Editorial Viewpoint

WORDS OF WORSHIP

"Whosoever is fearful and afraid let him go home tonight," he proclaimed. Gideon, the military leader, was about to go to battle with the Midianites. He had called for volunteers, and some 30,000 men responded. Gideon looked them over carefully and critically. He knew the conflicting motives that had brought them there some from mere love of adventure; some because they were afraid to be taunted with cowardice; some for plunder; and some to get away from their wives. He determined to weed them out. Therefore, he gave them the opportunity to return home if they wished.

The Critic Is A Bore

The person who is always criticizing is boring when involved in conversation. However, we have so many of these kind of people that we hardly know what to do.

A large number of people express dissatisfaction of one thing or another. This makes us wonder what have these critics done themselves to improve the deplorable conditions they condemn.

They do not like the people holding public office, or those running for public office. Of course, they have the right to criticize; but we wonder how many of them voted in the last election? Have they written their Congressmen expressing dissatisfaction with or approval of some bill or program? Congressmen don't have crystal balls to tell them.

People complain about how juvenile delinquency is increasing. But how many have stopped to take time out to work in a boy's culb, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and so on? Crities condemn the program of the P. T. A.; but are they members of this organization?

Some critics claim Communists are getting a foothold in this country. Well, as long as we sit around and do not vote, complain and do nothing, this is exactly what they want.

Many of us express displeasure at the way our allies handle their business, their foreign and domestic affairs. But, before we criticize others, let us "sweep clean in front our own

If everybody would work together a little more, this nation would be a heaven on earth. In the words of the late President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." We might even add this statement: "If you do for your country, the other people will take care of themselves."

Can Citizens Bury Themselves?

Looking at things as they really are at the present time, we can't help but wonder can the rank and file of Negro citizens afford to bury : + themselves?

In this country, the average cost of a funeral comes to over \$1,000. Negroes in the low income bracket, on relief and welfare rolls, and those engaged in domestic service cannot by any stretch of the imagination pay this price - for a funeral. Thus, it becomes the duty of the

County in which they reside to bury them. To offset the high cost of funerals, a number of funeral, burial, and memorial societies have been founded in many states for the purpose of reducing the individual costs of funerals through cooperative strength and numerous members. Some 14 have been founded in California, one in Arizona, two in Virginia, two in Maryland, and three in our own North Car-

At the turn of this century, a number of Negro funeral directors provided burial insurance for people in the community at low-cost fees by the week. These burials, of course, were not of the \$1,000 class, but they were decent and honorable.

The high cost of funerals in this country deserves a government study for the purpose of persuading undertakers to charge more moderate fees, or it should encourage constructive

Think of the growing number of senior citizens who form an ever-growing class. We wonder is there no way to die decently and be buried at moderate expense?

The Palm Sunday Story

On what we call Palm Sunday, last Sunday, Jesus passed through Jericho, and just before He came in sight of the city, the group of Jewn who had accompanied him en route to Jerusalem burst out in a demonstration and wanted to make Him king. These pilgrims, mostly Jesus' home province citizens, it must be remembered were different from the larger number of Jews already in Jersaulem. To this latter group Jesus was either quite unknown, or .. known as a teacher of an unauthorized doctrine: they were not the ones who cried, "Crucify him!" later that week, or Holy Week.

Monday: Jesus challenged the money-changrs and drove them from the outer court Temple. These men were licensed to do business: and when Jesus drove them out, no won-

der they questioned His authority. Tuesday: Jesus remained in the Temple Courts all day, answering questions, suggesting in parables that God was about to reject the Jewish people. He got himself generally disliked because He denounced the Pharisees in the most scalding denunciation. This action on the part of Jesus made the Jewish authorities determined to bring about his death one way or another.

Wednesday: The Master did not enter Jeru-

Thursday: On Thursday evening, Jesus celebrated what we now call The Lord's Supper with his disciples in Jerusalem. The treachery of Judas enabled the High Priest to arrest Jesus quietly at a fixed time. At midnight, Christ was brought before a group of prominent Jews in the High Priest's palace. This led

In the first trial, several charges were brought against Jesus; but no serious offense was proved against him-except that He avowed to be the Son of God, heard by witnesses of unimpeachable character. Saiaphas said Jesus spoke blasphemy.

