

Accident Toll Drops But Could Be Better

Each year, especially July 4th, Thanksgiving, and the Christmas week-end, are times when we expect large numbers of deaths and accidents. However, it appears that 1970 will go down on the record as having fewer accidents on the highways as well as deaths from them.

The statistics indicate an actual decrease in deaths, injuries and economic loss in 1970.

We should not be jubilant over the slight decrease because there is still no reason for the number we have each year. Every automobile driver should do his part to keep these figures down to a minimum.

Economic losses, resulting from highway accidents, injuries and deaths will be reduced more than a half billion dollars from the 1969

total. There are, of course, a number of other factors responsible for this change.

Tougher safety standards for motor vehicles, auto inspections, stricter traffic law enforcement and safety campaigns may have a part in it. Possible, we should give some credit to better highways.

The real credit goes to the driver behind the wheel, because he is the one who has almost absolute control over the number of accidents. He should be encouraged to keep up his vigilance in maintaining control over his vehicle.

It seems that drivers go crazy on holiday weekends, and their patience is small ruffled. They want to get where they are going in too big a hurry.

Practical Religion

We take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the Columbia Avenue Methodist Church of Tyrone, Pennsylvania for its portrayal of practical religion in loaning over \$100,000 of its building fund to the officials of the above mentioned town to be used in attracting a new industry.

The story goes that Tyrone was dealt a terrific economic blow a month ago when its leading industry, the Westvaco Corporation, a paper mill that had been its leading source of employment for nearly a hundred years, was forced to let go some 530 of the town's 3,500 male workers. With so many men being thrown out of work the town found itself in need of funds to finance a proposed million dollar industrial project.

Said the pastor, the Rev. Leroy J.

Harrison, of the Methodist Church "at a time when the community does not have adequate funds to attract new industry we are making them available." The church burned eight years ago and it has been holding services in makeshift quarters. "We felt that this was probably more important than building our new church," stated the minister. "We do have facilities and using them is better than not having our men able to make a livelihood for their families."

We say again that the action of the Methodist Church in Throne, Pa., is religion at its best. We think those outside of the church will be forced to agree with us that the act of the church is in keeping with the eternal admonition of "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Martin Luther King

MAYOR ROY B. MARTIN JR. of Norfolk and a number of other public officials have designated Jan. 15th as a day to honor the memory of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., founder and first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and an advocate of non-violence in the struggle for full freedom and equality for black Americans. He was America's best known apostle of non-violence and a devoted disciple of MAHATMA GANDHI of India.

Dr. KING was born Jan. 15, 1929. Had he lived he would have celebrated his 42nd birthday on Friday. He was assassinated April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., where he and other SCLC officials were assisting city garbage collectors on strike for higher wages.

Dr. KING was honored for his non-violent philosophy and accomplishments in the promotion of peaceful efforts in the struggle for freedom and equality with the Nobel Peace Prize on Oct. 14, 1964. The award brought criticism from some who contended that the award was not intended for the sphere of activity in which Dr. KING was engaged.

J. EDGAR HOOVER, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said in a recent interview for Time Magazine that Dr. KING "was the last one in the world" who should receive a Nobel Peace Prize. This was to be expected since the FBI chief had long been a critic of Dr. KING. In that statement published Dec. 6 he said, "I held him in complete contempt because of the things he said and because of his conduct."

A leader of Dr. KING's caliber and philosophy wouldn't be expected to win the approval of old-line leaders or advocates of the status quo. In a world where men worship at the shrine of materialism and physical force, Dr. KING's moral and ethical persuasion is ill understood and out of place.

Dr. KING was a man of destiny, and he knew he would pay for his clash with mundane society with his life. He must have known his days were numbered when he delivered his last statement in Memphis the day before he was felled by the assassin's bullet. Among other things he said with prophetic insight on that day:

"I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days

ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountain top—and I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord..."

It would be a hollow mockery to set aside the anniversary of Dr. KING's birthday without doing something tangible to promote the non-violent program of action he advocated to improve the relations between the races. He was for the complete emancipation of black Americans and all poor oppressed people in America and the rest of the world.

Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING believed in the dignity of the individual—black, white, American born, foreign born, men and women, poor and rich. He saw no reason why some individuals and families should have the necessities of life while others suffer in rags, disease, hunger and ignorance. And I see no need or justification for this either.

In my book Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. is perhaps the greatest American born in this century. My rating is based on no material yardstick. The greatness of the man is due to his spiritual outlook and his socio-psychological interest in the problems of the common man. The martyr stands almost alone in a unique class.

But Dr. KING's non-violent program is still being challenged. Young black militants question the wisdom of this non-violent program, and it may be for this reason that some public officials would like to see the man honored who was the main architect of the new approach to the liberation movement for oppressed peoples.

The non-violent emancipation movement is powerful. It is the best vehicle for using the poverty of the oppressed to defeat the physical superiority of the rich. This is precisely what MAHATMA GANDHI did to win independence for India from the powerful British Empire. That strategy Dr. KING understood, and the bosses of this world feel ill at ease with this type of leader around. They could breathe better with him dead. But what they forget is: you can kill a man but the idea lives on after him. Long live Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.!!

—THOMAS L. DABNEY.

But Blacks Have More "Racist" Appeal!!

WHILE THE WHITE BOMBERS ARE BLOWING UP THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, POLICE STATIONS, BANKS, AND OFFICE BUILDINGS, THE F.B.I. STILL CAN'T RESIST TRAILING THE BLACK PANTHERS.



Comment from the Capital —

UNDERCOVER RUMORS AND REPORTS

by Vant Neff

Behind-the-scenes hijack story you probably won't see in the regular news coverage: it is reported that Jewish hostages among the kidnapped plane passengers were subjected to one humiliation after another. True, they were not physically assaulted, but they were the victims of untold emotional stress. When new troops of Palestinian Liberation Front guerrillas took over guard watch, the Jews were marched outside the planes and forced to stand in the Arab desert, while the guards spat at them and near them. The mood of the captors was ugly, reminding the Jews of their centuries-long heritage of oppression at the hands of various people. For the most part, the hijack victims were not Israelis but American vacationers including women and small children. The injustice of hijacking in general has aroused the ire of the civilized world, but the alleged behavior of the Palestinian troops in this particular instance was unconscionable.

Frivolous financial note from Pakistan: the beggars are organizing a labor union, and plan branches all through the country. (Beggings is a business there.) Next time you're traveling to Pakistan and are approached by a panhandler, please remember that part of every penny you put in his palm may go into a union treasury, and never be used by the "poor" beggar at all!

One strike after another! And no one really wins! I fear that the General Motors walkout is no exception. Examine the facts: 350,000 workers idle and without their normal income. Thousands more in related industries—tire, seat belt and auto accessories makers—felt the pinch of non-production. (I can't imagine that the unionists—men with families to feed and bills to pay—could possibly enjoy the situation.) Half of the nation's automobile output halted. Delayed car delivery—and if you're on the list for one, you may wait and wait, and then pay more for it. That's the cost of a strike.

The United Auto Workers Union, the UAW, made a bid for an overall \$9 to \$12 billion wage increase over the three year contract. No one objects to

an earned raise, but higher pay for the same work only means higher prices for all of us, on almost everything. The high dollar demands made by UAW leader Leonard Woodcock and his union associates at the GM bargaining table—40 to 50% pay jumps—can't be matched by the rest of the population. As the inflationary trend accelerates, the raises won't mean a thing, and the workers won't really be much ahead of the game. And the rest of us will be in the hole.

Talking about inflation, the Red-dominated Czech authorities are so fearful of their citizens traveling to the West and not returning that they have raised the fares a prohibitive 275%. Their apprehension about defection is quite understandable, in view of the great numbers of disillusioned Czechoslovaks, including a number of diplomats, who have quietly "disappeared" into the free world. Bluntly speaking, I hope that the liberty-loving Czechs won't be dissuaded by the rising cost of freedom.

