

Editorial Viewpoint

WORDS OF WORSHIP

On one occasion, James and John came to Jesus to ask what promotions they might expect. "Master," they said, "we want to ask what plans you have in mind for us. You're going to need big men around you when you establish your kingdom; our ambition is to sit on either side of you, one on your right and the other on your left. Who can object to this attitude? If a man falls

to look out for himself, certainly no one else will. If you want a big place in life, go ask for it. That's the way to get ahead. Jesus answered these disciples with a sentence which seems poetically absurd: "Whoever will be great among you, shall be your minister," he said, "and whoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

Wallace Throws In The Towel

Although he didn't get into the fray, Governor Wallace of Alabama has withdrawn from the presidential campaign. This will make possible much prediction.

It is a good thing that Wallace eliminated himself from the race, since he would have to be the banner carrier of a third party which splintered itself from the main political tree of Republicanism or Democratism. Critics of these special parties contend that all that their candidates can do is "to muddy the water," thus making it difficult to make a good choice from either of GOP or Democratic Party.

Now, which ever party loses in the November election, it can't say that things would have been different, or we would have won had it not been for Wallace. Wallace has removed himself from being a scape goat.

Whether Goldwater wants it or not the extremists and other radical groups will no doubt get on the Goldwater bandwagon since they have no Wallace to support. This may embarrass Goldwater to the extent of being forced to pronounce some of the ideas of the "fingers."

If this is done, some GOP's will find it impossible to go along with a candidate proclaimed by racial "rabble-rousers" and spreaders of hate. At the same time, white voters in Southern states like Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Mississippi, will search their consciences to determine whether they can support Goldwater.

We are aware that the majority of Southerners are sentimentally opposed to the passage of the Civil Rights Bill, but some of them

are trying to adjust to it. Except in cases of stiff resistance, Southerners want to comply with the law; yet, at the same time, they are hoping that the law will be declared unconstitutional.

Other citizens are lending their support to the "stiff resistance" offered by such states as Alabama and Mississippi. This is highly undesirable and no good citizen should allow himself to become guilty in this respect.

The Negro expects the effects of the "reverse white back lash", a new term originating out of the issues and the times. This "back lash" group voted for Wallace in Indiana, Maryland, and Wisconsin, if for no other reason than to vent their feelings or blow off steam. Now that Wallace has withdrawn from the presidential race, this group, no doubt, will come to the conclusion that there are other issues than civil rights that should occupy their thinking. The quicker these people stop disobeying the civil rights law, or at least showing they deeply resent it, they will concentrate on other vital issues to them personally and to the nation.

Finally, when Wallace bowed out of the race, he put out the fires of racial hate which he would keep alive had he stayed in the campaign.

While the motives of Wallace are known to us all, his withdrawal from the campaign will be a step toward keeping the peace among the racial groups in the nation. The Almighty knows, there are enough other factors to fan the racial fires of hate — without a Wallace adding his injury.

Assassination Of Lt. Col. Penn

The assassination of Lt. Col. Lemuel A. Penn, an educator from Washington, D. C., who was en route to Washington, D. C., from Ft. Benning, Ga., has aroused the ire of Negroes over the nation. The murder came at a time when Negroes were already seething over the mysterious disappearance of three CORE workers in Mississippi.

The FBI is investigating, and we are hoping that the guilty persons will be apprehended and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Pretty soon we may know who the coward is that sent a shotgun blast from a speeding automobile, thus bringing about Lt. Col. Penn's untimely death. While high-ranking FBI officials refused to comment upon their investigations thus far, it was learned that they "are making excellent progress" and arrests are expected at any moment.

Perhaps the failure of authorities to find the three CORE workers who disappeared in Mississippi caused many citizens to doubt the sincerity of state and federal officers in finding guilty persons. We believe that the FBI is not leaving a stone unturned in the attempt to find out how and why the three youths disappeared. In due time, they will give the public the correct answer.

We must not let our biases run away with our imaginations to the extent that we think the authorities should have been able to prevent incidents like that of the late Lt. Col. Penn. It would be well-nigh impossible to prevent assassination over a nation as large as ours.

