

Editorial Viewpoint

WORDS OF WORSHIP

John the Baptist sent two of his disciples to watch and to ask. And Jesus, knowing how wide was the difference between their attitudes and his, refused to argue or defend. "Go and tell your master what you have seen and heard," he said. "The sick are healed, the blind receive their sight

and the poor have the gospel preached to them. It is true that I do not fast, nor forego the everyday pleasures of life. John did his work and it was fine; but I cannot work in his way. I must be myself, and these results which you have seen—these are my evidence."

We Salute Experience In Government

The annual Kiwanis Club - sponsored Student Government Day deserves our salute, for the project gives students an opportunity to have experiences in the workings of our city government.

At one time in our history, Negro students did not have the opportunity to participate because of their racial identity. But we thank the Almighty that He has given men in this city the vision to extend this opportunity to all students without regard to race, creed, or national origin. Therefore, fourteen Ligon High School students participated in running the city government—the largest number ever to participate.

What is more — James Reid, a Ligon High School student, sat beside City Court Judge Pretlow Winborne on Friday, May 1, while actual cases were tried.

The benefits of this experiment should never be underestimated, because students from the high schools of the city filled positions from the mayor down to the sanitary inspector.

During the morning of the Student Day experiment student councilmen and department heads worked with their professional counterparts observing the "business as usual" routine and hearing some specific explanations and instructions.

The Kiwanis Student Day program in government will benefit our Negro students perhaps more than the Caucasians who have had training and experience in government for hundreds of years. Just to observe government at work will do more to inspire our youth to seek careers in government and in politics than a train load of textbooks.

In Remembrance Of Our Mothers

A story is told that a city was built at the foot of a large mountain, and there lived on the mountain an unknown man who was hired by the city council to keep the springs, which filled the reservoir, clean. Since the councilmen had not seen the man, they felt that his services were no longer needed and they fired him.

Pretty soon the city water supply was full of filth and disease germs that caused a city-wide epidemic among the citizens. This led the councilmen to see their mistake, and they rehired the spring cleaner. Not only this, but they held a day in his honor and presented him with an award.

The moral of this story makes us think of our mothers as the springs which supply human lives with strong moral fiber, good character, firm religious spirit, and strong integrity.

The religious spirit must be taught a child

Halifax: Are The Charges True?

In a Freedom Day rally, Negroes put on a registration campaign in Halifax County—resulting in 500 new registrants, raising the total in the county to over 2,000 persons.

This was done, according to Negro leaders, in the face of delaying tactics by registrars and harassment by police. A stench bomb was set off in police headquarters after the polling place was moved there from its regular location.

"In some places it was as bad as anything in Mississippi," said John R. Salter, Jr., a field organizer for the Southern Conference Educational Fund. Salter, who organized protests in Jackson, Miss., last year, is aiding the Halifax Voters Movement in the registration drive.

Most disturbing was the moving of the polling place from its usual location to police headquarters. If this charge is true, the action surpasses in some degree incidents in Mississippi. Why was the polling place moved to police headquarters? Was it because Negroes deported themselves badly? Was it because police wanted to confuse prospective registrants concerning the poll place location?

SCEF Representative Salter said that in some places registrars took half an hour to register one applicant. In one polling place, the registrar took three hours off for lunch. Should not polling places be open at all times during

the day? If it took a registrar three hours to eat lunch, should not substitutes have taken their places during the interim?

Salter said in one polling place, the registrar refused to tell applicants whether they were registered or not. Should not this practice be investigated?

Negro protests have been sent to state officials and to the Justice Department in Washington. And we learn that very intensive legal action in the Federal Courts is also likely to be instituted.

It is obligatory that North Carolina state officials act with speed and dispatch in order to determine if we have registration malpractices existing in Halifax County. If so, the registration officials should be removed immediately and prosecuted accordingly.

North Carolina has the reputation of being a liberal state where all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, have the right to vote and can cast their ballots without frustration and without fear and trembling. The state must not tolerate situations charged by Negroes as being "like Mississippi's."

The challenge now faces the state officials in charge of registration and balloting. We are anxiously waiting to see what will be done.

Industry Seeking Negro Graduates

Qualified Negro college graduates are being sought by industry this year as never before.

