

Editorial Viewpoint

WORDS OF WORSHIP

Many of the Bible characters could have become strong leaders if they had the conviction and convincing resolution to move ahead with a program. John the Baptist was such a man. He could denounce, but he could not construct. He drew crowds who were willing to repent at his command, but he had no program for them after their repentance. The people waited for him to

organize them for some kind of effective service, and he was no organizer. Hence, his followers drifted away and his movement gradually collapsed. The same thing might have happened to Jesus. He started with much less reputation than John and a much smaller group of only twelve. But Jesus had confidence in himself and his mission—indeed he succeeded!

The Nobel Prize Winner — King

The racial problems in this country and the world can be viewed from a new light, since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the acclaimed American leader of the doctrine of non-violence, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Thus we see that it is not the color of a man's skin that counts, but rather what has he accomplished in the name of peace and goodwill.

It may amuse most of us, and yet we ought to expect it, that southern race "rabble-rousers" will contend that the award is "a joke." We expect them to deride the selection of King as a peacemaker, since his demonstrations sometimes exploded into violence because of meddling by white antagonists. They will also deride the idea because of the dynamic leadership of King against segregation.

Martin Luther King, Jr., distinguished himself as a prophet and seer of non-violence. The "Fisher of Men" is the Negro's idea of a militant leader. When he speaks, as he often does, the audience's attitude is one of heavenly reverence. They feel that here is a man who is willing to stoop down and raise them above the handicap of color. They feel that here is a man who, if need be, will go to jail for them.

King, as we have seen, is a man of action.

and his words and action are one and the same thing. He can make a speech in a church and at once lead a congregation out in the streets to march and demonstrate non-violently in the interest of freedom and justice.

Regardless of what southerners say, the distinguished body of Swedish judges who made the choice have a totally different perspective. They see what is happening in the U. S. as simply part of the worldwide revolution whereby the colored people who make up three-fourths of the population of the globe are seeking and achieving the dignity and status of free men.

The award, we think, symbolizes the day when every man in this country, North and South, will accept civil rights as a problem which must be solved.

It is interesting for us to keep in mind that three of the last eleven Nobel Peace Prizes have gone to Negroes—Dr. Ralph Bunche in 1950, Albert Luthuli of South Africa in 1960, and now Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1964.

We hope that this award to King will reveal to the hard-core "whitesupremacists" that their ideas are far out of step with the world opinion.

Hail To FAMU's Robert Hayes

In the field of national and world sports competition, the Negro has been "twice blessed." Just recently in the Olympic Games, Robert Hayes came through as a great champion and won the 100-meter race to earn the Gold Award. Is it any wonder that he has been highly touted as "the world's fastest human" when billed to play in football games.

The people of Jacksonville, Florida, should be proud of Hayes, a Florida A&M University student from "Jax". The U. S. Certainly can be proud of this Jacksonville youth, who came to FAMU on a football scholarship, and whose extraordinary gift of speed was discovered on the football field.

The persons, who perhaps had more to do with the young man's training and success, was Coach Jake Gaither and his assistant, Pete

Griffin, who doubled for many years as track coach. Griffin trained Hayes along much of the way.

Also, Hayes had that needed factor we call "discipline." At the Olympics, the boy was under much anxiety—for he had an abundance of publicity as "the man you got to watch in the 100-meters." Hayes boosters knew he had to come through in the finals. He did!

We are confident that in some way Jacksonville and Tallahassee, Fla., will plan some kind of public tribute. Through his speed, he publicized Florida all over the world. Then the Negro population of these United States should arrange some kind of public tribute for Hayes.

We hail "the speed king" who has sored racial good will throughout the world!

College Administrators Needed

Since more youths are entering our colleges and universities, there is increased demand for 20 new college and university presidents, 300 vice presidents and hundreds of new deans and other administrators annually.

To meet this need, a national roster of promising prospects will be maintained by the American Council on Education to serve as internes with heads of colleges before they are chosen for the top jobs.

This is certainly an idea that needs further

development, since most of our college administrators are not trained academically in administration in their respective fields. Most of them who hold positions at present "learned the positions through experience." Experience may be a dear teacher, but there is often too much trial and error.

College and university administrative positions are wide open; may we suggest that those preferring these positions should take formal training and internships.

