THE RELIGIOUS PAGE

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THE MINISTERS AND THE NEGRO BUSINESS MAN

Your pastors are concerned about many things in this fight for freedom. Among our concerns is the plight of the Negro business man. We are planning to try to arrange a meeting, wherein our men in business will meet with the ministers.

We feel that we have mutual interests, and common problems, and if we are able to arrange a conference, we may explore our aims, correlate our methods and work together to help each other and our total community.

We, as ministers, have seen publications and records in other cities wherein pastors and businessmen have been able to work together on certain civic problems. This helps to build a better working force in our efforts to gain full freedom. Also it may be very helpful to unite our people in some common force.

We are hoping for a good response to this idea, and we assure our businessmen that we have no desire to try to tell them how to run their business or to dictate or criticize any of their policies.

As a postscript, we might add that we have the utmost admiration for our men in business. Most of them are a group of courageous men and women who are trying to make a decent living and are sterling citizens. We are also aware of the great

newsworthy items are complimentary, others are not, but the fact remains that our people in some way should know the facts. We need a newspaper in our efforts to unite our group in our struggle for freedom.

THE ILLINOIS TIMES can be that voice, that printed page, that newspaper we need so desperately. The success of such an effort depends upon the populace. We should make it what we want it to be and support it with paid subscription.

The Pastors' Alliance, in full accord, and with the cooperation of the editor, are planning a campaign in all our cooperating churches, to get each of our families to pay for a subscription to the ILLINOIS TIMES.

We hope to increase the local circulation to the extent that it will cover our group. This program is also related to our effort to unite our people in a common effort. By our publication of pertinent facts, plans and programs, we hope to better unite our group, for somehow, we must have unity in our efforts.

Many of our friends have expressed their admiration for such a move as this and they also are ready to help contribute worthwhile articles for publication and help to increase the circulation, that many of our friends may know of our problems, our struggles and our achievements.

THE MINISTERS' NOTE TO OUR CITIZENS

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THE SERMON

PROVERBS 29:18

Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

The word vision in this scripture implies to have the future need of the people revealed to the person responsible for the welfare of the group.

The question here is, "Can a person make the progress without the revelation of the need of the group to some one person of the group that he might direct the energies of the people in a particular direction?"

In this text the writer is saying to us "there must be someone to see or have knowledge of the future, and channel the conduct of the group in that direction."

Therefore the activator and the group must be concerned in surviving beyond the past and present to become active in the contents of the vision.

The question here is have we received less that our share of the present because of the need of vision then if we have run with footmen in the land of peace, and they weary us; How then can we keep step with horsemen? If we can keep step with them! What about the swelling of the Jordan or the swelling tide feeling against us?

If we do not follow the vision, shall we perish in the land of plenty for the need of the ability to become united in our effort to ask for our share of the present and future of what is in the land of plenty?

To perish in one sense means to have no value or worth in the scheme of things. Do you believe that the Negro in this community has no value in buying power nor in the total economy of the world and in this community? If so where is your vision to see and to follow those with vision because the vision contin-

greater area of peace and prosperity (40 years) because of the vision; and today we do not receive our share because we do not follow the vision nor those with insight of what and how to reach the objective.

The thought is do you want to perish or follow the vision and the person with the vision? Because God doesn't give the vision to the group; only to the leader of the group. Therefore no person can progress without following the leader.

Then we must realize the vision of no value to us if we can not and do not follow the leader into the contents of it.

In this can we say that God made an error to give the vision to some person because we are not willing to pay the price of the progressive vision?

The question here is, "what will you do?" The leadership is here with the vision from God, and the need to follow the good is within our reach but, "will we fail to achieve it because of apathy?" Let us arise and follow the vision by following the leader.

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HOW BRAVE NEGRO LAD, 15, "BUCKS" CONGRESS

A noteworthy exception to people who believe that "you can't fight city hall" is James A. Johnson, a 15-year-old Negro boy from Chicago, who has taken it upon himself to "buck" the entire U.S. Congress. In its May issue, EBONY Magazine tells the heart-rending story of this courageous, clean-cut teen-ager and his quiet struggle in Washington, D.C., for an appointment as Capitol Page, which race-conscious southern legislators are opposing. Entitled "Loneliest Boy On Capitol Hill," the article shows how Jimmy's quiet determination, displayed while working hard as a Capitol messenger, is beginning to