Editorial Viewpoint

WORDS OF WORSHIP

Repent and be baptised was the sermon of John the Baptist. John the Baptist could denounce but he had no good qualities of leadership. He could criticise people for their sins, but he didn't construct. He drew crowds who were willing to repent at his command, but he had no program

for them after they were converted. The people waited for him to organize them into some worthwhile and effective service, and he was no organizer. As a result his followers drifted away and his movement gradually collapsed.

Negro Legislator At Last

Since we were almost convinced that it could not be done for years to come, we hope that the election of William R. Crawford, Negro minister, to the N. C. State House of Representatives from Forsyth County will convince Wake County voters that they accomplish a similar thing.

With the election of Crawford to the State House of Representatives, we have the first Negro legislator since Reconstruction days. Crawford created a public image for himself

by serving on the Winston-Salem Board of

Aldermen and city school board for ten years. Once before he ran for his present position on the Democratic ticket, but lost by nearly 800 votes. This suggests to us that if at first youdon't succeed, try again.

When Crawford said, "Although I may be identified with a minority group, I feel that I can help all of the people," we believe that he will represent all of the people to the best

May the Almighty bless him in his efforts to make good government better.

Negro Gangs Harming Us

The sporadic and turbulent gang attacks by irresponsible Negroes upon passengers riding New York City subway trains will harm our civil rights cause more than we estimate.

Newspapers gave the incidents national publicity in describing how bands of Negro thugs beat, knifed, robbed and terrorized whites of several subway trains and a Staten Island fer-

The white public is not interested in the cause of these outbursts. If so, they would no doubt find that these incidents of violence may be traceable to the frustration of youth in being proper education, housing and employ-

The United States has made miraculous strides in the development of space flight and travel; in the near future, it is anticipated that we will put a man on the moon.

All this may be good, but the nation cannot afford to ignore or neglect the racial problems with their complex aspects. There must be diseussion around conference tables by the leaders of both races. Then the agreements, compromises, and solutions should be followed by appropriate action. It is urgent that something be done about the problem.

Meanwhile, regardless of the causes, the gangs have given the Negro an unsavory name throughout the nation. This state of affairs must be dealt with by militant leaders of the so-called Negro revolt. Plans and procedures must be put into effect to assist in curbing any future occurences of this type of behavior.

The late Mary McLeod Bethune urged the Negro "to be a Daniel and take the vow of courage", but she wanted this courage tempered with poise, calmness, and dignity. She knew that gang behavior will get the race nowhere; and all her life, she controlled her behavior in order to maintain the respect of the people of the white group in this country.

The unemployment of youth may explain in part what has happened on the subways. It has been quoted often that "an idle brain is the devil's workshop. Busy people don't have time to spread terror among a group of innocent people.

Naturally, city officials will attempt to curb these gangs by an effective police force. However, police action is like cutting off the top of the peanut vine, but they should be aware that "deep are the roots" of this problem.

Let us hope that our new leadership in the Negro revolt will devise ways to curb such outbreaks, for if they can direct demonstrations and "freedom rides", they ought to be able to establish a movement to check this outlaw rear-guard action.

If our leaders do not have the know-how to achieve this goal, then the Negro race will be forced to hang its head in shame.

Methodists Appoint Commission

The Western North Carolina Methodist Con- ence in session at Greensboro: férence established last week a study and planning commission to explore opportunities for greater interracial understanding and coopera-

Instructed to report next June on racial problems involved and possible solutions, the commission was authorized to confer with a similar commission of the N. C. Negro Conference, a member of the Methodist Central Jurisdiction, which embraces Negro conferences and church-

It was encouraging to learn that the General Conference meeting in Pittsburgh, in April and May, suggested to white conferences that they absorb churches of the Central Negro Jurisdiction.