At the second trial, the courts were thrown open to the crowds and Caiaphas pre-planned it so that the crowd would cry, in favor of Barrabas, which finally secured the condemnation

Friday: Pilate did not take any executive action, until a third trial - "Trial for Life" could be held. The Sanhedrin Court brought Jesus to trial on Friday morning. (Good Friday), in the presence of Pilate, at sunrise, and the final charge was that Jesus had committed treason against the Roman Empire. While Pilate vacillated, Jesus was condemned to death.

Pilate said that he could find no fault in Jesus, but he permitted the thief to go free and likewise the crucifixion of Christ. He would have been well satisfied to set Jesus free, but he feared the Jewish authorities would complain about him to the Roman Empire; and could not face the possibility of being de-mot-

ed from his position. The last week of Jesus' life teaches us that we will always have Pilates with eagle eyes cocked for fishes and loaves, for votes in the next election, for opportunities to be crooked in elected offices, for the chance to take advantage of our poor brother.

We cannot have both Barabbas and Christ. It must be one or the other.

City Officials Should Set Examples

Every state establishes deadlines for motorists to purchase license tags. If citizens don't comply, policemen will sooner or later catch them in some spot check. Then the offending motorists must feel the effects of the law.

In Brunswick, Ga., a group of City Commissioners were attending a meeting which we interrupted by a request from the police chief: "Would the commissioners without city car tags, especially the one parked in front of the

police station, please put them on." Law enforcement officers had been cracking down on drivers who failed to get tags by the end of the deadline. When the matter was called to the attention of the commissioners, some ofethem explained they didn't know the deadline had passed.

It is hard to believe that a city commission-

er did not know the date of the license tag deadline. Certainly, this was not a valid excuse. We doubt if the police chief would have given the average citizen a warning, because they would have been "locked up" in jail or

A mayor in a Florida city made almost the came excuse for not having his state tag as did the Georgia commissioners. His conscience "bothered" him and he voluntarily paid his

Just because an individual is a mayor, commissioner, or what have-you, is no reason for his not buying his license tag on time like everyone else.

Although we haven't heard of a similar story in North Carolina, we know our officials have been guilty at one time or another.

Let's Look At The Tampa Job Survey

The Tempa Urban League has started a program to determine what skills local Negroes have and to place them in jobs where they can use these skills. Although the program is being sponsored by the Tampa, Fla., Urban League, nine industries are taking part. Volunteer citizens will interview and register Negroes in classifications according to their skills and trades.

This project is an effort to audit Negro skills in Tampa-to find out just what skills there are, how many trained Negroes are working on lower levels that their training qualifies them for, how much unemployment there is among them, and how much under-employment.

Tampa firms participating in the project

are Sperry U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. International Business Machines. Schlitz Brewery, Continental Baking Company, Minneapolis Honeywell, General Electric and Fairchild Stratos Corp.

These industries and firms should be commended for their efforts to see to it that they make the best use of the Negro labor they employ. Under-employment is a waste of labor

We urge cities in North Carolina to take similar steps to bring to the attention of prospective employers the various and available Negro skills, and ask the firms to include more Negroes in their apprentice-training programs

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-tearing no man—the Negro Press strives to help every man on the firm belief that all men are burt as long as anyone is held back.



Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

ON TO MIAMI! Next week I visit my last intern in speech and correction in the Dade County school system. His name is Christopher Crenshaw, a resident of Pensocola, Florida, Already some of my former students in Miami have informed me in advance concerning the fine record he is making. This young man is about 24 years old and is exemplarary in character and integrity. He should suc-

ceed in life. He wants to go on to graduate school and take a M.A. degree in speech pathology; but he is postponing this until he can help a younger brother get through college. This is a fine gesture, and it shows that Mr. Crenshaw is thinking of making the opportunity for his bro-

HELPERS: I have known of several cases in which a family of four to six children help one another through school, before taking on the obligation of

marriage. There are many Negroes who have no children but who have money. They should be willing to educate some promising young man or woman to prehimself for the opportun-

HEADLINE: Just after the report of the Surgeon General concerning eigarette smoking, one newspaper carried this headline: "Cigarettes Off By 10 Per Cent" and just below was another story on cigarettes being stolen from the Country Club. Are they being stolen instead of purchased?

NO BIRTHDAY!-I can't believe it. In Tokyo, Japan, Farmer Tokumateu Tsuji is 71 years old but never has had a birthday. His birth certificate reads February 30, 1893, an entry apparently made according to a once-official lunar calendar used in Japan.

sent, that's how it is.) SPOTS: This story comes from Miami, Fla., where the question was asked: "What has 510 legs and red spots all over?