Remember pledging allegiance to the flag in school? It's a different scene now. Times have changed. A young man old enough to know better—nineteen—wore the American flag as a poncho. His elastic concept of civil liberties landed him behind bars. The judge sentenced him to four months and fined him \$250. This boy isn't alone in his counter-cultural reaction against

es. Shirts. Ties. Obscene films. And what have you. Must we accept this abuse? Wouldn't we be well-advised to return to the values and standards on which our country was founded—a love of liberty and a healthy respect for law, order and tradition?

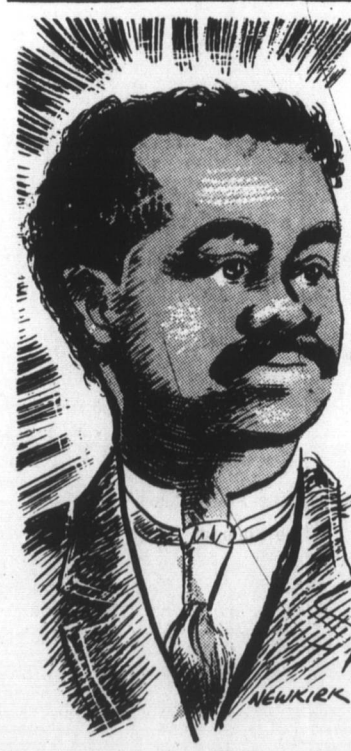
If you had invested, directly or indirectly, in Uganda, the Sudan or Somalia, to help these fledgling African nations get a foothold in the modern industrial world, you might be in for a costly disappointment today. Recently, the governments of these developing countries confiscated a great percentage of foreign companies doing business there. Many of these firms are American. Now the problem is compensation. Who pays the rightful owners for their investments and financial losses? (Or does anyone?) Nationalized industry may be nice for the new-born nations today, but what will they do tomorrow when they need further investment and advice? Once bitten, twice shy. Americans, look out!

Texas pride themselves on growing things bigger and better than the rest of us. Texas Congressman, Senator John Tower, has introduced a bill which promises to balance our country's one-sided labor legislation. Senator Tower obviously isn't impressed with the activities of the National Labor Relations Board, and to my mind, he is quite correct. The NLRB, a politically-appointed, five-man group, is supposed to rule impartially, on employer-worker disputes, but the consistently pro-labor leader pattern of its decisions has caused many a snicker in Washington. Now, Senator Tower has suggested replacing the NLRB with Federal Courts in order to give all participants in labor controversies a fair shake. My vote for labor law reform—and quick termination of the prejudiced NLRB—goes to the Tower-er Texas. The acceptance of my proposal may put the union chieftains' noses out of joint, but they've been on a winning streak far too long. Isn't it time for the "little man"—you and I and the union rank-and-file member—to have a turn?



our American traditions. A national magazine displayed a full color picture of a model in bed, draped in flag-patterned sheets, with pillow cases to match. The American flag is parodied in bikini bathing suits. Trouser patch-

Things You Should Know



Charles Henry TURNER

BORN IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, FEB. 3, 1867; HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THERE AND WON HIS MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN 1892. HE DID SO WELL IN THE FIELD OF BIOLOGY THAT HE WAS AWARDED A PH.D. SUMMA CUM LAUDE IN 1907! HIS FAR-REACHING DISCOVERIES ON THE HABITS OF BEES AND ANTS ARE WORLD FAMOUS!

Mutual

(Continued from front page) needs outstrip our ability to meet them. Our gains then greater achievement. Outstanding as they seem to be, they must not become mere records of a high water mark year. Instead, these figures must serve as our benchmark year for the decade of the seventies.

"While complete and audited records for the last year will not be available for another thirty days, I do have firm, tentative figures for you today. In round figures," Goodloe said, "the year-end record shows: an increase in assets of 16.04% for a total of \$117 Million; an income increase of 10.32% Million and insurance in force of more than \$725 Million which indicates an increase of 44.68%.