This conference dispatched the following message to the North Carolina Negro Confer-

"The ministers and laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference send most sincere greetings and prayerful best wishes to our Methodist brethren of the N. C. Conference. We look forward eagerly to a new era of cooperative study and combined action as God opens doors for the same. We wish it to be known and demonstrated in this locale where we live together that the Methodist are one

Not only will the report of the commission be anticipated, but it is hoped that the Methodists can unite as one body in Christ Jesus for the implementation of the brotherhood of men. May the church exemplify the right approach in dealing segregation a mortal

"The Midway" In Retrospect

"Yorktown."

It is often profitable to review the pages of history. So turn with us to the Battle of Midway which stopped the Japanese offensive in World War II on June 4, 1942.

Last week many of the veterans of this batfle returned to the shores to review, if you please, the part that they had in it. Even General Dwight Eisenhower made his appearance to recall his military memories.

The battle took place on Midway Island, a small island with "nothing but gooney birds and sand", about 1000 miles northwest of Hawaii. The Japanese wanted this island for two main reasons. First, the defenses of the Japanese Home Islands had a gap directly to their east. This was shown in vivid fashion to the leaders of Japan by the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. Midway would plug the gap quite nicely. Secondly, the Japanese needed Midway as a ping stone to conquer the rest of the Hawajian Islands. It was important that this be done and the American fleet destroyed before the industrial might of America would change the odds in favor of the United States. At this time, the Japanese had 10 carriers to America's

The Japanese strategy was this: 1. A small force with two aircraft carriers

would bomb bases in the Aleutians and occupy some islands; 2. A large force with four carriers would

capture Midway: 3. The American fleet, in an attempt to ded or recapture Midway, would attack from

Pearl Harbor and be sunk. But the American experts had crecked the Japanese codes; so when the Japanese arrived at Midway, an American fleet of three carriers was waiting to the north of the island. In the resulting action the American carrier planes by luck caught the Japanese carriers as they were refueling planes which had attacked Midway itself. This enabled the Americans to set the Japanese carriers aflame with their bombs: and a burnt carrier is as bad as a sunk carrier. A Japanese counter-attack sank the carrier

Since the loss of these four carriers meant the loss of all air cover, the Japanese were forced to call off the invasion of Midway. And since the loss of four carriers cut their carrier force by one half, the Japanese were never able to launch another big attack like this one. From there on, it was a losing battle for the Japanese.

If you recall, the results of this battle made it the most decisive naval battle of the war. if not the most decisive of any type during the

Americans came within an inch of losing the Battle of Midway and with it the entire Pacific. If Japan had used all of her carriers at Midway, instead of sending two off to the Aleutians, if the Japanese search aircraft had been a little more efficient, if the Americans had not caught the Japanese refueling, who knows what the outcome of the Pacific war might have been?

It is indeed befitting at this time to pay honor to the American heroes who died in fight, as well as salute those who are survivors today.

Just For Fun BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

BUT IT'S COLD! Here in Tallahassee, Florida, we have been complaining a-bout the hot and dry weather. Ah, but this morning! The rain started at 7:30 A. M. while I was washing my car. Now at noon, I'm thinking of reaching for an overcoat—Can you imagine that?

Because of the type of soil, it does not take the sun long to dry up the rain fall. Although the weather is chilly, it is refreshingly cool, or shall I say

FOR ONE CAT, TOO MUCH A black cat named Opal must have crossed her own path re-cently. She had the bad luck to loose \$83,333.33. That's how much scratch her late mistress bequeathed her "for the luxurious care" of Opal.

But other heirs of Amanda

C. McHenry argued in the Court of Los Angeles recently that one-third of \$250,000 is much more than is needed for the lifetime care even of someone with nine lives. The judge

SHREWD TRADER In Basildon, England, a school boy has turned out to

be a pretty shrewd horse-trader. The youth, John Blake, swapped a battered radio set for two dusty old violins-just fiddles you might say. When he was told that the violing were worth as much as \$1,440

(My, my—don't some people have all of the luck?) JUST A NAME

In Syracuse, N. Y., a man was arrested on a downtown street by a poilceman and charged with intoxication. His name, police said, is Southern Drinker.

