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# Editorial Viewpoint

### WORDS OF WORSHIP

The shortest verse in the Bible is "Jesus wept." The tragic note in this story, the Gospel record has carefully preserved. How we wish it might have also told us what occurred on the night after the chronic old grumbler was healed. Did Jesus stop suddenly in the middle of the supper, and set down his cup, while a broad smile spread

across his face? If he did the disciples were probably puzzled-they were so often puzzled-but surely we have the reverent right to guess what was in his mind, as he pictured the home-coming of that cured old man. On that evening, Jesus must heve laughed,

## **Civil Rights Bill: Hope For Passage**

In a sense the passage of the proposed Civil Rights Bill would make us our "Brother's Keeper." The Southern enemies of the bill object to it on the grounds that it will make the Federal Government every brother's keeper in the matter of racial discrimination.

It must have occurred to the segregationists -they are intelligent-that in a Democracy the Federal Government is made up of duly elected members which represent the broad cross sections of American public opinion. The bill was passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 290 to 130. It would appear that the collective conscience of America has finally been jarred into an awareness that racial discrimination is an offense against both God and man.

Of course many may say that since the time of Cain, "man has sadly failed in the obliga-==tion of brotherhood." This is quite true, but one of the marks of civilization, as opposed to primeval barbarism, is that governments have been instituted by mankind, among other things, to prevent justice. This is seen clearly when we note that the governments of the Southern states never voluntarily enact legislation to facilitate freedom and justice-particularly for the Negro citizen. Usually they must be compelled to award rights to the black

Modern-day murderers like Cain in the Bible are brought before the bar of justice for their offenses against the collective conscience of the nation. The Bible which records the

## **Capital Punishment Must Go**

inmates.

The practice of capital punishment for certain criminal offense has outlived its usefulness as a crime deterrent device. The progressive, thinking of our people urges the abolishment of capital punishment.

We think that state officials should appoint commissions to study the role and scope of capital punishment in our penal system to find out if we should retain or preserve the death sentence as "a deterrent to crime." That is why we need a study by commissions in order to destroy this myth.

Prison officials of the old school say that they know what they are talking about when they urge the continuance of capital punishment. We might also suppose that these officials know what they are talking about. But, in the case of capital punishment, statistics prove that they speak purely from bias and prejudice.

story of Cain's brutal murder of an innocent brother also states, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." (I John 3:15).

We are extremely happy that at long last our lethargic national conscience has been sufficiently aroused to demand legislation against this equally heinous offense. But our Southern legislators have vowed to obstruct the bill's passage with "their beloved filibuster"-even in the procedure wastes the taxpayer's money.

We hope that the passage of the bill will be an occasion for great rejoicing (rather than a time for lament) that the conscience of the American people has at last decided that racial discrimination and hatred fall into the same category as other equally nasty crimes against human beings.

We are proud of the 290 legislators who have risen to the occasion and accepted the responsibility of implementing what out of common decency, if not out of Christian charity, should have been done 150 years ago.

We must all remember that the Almighty set going on this earth an experiment-which Americans call democracy-committeed to the idea that man can be made perfect and superior over circumstance. The race must be fed and clothed and housed and transported. Every one of us has the unrequired obligation to do all that we can to make the experiment succeed. A word of praise is due all legislators who have committed themselves to the task of creating a legal atmosphere for the growth and development of human dignity.

urging retention of capital punishment, did

make one tentative gesture toward compro-

mise. If Florida abolished the death penalty,

he said, it should be retained for persons kill-

ing law enforcement officers, prison guards or

We all will agree, to be sure, that Director

Wainwright's suggestion merits continuing

study. Fact of the matter is that Florida may

have to abolish the death penalty by degrees.

Now most of us have noted some flaws in the

capital punishment system, including the man-

ner by which the sentence is passed. We sug-

gest that there be a reversal of policy in the

present system whereby the death penalty is

mandatory upon conviction in capital cases

unless the jury recommends mercy. It should

Bible readers know that it is too easy now

for a jury-like Pontius Pilate in the Case of

be the other way round.

### **Just For Fun** BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

### INTERNSHIP TRIP

Well, on Monday (March 3), I shall be off on a second trip visiting three speech correction majors who are doing their practice teaching in Gainesville, Fla., and Tampa, Fla., respectively.

I will stay in Gainesville two days and spend two days in Tampa. In Gainesville, the supervising teacher serves ten schools in Alachua County. In Tampa, the speech correctionist gives remedial instruction to pupils at five schools.

Since I have no secretary, I generally close the Speech and Hearing Clinic while I am away. In this way, I can keep track of our electronic equipment.