A survey indicates that unprecedented numbers of industrial recruiters have swarmed over campuses to hunt out, talk to and, in many cases, hire Negro graduates at top starting salaries.

We know that the search for outstanding Negroes is, of course, part of an all-out hunt for able June graduates. But many companies are showing special interest in the graduating Negro.

Business Week Magazine, which conducted the survey, says that there is a general feeling that industry really wants the Negro so much, that the recruiting rush isn't merely a desire to provide "window dressing" to head off civil rights forces.

Fisk University in Nashville has had to extend its recruiting sessions for at least another month. Howard University in the nation's capital turned away more recruiters this year than ever before and has logged 50 more interviews than last year. In Texas, Prairie View College and Texas Southern University report tenfold increase in visiting industrial recruiters over the past few years.

The main targets of the recruiting agents are

Whites And Civil Rights Bill

Through political campaigns, open letters to editors, and by various other means segregationists have made it clear how bitter they are against the proposed civil rights legislation now before the U. S. Congress.

Certain southern senators and congressmen have tried to make the bill look as evil as they can. In fact, they have been fighting it as if they were fighting for life itself. But why all the fighting? What is so evil about the bill?

Some legislators have been objecting to the accommodations section of the bill. What is so terrible about serving Negroes in eating establishments? When an establishment advertises in order to serve the public, shouldn't it serve the public regardless of race? We have always been under the impression that a public place or establishment—even when run by private capital—is open to the public. Certainly the

top Negro graduates who are majoring in science, biology, physics, mathematics, chemistry, and engineering.

Starting salaries in these fields run up to \$670 a month with an average just under \$600. These compare favorably with starting salaries for all graduates regardless of color.

The survey indicated that one metallurgy student has had five job offers. A coed with honors in mathematics received 10 job offers. Thirty of 40 engineers at a college in North Carolina were grabbed quickly.

Business administration, especially accounting, is proving to be a good field for Negroes. The placement director at Fisk University said he was amazed at the tremendous thrust for students majoring in business administration. The facts are available and indicate that the walls of segregation are falling down for Negroes, and now youths are able to walk in the sunlight of the new freedom if only they are especially qualified.

It behooves Negro college and university students to employ good study habits, make good grades, and show eagerness and alertness in order that they might be able to charter flights that will land them good positions in American industries.

Negro is a part of the public.

To keep from serving Negroes many white establishments have closed their doors, and the reason is not far to seek.

How can the public continue to support segregationist senators who would go so far as to defy the law of the land? The Supreme Court has ruled that segregation is unconstitutional. Many citizens have continued to support these senators who have let it be known that they are liabilities to social progress.

We are living in a funny world it seems. The white man has made the laws, he has interpreted the laws, and yet he will not abide by these laws—for example, Governor Barnett of Mississippi and Wallace of Alabama.

The Negro is now engaged in a fight that will run to the bitter end!

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS R. BOULWARE

THE WEATHER

The weather in Tallahassee, Florida, is cool at night but mighty hot in the afternoon. I start off with my tie, but pull it off at 2:00 p.m.

We get about one good rain each week, and then the grass just shoots up.

WORRY: A Denver nightclub performer contacted the Colorado Health Department to find out if 24 ticks she found on a boa constrictor she uses in an exotic dance are dangerous. (Yes, but what about the snake? Is he dangerous?)

BEST MAN: "I really wasn't the very best man. I was just the best available," said Thomas W. Burdine after the wedding last night in Los Angeles. Burdine, 42, had just acted as best man for Michael J. Silverstein, 21, who had just won a \$160 court judgement against him.

The \$160 will be my wedding present," Burdine quipped.

Silverstein and Burdine met for the first time last January when their cars collided at an

intersection. They met the second time in court.

Silverstein mentioned before the hearing that he also wanted a marriage ceremony performed and that he needed a best man and witness. Burdine stood in, even after he lost the court suit. (That is man after mine own heart!)

CITIZENSHIP: It is now official. Bourbon (John Barley Corn) is a distinctive American-born beverage.

The House, after sober consideration, gave the final congressional approval recently to legislation giving bourbon whiskey U. S. citizenship. It suggested that appropriate government agencies take action to stop other countries from sending their liquor into the United States labeled as bourbon.

