daughters. The Lowery's are grand-parents to five children.

Lowery's genesis as a national leader started in the 1950's when he led the civil rights movement in Mobile, Alabama. As a result of his efforts he became one of four ministers sued by state officials for \$3 million dollars. His property was seized to satisfy judgements rendered by the Alabama courts. Then later, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the Alabama court's decision in a landmark ruling on libel. The vindicated ministers, Dr. Ralph Abernathy, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, Rev. Solomon

in the face of total acquiescence to armed conflict? Are we, who hate war, waiting for war to happen before we decide to act? And how much war are we waiting for? Is this an issue where we judge the action we will take in terms of the degree of world-

wide risk when two inflexible foes are determined to fight?

There is an issue here which might actually be greater than whether Iraq or the U.S. is "right" — peace. If there is conflict — and it will be vicious — years from now, the world will look

back and ask "Whose fault was it?" They will see Iraq, the U.S. and the rest of the world, certainly. They will also see the group who long stood against war and for peace, and see they did nothing. Why not do something? This issue is too large for

mere righteous condemnation. Perhaps this is a doomed plea for ideas, a lame call for action headed for insignificant failure. But, with what's at stake, can we afford not to at least fail?

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Seay, and Lowery were part of the historic Sullivan vs. New York

Times decision which is a guidepost is libel cases today.

### JAPAN

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Behind the stereotypical cruel, inscrutable mask depicted in our World War II posters, lies the true Japanese persona. It is an enigma, a puzzle within a puzzle, created out of centuries old man-worship, the idolization of emperors living and dead, derisive of Western civilization, and yes, jealous and disdainful of most of his Eastern brothers. A great many of these believers in divine inheritance are a uniquely queer but dangerous lot.

In summary, the essence of the character of a majority of the Japanese seems to be a complex of rigidly disciplined prejudices built on an old base of banzai Dai Nippon obsession, fanatical and extremely obscene, all of this fueled by the lurking shadow of the past: the proud, brutal spirit of the Samurai.

I have before me a magazine which I believe exposes the Japanese psyche, a cunning ability to suit the propaganda to both goals and the occasion. You note as above, that the good Minister portrayed blacks and prostitutes as villains. In 1933, a Japanese naval officer novelist wrote that a black steward on the U.S.S. Oklahoma blew the ship up in the locks of the Panama Canal which precipitated the invasion of Pearl Harbor, and the complete destruction of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Why? Because of his hatred of whites! Villain one day, hero the next!!

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In Nashville, Tennessee, Lowery led a group which spearheaded the desegregation of restaurants and hotels in 1963-64. In Birmingham, Alabama, he served as President of the Ministerial Alliance and led the struggle for Black police officers and gainful employment in local businesses. In 1967 he became the first Black president of the Birmingham Office of Economic Opportunity Community Action Agency.

A native of Alabama, Lowery studied at Knoxville College, Payne College and Wayne University. He also studied at Payne Theological Seminary and Chicago Ecumenical Institute. He holds A.B., B.D., and L.L.D. degrees. He recently received honorary doctoral degrees from Dillard University, Morehouse College, Miles' College and Atlanta University.

## WILLIS

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sioned that Mister Rogers would ever be used in the most vicious, mean-spirited, despicable way possible — and by the Klu Klux Klan? That's exactly what happened when recently the Missouri Knights of the KKK used a Mister Rogers-like voice imitating the children's TV show on racist telephone recordings.

On the recordings, a man imitating Rogers makes racist and threatening remarks against Blacks. Apparently those involved with this scheme felt that if Mister Rogers was so impressive with children, they could imitate him to sell their own product — racial hatred. Brilliant idea! Huh?

Think about it. Someone purposely disguises their voice

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# The Corporate Income Tax adds up to more money out of your pocket

QUESTION  
**6**



## The Truth about Question 6.

- It will **raise your cost** for utilities, gas, food and all goods and services.
- Question 6 will **devastate** our economic development and diversification.
- It **jeopardizes** our jobs, wages and benefits.
- Even the educators, who once backed passage, **have withdrawn** their support.
- It will **impose** one of the highest corporate income taxes in America.
- It's **discriminatory**...it affects only one segment of the business community.



**Everyone Agrees.**

**Just Say No  
 To Question 6.**