While our five interns are away on the field, I have a few cases of students needing speech correction. For example, one college junior has a minor articulatory defect, craracterized by substitution of the (F) sound for the (TH) in the medial and final positions in the word.

MARITAL CUSTOMS: King Mtesa of Uganda, Africa, is reputed to have had the largest harem in the world. A little more than 7,000 wives were in his household. Boy, oh boy, there

### ONLY IN AMERICA BY HARRY GOLDEN

BOOKS AN ORDINARY CORRUPTION

This is a nation which collectively has trouble reading comic strips, let alone mastering books. Yet collectively we have taken more books to court with every intent of putting them in fail than all of europe put together.

We will tolerate anything more or less, in a television commercial but if a book says some of the same things it alerts into immediate action the Purity Committee and the sheriff, who say they must save the community.

The only salvation books have had in America is the fact that most judges can read. Invariably judges have read the book against which charges have been preferred and determined whether or not the book constitutes literature. Literarue is exempt from obcenity laws by virtue of the author's motive. The courts have ruled that literature seeks to arouse the aesthetic attention not prurien interest.

Setting precedent for this, of course, was Judge John M. Woolsey's ruling in favor of James Joyce's novel "Ulysses" delivered in 1933. "Accordingly." ruled Judge Woolsey, "Ulysses is a sincere and honest book and I think the criticisms of it are entirely disposed of by its rationale."

Later on, in 1957, Justice Brennan of the United States ourt ruled that ob-

wasn't any possible way he could commit adultery. OLDER WIVES: Most men want younges wives than their age, but yet many of the world's most distinguished leaders were wedded to wives older than themselves. Shakespeare's wife was eight years older than he; Disraeli's wife was his senior by 15 years; Empress Josephine was older than Napoleon; Queen Catherine of Aragon was older than King Henry VIII; Mary Stuart was older than Francis. II of France; Jenny Lind was older than her husband, and the wife of Warren G. Harding, the late President of the United States, was his elder.

Well, Mr. Cornyard is not impressed; he wants for a wife a sweet young thing in her teens. I wouldn't advise you to take Friend Cornyard as an example, because he breaks the rules of the game and oftime loses. GOOD SENSE: The best patrons of beauty shops are not single girls out to get their man but married women evidently trying to hold their husbands, Beauty-shop operators say that

married women are their best and most frequent partrons.

Now we have a new precedent. Judge J. Erwin Shapiro of New York, sitting on the Queens State Supreme Court, recently ruled for 25 books charged with pornography. The Justice indeed agreed the books were smutty and pornographic, that the author's impulses were

shameful and prurient but on that account they were not wihout social value. There were people who needed this sub-literature. Ruled Judge Shapario. the people who need these books are "... those who, be-cause of lack of education, the meanness of their social existence or mental insufficiency cannot cope with anything better." The books were coarse but so is much of our civilization.

including bikinis. This recent ruling has stirred some protests among legal and judicial circles. It is a ruling which departs from the norm. But I am somewhat in agreement with it. Books of a certain nature should be banned, it is argued, because they corrupt, such corruption, of course. admitting a radius as wide as a shotgun's blast, according to most prosecutors. To which the courts agree but add that ordinary everyday living admits an even wider corruption with an

even more penetrating blast. Admittedly, this is not moral logic of a rigid and undeviating reason but it is certainly practical advice. If the police chiefs will spend less time chasing

No one knows how much

money is spent gambling on

policy and numbers. Some idea

of how much is spent can be

gathered from estimates by the

police department that here

are 20 or more policy wheels

controlled by organized crime

in this area. There are another

10 to 15 policy wheels that are

termed "wildcat," that is, not

controlled or operated by or-

ganized crime because they are

not important or not profitable

enough to bother with. The

house where the fortune was

discoevred was the site of one

THE POST-TRIBUNE. Gary.

When we have published news

reports at times about the lush

profits to be made by operators of "policy" wheels and other

gambilng enterprises, some of

our readers have believed us

A nickel and dime business

like policy, or like the slot ma-

chine racket. couldn't produce

such fantastic "earnings" for

the operators, they would say.