In case anyone wants to know how bourbon got to be all-American, the House Ways and Means Committee reported to the House that the name refers to the "particular part of the world this distinctive distilled spirit first derived from — Bourbon County, Ky.

ONLY IN AMERICA

BY HARRY GOLDEN

BOXING'S LAST BOUND

David Brinkley, probably the best man on television today, had a one-hour show, "Boxing's Last Round." Benny Paret dying in the ring was the most effective piece of television reporting I've seen.

Governor Pat Brown of California, a vastly under-rated man, had some terrifying revelations about the fight game.

I'm not so concerned with the criminality of gangsters and crooked managers who take away all the earnings from their fighters; nor does it shock me that deals are made.

What dismays me is that boxing is not a sport. It is our rationalization of the instinct to see blood spilled; it is an instinct that goes back to the killing of Jews on the Easter Sunday morning in the 12th and 13th centuries, and the earlier feeding the Christians to the lions and the gladiators murdering one another for the titillation of an obscene mob.

I was a boxing fan for some years. I went to most of the important fights in Madison Square Garden. Going in to the Garden in those days on Friday nights, I always met a young man in the lobby named Willie Jackson. Willie had been one of the best lightweights of his era, but as you walked around the lobby greeting friends you and everybody wound up with five or six business cards Willie Jackson had handed you. He had forgotten that he had given you one a minute before. He had no recognition whatsoever and he spoke haltingly and he was selling papers and wine.

Letter To The Editor

TIME TO BE HEARD

To The Editor: That Negroes are seeking and asking for first class citizenship is very little in comparison to the many contributions they have made to our American way of life. The Negro in every field of endeavor in which he has had an opportunity to participate has demonstrated his ability to be worthy of participation in the fields of music, sports, science, medicine and politics. The Negro has proven himself. The Negro, by his toil and labor, has helped to build this country into the great empire that it is today. Therefore he is entitled to all he may come about.

The Negro desires United America where he can work side by side with his white brothers in peace and harmony. There are always some people who are willing to discredit the Negro by pointing out all of his bad faults but are reluctant to point out his good ones. There are some who say that the Negro's crusade for first class citizenship and human dignity is communist inspired. There is nothing so far from the truth as this assumption. When our democratic ideals and the American way of life were threatened by foes from abroad, Negroes shouldered arms in defense of this country to protect our basic freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Negro stands shoulder above all others in loyalty to his Government.

But now the time has come for responsible Negro leaders and responsible Negro citizens to speak their minds if we are to keep the good will and retain the harmony that has existed between Whites and Negroes through the years. We cannot allow ill feelings to prevail. We cannot sit idly by while a few hot heads, void of any responsibility to our cause more harm than good by employing such tactics as have been practiced in recent demonstrations. These irresponsible people not only endanger their own lives but the lives and welfare of others as well. If we really want the things we are seeking, then let's seek them in the human and intelligent way and that is by adhering to conformity. To be able to demonstrate doesn't give one the right to bring undue hardships upon others. Let's do it with good will and understanding.

Yours truly, Wilbert M. Sanders, Raleigh

You took his card and pretended you had not seen him a minute ago.

In those years, I got to know a very good light heavyweight named Paul Bernbach. What happened to this strong brave man after a few years in this brutal contest is horrible. He could hardly speak. He weaved his head from left to right constantly. The blows he took and all fighters take loosen the covering on the skill. The brain actually rattles after that.

David Brinkley observed that prizefighting held out a promise to uneducated boys of minority groups who saw in the prize ring a chance to achieve fame and money. But it is not quite that simple.

By instinct the immigrant from the Mediterranean area and Eastern Europe (then later from our Negro and Puerto Rican) understood that prizefighting is a way to acceptance. The fame and the money were part of it, but basically we were all hunting for acceptance. The Jewish boy on the East Side knew that his interest in labor unions and in the settlement house and even in science would not get him acceptance as quickly as his attempt to reflect as quickly as possible the Anglo-Saxon ethic of violent courageous action.

That is why most of the early histories of the Jews in America waste countless pages telling how we fought in the Revolutionary War and in the war of 1812 and until very recently did not mention that many of the ideas of the social science we brought with us are today a part of the American law, such as social security and collective bargaining and special protection for women and children in industry.