"All of these operational gains are a direct result of our efforts to make optimum use of all sound means of growth simultaneously. True, profitable growth is a universal goal and every management has its own hopes and desires for achieving this goal. But, after all, there are only five main ways of achieving corporate growth: by maintaining a company's market share; by joint efforts with other companies; through mergers or acquisitions; by development of new markets and through the development of additional services. I am pleased to report the initial phase of our long range growth plan based on the utilization of each and all of these ways is beginning to bear fruit.

Goodloe said, "There's been a lot written and said lately about the individual's quest for identity and the different ways individuals now look at and regard themselves. Corporations, too, are undergoing an 'identity crisis.' The changes in the Negro Market are making traditional assumptions obsolete and forcing new and different patterns and practices. The dynamic Negro-operated company in today's market place must be much more sophisticated about the realities of change taking place and must carefully examine all the possible options of response.

"In this connection, possibly the most dramatic area of growth for North Carolina Mutual during the past year is the one hundred and thirty percent increase in group insurance in force. In addition, to the thirty-one groups we cover on an individual company basis, we have completed a series of 'joint ventures' or reinsurance agreements with some of our nation's largest insurance companies and our country's most prestigious firms. Our group coverage now includes companies like Sperry Rand, S. S. Kresage, Michigan Bell and P. Lorillard."

Along with the growth resulting from accelerated sales of group insurance coverage, Goodloe proceeded to illustrate the various types of corporate growth stemming from the firm's tactical, growth planning efforts. He listed: stress on weekly premium and ordinary sales; the merger with Great Lakes Mutual and the installation of the UNIVAC 9400. This newly installed computer gives the firm increased computer power and capability needed to add services, increase efficiency and keep costs in line. Goodloe also stressed North Carolina Mutual's continued leadership in other areas. He mentioned, "In our mortgage program we have supplied the financial needs of a number of black, multi-family developers who expect-

ing in their local areas. These men had some projects of high quality and good economic feasibility but encountered hostile and unfortunate financial obstacles. We also helped finance Unity Village—a community of low income families. We take great pride in participating in an investment like this in spite of the sacrifice in yield. We feel this sort of monetary investment provides us with a stake in stronger family life which provides human yields."

Goodloe concluded his report by pointing out that by "developing a larger economic base we can render more efficient service to our policy owners, offer more job opportunities and have more funds" to place on special projects in the black community. The use of the "billion dollar yardstick" on measuring the Company's three quarters of a billion dollars in insurance in force is but the first step. He set goals for 1980 of at least \$2 billion in insurance in force, a half billion in assets and over a tenth of a billion (\$110 million) in annual income.

--McDonald

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The Vice-Moderator of the New Home and Durham Ministers and Deacons Union, Osofo, issued a challenge to the ministers in general and to the ministers of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance in particular to "Preach the gospel of liberation to every man, woman, and child until justice runs down like a mighty stream." He challenged them to go to the poor to be concerned actively with the situation, and problems of others in accord with their felt needs.

Osofo, who is pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Durham and also the able college minister at Durham Business College, was a last minute substitute speaker for Dr. Sandy F. Ray, Pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Ray was unable to get to the service because of the inclement weather.

Learning he was to speak for the service about an hour and half before the time of the program, Rev. McDonald spoke from the subject, "The Gospel of Liberation." Taking his guide through from the Fourth Chapter of Luke, the 18th and 19th verses. Osofo's address, talk, and sermon was inspirationally appealing, historically informative, theologically based, humbly presented, and confidently delivered. The most often heard comment on the message and reaction of the audience, has been: "Osofo held us spell bound!"

The former chaplain of Lincoln Hospital and presently a member of the board of directors of operation Breakthrough, told the audience at the beginning of the speech, "I am not going to try to fill the shoes of Dr. Sandy Ray because I have been wearing my own shoes for thirty three years and they feel comfortable to my feet. Therefore, I shall not try to walk a mile in his shoes."

On several occasions, Osofo McDonald used the words of the tune made popular by James Brown, "I'm Black and I'm Proud", as he traced Black history back to the Nile Valley and the time of several Biblical figures including Moses, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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