Think of the Presidents who have been assassinated for instance the late and beloved John F. Kennedy. Tight security measures were put into effect in Dallas, Texas, to prevent any one from harming the President. And then it happened where we could see it — on television.

A prospective assassin could be anywhere; he could be living right under our noses in our own communities. However, we can do more, as a community, to prevent future assassinations if each citizen gives the law enforcement officers such testimony as will make for speedy capture of the criminal. And we must testify without "fear and trembling."

The man who shot President Kennedy was a coward, and the man who assassinated Lt. Col. Penn was likewise a coward. Remember that a coward meets "mental" death many times before he is summoned by natural death.

Two Historical Events In 1964

When historians record truthfully the events of 1964, they will be forced to interpret the two top events—both evolutionary and revolutionary. We refer to (1) the U. S. Supreme Court's decision that the 50 states must reapportion both houses of their legislatures on a population basis, and (2) the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

The first of these legislations holds enormous potential for changes toward more equal representation and hence a greater degree of democracy in state government. We predict it will improve the legislative branch of the federal government, since the states' reapportionment will in due time change the make-up of the House of Representatives.

When this first experiment toward complete and equal representation of the people is achieved, it will be the next thing to a true democracy. Its workings would astound Viscount James Bryce; if he were living to revisit our nation he would make a new assessment of its political structure, say, six years hence.

The passage of the second piece of legislation—the 1964 Civil Rights Bill—holds great possibilities for invigorating American morality and stimulating social progress. Don't believe that legislation does not help people grow in interracial brotherhood. It does. Therefore, we say that this decision, which irks many segregationists who don't want their folkways disturbed, is going to be the salvation of the South. More than other sections of the country, the South will benefit from the Civil Rights Acts—although Governor Wallace to the contrary.

Let us note one example: In the few days since President Johnson signed this measure, businessmen all over the South, even in some parts of Mississippi, have courteously served

Negroes in restaurants, hotels, motels and theatres. Why? In many cases, because they have been released by law from the social pressures of rabid segregationists. They are glad to be off the hook. And their businesses are free to grow and prosper. True, there are businessmen who won't go along until they are forced to do so; but even they, if they continue in business, will eventually come around—and in doing so, find a freedom they never before experienced.

Not only in business, but in other ways as well, the South is going to have a new birth of freedom and opportunity because of this legislation and its acceptance by rational men and women. White citizens stand to gain from it as much as Negroes. The "ridiculous" of segregation in the South will enable its politicians to become statesmen of high calling; and this will give them the opportunity to become great, as well as become Presidents of this country.

A new South will rise to make "new southerners" who will take the government and social order from the racists and see that decency, order, and justice prevail. As Booker T. Washington would say it, "The South will lie come a new heaven and a new earth."

White citizens who think rationally will give the government full cooperation in assisting the irrational that the forces of law will have in making the new law work. But it is with the irrational that the forces of law will have to deal.

"America the beautiful" is within the horizon of our vision, especially if work can be found for the unemployed. The New South is destined to make a better nation. Don't you worry because the social and political change will not turn "the world upside down."

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS R. BOUTWELL

NEGRO DISCIPLE

I was down in Froggie Bottom lately and met Speed Ball Eddie in Jab Wright's barber shop. Speedball asked me if Jesus Christ had any colored disciples. The gist of what he was: In Matthew 10:4 it says Jesus chose Simon the Canaanite, as a disciple. Was he not a Negro? I thought Canaanites were descendants of Ham who was the son of Noah and the forerunner of the Negro race.

This gave me the occasion to rise above the colloquial English of the neighborhood, so I waxed in the designation of Simon is not that of a Canaanite but, rather, a "Canaanese." This has no geographical significance. The term "Canaanite" comes from an Aramaic word which means "zealot" or "enthusiast." Luke 6:15 refers to him as Simon, the Zealot. There was a group of people in Palestine who opposed the Roman rule and were called the Zealots.

ONLY IN AMERICA

BY HARRY GOLDEN

BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO A MAN

I never lose anything. Never. Oh, admittedly some years ago I put my eyeglasses in my bathrobe instead of on my night table and it took the office staff, my children, wife, and cleaning lady four days to find them. But otherwise than that nothing. Except for my key, but I know people pick up my key thinking it's their key. Otherwise how else could a man's key disappear?