It was silly to talk, they'd ar-

Wakefield died, but an

power of such money to cor-

rupt, to buy protection and pol-

iticians-whether on the South

Side of Chicago or in Gary,

CHURCH TO BLAME FOR

RACISM

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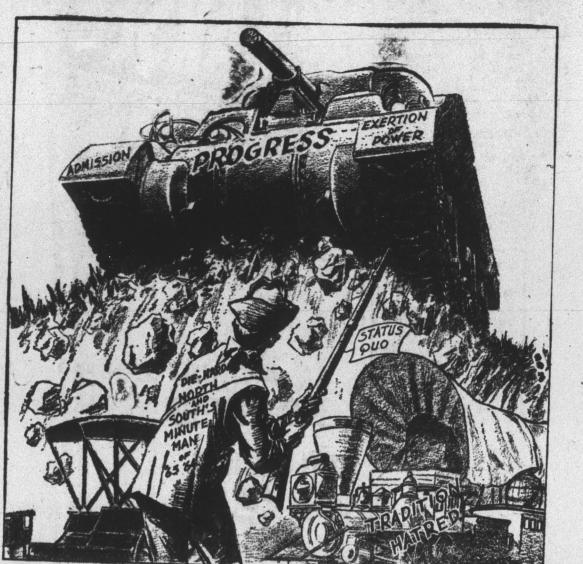
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# **BETWEEN THE LINES**

#### **DEGREES ALONE NOT ANSWER**

The spread and depth of education among Negroes is one of the more hopeful signs of the times. With inspiring and uplifting frequ the columns of the Negro press of the conferring of graduate degrees upon Negroes by the great universities of the country. Fifty years ago the Master's degree was quite a notable achievement among aspiring Negroes in the field of scholarly pursuits: today Ph. D's are being won by Negroes in almost every field of scholarly endeavor.

Very seldom we take up a Negro newspaper without reading of some studious Negro having earned his Doctor's degree. This is as it should be, for a Great Tomorrow lies immediately ahead and great will be the demand for those of highest preparation. But as we noted in this column many weeks ago that we must not equate degrees and great scholarship. Negroes today are suffering from lack of great scholars. Higher degrees are coming with an encouraging frequency but

America become infatuated with the beckoning opportunities in emerging Africa, Africa is going to be one of the great powers of the world

What Africa is dreaming today will be a reality tomorrow when more Zwandulas arise and go forth conquering and to conquer. The more this writer studies what is going on in Africa today, and think of the dreams of Marcus Garvey of yesterday, whom America's leading Negroes in too great numbers and notice laughed to soorn, he is convinced that Gervey had something and lived ahead of his times. Like many other great men he looked over the shoulder of his times and was gainsaid and derided, but subsequent develop-ments vindicated them even as Garvey is being vindicated.

One of our ablest Negro Americans in making little of Garvey called him a "little fat, black, ugly man." But more and more time is vindicating the contentions and teachings of this same "little fat, black, ugly, man." Disparaging descriptions count for little when a seer and prophet with great vision comes on the scene. Zwandula's many degrees from many universities is but a prelude to a very very important question about the origin of these degrees that are coming as from an assembly line. Whites are more and more seeking two Doctrates. And now comes Zwandula seeking his third. Tomorrow's questions will be, Do you have degrees? How many? What are they? And lastly, but becoming more important, Where and run get them? Universities that issue even Ph. D. degrees in too great profusion will become suspect abong universities which have greater caution in their standards and in the long run the question will be not what degrees one has but who is one with the degree? Who has the degree is far more important than the degree itself. A degreed man without character is not the answer. The measure of a man is not his mind but his heart! Somehow or other room must be made for Jesus in our great educational scheme of things. Such observation at a time like this sounds like Garvevism.

Those individuals who have studied this problem know that the death penalty, by means of the electric chair or gas chamber or hanging, is not a deterrent to crime. It is solely a delusion

We are happy to say that the majority of the civilized nations of the world, and a dozen states in the nation and territorities, have abolished the death penalty, either, by law or by practice. And in these countries and states, the incidence of capital crimes is generally lower than where the death penalty is still in effect.

Right at this moment, the State of Florida is studying the question of capital punishment. most of Florida's prison officials, however, want the state to retain capital punishment. State Penal Director Louis Wainwright, while

It seems that in this country we are getting

down like a dog in the gutter. He had no more

of a chance to defend himself than our late

President. The murderer has been apprehend-

ed, tried and all but freed because of a "hung

But, after all, the man had a black face, and

that made a real difference - especially in

Mississippi. A jury just couldn't condemn a

white man for a mistake like that. Maybe

Governor Ross Barnett might not like it if they

The black man in Mississippi left a widow

also, and some little children. But we haven't

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Jesus Christ-just to wash its hands of the question of life or death, simply by doing nothing. The law should require affirmative action by the jury to impose the death sentence. and not leave the burden upon the shoulders of the judge.