BITING, BITING, EH? A postman in Sikeston re-ported recently that an unidentifled boy about five years old ran up and bit him on the leg

without warning.
And, in Lisbon, Portugal, a man bit a donkey after the donkey bit him. The man was walking besides the donkey when the animal decided to bit him on the arm. Unable to free himself, the man plunged his teeth into the donkey's muzzle so hard that the donkey let go. Both had to receive medical treatment. (What goes on here with all this biting?)

ONLY IN AMERICA

BY HARRY GOLDEN

OUR PRESIDENTS HAVE

COURAGE Four Presidents of the United States have been killed in line of duty by bullets. Each of these Presidents has been killed as dead by a bullet as though it had been fired by an enemy soldier on the field of battle

instead of by an assassin. Had Lincoln, Garfield, Mc-Kinley, and John F. Kennedy never been President of the Untied States, each would have had a long life and probably died otherwise than by a pistol or revolver bullet. Four more Presidents of the United States have had their lives attempted by men with knife or guns, each of these assailants hoping for success instead of failure in his attack with intent to kill

one of our Presidents.
Of the Four Presidents killed by assassins, three were Republicans, and one a Democrat. Two other Presidents whom the killer meant to shoot, were Democrats and one of these Democrats who was missed by the assassin's bullet brought death to a mayor of Chicago.

The death rate of killed and wounded among the Presidents of the United States, each of whom is the constitutionally authorized commander-in-chief of the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force, is high.

Combat units and open warfare sometimes have a lower rate of mortality and disability from cold steel and gun fire than what we find among the Presidents of the United States. Of Presiednt Lyndon B. Johnson it may be said that by the

fact of his traveling about and shaking hands along the line, he is taking as much a chance on sudden death by violence as most of the Presidents before

Watching the news-photos of the President on his trips a-round the country has now become a nerve-wracking experi-

All the men running for President today, Republican and Democrat, have shown courage throughout their public lives and the man who is sworn in on January 20, 1965, will need every bit of it.

WHAT WILL ROGERS REALLY SAID

The frequent quotation of Will Rogers as saying, "I never met a man I didn't like," is just a little too pat. It is text torn from context. What he actually said is longer and better. I look-

ed it up:
"When I die my epitaph, er
whatever you call those signs on gravestones, is going to read 'I joked about every prominent man in my time, but I never met a man I didn't like.' I'm proud of that, I can hard-

ly wait to die so it can be carv-"And when you come around

to my grave you will probably find me sitting there proudly reading it."

Will Rogers was having fun, as always. To reduce him to a bit of pure pablum is to do a disservice to one of the truly great men of the American civi-

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU OF

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INDIA

"Ulysses is dead, and there is

none in all Ithaca who can bend

his bow." This thought must

trouble the soul of modern, struggling India today as the

Indian people mourn the death

of Prime Minister Jawaharlal

the makers of today's world. A

devoted disciple of Gandhi, he

gave up a life of ease as a mem-

ber of one of India's wealthy

upper caste families to throw

himself into the struggle for

was a believer in Western par

liamentary democracy. Yet this

fastidious statesman-pholoso-

pher often irritated the West.

For many years as leader in

movement he was a thorn in the

Gandhi's passive resistance

flesh of the British, who jailed

him many times during the ci-

But he presevered to become

the architect of India's inde-

pendence. As India's prime

minister, to many people he

was many things. The Russians

might consider him an arch-

reactionary: some Americans

irritated by what they consid-

ered his "Red-oriented" neu-tralism, regarded him as a cryp-

to-Communist. But at home his

words were held in reverence

and his very presence was a

LET THERE BE LIGHT

The word education come

from two Letin roots which

spliced together mean to lead out of. The teachers of the

world have always aimed, that

is to say, merely to lead out of

there in potential. In this coun-

try's history, one trouble too often has been that the edu-cating, the leading-out-of, fa-

cilities open to Negroes were

able for others. The essential American shame has been that

this lack of efficiency in the

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governmental remedies, how-

ever, and these are to be wel-

self-help and spontaneity. Spontaneity and self-help are the words for the joint program

just announced by Brown University, the largely white college in Rhode Island and Tougaloo, a Negro college in Mississippi.