This is the most inconvenient habit my friends and employees have: picking up my keys. I bet I have spent \$100 changing the door locks because of their carelessness. For a man who never loses anything I have been terribly inconvenienced. But I lost my wallet in Los Angeles. I had it in my hand when I gave the waiter a \$10 bill for my dinner and the next morning it wasn't on my dresser. Not even the Los Angeles police could find it, let alone the hotel manager and the three clerks whom I summoned right away.

There I was on a lecture trip and not a sou or credit card to my name. It was an exasperating condition for a man who has never lost anything. I did not have a dime and couldn't for the life of me remember my telephone credit card number so I could get help from home. The most amazing thing about losing your wallet is the absolute callousness of others. People tell you when you've explained your loss, "Well, you should have been more careful."

I personally am as careful as men come. As I said, I have never lost anything, except besides

LAST FLING: You have talk about a "last fling" of one who is about to get married. But recently another group took a last fling.

In Nairobi, Kenya, some 200 witch doctors, including 27 women, publicly renounced their tribal trade but not without one last ceremony.

About 3,000 persons attended the de-witching meeting near Mount Kenya.

FIRST TIME: In Bolton Landing, N. Y., a winsome brunette appeared on a Lake George Beach recently. Policeman Joseph Garcia was not so shocked about her bared bosom as he was at the time of day. "I've caught a couple of kids without any bathing suits on at two or three o'clock in the morning, but this is the first time that anybody has done this in broad daylight," he said. Cornyard wants to know how could the officer keep so cool about it all. Well, all that I can say is that policemen belong to a tough lot.

the eyeglasses and the keys once I misplaced some steamship tickets which caused some aggravating annoyance on Pier 12 in New York City one day in 1927.

For instance I have never done anything as careless as my son who, when he was working for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, lost a \$3,000,000 pension fund check. He was flirting with a secretary and by mistake he put the check in her out box and she mailed it back to the firm which had just written it. I told him simply he didn't have much future in insurance, not if he was going to lose big premium checks.

But a man's wallet! I still don't understand how it could disappear so easily. I could not have been pickpocketed because I remember putting the wallet in my jacket and going straight to my room with one stopover at the newspaper stand, but I had change for my purchases.

Losing a wallet is the torture of the damned. I had to call my office collect (and someone there exercised good sense in accepting the call) and tell them to wire the credit card companies right away which they did. I told them I had my Diners Card, my American Express, my Airlines card, and others. Then, when I got home, I found I hadn't taken my America Express card with me so I had to wire them again so their records wouldn't get mixed up.

I am beginning to wonder if I did bring my wallet with me to Los Angeles. ayble I left it in my bathrobe like the time I left my eyeglasses there. I would go back on this except I was so upset I don't know where I put my bathrobe.

Other Editors Say...

THE SIN OF EXTREMISM
Senator Barry Goldwater's declaration to the Republican

Letter to the Editor

CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRUE AMERICAN

Dear Editor:
We as Americans are cognizant of the fact that the Civil Rights Bill has passed. But merely being aware of this fact is not enough for a Christian. This law places a great responsibility on every God-fearing American, who feels that he has been trained by the teachings of the New Testament.

We can observe daily many people, both Negro and white, who seem to carry a chip of superiority on his shoulder. This, we feel, is due to a lack of a general knowledge of the teachings of the New Testament. During my early childhood and youth I was reminded constantly that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son. This He didn't do for any race of people but for ALL, because there is no difference in His people. We were taught as children that we were as good as any man unless we refused to adhere to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

For ten or more years I worked as a janitor in a white church here in the city of Raleigh. But as I look back now I realize that my job entailed more than an active part in many of the church's activities. This was true because we could communicate, we spoke the same language. A lack of communication has brought about much of the tension and strife that we are experiencing throughout the world today.

I, who are devout Christians, nurtured and reared by the teachings of the New Testament have the responsibility to go in to the highways and hedges and iterate and reiterate that God has no respect for person; that communication among people is vital. We, as parents have the christian obligation to instill within the hearts and minds of our growing children that God is the Creator of man both black and white and that the same blessings that He has granted to one He has granted the other.