(Well, no birthday - no pre-

The 255 Miami area school children missing from classes recently because of German

measles. Dr. John Davies of the Dade County Health Department said the increase in cases reported began March 1 and has steadily gone up. He said the total of the cases for 1964 is substantially above the same

BY HARRY GOLDEN

WHY CHAPEL HILL? North Carolina's press is puzzled. Why did the Negroes pick Chapel Hill, of all places, for their current forceful street demonstrations?

The editorials point out that our famous University town has had a national reputation for progress in human rela-

Indeed, out of the University of North Carolina have come pioneers in the struggle for civil rights. The late Howard Odum, and Dr. Guy B. Johnson, and Dr. Frank P. Graham began their fight for civil rights for the Negro a quarter of a dom Riders began to study the centeury before the first Freebus routes of the South.

And in the early 1940s Chapel Hill writers James Street, Betty Smith, Noel Houston, and Paul Green were already talking publicly about the desegregation of public accommodations. So why Chapel Hill? Why should the local CORE direct its most important demonstration in this famous liberal atmosphere of the University of North Carolina?

And yet it should be n mystery to those who study the history of such movements for political freedom and the right to move about as free citizens The puzzled editors of North Carolina are right when they say there is "more civil rights the Negro in Chapel Hill than in most cities of the South, but that's just the point. There are still some restaurants, motels, and other public accommodations which are segregated and precisely because

nant of racial segregation is al lthe more degrading. There has been a pattern to man's struggle for freedom through all of history When you are in Egypt, you tip your

What good does it do to talk

shout understanding thought-

fulness, and consideration with

your fellowman when you can't

even get it from those that are

If we don't receive these

things, how are we expected to

return them? So in the end

we have to turn the other cheek

Love is such a naked word,

much a simple-word, a word peo-

ple don't think too much of

these days, or any other tor

that matter. But what do we have left? What can we do?

it or not, by the simple bond-

age that we are all human be-

ings, and there is no escaping

of our death or the cause of our

living. What good is flying to

the moon if carry with us, hate,

for if our hearts are not pure

we will still slaughter each oth-

er when we meet. We can not

hide, there is always someone

to see us, someone lurking in

the shadows. It is a long, dark

lonely street and at the end

ing to come along and save us

all, set the world in order for

us? We must right our own

wrongs before we can tell oth-

ers how to correct themselves.

go one step further, but we

know that we never give up. so

Sometimes we think we can't

Do we think someone is go-

we still have ourselves.

This web may be the cause

We are wedded together, like

and love one another.

close to you.

Chanel Hill has encouraged a

liberal atmosphere, the rem-

hat, step off the sidewalk, and bow low before the masters. But when you reach Mount Nebo and you can actually see the "Promised Land," it is only then that you intentify your efforts to reach it. Whe should expect the Negro efforts to increase as the wall against them

And besides, the demonstrating Negroes of Chapel Hill have a right to encourage this great university center to justify its national reputation for intellectual integrity and sociological reason.

I APOLOGIZE Itake my hat off to no one in my love for Puerto Rico. I kno wmany Puerto Ricans. I love their island and they know

I love it. But recently I wrote a piece about the Puerto Rican tradition of "machismo" and some Puerto Ricans said it offended them. I thought my essay called attention to one of their great virtues but they said I took it the wrong way. I didn't mean it the wrong way but I don't intend to change my What is true of most views. Puerto Ricans is also true for the majority of Latin Americans. In the male-female relationship, machismo means the

man is always the boss. When a Mexican, say, looks at a woman, he frankly looks at her. He smiles and stares. An American who sees a pret-ty woman, shifts his eyes to something else, but manages to keep the corner of his eyes focused on the beauty. He is a hypocrite. This has been very bad for America and I think it is this sly habit that has gotten us the reputation of having a lot of female impersonators. I doubt that women admire this trait. Some day we will achieve the Latin directress of being able to look at a woman and keep looking, and

looking, and looking. **Letters To The Editor**

we take that next step. If we lose, coming close doesn't matter, so we must always have it in mind to win. For the stakes are high, and we cannot afford to lose the race. B. E. LAWTON.

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Dear Editor: Although Cassius Clay and I are the same age and resemble each other, we made our debut in separate fields. Mr. Clay, as a boxer, lost all that he encountered in theology.

