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Human Relations

November 19, 1968

Dr. Herbert H. Blumberg
Assistant Professor of Psychology
Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Blumberg:

In the absence of Governor Moore from the State I am taking this opportunity to acknowledge your letter relative to the use of chemicals in the Hyde County situation.

In the situation in Hyde County a minimum of police force was used, and then only when considered to be necessary to protect lives and property. Chemicals have been used only when absolutely necessary. And these chemicals did not cause harmful effects to individuals and were probably less harmful than physical force would have been.

Parts of the report made to the Governor on the situation may be of interest to you. It states:

"At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 1968, about 150 Negroes assembled at the Welfare Office (which is an old two-story house located two or three blocks east of the courthouse) in protest of a letter that had been mailed by order of the State Welfare Office. Sergeant Charles Smith received a call for Patrol assistance from Sheriff Charles Cahoon at 12:40 p.m. He arrived at 1:20 p.m. and assisted the sheriff in making several requests that the approximately 100 Negroes which were inside the Welfare Building to vacate. After these several requests by Mr. Bill Miller, Welfare Director, Sheriff Cahoon and Sergeant Smith, the Negroes locked themselves into the building. One of the county deputies broke the glass section of the storm door and threw three cannisters of tear gas in the building. Sergeant Smith used Chemical MACE by spraying through this broken window on some subjects that were attempting to pick up the gas cannisters and throw them back out. The crowd was dispersed from the building in short order.

"The crowd milled around outside with several attempting to re-enter the building. Sergeant Smith and Trooper Oders Boyd assisted the Sheriff's Department in preventing re-entry by blocking the door. There was no physical contacts by any of the officers and no arrests were made."

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles Dunn
Assistant to the Governor

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RALEIGH NCAR

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR DISMAY OVER THE INHUMAN TREATMENT SHOWN THE CHILDREN IN HYDE COUNTY. WHEN THEY WERE GASED BY THE HWY PATROLMAN AND SHERIFF OF HYDE COUNTY. PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

RAY THOMPSON FOR THE GENEVA ADULT CLASS COVENAT UNITED PRES. CHURCH LINCOLN AND MASSEY STS DURHAM NC

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November 13, 1968

Mr. Ray Thompson
Geneva Adult Class
United Presbyterian Church
Lincoln and Massey Streets
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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Sincerely,

Charles Dunn
Assistant to the Governor

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Herman Relations
November 12, 1968

Dear Sir,

Sick to protest the outrageous treatment accorded the Negro students in the Hyde County Courthouse as reported in the enclosed account of same in the N.Y. Times.

I could not help being reminded of the Nazis herding people into rooms to be gassed. When police, however, merely they are harassed, resort to this type of treatment they only inflame, outrage and

further diminish respect for proper authority.

Kindly put a stop to this barbarity.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Hugh Kelly

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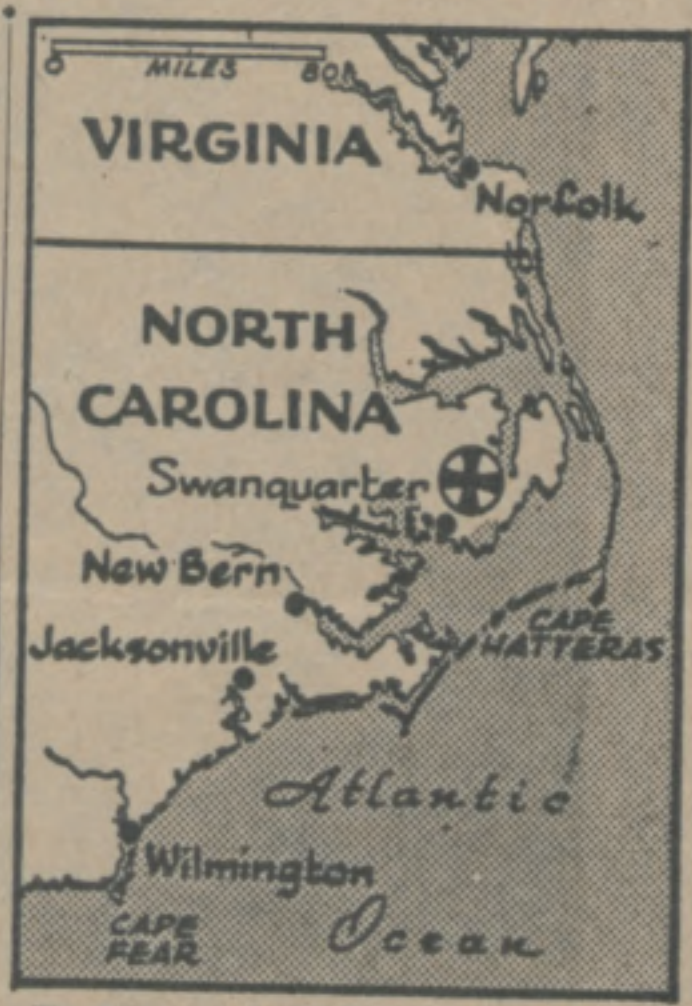
Police Throw Smoke Grenades Among Negro Pupils in Carolina

Courthouse Door Was Shut on Protesters — Girl, 17, Jumps From Window



The New York Times Nov. 12, 1968

SWANQUARTER, N. C., Nov. 11 (UPI)—Twenty chanting Negro students marched into a room of the Hyde County courthouse today to protest a cut in welfare payments, and the police hurled smoke grenades inside and slammed the door shut.