A Jewish boy who became a boxer was a hero, just as Cassius Clay or Joe Louis was a hero two generations later.

Boxing is dying of its own decay. The local clubs have long since closed and the folks only seem interested in the championship bouts — and after the Ligon-Clay fight, recently they will sustain any interest at all.

I would joyously join any movement which has for its purpose the abolition of this monstrous "sport" of blood, death, and corruption.

Editorial Opinions

Here are excerpts of editorials selected by the Associated Negro Press from some of the nation's leading daily newspapers.

MORE ON CIVIL RIGHTS THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

Representatives of the major religious groups in Nashville have spoken out in favor of community responsibility and good faith in arriving at just settlement of the problems now confronting the city.

This welcome action is in accord with the pleas that have been issued by President Johnson, calling upon the nation's religious leaders to exert their influence in "reawakening the conscience" of the country and directing the power of religion toward the realization of equal rights for all American citizens.

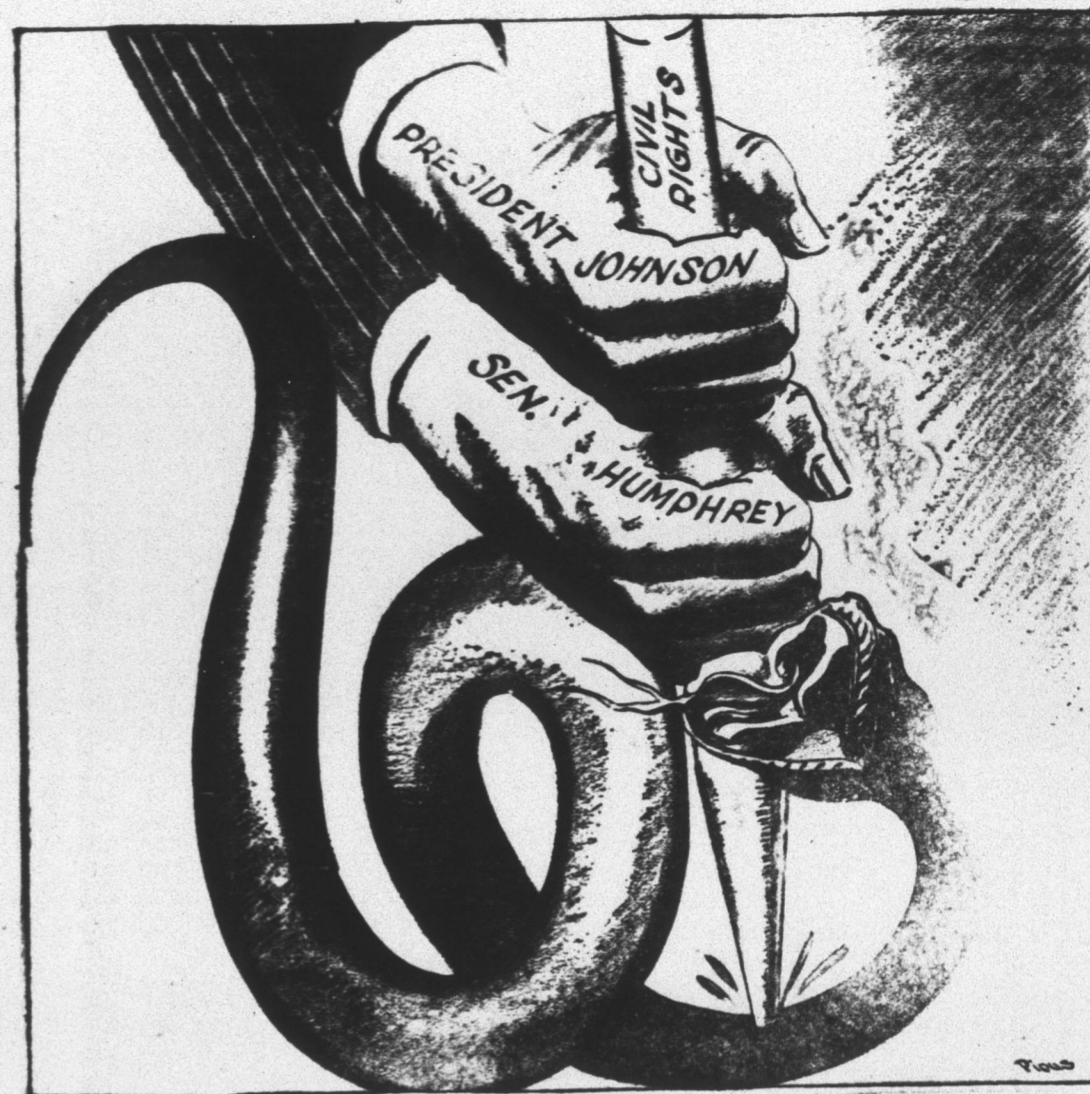
The Nashville plea was signed by four prominent church leaders—the Rev. Sam Dodson, minister of Calvary Methodist Church; Rabbi Randall M. Falk of the Temple; Dr. Lawrence Jones, pastor of Fisk Union Church, and the Rt. Rev. Albert A. Siemer, Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Nashville.