Ministers, parents and Christians, the reevaluation of God and the life of Jesus Christ means more to the world in teaching the possibility of religion than all theology that was ever written. In this measure our lives are like His; we have the same power to reveal God to others. This we can and must do by example as well as precept.

CHESTER A. LEVISTER
Raleigh

National Convention that "Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice" was an ominous sound. It was the war cry of the original Ku Klux Klan that drove Negroes from office and from the ballot box in the South and of the Ku Klux Klan of the 1920's that did its best to deprive Negroes of their civil rights. In each case the Klan protested that its extremist measures were necessary to preserve liberty.

The same claim is advanced by Gov. Wallace and his followers who base their defense of extremism on the ground that it is necessary to preserve and protect constitutional rights and liberties. At the bottom, Mr. Goldwater's eloquent statement is only a rehash of the claim that the end justifies the means.

The Negro voter who is alarmed at what the Republican presidential candidate said is certainly not surprised by the fact that the entire South voted for Mr. Goldwater's nomination and that there was not a single Negro in those southern delegations. Significantly, South Carolina cast 100 votes that assured his nomination.

To cap the climax, Governor George Wallace has withdrawn from the presidential race. He has insisted all along that he would withdraw from the race when he was assured that one of the candidates met his specifications and the fact that his withdrawal came hard on the heels of the Goldwater nomination is a fairly certain indication that he is satisfied with the stand of the Arizona senator.

As the Eagle has pointed out on prior occasions there is tragedy for the nation and for Negroes in the fact that the Republican party seems bent on becoming a white man's party but there is every indication that it has assumed that role for this election at least.

—THE CALIFORNIA EAGLE

ORGANIZED RELIGION FACES CHALLENGE

Meeting in the city of Cleveland last week, the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church voted 370-0 to integrate the all-Negro Lexington Conference. About 100 Negro churches with 39,000 members were involved. Twenty-one of the all-Negro churches are in Indiana, and six of these are in the city of Indianapolis.

The Lexington Conference was established in 1869. Other churches in the former Lexington Conference are in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Iowa. Following the unanimous vote for integration Bishop James S. Thompson, Nashville, Tenn., was re-elected to the Council of Bishops. He became the first Negro Bishop in the North Central Jurisdiction. He was scheduled to receive an assignment in the nine state area of the conference before its adjournment. Eight delegates from the Negro churches were seated as members of the jurisdictional conference. One of these was Thomas Bryant, Jeffersonville, Ind.

We contemplate the movement by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference, herein noted, to be a beginning in meeting a "crucial test" now confronting organized religion everywhere in our neighborhood world. Over some areas of high-potential though it has been ventured lately that organized religion faces a great challenge, involving vindication of its existence in our century.

Not so long ago an American religious leader of international stature, on exploring the challenge confronted presently by organized religion and-or task

Every Symbol of US Decency Threatened!



Gordon B. Hancock's

BETWEEN THE LINES

SHAW UNIVERSITY SAVED!

Today Howard University is generally acknowledged as the capstone of Negro education and what a capstone it really is! But Howard's greatness only emerged under the presidency of Mordecai Johnson who proved himself among the greatest educators of this generation.

Although Howard is our capstone today, it was not always thus for fifty years ago Shaw University could easily have been called the capstone for in its greatest strength Shaw University was great. The great student strike broke Shaw's back and ended forever its promise to fulfill its destiny as one of America's greatest universities. The student strike was a great mistake and misfortune and poorly advised. Students then as now invariably take sides against the university administration when said administration and student body come to grips over some vital or even trivial issue. Under the great leadership of Charles Meeserve who led Shaw to the heights of its fame and glory, the school had a rule that its prospective young doctors must not marry.