If the question of guilt or innocence were first determined and then after a cooling-off period of at least 24 hours, the jury would be compelled to decide upon the sentence. If this is done, it would be an important step toward the administration of justice.

We must not be blind to new ideas about criminal punishment. We are living in a nuclear age, and yet we are employing a criminal system apropos for the period of the Thirteen American Colonies.

#### scenity is that which is utterly without redeeming social value

ected books, perhaps they will be able to reduce the tragic number of fatalities.

are astronomical.

## **Editorial Opinions**

Here are excerpts from editorials compiled by the Associated Negro Press appearing in some of the nation's leading daily newspapers on subjects of current interest to our readers:

TROUBLE IN AFRICA THE EVENING BULLETIN, Philadelphia

It is difficult to find a pattern in the disquieting events which have been taking place in the Congo, in Zanzibar, and in Tanganyika, Kenya and Ugada in recent days.

The revolt in the Congo's Kwilu Providence, which has resulted in the harrassment and murder of American missionaries and others, and which seems to be spreading to neighboring provinces, is definitely Communist-inspired and led The leader of the rebels, Pierre Mulele, only recently returned from indoctrination in Red

China. The revolution in Zanzibar which resulted in the shift of power from the Arab minority to the black majority was also Communist-promoted, though the discontent was there for the Communists to play upon. The troop mutinies in Tangayika, Kenya and Uganda, so expeditioumsly and effectively quelled by the British at the request of the African leaders of those nations, may or may not have been a direct result of Communist agitation.

have merely demonstrated what was well known already- the serious instability of all the newly independent African nations. The big question is: what do the NATO nations (including the United States) do about It

Communist Africa? If it isn't, it's beginning to look as though it will take more than wishful thinking to prevent it.

CHICAGO'S POLICY RACKET

The cache of more than three-quarters of a million dollars found in a house on the South Side is evidence of the dept and spread of gambling in and around Chicago. The occupant of the house was, according to police reports, a "policy wheel" operator.

Policy and its sister game. numbers, are the gambling games of the poor. In both games a bet can be made for small sums, a nickle or a dime. The winnings, if one should-win, are high-about 500 to The odds against winning

scholars are emerging with a discouraging slowness

Who is to take the place of great old W. E. B DuBois who lately passed on? How many Carter Woodsons in embryo do we find around the country? How many E. Franklin Fraziers do we have in the making at present? Let us scan the field for another Charles S. Johnson and another Abram Harris so recently passed and the outlook is far from roseate. Not so long ago the race was awed by a Negro with a Ph.D. degree and now the Pittsburgh Courier of recent date carried an account of one Zwandula an African who is currently pursuing his third Ph. D. degree having already won two, one from the University of Moscow and another from Oxford in economics and law respectively with studies in the universities of Paris, Cairo and Lisbon. It is said that at the Universities of Paris and

Cairo he ranked second in his class scholastically; at Lisbon, third and at Oxford, fourth. What is perhaps most startling. Zwandula is only 29 years of age. When men like Zwandula are sprinkled over Africa and more of the degreed Negroes of

# **ISSUES: GOOD AND BAD**

#### BY P. L. PRATTIS For ANP

Times have indeed changed-and tastes as well. Time was when one didn't need muh education from the cradle to the grave. Youngsters might quit school at the age of twelve, "go out into the world" and become self-made men. Our ancestors, black and white, spurned the education which high schools and colleges were prepared to give. From grammar school these hardy youngsters of another day enrolled in the School of Hard Knocks. They asked nothing better. Averill Harriman's father, with no more than a sixth grade education, became one of the wealthiest Americans of his time.

In those days, men were proud to be able to boast that they did not need the crutch of education to make their way through life. Only one of the men in President McKinley's first cabinet was a college graduate, the Secretary of the Navy, The others had credentials from the School of Hard Knocks. They felt no embarrassment in the presence of Mr. Long, the navy secretary. As a matter of fact, they felt they had something Mr. Long did not have, the ability to make it on their owr

The father of Mrs. Eisenhower ran away from home at the age of thirteen. He obtained a job as water boy for a railroad crew. He never did go back home, but at the age of 37, he was wealthy enough to RETIRE. Some of the greatest men the United States has ever known were the school "drop-outs" of yesteryear. They were not intellectuals. They used muscle and mother's wit. Very few of the early successful industrialists were college trained.

The foregoing is not meant to imply that you don't need a high school or college education today. The times have changed. The Horatio Algers become fewer and fewer. It is regretable that parents, twenty years ago, could not see this

local church membership open to all. regardless of race. In addition, the board asked that the right of minorities to stage peaceful demonstrations be affirmed. 2

change coming. It would have been helpful if they could have forseen the oncoming automation which was to call for less and less brawn and more and more brain. This is particularly true so far as Negroes are concerned. The machines have taken over the old jobs which were "generously" set aside for them. They were usually hot and dirty jobs nobody else wanted.