The four clergymen expressed sadness over the conflict, but they pointed out candidly that "the leaders and participants in the current demonstrations do not bear the responsibility alone for this conflict."

It is encouraging to see Nashville's ministers seizing this opportunity with courage and good faith. It is hoped they will be joined by others to provide needed leadership for action based not on what is convenient, or popular or self-comforting, but—in the tradition of fearless American clergymen—based on what they know to be right.

BIGOTRY IN NEW YORK

Must Go Deeper



Gordon B. Hancock's

BETWEEN THE LINES

FAT PRESENT VERSUS LEAN FUTURE

When Joseph was Prime Minister of Egypt, he left in mind the great version that Egypt would have seven fat years and seven lean years. His great work as Prime Minister kept ever in mind the great inevitability of a final balance between the lean and the fat. It matters not how carefully we try to live our lives and order them, in the long run the lean must be balanced over against the fat. Most of the whites who have it fat today, have had it lean and if not they of this generation, their forebears somewhere down the line had it lean. In other words there must be sacrifice if there is to be plenty.

Sacrifice must precede plenty and not the other way around. On yesterday morning which was Sunday, I came out and casually glanced up the street from my home and as far as the eyes could see there were cars and cars and ever more cars in this Negro section of the city. In my immediate block there was not a house without its car. There were good looking and expensive cars. As the people came out dressed for church they had on the finest of clothes. And doubtless at dinner their tables fairly groaned under the burden of good food that had been bought and prepared. Everywhere there were signs of economic fatness. We are in very truth having a fat today.

It leads to serious thought of tomorrows and we cannot help wondering if it is going to be lean. Fat today and fat tomorrows do not ordinarily go together. If Negroes do not save for that proverbial "rainy day" while they are in their productive years, how under high heavens can they escape leanness somewhere down the line? It seems the wiser course to take it lean in the fat years if we would have it fat in the lean years that are bound to come. There is no getting around the fact that somewhere along the line lean years are inevitable. To drive fat, to dress fat and eat fat today, cannot build security against that lean tomorrow.

Then I take up my Negro newspaper and find there sound advice from the pen of P. L. Pratts in the Associated Negro Press urging upon Negroes the grim necessity of investing in Mutual Funds in which we can invest for as little as ten

dollars a month, and the saving of these small amounts over a long span of years will insure security and guarantee a not-too-lean future. Moreover we become in the long run stockholders in this country's future economic development.

My point here being made is that if we could come around to a little leaner present in the interest of a fatter future, we would be in line with the history of economic security. Mutual Funds and the economic opportunity pertaining there to has no color lines. It is not a matter of civil rights; it is a matter of the Negro's willingness to put up with a leaner today in the interest of a fatter tomorrow. The Negro cannot spend everything he makes riding fat and dressing fat today and keep up with the white man whose forebears had in many cases mightily lean years today. The man who is behind must out-run the fellow in front if he is to win the race. We of a lean race cannot live on the same plane with whites whose forebears had hundreds of years start on us. In urging Negroes to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by investment in Mutual funds Pratts was rendering the race a notable service.

