

Public Pulse

"The Christian Way"

Editor of the Daily News:

Where is understanding?

The newcomer to Greensboro who wrote the letter in the Feb. 8 Public Pulse expressed many noble principles which I admire and believe to be truths. But nowhere in this letter can I find the principle of understanding.

The writer of the second letter expressing her pride in being a Negro, and dwelling upon the acts of discrimination against the Negro race, has also brought out many good points, and of course there are many that are right and just. But here again understanding is completely lacking.

Though it may be true that the Negro students who are participating in this provocative stunt are both educated and intelligent, they are not trying to solve this problem in a Christian way. Can there be Christianity where there is no understanding?

The white people involved in objecting to the total integration of eating places are people who were born and lived all their lives in a community where it was not only lawful but considered right and just to live segregated from the Negro.

They are as sincere in their desire to remain segregated as the Negroes are in their desire for integration. They are both highly prejudiced in their views, and both have what they consider right and just arguments for their points of view. Neither is trying very hard to understand the other's feelings in this matter.

There are many things that can and should be done—things that

will not please the extremists on either side. But if we work hard in an effort to understand the difficulty all of us have in changing our thinking or living habits, and lay aside all our provocative and hate-building actions, then we will indeed solve our problems the Christian way.

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