With a total of \$363 milli

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mount a campaign to realize the full potential of the Tou-

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

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Educated in England, Nehru

India's independence.

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Editorial Opinions

EDITORIAL OPINIONS Here are excerpts of editoriselected by the Associated Negro Press from some of the nation's leading daily newspa-

Letter to the Editor

LIFE'S PREPARATIONS

Sometimes as we watch the giant structures of steel and stone going into place to form beautiful building, we marvel at the superiority of man over things he has created He excells in the field of science and medicine. Doctors, with their skills in operations on the human body have performed miracles. And yet men, with all his knowledge in the various sciences has very little control over his life or destiny. During course of a man's life he will make many sacrifices for the things he wants or deems sary. He will make preparations for a home, the education of his children, and insurance for old age. Sometimes I think in our haste to secure things we overlook the most important things in our lives. and that is Eternal Life after I attended the funeral of a

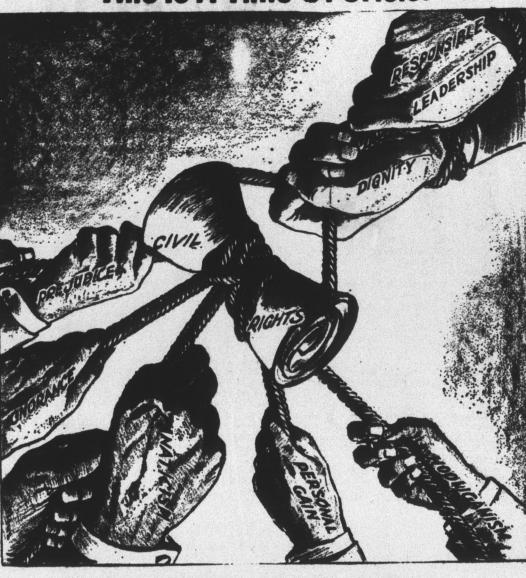
friend a few days ago and as I looked into the faces of the family and loved ones who were mourning their loss, I was thinking that in the not too distant future, death would come and claim me, too. Then asked myself this question. What preparation had I made to meet this encounter?

Then I found the answer. Through Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. I found out that if a man seeks Eternal Life he must repent of his sins, be baptized, and believe that God sent his only son into the world to die for the sins of mankind and womankind. Have you made preparation for the eternal life after death? There comes a time in all our lives when parents, preachers, doctors and friends won't be able to help us. Who else then but Jesus Christ will be standing and waiting for us to call upon him in our hour of need?

He is our last and only ho to be saved from a world of sin as we know it to be. It is a wonderful feeling to know that there is a better place reserved for man when he has had his ncounter with death. "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and in the end ose his soul?"

Very Truly Yours, Wilbert M. Sanders, Baleigh, N. C.

This Is A Time Of Crisis!



BY EMORY G. DAVIS, D. D. (For the Associated Negro Press)

FARE TO HEAVEN Over twenty years ago, while selling tickets for a church function to raise funds toward mortgage retirement, I went into the establishment of a Negro business man who had a reputation for supporting such causes. His response to my appeal was, "It's costing too d-much to send n--s to heaven, and most of them are going to end up in hell anyhow." In spite of his terse allegation he did purchase some tickets.

Then I was young and had not begun my ministerial career. I was shocked speechless by his direct attack on church fund raising, and said nothing for several moments, feeling embarrassed that I had chosen to solicit funds from a person with such an attitude. After 20 years or more in in the ministry I've recently been reminded of this incident in more ways than one.