One of the students got his girl friend in trouble and did the manly thing and married her. He wanted to remain in school as a student but the rule said he had to go and President Charles Meeserve was resolved to enforce the rule and dismissed him. The student body was in sympathy with the erring student and hence the "Great Shaw Strike". The strike did the students no real good but ruined a great university. Shaw has never recovered her former greatness and never will. All because the students wanted to uphold one of their fellows in the wrong. Within recent years the great Old Shaw has struggled mightily to make a come-back but in more recent years Shaw has become debt-ridden and an accumulation of debts brought it to the brink of bankruptcy. When all hope of saving Shaw seemed lost the Reverend James E. Cheek, professor in Virginia Union University threw himself as a lamb on the altar and went to Shaw to save the day—a day that seemed irretrievably lost.

Shaw had, it is true, an accumulation of back-breaking debts, but Shaw also had a great past and a great history and friends and alumni who

kept the faith. Now news comes out of Raleigh that the day has been saved and that under the wonderful leadership of Dr. Cheek, Shaw's present has become secure and its future assured. Shaw University has been saved. The cause of education has thereby been glorified. When Dr. Cheek left Virginia Union to take such a grave prospect, many of his friends doubted his wisdom. But Dr. Cheek had what most of us lack, faith in himself and the promises of God who works in mysterious ways. His wonders to perform. Through Dr. Cheek and Shaw's alumni and friends God has worked one of the wonders of the educational world, it's medal time at Shaw. If ever there was a super-medalist Dr. Cheek easily qualifies as such medalist. The nation is almost afflicted with the "medal fever" and it is almost an accident if a person of some mean ambition misses a medal. It is true that there are many worthy souls who abundantly qualify for medals and medals but in too many instances medals and honors are conferred upon those of unimpaired and inopportune achievement. It is very much like getting the D.D. degree.

These degrees are so prevalent now that hardly one or not having one is life. But the cause of education. Nearly every preacher we meet has a D.D. of some sort some way or another and to those who deserve them are just lost in the crowd. It is even so with our medalists and honors so many who deserve them do not receive them and far too many who do not deserve them wear them boastfully. But such is life. But the cause of education can boast proudly of its Dr. James E. Cheek who took hold of a great work when faint-hearted men shrank in moral cowardice from the challenge. When a great man and a great challenge meet head-on something great is bound to happen. It was even so when the paths of Dr. Cheek and distressed Shaw crossed. And the great thing that happened was that Shaw has been saved and once more can lift that head that has been so proudly lifted in the field of education for nearly a hundred years. Shaw was struck down by her students in the great Shaw strike and almost lay prostrate in the dust of humiliation, but Shaw has risen. Long live Dr. James E. Cheek!

NEWS AND VIEWS

BY J. B. HARREN

NO VIOLENCE, PLEASE

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. — The old man Wilson Boyd, a well-to-do Negro of Pitt County back during the Depression Years of 1931-33 used to say when discussing Negro-progress: "... the trouble is the Negro climbs up ten feet in the day and falls back twenty feet at night." We younger fellows didn't like to hear Boyd say that, but its just about true in so many instances. If you don't believe its true, look at all this damaging rioting in the metropolitan cities of the north.

Too many people nowadays want everything right now. Well, we still got a long way to go and its an everyday war. It can be made much shorter if Negroes will give half the money and time they are wasting in this headline - getting violence into the fight of organized NAACP effort to eradicate—not only discrimination and segregation in all areas of American life — the evil among ourselves of self-neglect and failure to train ourselves in the basic things necessary for good citizenship and the rearing of our children in the nurture of the Lord and common decency toward all people.

Any Negro in his or her right mind knows full well those people have gone beyond the call of duty in demonstrations under the guise of civil rights when in reality, much of it is being done just for kicks and a cover to beat someone up and loot stores and anything possible.

to be met, declared:

"In this great task lies the scope of any entity touching the lives of men. Such potentialities here or hereafter might bolster any or all temporal functions (agencies) dedicated to justice or equality and fellowship or brotherhood of men."

On meeting squarely any or all challenges contemplated herein, or by standing in the forefront—of the long way behind us of prophecies of those perfections which are yet to be—organized religion may still vindicate its existence during our century. Or finally our way of life (traditionally embracing organized religion) may die on the falling away of our temporal primacy may suffer the crushing vengeance of an Omnipotent Infinity.

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—THE INDIANAPOLIS RECORDER

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