A 17-year-old girl leaped from a window of the second-floor room before the police reopened the door and allowed the high school students to rejoin a crowd of 130 other Negro students screaming and chanting in front of the building.

Five persons were arrested before the demonstration broke up after dark.

The protesters, most of them high school students, said they would return to the two-story courthouse tomorrow morning. Sheriff Charlie Cahoon said more highway patrolmen were being brought in to join a dozen who came to this town of 400 during today's demonstration.

The 150 Negroes arrived at the courthouse for a demonstration aimed, they said, at a county Welfare Department decision to cut payments to families participating in a Negro boycott of schools. The boycott began several weeks ago when Negroes demanded that integration be achieved by sending whites to Negro schools as well as by sending Negroes to formerly all-white schools.

As the crowd of 150 sang and chanted, 20 youths marched into the two-story courthouse, the only county building open on Veterans Day. Sheriff Cahoon and three highway patrolmen, all wearing gas masks, followed them in. When the students marched into an open room, Sheriff Cahoon and the patrolmen threw smoke grenades in and slammed the door shut.

After 17-year-old Mamie Harris leaped from the window and was taken away in an ambulance, the door was reopened and the coughing youths rejoined the larger body.

"We ought to tear this place down," shouted Jimmy Johnson, 17, a leader of the Martin Luther King Nonviolent Crusade.

Then the crowd began marching to a Negro high school, using the left side of the highway. One youth strayed over the center line and was seized by a highway patrolman. He was accused of "impeding traffic" and taken to a patrol car.

The crowd rushed the patrol car and four more youths were arrested on the same charge and taken to the courthouse.

A similar demonstration on Friday had a similar result. A girl leaped out a window during that demonstration, too.

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GOVERNOR DAN K MOORE, GOVERNORS MANSON
RALIEGH NCAR
AS CITIZENS CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING HUMAN RELATIONS IN THIS STATE WE ARE DEEPLY DISGUSTED ABOUT YESTERDAY INCIDENT AT SWANN QUARTER THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE SO FAR TO US SUGGEST THAT THE NEGRO SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HYDE WERE ENGAGED IN PEACEFUL PROTEST WHEN THEY WERE SUBJECT TO TEAR GAS AND SMOKE BOMBS BY STATE PATROLMAN AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND THEN WERE LOCKED IN THE POISON FILLED ROOM. IF THIS IS WHAT HAPPEN IT IS CLEARLY INHUMAN WE URGE A FULL INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT
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Human Relations

November 13, 1968

Mr. J. J. Blum, Vice President
Durham Council on Human Relations
2525 Perkins Road
Durham, North Carolina

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GOVERNOR DAN K MOORE

THE CAPITOL RALEIGH NCAR

WE THE MEMBERS OF THE 159TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES, GATHERED IN GREENSBORO NORTH CAROLINA FROM ALL PARTS OF THE NATION, DEPLORE THE CONDITIONS IN OUR NATIONS AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHICH GIVE RISE TO ALIENATION BETWEEN PEOPLE AND FERMENT RACIAL ANTAGONISMS. NOTING THE NEWS ON THE SWAN QUARTER, NORTH CAROLINA, SITUATION, WE URGE THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE GRIEVENCES EXPRESSED BY THE BLACK STUDENTS IN REGARD TO THE DESEGREGATION PLAN, KEEPING IN MIND THAT GENUINE DESEGREGATION WITH EQUALITY MUST BE A TWO-WAY PROCESS.

WE DEPLORE THE UNNECESSARY USE OF TEAR GAS: AND THAT THE POSITION THAT RECONCILATION IS MORE LIKELY TO RESULT FROM SYMPATHETIC

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AND JUST MEASURES THAN FROM REPRESSIVE AND FORCEFUL ACTIONS.

WHILE THIS SITUATION IS OF PECULIAR IMPORTANCE TO SWAN QUARTER, NORTH CAROLINA, WE NEVERTHELESS SEE IT AS A REPRESENTATIION OF CURRENT NATIONAL TENSIONS, THE RESOLUTION OF WHICH WILL IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY DETERMINE THE COURSE OUR NATION WILL TAKE IN EFFORTS TOWARD RECONCILATION.

SUCH INCIDENTS NOT ONLY AFFECT OUR NATIONAL UNITY IN A CRITICAL PERIOD OF OUR HISTORY BUT ALSO AFFECT OUR IMMAGE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD.

DR. ELMER L SEVERINGHAUS PRESIDENT UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES ON BEHALF OF ALL CORPORATE MEMBERS.