We who are living so fat today had better take warning. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear." For how these many months Professor C. A. Chick, long time teacher of economics in Fayetteville State College, North Carolina has been like a John crying in the wilderness trying to get Negroes to see the advantage of investing in common stock in the stock markets of today. The man who invests in stock is part owner and the more Negroes invest in this common stock the more powerful they will become financially tomorrow.

Of course stock in great corporations like Mutual Funds can be purchased on the installment plan thus coming within reach of lean Negroes. Our great trouble is in converting the Negroes to the notion of passing up a fat today for a fat tomorrow instead of having a super-fat today and a super-lean tomorrow. Civil rights without a dollar do not get us where we want to go. Negroes need dollars. Only dollars can intercede us as full-fledged citizens of this great country!

ISSUES: GOOD AND BAD

BY P. L. PRATTIS FOR ANP

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the head FBI man, has recently made public a statement in which he avers that there are some Communists mixed up with Negroes and their struggle for equal rights. The people who want to (they're numbered in the thousands or millions) seize upon Mr. Hoover's statement and use it in an obvious attempt to smear the civil rights fight. Personally, I do not believe Mr. Hoover meant what civil rights foes want him to mean. They want him to mean that the organizations fighting for civil rights are infested with Communists. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth.

The Communists can extract nothing from the current struggle so far as Negroes are concerned. The whites are the ones who keep busy adding fuel to the Communists' fire. If the Communists wish to expose the hypocrisy which prevails in the United States, they do not need to become associated with Negro organizations. They need only follow the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, the White Citizens' Councils, the American Nazi party, the John Birch Society and the police. North and South. These are the organizations which are giving the United States a bad name. All that the Communists need to do in these dark days is to purchase the pictures.

Thus when a student group in Nashville, Tenn., pickets a segregated restaurant the police move in with their night sticks and beat the students down. The picture shows a student on the ground with three policemen and their clubs. One of these policemen is cracking the prone student across his wrists. The student is trying to protect his head with his hands and arms. Behind the policeman two plainclothesmen stand ready to help the three policemen subdue the lone student. One

of the plainclothesmen is seen reaching for his gun or blackjack.

All the Communists have to do is circulate pictures like the above, or others showing police dogs snapping at pickets, or students being fire-bombed, or prodded with electric irons. How could the Communists obtain any better evidence of what goes on in the United States than these pictures? It doesn't stand to reason that the Communists should try to infiltrate Negro organizations and run the risk of getting their heads cracked when all they need to do is purchase pictures and mail them back home. The whites, by their brutal actions, are helping the subversives.

Apparently, those who help to make the pictures which bring shame to the United States would rather help to defame their country than accord Negroes their constitutional rights. They don't care what happens to their country so long as Negroes stay in the place reserved for them by whites. Somehow or other, these image makers seem to think they can keep the Negro in this reserved place forever. That is not true and the white peace breakers should know it. If Negroes can't get the law enforced on their side through such a device as the current civil rights bill, there are rough days ahead for Negroes and whites.

The mood of the Negro today is to press on for his rights. He has been urged to sing and pray. This, however, seems to have little effect on his enemies. If and when Negroes come to realize this fact, there is bound to be a change. They will not quit fighting. Instead they will do everything required to win the fight. Whites who are getting all hot and bothered about Negro demonstrations today have not seen anything yet.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The refusal of white union plumbers to work alongside three Puerto Ricans and a Negro on construction of a new municipal market in the Bronx is a disgrace to the city and to their union. Local 2 of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters.

Their racial boycott is doubly shameful because they belong to the local that gave George Meany his start toward the

presidency of the AFL-CIO. Mr. Meany has labored hard to translate into actuality the pledges of racial equality, contained in the federation's constitution. Peter T. Schoemann, the plumbers' international president, has repeatedly told all the union's locals that their function is to organize, not to exclude, and that charters will be revoked if units persist in Jim Crow policies.

The situation in the Bronx local is reportedly complicated

by a power fight among its officials—a fight that inhibits any effective stand by responsibility and decency by those whose duty it is to enforce the union's contracts and safeguard its good name. The primary obligation for ending one walkout and the discriminatory practices that underlie it belongs to the local's executive board. But neither the city nor the rest of organized labor can wait for it to find the course now so dismally absent.