

CALVIN'S DIGEST

"STRIKE THE FIRST BLOW"

"He who would be free must himself strike the first blow."

Frederick Douglass, John Brown, and Abraham Lincoln believed that freedom was something that had to be fought for. Such an obvious truth, easily demonstrated in every department of our personal lives, seems rather foreign to millions of Negroes and some of their leaders who always cry, "The time is not right, we must not give offense to anyone . . . blah, blah, bah."

The peaceful Chinese used to say "Walk softly, go far," but when the Japs barged in on them with hell fire, the Chinese switched to the tart Yankee phrase that the winner 'git thar the fastest wid de mostest!"

To be a winner the Negro must start getting there first with the most of everything that will insure victory. Methinks it shall require more than loud notes or the rams horns of protest to bring stumbling down the Jericho walls of prejudice.

WE GOTTA GET SMART

Someone should set themselves the task of research into the various techniques, tricks and strategy of interracial relations as it applies to obviating, combating and destroying racial prejudice and discrimination. After this vital information is collected it should be bound and published, and distributed among ALL the Negro leaders, misleaders and m- too's.

Furthermore, I think that such a volume should also contain special chapters for the guidance of that small army of white folks who work and fight for our freedom and happiness with as more fervor and sincerity than do many Negroes. They open many doors to us which would otherwise prove blind alleys.

We must break the silence but effective conspiracy against us on the part of editors of newspapers, magazines, so-called comic sheets, advertising agencies, news syndicates, the radio and the movies. This conspiracy centers around keeping alive a certain type, the slave type of Negro as typical of the entire race.

They keep trying to bury the new Negro."

IMAGINATION IS REQUIRED

Our various leaders should strive to the very limits of creative imagination and resourcefulness in meeting the problem, then, eschewing all selfish "credit" and aggrandisement, draw the battle lines on three main "fronts", namely, (1) goodwill, (2) white and black children, (3) the use of force and pressure were justified.

Interracial committees and what-nots which appease the dilettante and the elite, and some of the strong doers, are doing only a mere mite of the goodwill good which would be possible with a more vigorous and realistic program, nationwide.

But, ah, the children! Here is where the greatest and most effective work should be done, because race prejudice is both absent and unnatural children—it's

seeds. There is needed, therefore, whoplant the hateful force, an ever broadening program of education and interracial association among the children, unspotted by adult minds.

FORCE is required to TAKE living space, bread, and beauty after all other means have failed. Force, not blind or baltsh, but the divine sight of righteous indignation against injustice, this must blast the stifling stigma! Passive resistance is good in some quarters, but the concentrated wrath of mass pressure strikes the most telling blows . . . In unions there is power!