

Public Pulse

What's The Solution?

Editor of the Daily News:

Have you ever realized that God himself was the one who originated and segregated the different races? At the Tower of Babel, which they were building as a way of escape because they did not believe His promise that there would not be another flood, God in His wisdom confounded and scattered them. We today must learn that it is utter folly to go contrary to God's laws and promises.

In Daniel 2 is traced the history of the world from the time of Babylon until our day. We are living in the time of the feet of iron and clay. Each successive kingdom was overthrown as prophesied. Wars, intermarriage of royalty and dictators have failed in their plans to unite the people. Verse 43 gives a seven-word phrase which forever spells doom to any such plans: "They shall not cleave one to another."

Integration is the form the devil is using today. Tolerance is one thing, but "they shall not cleave" (or mix) stands as God's word. Shall we, like those at Babel, doubt God and try to make our own way work? God forbid!

It boils down then to the question of rights. Just what are rights? I think if we can find the answer there our problem would be partially solved. Some confuse "feelings" with "rights." My neighbor, for example, may have a nice car—just what I would want. My feelings say, "I would like that car." But does that give me the right to go and claim it? No! With any "rights" comes a responsibility. It would be my responsibility to make plans and provide a car for myself.

As for the particular problem that has hit our city and state, I have this observation: No one denies the fact that the Negro gets tired and hungry. But are they relying on "feelings" or "rights" when they make demands such as they have made? Their feelings tell them they are tired and hungry and, even though they do shop at other places in the stores, do they have the right to demand a change of policy from that store, especially without proper petition to the management? I say, "No."

Rights are fast being taken from us because of this, but the businesses still have the right to operate as they see fit. And I trust they will not bow to the feelings of this group. They have made it known there is no compromise. Let them bear the responsibility of providing a suitable luncheon place in the downtown area "unto themselves."

As a last resort, the City Council should strengthen the protection provided by existing laws and make it a misdemeanor for any individual or group to incite or participate in sit-downs or in

any other way to disrupt the process of business carried on in the establishment.

When we realize that every feeling is not a right and bear the responsibilities incurred by those rights, we will have the solution to our problem.

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