Since I am a student in a Seminary it is matural for me to warn the young people in out age bracket that Mr. Clay flunked out in religion, and it would not be a wise move to

join him. No one should be deceived by Mr. Clay's being classified as the world's heavyweight champion, as classified and qualified have separate meanings. The fight between Mr. Clay and Mr. Liston proved only one

thing: that a man can be wrong and just as sincere with it as though he was right. I hope that Mr. Clay will change for his good. He can't run for Mayor of New York and be a member of

a group that wants the state of REV. JESSE P. MITCHELL.

Opinions Editorial

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

THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE Another milestone in the long fight for freedom of the press and freedom of speech has been set up by a unanimous decision of the United States Supreme court. The effect of the decision is to reaffirm the constitutional right of every citizen to criticize government and offic-

ials of government. The case was a suit against the New York Times and four Negro ministers charging that an advertisement published in the Times in 1960 libeled J. B. Sullivan, police commisioner of Montgomery, Ala. The advertisement, which solicited funds to carry on the fight for desegregation, contained statements criticizing the handling of racial demonstrations in

Police Commissioner Sullivan contended the statements could be taken as reflecting on him, and asked damages for libe. The Alabama state courts awarded him \$500,000. This judgment has been thrown out by the Supreme court, which held that a criticised public official may not recover damages for a defamatory falsehood relating to his official con unelss he proves that the state-ment was made with knowledge

This Cancerous Disease Is Catching



Gordon B. Hancock's

BETWEEN THE LINES

When I first began the serious study of sociology, my professors had to do some expert brainwashing before they finally convinced me that humans are not born human. Although even in the eary stages of learning it was clear that man is an animal. However, it never occurred to me that the higher animal was born sub-human. Man's humanity comes slowly and in many cases it hardly comes at all and when it comes it is seldom deep laid, for it takes only a trifle to turn so-called humans to brutes, for as some sociologists tell us, man is one of the greatest killers that ever lived upon the earth.

Man's endless wars and rumours of wars with their beastliness and brutality are mute evidences of the brute in man and how thin-laid is the veneer of what we call humanity. Just beneath the skin of the human we find the animal in his most brutish form in far too many instances. Upon the slightest provocation man reverts to an animal of low degrees. In spite of our pretentious civilization and humanity, and in spite of our boasting and much learning the animal in us must have its turn and what becomes manifest in our moments of reversion becomes a matter of great pity. When the animal in us gets the upper hand, we can become greviously ugly in our behavior. In those moments of our thinnest humanity and our inickest animality. ed and condemned, but to be pitied. When the old subhuman animal takes over there is trouble too

often of the gravest kind. The above observation was inspired by the news account of recent date of what recently happened in one of our great mid-western cities. The account reads in part: "Thirty-seven college students, nearly half of them co-cds, were arrested early Sunday in a fraternity drinking party that ranged over nine floors of a downtown hotel. Fifteem co-eds were charged with entering the bedrooms of the members of the opposite sex. Charges against the men included numerous counts of disorderly conduct, entering a bedroom and underage drinking plus larceny and public indecency. trips to the jail over a two-hour span. All 37 spent the night in jail." Police said that those arrested came from four of the finest universities and colleges and from eight states. Continued the

All 37 were ordered to appear in court Monday

morning. One parent bailing out his tearful daughter Sunday said, he was alarmed when police called him in the early hours 'I thought she had been in an accident'. Thank God it's "only Just think of a parent bailing his tearful daugh-

ter out of jail calling it "only this." This parent was terribly disturbed at the thought that his daughter's body might have been hurt in an automobile accident but that his daughter's reputation was damaged by going to jail was "only this." With such parents to bring them up it is no

wonder that these youngsters make grave mistakes. Now the news accounts did not say whether these involved were white or Negro but in the absence of racial designation we conclude that they were white, otherwise it would have been made unmistakably clear that they were Negroes. But in such matter race makes no difference when 37 young people from our best colleges, fifteen of them young women, go out for an evening of pleasure and wind up in jail.

best homes and many with respectable paren's with reputations to be respected in their respective communities. These young people were privileged to study in some of our modern palaces of learning, upon which have been lavished millions, and yet they wind up in jail on Sunday morning.

Is that a nation's reward for its lavish ependiturse for education? Now we need not be disconcerted at what happened in this incident, it can happen anywhere and goes to show how hard it is to rule the animal that is in man. It is pitiful when our most highly privileged come to such grief. Education by itself is not the answer.

