

DAILY LIVING

By WILLIAM THORPE

WRONG IMPRESSIONS CAN BE FORMED TOO QUICKLY



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Have you ever thought about how easy it is to get the wrong impression of other people and to carry them throughout life unless some experience comes a long to throw new light on things and cause us to realize our mistake? Sometimes the realization comes too late for us to make atonement, as some of those concerned have left this life. All we can do is to only hope that the lesson taught us has borne fruit in our relations with.

Yes, wrong impressions can be formed about our loved ones as well as friends and strangers. At times, the impressions we hold of them may not represent what they are at all. It probably would be wise to school ourselves to be open minded and tolerant and to give to others the benefit of the doubt when things happen

that might be disturbing and which we do not, at the moment understand.

It's bad enough not to be able to adapt ourselves to others just because their physical appearance antagonizes or repels us for no reason. But when we permit ourselves to get mentally and emotionally disturbed because of the imagined wrong attitude of love ones or friends toward us, this can probably prove even more damaging and regrettable.

Some of us probably have heard a person say: "He or she acts alright, but I just don't like the way he or she looks!" That's one example of getting the wrong impression of a person, and not realizing that the same person can turn out to be one of the best friends he has ever had.

Civil Service Department Cites Minority Hiring Shows Increase

WASHINGTON (NBNS) - Of nearly 22,000 new federal white collar jobs which became available last year, blacks and other minorities were hired for more than two-thirds of them, according to a report released last week by the Civil Service Commission.

In addition, minority hiring at the top of the federal service ladder was even greater, with an increase of 1,845 minority

In my opinion, never judge other people only by their looks and hold a wrong impression of them, wherein it may cause us to react too quickly, make snap judgement concerning them, and say things which can hurt instead of aiding the situation, because one of the real and lasting values of this life is the love and understanding of our fellowman.

Finally, looking back on my adventurous life, I am so thankful that I was spared early in my youth. From developing and carrying a wrong mental image of people just because they looked different and acted differently from what my environment and experience had caused me to picture.

employees in jobs paying between \$16,000 and \$36,000 a year.

Even with these gains, minorities still account for only 16 per cent of the 1.3 million persons employed in federal white collar jobs (GS-1 to 18). These figures are based on a government-wide survey taken last Nov. 30 and were compared to those figures gathered during a similar survey taken in November, 1971.

During the year, the total number of federal white collar positions increased by 21,974. About 14,982 of these jobs, or 68 per cent, were filled by minorities.

The largest minority group in the surveys are blacks, but the figures also include Indians, Orientals, and Spanish-surnamed Americans. Overall, the proportion of minorities in all federal jobs

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GETS FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR - Band leader Duke Ellington receives French Legion of Honor from Jacques Kosciusko-Morize, French Ambassador to the U. S., during special ceremony at French Consul General's residence recently. The French

government bestowed the honor on Ellington for his "outstanding contribution to

the world of jazz and to the cultural values of today's world."

Dr. C. Goodlett Elected Head of Publishers Ass'n

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, editor and publisher of the San Francisco Sun reporter since 1948, a psychologist, a medical doctor, and civil rights activist, has been elected president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The election took place recently at the 33rd Annual Convention of the association in Houston, Texas. He had served as NNPA vice president since 1971.

Others elected during the convention were: Howard B. (Continued on page 10A)

FROM BLACK

By JOHN HUDGINS



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Today in this land indeed in this world, we exist in one of the most depressing times in history. In a time when there seems to be very little concern for the good of humanity. In a time when it is difficult to separate those who believe in a God from those who merely profess to. Hopefully we shall never again witness a time when everybody seems to be caught up in the acquiring of personal wealth, personal power, status.

We find that those institutions that we learned to be amazed at are no longer the sacred ideas we thought they were. I can remember growing up in the Kennedy years and being told here was a man of men, of courage, upright, and just, young and idealistic. Of course I have since learned that all of that wasn't true but at least in my own limited mind there was a feeling that something right was going on, and this something was always before me in a form that I could see. Today, "one" looks at the leadership of the land and sees a bunch of well educated hoodlums. We find indeed that the president has little respect for laws that apply to him. We find indeed a man caught up in a lust for absolute power, absolute immunity from restraints, absolutely no accountability. Not only this image at the top but we also see and feel this image leaking through the bottom. We see people around us only concerned with what can be gained on a personal basis, power, money, material, status. It is little wonder that there is hardly anybody disturbed about Watergate. We are too busy with business as usual.

It is perhaps most easy for Black people to say this doesn't concern me, this is white folks business. It is also simple for us to begin singing the old song "I been down so long 'til being down don't bother me." We seem to think that for some reason we are not a part of the goings on in high places. We must certainly not forget who will bear the brunt of the results.

So it is indeed easy for us, and tempting to say all is lost. It is easy to say it out of my hands or out of my reach. I can do nothing, what's the use anyway?

But I have been told by many a Black person, Son, push on, for after the storm there is the morning, after the dark there is the light, and after the beating the victory seems much sweeter. And so today we can begin to move toward our

responsibilities to humanity. It was easy in the days that I grew up because even the president appeared to stand for the right. Today that is no longer the case. We know where the president stands, but we also know where the city council stands, and we know where the majority of America wants to stand, silent. So it is much more harder to stand for the right, it is much harder to stand for what you have been taught to believe by your parents, and Black people who believe in you. Today we as a people must assert our belief in the beauty of humanity, we must stand by the rights that we have said all men have, and if we believe that all men are created equal then we as a people are certainly equal to the task of undoing the wrong sustained by a ruling bunch of hoodlums. I have found it difficult to always follow the thinking of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, but I believe one of the last things he said in a speech was, "There's going to be some difficult days ahead." They are here, and like Dr. King we must answer the call to stand against the wind, the tide, nixongate and stand for right.



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