"Sniper" Shooting Must Be Stopped

Recently a Negro was shot from a moving automobile as he walked along the highway between Lillington and Angier, N. C. This occurrence alarms us very much, because unless this type of behavior is checked it won't be safe for any of us to walk on our highways and streets.

Next, perhaps it won't be safe to ride in our own automobiles either. You will recall the happening in Georgia not so long ago when a Negro reserve army officer was fatally shot by a passing car with three white men as he and two other companions were traveling by car enroute home to Washington, D. C. Some suspects have been arrested, but so far nothing has been done to try them in the courts.

Presently, the number of cases of this kind of thing is very small; but, if we continued to let individuals get away with this type of behavior, hardly any of us will be absolutely safe from death at the hand of a passing auto rifle-man.

Human beings are often "erring" humans, since they will try to get away with most any-

thing. When we read the newspaper stories of suspected attempts by youths to assassinate President Johnson, it seems that all of the so-called "Oswalds" are not dead. We also wonder what factors tend to make "the notoriety of assassinations" popular and "faddish."

Certainly one who attempts "to assassinate" our President is aware of the strong possibility of being caught in the act. It seems, therefore that this type of offender doesn't mind sacrificing his own life to see his name spread across the newspaper headlines. And we are also aware that such individuals are often mentally sick; if not, then they are out for "kicks."

Our law enforcement officers reported that George Elliott, of Angier, was shot while walking the highway and injured by a bullet fired from a passing car. The bullet passed through flesh on the man's left thigh.

Every citizen must do his part in helping to apprehend those persons who shoot at other people from their automobiles. If you don't assume your responsibility in this matter, the next time it may be you!

Children And Sunday School

PRO: Should you require your child to go to Sunday School? Many feel that every parent has a real responsibility in seeing to it that his children be a part of the church by requiring them to attend the Church School.

If each parent feels it his duty to have his child visit the dentist twice a year, gets the necessary medical attention, eats a balanced meal, attends school and cares for every physical and emotional need, he should likewise see the need for meeting and satisfying the questing mind and religious spirit. This need can best be met through religious education in the church school.

We are aware that, finally, each person must make the choice of what his relationship to God will be; but freedom does not justify neglect or indifference by the parents.

No parent would think of giving his child the keys to a car without first assuring himself that the child had adequate driving lessons, that the child was mature enough to cope with emergencies and had demonstrated responsibility and maturity in other ways. In this regard, Blance Culpepper, director of Youth Work in Christ Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., says, "How much more important then that we see that the child gets the best in spiritual instruction and environment as we anticipate the time when another key—the freedom to choose—may be placed in his hands."

CON: A St. Petersburg Times (Fla.) reporter, Joan A. Brook, takes the negative side on this issue. She reports that she was routed out of bed early to go to Sunday School. Her parents helped her get dressed, guided her across the street, but never could she remember her parents going along with her—they stayed at home.

This has been the fault of too many parents—staying at home themselves, but forcing their children to attend Sunday School. Of all things, the parental requirement of attending Sunday School becomes ineffectual because of the lack of example.

Often, the forcing of parents to attend church school when they were young drove them away from the church school when they became adults. Yet, these same parents force their own children to attend church school. Does this make good sense? Is this not hypocrisy?

Going to Sunday School because one is required to do so is not conducive to developing the practice of regular church attendance. Too much required church attendance often turns one away from the church. Think of it: church leaders want youth to come to Sunday School and the morning worship, evening worship and youth meetings too. Thus one becomes saturated with religious meetings.

THE DECISION: We have present the arguments on both sides, but will be left with the parents which side they choose.

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS B. SOULWARE

RAIN! RAIN! RAIN!

Have you heard the expression, "Rain, rain, go away, for we want to play." Well, for the past three days it has been raining morning, noon and night. My feet have been soaked to my little toe, my socks were ringing wet, and my raincoat got very wrinkly. At last, the sun has come out today (October 17), and am I glad.

Because it rained and got cool, we thought it would be followed by "a cold snap," as we South Carolinians would say. Old man weather fooled us this time for sure.

POOR, RICH MAN: The narrative sounds strange, I am sure. But I read that in Southern England, recently a man by the name of Stanley Bird is both too rich and too poor. Can you imagine that?

The local council turned down an application by Bird, 34, a bus driver, for a mortgage on a new house on the ground that his \$32 per-week salary would not carry the payments. It refused to take into consideration that he

earned considerably more through overtime.

