

## 'Uncle Tom,' '63 Model

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Older and wiser heads among the Negro leaders of this country who call on their people for sanity and restraint are now denounced as "Uncle Toms." Such is the atmosphere whipped up by Dr. Martin Luther King, the self-proclaimed believer in "non-violence," who leads hordes of school children and others in defying city ordinances — thus, inevitably, provoking violence.

In Nashville and other cities this approach, which "worked" in Birmingham, has "caught on" with other Negro groups and the non-violent Dr. King is risking the worst interracial violence of modern times.

The genuine grievances which the Negroes have in Birmingham and elsewhere will not be corrected by such methods.

"Uncle Tom" has become the most terrible epithet in the Negro lexicon, and Professors Rayford W. Logan and Sterling Brown of Howard University, crusaders for Negro rights before Martin Luther King was born, are among those who now are stigmatized in this way.

These two veteran Negro leaders called for a measure of restraint when interviewed the other day by Robert S. Bird of the New York Herald Tribune as part of a remarkable series published in that paper recently on the U. S. race problem. Dr. Brown and Dr. Logan, both Phi Beta Kappa graduates of

Williams and Harvard, pointed out that the supposed "new Negro" of today is no different from the one of four decades ago, and that "the times" rather than the Negro, have changed.

Dr. Logan said his criticism of the Angry Young Men of today is that they expect their grievances to be rectified overnight. He added: "When they say, 'We want it now,' that's nonsense, for they're not going to get it now."

And Dr. Brown commented:

Dr. King can't say to the public that these things will come later. You see, he's engaged in demagoguery in a good cause—he's not a social scientist. And, to get all those people stirred up, he can't go telling them that "time will take care of these things." He's got to keep them feeling this sense of urgency.

An alarming point made by Dr. Brown is that when the Negroes find out that Dr. King can't deliver these overnight changes he is promising, they will "become desperate and run to the Black Muslims."

And, of course, the colored people who have been whipped into a frenzy by the non-violent Dr. King, are denouncing Drs. Brown and Logan as men who are out of tune with the modern age, and the aspirations of the "new Negro."

A 1931 graduate of Howard University named M. Harris writes the Herald Tribune concerning Professors Logan and Brown, as follows:

I am just a little younger than those two men in years. I differ in being decades younger in spirit . . . I think they are "Uncle Toms" in cap and gown, just two tired old men.

Such are the rewards of truth-telling.

### Tactful

"Daddy, what is diplomacy?"

"Diplomacy, Junior, is saying 'Nice doggie' while you look around for a rock."

### Thought For Today

Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. — Romans 12:21.



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