A recent editorial in RENEWAL, a publication of the Chicago City Missionary Society, by the editor, Stephen C. Rose, sought to speak to the matter of church and money in an article entitled, "Where The Money Goes." The realistic approach to this sensitive matter again reminded me of the high cost of "ferrying" people to heaven over against the numbers of persons who are seemingly going the other way. And, you don't hear much talk anymore about heaven and hell.

It is easy to agree with Editor Rose that too much money "goes for needless frills, such as fancy buildings" and "for large educational fa-cilities . . . used only one or two days a week," when these expenditures are set over against what the church spends for home and foreign missions, overseas relief and for the relief of the poor and

needy at its door. ed on the 1961 report of the National Council of Churches, Mr. Rose cites these statistics: The average per member contributions are \$54 per year for local church expenses which include ministers' salaries, maintenance and investments in church buildings, and only \$12 per year for benevolences—the ministry to the needy, etc. Es-

timating that 25% of benevolent funds are used

up in alministration, that leaves about \$9 direct aid to the hungering, naked, sick and lenely. Not included are the amounts of followers to prepetuate their own lavish tastes for living.

Ask any average group of people in the per what they would do if their church suddenly fell heir to a large sum of money, and they will list any things, such as, pay the mortgage, repair the roof, lay new carpet, with benovenences hitting about 6th or 7th place on their list. The people in the pew have thus become convinced that the church exists for its own sake and perpetuationan act of self-preservation - unmoved by the shocking needs of the forgotten hordes of people who do not even have clothes good enough to sit down beside the church's most respected mem-

There is another way for those people in the pew who would carry out a program of mission and perhaps insure their "fare to heaven" if they feel that benovelence channeled through the organized church trickles insufficiently to the imporvished and disadvantaged. People in the pew can "adopt" a child, either at home or abroad. contributing to or assuming responsibility for its entire support. People in the pew can adopt a family, a sick person, a senior citizen, an exchange student, as their own, giving both financial support and loving care. Perhaps this peopleto-people direct benovelence is the more realistic method that's needed in the world today. Recently Paul Harvey, radio news commenta-

tor, said, "Jesus did not try to get the people out of the slums; he tried to get the slums out of people." The preacher in the pulpit ought lead the people in the pew into the slums-into the vast areas of human need—so they would both know and feel human need and respond with direct approach and involvment that would in fact "get the slums out of the people." This approach to the problem may perchance get the people in the pew a first class fare on an "express train"

"YOUNG LEADERS OF AFRICA"

BY J. HENRY RANDALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE TO SUBSCRIBERS: Columns by Dean Gordon B. Hancock and P. L. Prattis do not appear in this feature release. Mr. Prattis' column will be carried next week as usual. Mr. Hancock is ill and his column will be resumed at a later date. We invite your attention to the special feature on the "Young Leaders of Africa," written by J. Henry Randall, ANP Foreign Editor, which follows. NLIKE MOST OF THE WORLD. AFRICA IS

NOT BURDENED WITH AGED LEADERS CHICAGO (ANP'- The recent death of India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as a result of a econd heart attack within 4 months, prec by the death last April 28 of Sir A. Milton S. Margai, prime minister of Sierra Leone, has focused attention upon the current crop of rulers throughout the world, their ages, their respective normal longevities and illnesses, and their possible successors, if any.

leading nations of the world have been particularly interested in the age statistics of their heads of states—most all of whom are in their 70's. Russia's Nikita Khruschev celebrated his 70th birthday last month. France's Charles de Gaulle, at 73, is recuperating from a glandular operation. Red China's Mao Tse-Tung and Formosa's Chiang Kai Shek are in their 70's; Tito of Yugoslavia, at 72, is ill, Ulbright in East Germany is a 71-year-old bypochondriac; Spain's Franco is 72; Portugal's Salaar, 75.

