

# Pressure and Prejudice

Impatience is a quality which can be fully shared by both races. No barriers of separation keep it from white or Negro. Indeed, one racial group is too apt to give it to another.

Any thoughtful white person should be able to understand, even if he does not approve, the impatience of American Negroes with the slow, faltering, reluctant pace at which reality has been given to the American doctrine of equality. Yet there can be a natural white impatience, too, which could stiffen prejudices. And the reduction of prejudices is as essential to Negro advance as the force and effect of law.

This was emphasized on Sunday in North Carolina when groups of Negroes picketed in Chapel Hill and Raleigh. The demonstrators at the dedication of the new School of Public Health adjacent to largely integrated Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill were, they said, "mindful" of the presence of Governor Sanford. Those at the Ambassador Theater in Raleigh were concentrating on the movie house as "the corner-

stone of segregation" since Mayor W. G. Enloe is its operator.

Certainly demonstrators can and will pick their targets. Yet they should recognize that the Governor and the Mayor, who have not been able to satisfy all demands, are two leading men of good will in all human relations in the State of North Carolina and its capital city. As politician, the Governor has gone further than some of his white constituents approve, in insisting upon greater opportunities for colored people. And as business man, Mayor Enloe has stated the economic fact that, while he is not opposed to theater integration, its application in his business depends upon public acceptance.

Certainly by relentless marching, the walls of Jericho may be brought down. But regardless marching might create walls of prejudice, grown from impatience, which could keep people far apart who should be working together for the advance of all under leaders anxious to serve in good will.