Jesus is knocking on the door of our palaces of learning. Without Him we're getting nowhere!

ISSUES: GOOD AND BAD

BY P. L. PRATTIS For ANP

It was inevitable that someone would issue a stupid, foolish, suicidal "call to arms" in the course of the so-called revolution. The "call" has come from the agile Malcolm X, erstwhile leader of the Back Muslims in New York, who ran afoul of his Jesus, Mr. Muhammad of Chicago, and of Mr. Muhammad's sons who seemed to feel that Malcolm X was getting too big for his britches. This split within the Black Muslims is not foreseen by Louis E. Lomax in his most recent book. When the Word Is Given, much of which is given over to Malcolm X's abject worship of, and deification of, Mr. Muhammad.

From the tenor of Mr. Lomax's book and the statements attributed to Malcolm X, one would have expected the angular New York spokesman to fall to his knees and beg forgiveness for anyng wrong, real or imagined, he may have done. Evidently, Malcolm X did not get his inside message over to Mr. Lomax who gives no hint that Malcolm X might rebel and thrust himself, unwanted and unmasked, into the middle of the socalled Negro revolution.

In his "call to arms," the ebullierit Malcolm X, shows that he has much less wiscom than loquacious Cassius Clay, the new heavyweight champion. When Clay was cornered, he admitted that he was a Black Muslim and he sensibly explained why. He was attracted by the virtures of the Black Muslims, the virture of self-help, self-respect, of sobriety, of high regard for women. He renounced hatred of anybody. He denied hating any group and implied that anyone could win his love who deserved it. But Malcom X tries to frighten white Americans by predicting rivers of bloodshed in 1964. He exhorts Negroes to arm themselves and prepare for the day when they are going to be

forced to start shooting. Could any suggestion be more silly, wicked and

Sullivan case: This nation, I suspect, can

live in peace without libel suits based on public officials. But

I doubt that a country can live

in freedom where its people can be made to suffer physically or

financially for criticizing their

evil? In the first place, this kind of prediction will frighten Negroes more than it will whites. That is not because Negroes are cowards. It because they are sensible. They know that one handicapped Negro cannot whip or dispose of ten whites who have access to everything they need to defend themselves or to go on the offensive. including the law which stretches where they wish. Once the Negro starts shooting, he is in for a blood bath. And he'll find himself fighting alone. All the Negroes who tend to listen to the vain gorious mouthings of Malcolm X will wake up one morning and begin to wonder where he is. He'll either be in jail, or the chickens will have

come home to roost with him. Any Negro, Malcolm X or the others, who feels that first-class citizenship can be won in this country without the aid of whites is a fool. Any Negro who wants to fight an all-out "war" against whites with "unconditional surrender" the goal is a worse fool. Hundreds of whites have marched side-byside and gone to jail with Negroes during the social upheaval we are witnessing. Every white who join us means one less for our enemies. If anything will frighten whites, it is defection from their ran's They can never figure how far such defection w go. This defection causes second thoughts, induc them to stay their hand.

For Negroes to learn how to shoot would me nothing to them except that it would be the excuse for exterminating 6 million Negroes or mor Negroes are winning their battles for recognition justice, opportunity, on every front. Why shou anybody be given the impression that they at now going to resort to force and violence? The is monumentally false. If Malcolm X thinks can make a racket out of desperation, he'll di cover he is wrong.

that it was false or with reck-MALCOLM X less disregard of whether it was

THE NEW YORK TIMES false or not. The fight will continue as long as the need perists. We agree with the statement of Justice Black, in his concurring opinion in the New York Times-

Malcolm X, the embittered racist recently outed from the Black Muslim movement, has struck back in anger. He has called upon Negroes to form rifle clubs, astensible to defend lives and property in times of emer rency. "It is legal and lawful to own a shotgun or a rifle." he says, adding with a straight face. "We believe in

obeying the law. His is a call to break the law; to take the law into one group's own hands that would hold

firearms; to erect a private m litia. His is a call to arms gainst duly constituted pol-forces. When he mocked the sassination of President K nedy last year, he exposed him self to Negroes and white as the irresponsible demagogue he

The Negro civil rights movement has accomplished more in the past few years by nonviolence-by what its real leaders call "active passive resistance"
— than by appeals to armed mobs. Malcolm X will not de-ceive Negroes in New York of elsewhere.