Greensboro

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Dr. Elmer L. Severinghaus, President
United Church Board for World Ministries
Greensboro, North Carolina

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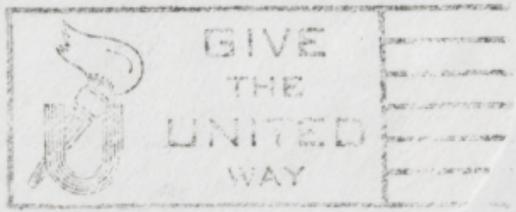

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DAN K. MOORE
GOVERNOR

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MR DAN K MOORE GOVERNOR STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH NCAR

DURHAM BRANCH NAACP VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THE ACTION OF THE SHERIFFS DEPT, POLICE AND HIGHWAY PATROLMEN IN SUSPRESSING CONSTITUTIONAL PROTESTS BY STUDENTS IN HYDE COUNTY AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST A NEEDED INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED HAVE BEEN VIOLATED UNDER STATE LAW.

REV. ALEXANDER B. MOSELEY

(1046).

1015 Elis Ave
Durham

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You told me to put these wires back on your desk so that you could show the Governor when he returns. Do you want me to send to Rachel to hold for him? yes yes again!

Gt. Davis
11-25-68

-- you haven't seen this one - came in today-
Thursday.

Human Relations

November 13, 1968

Mr. Alexander B. Moseley
Durham Branch NAACP
1015 Elizabeth Avenue
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Moseley:

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Rt. 2. Box 119
Cleveland, N.C.
Nov. 15, 1968

Dear Gov. Moore:

You were being quoted in the radio News yesterday (Nov. 14, 1968) as saying that you were sending a representive to Swanquarter, N.C. to get the children out of jails and back in school. Please study the enclosed picture: they don't look like children as such, and aren't Parents still responsible for their children? I would suggest that the Parents be held responsible for letting their children run wild.

Respectfully,

W. J. Myers

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Herman Relation

November 19, 1968

Mr. W. J. Myers
Route 2, Box 119
Cleveland, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Myers:

Governor Moore is out of the State at the present time and I am taking this opportunity to acknowledge your letter. It will be shown to the Governor upon his return.

The quote you referred to in the newspaper was not what I said. I emphasized that my purpose in going to Swan Quarter was to get the children back in school and to try to keep them out of jail. I agree with you that parents do have the responsibility in this regard and my efforts in Swan Quarter were largely with parents, but unfortunately my success was limited. While we did get some discussions going, the problems there remain. We are continuing to work on the situation, however, and hopefully it will soon be satisfactorily resolved.

Sincerely,

Charles Dunn
Assistant to the Governor

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DAN K. MOORE
GOVERNOR

Human Relations

P. O. Box 6143, Milan Station
Norfolk, Virginia 23508
November 28, 1968

Mr. Joshua B. Zatman, Director
Information Division
Office of Civil Rights
Health, Education and Welfare Dept.

Dear Mr. Zatman:

As you know, we have recently had some correspondence about Civil Rights matters, but not directly relative to the Swanquarter, N. C. school situation now claiming widespread attention in Eastern Carolina and Virginia.

This is of special interest to me, as a former resident of North Carolina. While not a former resident of the Eastern area of the state, I am closer now to the Swanquarter area than ever before. Right at this very moment Rev. Abernathy, of the Southern Christian movement is there roughing it up and preparing to give all the trouble he can. Of course, if the appropriate office of your department had left the matter, as it should have been, to the local school officials, there would have been no trouble. But our government can't stay out of matters where "angels fear to tread."

When any or all such matters come to my mind, I must always think back to the first and fundamental causes of the troubles in our schools ever since May 17, 1954, when the great Justice Warren handed down the most famous Civil Rights decision for the Supreme Court. For him to come in shortly prior to that decision and to have unanimous backing from the Court in said decision, despite the many differences of opinion throughout the country at the time, was convincing to me that there was a certain minority group back of it all with power to overcome our government and enforce whatever they willed, despite the conscientious feeling of the vast majority of the people. We don't have to cite what has happened, and is still happening, since.

While we certainly have the right to criticize, it is better to have greater pity for those, it seems, who conscientiously feel they should mix and forge the two races to the ultimate extinction of either and the amalgamationoof both. To those who openly urge integration in our schools, mixing socially and morally as they must, contending there is no harm to either race, but will not send their own children to mixed schools or mix as they urge others to do, it must be said they are guilty of the rankest deceit. Those accused of bigotry and prejudice, are better, because they are just what they are; they don't wear two faces.

Your Department should settle the Swanquarter matter as the

good people there feel it ought to be.

Personally, I long to see the day when we can get back to education again, because it is indisputable that this generation will be the least educated over the past 50 or more years. In my last College teaching experience, before interference in the schools by the Supreme Court and the Federal administration, the education of Freshmenrentering College then was bad enough. My observation and what I hear now convinces me that the poor kids today can't write, spell not think straight on most ordinary matters.

It would have been far better for the Supreme Court to have said the races are equal and stopped there, leaving all matters as to races, schools, opportunities and what have you, to the states to work out on an equal basis. Whatever we may think or say, matters could never have been worse. Theremwould have been more and better education, and integration could not have been less. Government interference has created, ill feeling, prejudice and a general standoff both as to whites and blacks, that never would have occurred.

Very truly yours,

Fred F. Myrick

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