The machines did not reject those jobs. Vocational guidance counselors in the schools 25 years ago were extremely hard put to give good and fair guidance to Negro pupils. Only the meanest jobs were available to them and these did not require an education. In this, a more salubrious era for the prepared Negro, one finds too few of them prepared. The reason is because hundreds of thousands of young Negroes in an earlier day have had to throw up their hands in disgust an exclaim: "What's the use!"

There is a "use" today. It must be recognize that if education was not a paramount factor seventy-five years ago, it is today. This is a new day in a new world and those who conclude that they are going to try to make it through the world of yesterday will quickly find out that world exists no longer. Education is a primary necessity for the Negro of today and of the future. Negroes have been proud to boast of their bodies, thri physical prowess wherever given a chance t prove themselves. But brains and skills are re quired today. This fact cannot be overlooked.

In an earlier day, when mothers thought that education in the three R's was enough, thscrubbed their knockles off to get the means to keep their youngsters in school. But the standards then were not what they are today and it is much more important to obtain the best possib education toady than it was then. Qualified Negroes should be kept in the school and helped where necessary.

not alone in advocating a policy of desegregated churches. Some other denominations have accepted worshippers without regard to race. However, church organizations on the whole have been

lax in advocating the principle of equal rights. Perhaps if the churches had exerted stronger leadership such racial equality legislation as the pending civil rights bill would be un SALT.

our values all mixed up. A man murders our and food for their children. beloved President, and we send his widow \$35,-During the Four Days, all citizens prayed 000 and glamorize her in every possible way. for the late President and saluted the same On the other hand, a fine Negro man is shot

flag. It seemed that we had begun to think saluting the flag a bit "crony" until President Kennedy made us proud to be Americans.

warm. Besides, black people don't need money

But now we are glamorizing the widow of the President's accused assassin - Mrs. Oswald. Another man murdered the alleged assassin of the President, and we probably will let him go free, too, in a court of law at a future date. Just as Mr. Beckwith will go free in Mississippi.

In the Dallas incident, the wife of a slain policeman has received several hundred thousands of dollars given her by the public. But what about the Negro wife and mother, Mrs. Medgar Evers?

#### "heard of any bank accounts being set up in their name. Mrs. Evers not only had the wrong We have our values all mixed up. What ... color face, but she wasn't glamorous and would it take for us to regain them?

**Political Appeal To Ignorance** 

# Medgar Evers Case: Values Mixed

It is regrettable, but it is true that politicians - make use of emotional appeal to the electorate of thousands of people. In a small town, a candate might get 2,000 or 3,000 more votes this way.

The intelligent person has seen various municipal and state administrations sacrificing everything for reelection; but as time goes on. it would appear that we haven't seen "nothin" yit."

The all-important question in the minds of honest, intelligent people is, "Just how far will politicians go in seeking reelection?", all the while, seemingly, permitting the honest, efficient operation of a government bog down.

It is a sad commentary when candidates for office will stoop to almost anything to smear the character and intergity of their op-

exist only for the next election. It is very strange that so many people are

THE NEGRO PRESS-believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every mar regardless of race, color or creed, his human and legal rights. Hating no man fearing no man-the Negro Press strives to help every man on the firm belief that all men are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

ponents. They can do this very well when they appeal to the emotions and ignorance of the electorate. Then it seems as if the welfare of the city, state, and nation will be dammed, having been the beneficiary of ignorance in action

Unless the American people are the beneficiary of an honest. efficient administration in Washington and state capitols, before long it will be too late to arrest our toboggan ride to disgrace, ruination and oblivion. Let us pray to God that the people will wake up and put to rout this crowd of deceitful politicians who

not interested in participating in government in order to make it better.

SUN TIMES, Chicago

gue, that such sums might be used for buying protection for politicians, or that control of the rackets was a prize worth the price of murder. The most bizarre story in a long time is being revealed in neighboring Chicago right now, however. The events of the past week Lawrence Wakefield suffered

a heart attack recently in a modest residence where he had been a star boarder for 25 years. Police accompanied a fire department inhalator squad to the house. They found policy tickets, and then a cash horde

Is NATO willing to accept a inquiry into the cash went ahead. Police found money "everywhere but on the ceiling." they said. It took seven officers

nearly 24 hours to count it all -a final tally of \$763,223. But can anyone question the