

# Public Pulse

## A Christian Movement?

Editor of the Daily News:

For the lack of space this writer will not comment upon the rights or wrongs of the custom of separate eating places for Negroes and whites; neither will I uphold methods used by some who are trying to defend this custom. My concern is the practice of labeling those movements to change this custom, "a Christian movement."

The Bible teaches one that this movement cannot be rightly called Christian or Christlike. First, Christ never sanctioned the sin of covetousness, wanting and demanding that which you have not earned. These movements are backed by those who will not build from the bottom up, but who must take over that which the white man had already established for his own needs. They are not building swimming pools, golf courses or eating places for their people, but demanding those already established.

Second, these movements are selfish, without concern for others, for their attitude is, if we can't swim, play golf or eat beside a white person, we'll see that they don't swim, play golf or eat either. Compare this attitude with the teaching of Christ concerning the "ambitious guest" as recorded in Luke 14:8-14.

One spokesman for the Negroes stated that the Negro ministers of Durham were supporting these movements. I know their sym-

pathy is with their people and should be. However, they should be leading in a movement that could honor Christ instead of lending support to a group who can only rise by pushing someone else down.

God has always heard and considered the prayers of His people, and if those prayers are according to His will and purpose, God answers them in His way and time, and in a way to honor Jesus Christ. Could these who claim to head this so-called Christian movement, trust, believe and depend on God to handle this matter in His own way and in His own time? A Christian could.

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