Most of these rulers can be put under the broadly general heading of "indispensable men, primarily because there has been no definitely announced successor for their respective offices should illness or death from natural causes leave a vacancy in their chief executive's office.

A somewhat similar but purely technical, situation existed in the United States with the assassination of the late John F. Kennedy. Though President Lyndon B. Johnson (who incidentally is but a mere youngster at 56 compared to other world leaders, even though he has suffered a mild heart seizure) stepped quickly into the void, there has and still is some question about the line ion that perhaps will be a hot political

One continent which presently does not have the problem of "age," perhaps with two excep-tions, is Africa. The two exceptions are Emperor Haile of Ethiopia, who is 72; and Prime Minister Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, who admits to being about that same age.

about that same age.

The average age of the current Affrican rulers is 52 years, of 47 African heads of state or possible chelf executives pending independence, only six are in their 60's. On the other hand, there is one who is just 26 years old. He is Prince Constatine Bereng Moshoesshoe II, who is tipped to become the first head of an independent nation of come the first head of an inde

Using Nehru's career as chief exe India as an example (he spent 17 years as India's prime minister), and barring such things as assassinations (in the case of the late Sylvanus Olympic who was struck down by an assassin's bullett at 61), most African leaders can expect to rule over a country for at least another 20 years before they become septuagenarians and prone to the ills and ailments of an advanced age. This is assuming that they will retain the office that

The ages of the current African rulers and their ountries in decending order are: NAME AND AGE Haile Selassie II. 72 Ethiopia Jomo Kenyatta, 72, approximately Kenya William V. S. Tubman, 69 Liberia Ingwenyama, Sobhuza II, 65 *Swaziland Abboud Ferik Ibrahim, 64 Sudan Hendrik F. Verwoerd, 62 South Africa Habid Bourguiba, 61 Tunisia Leon Mba, 61 Gabon Abeid Karume, 59 Zanzibai Felix Houphouet-Boigny, 59 Ivory Coast Dr. Hastings K. Banda, 58 Nyasaland (Malawi) Ahmed Bahnini, 54 Morocco Philibert Tsiranana, 54 Madagascar (Malagasy) Sir Ahmadu Bello, 54 Northern Nigeria Chief S. L. Akintola, 54 Western Nigeria Dr. Albert Margai, 53 Chief Dennis C. Osadeday, 52 Midwestern Nigeria Leopold Sedar Senghor. 51 Senegal Sir Abubakar Tafawa Belwa. Nigeria Dr. Souran Migan Apithy. 51 Nicholas Grunitsky, 49 Togo Gamel Abdel Nasser, 49 United Arab Republic (Egypt

Modibo Keita, 49 Francois Tombalbaye, 46 Dr. Michael I. Okpara, 44 Éastern Nigeria Ian Smith, 44 Southern Rhodesia Alphonse Massembe Debat. 44 Maurice Yameogo, 43 Seretse Khama, 42 Bechuanaland Sekou Toure, 42 Julius K. Nyerere, 41 Ahmadou B. Ahidjo, 40 Gregoire Kayibanda, 40 David K. Jawara, 40 Kenneth Kaunda, 40

Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) Moktar Auld Daddah 39 Mauritania A. Milton Obote, 39 Uganda Ahmed Ben Bella, 38 Algeria David Dacko, 34 Centrafrican Republic Cyrille Adoula, 83 Congo-Leo Prince Constantine Bereng Seeiso Moshoeshoe II

Chad

Congo-Brazza

Upper Volta

Tanganyika

Cameroons

Rwands

Basutoland *Denotes African territories approaching or discussing independence from colonial rule.

There was no information readily available on the ages of the following rulers: Roberta Holden

(government-in-exile); Albin Nyamoya Mahmud Muntasir Burundi Libya: Dr. S. Ramgolam Abdel Rashid Shermarke "South West Africe

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