

Who Among Us Would Be Content?

The Negro baby born in America today, regardless of the section of the nation in which he is born, has about one-half as much chance of completing high school as a white baby born in the same place on the same day, one-third as much chance of completing college, one-third as much chance of becoming a professional man, twice as much chance of becoming unemployed, about one-seventh as much chance of earning \$10,000 a year, a life expectancy which is seven years shorter, and the prospects of earning only half as much.

If an American, because his skin is dark, cannot eat lunch in a restaurant open to the public, if he cannot send his children to the best public school available, if he cannot vote for the public officials who represent him, if, in short, he cannot enjoy the full and free life which all of us want, then who among us would be content to have the color of his skin changed and stand in his place?

Who among us would then be content with the counsels of patience and delay? One hundred years of delay have passed since President Lincoln freed the slaves. Yet their heirs, their grandsons are not fully free.

They are not yet freed from the bonds of injustice. They are not yet freed from social and economic oppression, and this nation, for all its hopes and all its boasts, will not be fully free until all its citizens are free.

Now the time has come for this nation to fulfil its promise.

President John F. Kennedy

THE TIME IS NOW!
"When you take a cross

country drive and find it necessary to sleep night after night in the uncomfortable corners of your automobile because no motel will accept you; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading 'white' and 'colored'; when your first name becomes 'nigger' and your middle name becomes 'boy' (however old you are) and your last name becomes 'John,' and when your wife and mother are never given the respected title 'Mrs.'; when you are harried by day and haunted by night by the fact that you are a Negro, living constantly at tip-toe stance, never quite knowing what to expect next, and plagued with inner fears and outer resentments; when you are forever fighting a degenerating sense of 'nobodiness'; — then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait.

We're through with tokenism and gradualism and see-how-far-you've-comeism. We're through with we've-done-more-for-your-people-than-any-one-elseism.

We can't wait any longer now is the time . . . We will turn America upside down in order that it turn right side up.

Martin Luther King.

In the past 56 years mortality from tuberculosis has declined from 199 to 8 per 100,000 population, according to Health Information Foundation. While this is remarkable progress, the Foundation notes, tuberculosis is still a great health problem, with 100,000 new cases reported in the United States.

Truth has only to change hands a few times to become fiction.

LONDON NOTES...

The annual service of the Missionary Society of Beth-emanual Church held Nov. 21 was a great success. Guest speaker was Mrs. May Who spoke on her travels and customs of the people in Portugal, Spain and Morocco and the needed work for missionaries to do there. Music was supplied by the Oneida United Church Indian Choir. Mrs. George Livingstone from Toronto, Ontario, gave a splendid talk on the United Nations and the work the women did in it to assist bringing different nationalities together. She also gave a reading by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, "The Negro Soldier." Mrs. H. Stevens led in prayer. Mrs. Myrtle Mallot read the scripture lesson. Mrs. G. Johnson thanked the visitors and co-workers in making the service a success.

Luncheon was served in the Sunday School room.

On Thursday, Dec. 12 the Missionaries held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. G. Johnson. The table was decorated with white lace cloth adorned with tapering red candles and poinsettias. The guests partook of the smorgasbord luncheon. Mrs. A. Hill and Mrs. N. Clinton assisted the hostess with the luncheon. Mrs. C. Howson poured the tea. Games and Christmas carols were sung and Christmas gifts exchanged.

On Dec. 21 the Women's Hush Puppies Bowling League will hold their Christmas party at the Armouries. Music will be supplied by the Laur-entians.

On Monday evening, Dec. 23, the B.M.E. Church will hold their Christmas program.

Saturday evening, Dec. 28, the Community Family Club will hold a Christmas party for some 80 children at Beth-emanual Church at 7 o'clock. Gifts and treats will be in store for all. Also fruit and flowers will be sent to the shut-ins.

We are sorry to report Mr. J. Hill is quite ill in Victoria Hospital.

Mrs. Doreen Duant is able to be about again after a serious operation.

Rev. O. Garryon from North Ruxton, a former pastor, is quite ill in Chatham Hospital.

Miss Mildred Smith in Woodstock, has been moved from the Brantford Hospital to her home in Woodstock.

Rev. L. H. Edwards is reported quite ill in the Windsor General Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jen-

kins spent two weeks holidays visiting Mrs. Jenkins' family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Livingstone and daughters visited their mother and family, Mrs. C. Howson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. Howson, a son, David Franklin. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Dundas Centre United Church was the setting as Dolores Ann Highgate, became the bride of Garnet James Brooks, both of Toronto. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William James Highgate, Wallaceburg, and the groom is the son of James J. Brooks, London, and the late Mrs. Brooks. Rev. Benjamin Hoader officiated. The couple will reside in Toronto.

Declining mortality from tuberculosis since 1900 has had its greatest impact among young adults (ages 15-44) in the peak income and childbearing years, according to Health Information Foundation. The highest mortality from this disease now occurs in the upper age grades among those over 65.

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