

# **"Rise To The Occasion"**

Editor of the Daily News:

For the past six years or so the moderate white leadership of our land has made a plea for charity on the part of the Negro. The shoe had been on the other foot for more than 150 years. But now the great danger is that extremists on both sides will dominate the picture and the results will be bad for everyone.

The Negro has every emotional reason to prefer to ignore the plea for moderation, love and patience toward the white, who so long has been in command and who in some respects has done relatively little, unless he has found it necessary to do so.

Now the real moderates on both sides have a chance. The statement of the students at A.&T. offers a rare, if not unparalleled, opportunity for a new and different approach to our common problem. The students have made a reasonable charge and it must receive a reasonable hearing.

This is the great opportunity for the South to establish a new relationship, a new approach. The alternative is exhaustive legal action and destructive mob action. This is our chance. We can never again expect such an opportunity at such a moment. The situation demands that our leadership in every quarter, in business, in government and in society, rise to the occasion.

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