Thus stymied, Bird applied to be given a low-rent house in a public housing development. But the council took his overtime earnings into account this time and ruled he earned too much to qualify.

"It doesn't make sense," Bird said. I agree with him most truly.

BATTLE LINE: In Glens Falls, N. Y., two women created a problem. It was a discovery sale going on, and the women latched on to the same \$10 bicycle and wouldn't let go for more than 72 hours until persuaded to leave when the discount store closed at night.

The store manager said the women vowed to resume their grips the next morning and they did.

The manager offered to settle the dispute with a flip of the coin, but the women refused the idea. I wonder what will happen now? Women know their own minds.

ONLY IN AMERICA

BY HARRY GOLDEN

GOLDWATER AND THE SOUTH

Samuel Lubell has issued a survey after spending several months in Texas, Virginia, Florida, North and South Carolina. Lyndon Johnson is leading, according to Lubell's statistics, only in Texas. The Southerners feel Johnson has betrayed them. They said he pushed too hard for the Civil Rights Law. A steelworker told Lubell, "I'm a Democrat but right now I'd vote for Goldwater. I don't want my kids going to the same swimming pools as coloreds." I have faith in Lubell's work. I have heard that same statement a few hundred times in recent weeks.

As late as 1955 there were over a half million people in my state of North Carolina who did not have electricity in their homes. It finally took the federal government's REA to light these homes 70 years after Edison's invention. Well over a million Tar Heels live on Social Security today and the number who live by virtue of the Soil Bank Program and the farm subsidies is even larger. I mention North Carolina because it is the most progressive state in the South. The rest of the South depends even more on the federal government. But Barry Goldwater does not like any of this. He has suggested selling TVA, turning Social Security over to private insurance firms, and farm subsidies is only for losers.

I admit that there are many Southerners who would sacrifice TVA, Social Security, minimum wage, old-age pensions,

and farm subsidies, so that their kids won't have to go to the municipal swimming pool with Negro kids.

And let us grant they do. The big question will still remain, can Barry deliver? I suggest to my fellow Southerners that they consider Barry Goldwater how he intends to re-segregate the public schools, how he intends to abolish the public accommodations title of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, how he intends getting the Negro kids out of the municipal swimming pools.

I strongly urge my fellow Southerners to ask, "If you are President, Mr. Goldwater, will you keep the Negroes out of the movies and put them back in the back of the bus?"

What answer can Barry Goldwater give to these questions? He can talk about leaving the problem to the states, but there is federal law, based on interstate commerce, and on the use of federal money, and backed by Supreme Court decisions, none of which can be declared null and void by a President.

When the South realizes Barry Goldwater will not appreciably change the facts of integration will be still win votes; will he win the vote of Lubell's steelworkers in Greensboro, and his farmer in Spartanburg?

The Southerners may be willing to pay Goldwater's price but the big question—will the goods be delivered? Unless the Southerners make sure they will get delivery (back of the bus, no Negroes in parks, movies, Greek and Chinese restaurants, etc.) they may be buying a pig in the poke.

Letters To The Editor

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To The Editor:

I have been trying to find, for some time, the appropriate words to express to you my most whole-hearted disapproval of the way you published or printed the whole story concerning my father's death. First, it was one hell of a way to boost your circulation. And I hope it made your cash register ring sweet.

I'm sure you must have had that in mind when you chose to be your headline story. Facts may be facts, but have you any proof that my father's death was not by accident? After all, he certainly left no notes nor did he make out other preparations which is the action of people who are planning such actions. I don't understand why in the hell you would call my step-mother, and offer your false sympathy, request a photo and a program of the funeral and then make sensational headlines about something of which you had no real knowledge. If you had come to us, either Mrs. Royster or to my step-brother or myself like a gentleman I'm sure we would have given you the correct story. But you sneaked around to my father's associates to inquire. If my father did have financial difficulties it was because he had spent a greater part of his life serving a community where there is much illness and death and little money.

I challenge you to find one person who ever sought his service that he or she was served with or without money. Yet, I noticed you never said one good thing about that or do you enjoy making other people unhappy? If Mr. H. C. Willis gave you details as your story said, I'm sure he didn't expect you to make a headline. Does it not strike you odd that all major or leading papers in the vicinity just printed the usual story and had you taken the trouble to attend the services you might have had a different idea about my father and family in general. After all, his pastor said a lot of good things about that or do you enjoy making other people unhappy?

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know. I had always read your paper on my frequent visits to North Carolina, but from now on any such copy I receive shall therefore certainly enter my waste basket. You might print this as an editorial or a story. Of course, you won't, that would be too much like giving out the real facts, wouldn't it?

Signed,
LUTHER A. ROYSTER

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letter was in reference to Mr. Royster's father's death by consuming embolism fluid and was carried on this newspaper's front page August 1, 1964. THE CAROLINIAN did check with every available source. We never print untrue facts. Our conversations with Wake County Coroner Marshall W. Bennett and many others in the medical, civic and educational fields in the Wake Forest area were our sources. We never led Mrs. Royster to believe that we were attempting to do a "certain type" story on her late husband. Denial only in fact. THE CAROLINIAN, as does every other newspaper, prints the news as it sees it. The white "friends" referred to by Mr. Royster, either did not know the purpose of the Negro press (as explained in our article on this page) or he was too disinterested to try to find it.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

To The Editor:
In such a rapidly changing world as we are living today, it is most gratifying to see men of foresight and vision sit down and reason together. I am speaking in regard to the men who reasoned and selected Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as this year's winner of the Nobel Peace prize. I can't think of another man as deserving either than our late and beloved President John F. Kennedy.

Dr. King campaigned hard and courageously in the cause of peace and goodwill among peoples and nations everywhere. His life is dedicated to championing the rights of all freedom-loving peoples in our country and throughout the world.

So congratulations to Dr. King and in a world torn with strife and hate, with nation against nation and individual against individual, may we continue to have men like him with a life dedicated to serving your God and your fellow man.

Yours truly,
WILBERT M. SANDERS
Raleigh, N. C.

Conscience...Where Art Thou?



ALTAR CALL

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

"CHRISTIANITY — UNITY OR DIVISION?"

The newly-appointed editor of The Christian Century, national religious weekly, the Rev. Kyle Haselden, spoke to a public relations group recently on the future of the magazine. He made the allegation that Christianity, at least as it is presently practiced in the world, is a dividing rather than a uniting force. He suggested that his listeners might not agree with this assertion, but some of us thought more deeply, later, on what he said and found ourselves rather willing to agree with him.

Later in his speech, he described the attitudes of the people of today towards the church as being, "critical, analytical, insensitive." At this point many of us wondered just how much analysis and inspection the Church could stand, along with a lot of criticism, not always constructive, that it gets.

There is a lot in common in these statements made by Dr. Haselden, who is one of the most informed men in America on the life of the Church in the whole world today. In fact, he admits that recently he was called "The Christian Editor of the Century," instead of the Editor of the Christian Century.

If the Church, viewed as a whole being or organization, is, as Dr. Haselden alleges, doing more to divide than to unite, then it cannot stand up under any sound analysis or inspection, neither can it long ignore criticism.

Where are some of the points of division? One major point of division today is over RACE. The conservative church groups, the white church in the South, by and large, stress such things as "personal conversion"—"being saved"—abstinence from liquor, playing cards, etc.—which are all very good—but they are silent on matters of whites and Negroes worshipping together, whites and Negroes going to school together; in fact, they are silent on the subject of Race Relations.

The Church is divided in its ecumenical witness, with the fundamentals organized into a different national group that the orthodox, and the liberals off into another camp; and then more divisions by race, religious origin and theological practice. And then, the division in creeds, dogmas, doctrines, social status, intellectual strata, and on and on and on.

If this is "the body of Christ" as some would like to define the Church, then Christ is the most fragmented being in the universe or in Heaven.

NEWS AND VIEWS

BY J. R. HARRIS

INTER-RACIAL COOPERATION

ROCKY MOUNT — The past week presented several surprises, not the least of which was the excellent cooperation exhibited by the Cardinal bishops of St. Louis, Mo., where a colored pitcher—Bob Gibson—distinguished himself and his race by pitching his under-dog brewery team to a world's series championship over the top-favorite New York Yankees in the face of heavy odds. This feat, again, showed that where Negroes are given an unfettered chance to develop themselves they can and do succeed.

Too often, we hear the term "qualified Negroes" used when colored citizens seek jobs or positions to which they have not been previously hired. This over-emphasis on "qualified Negroes" seems to imply that the whites do not need to, necessarily, be "qualified" for such jobs but can get them on "their face." (Too often, that is regrettably true). The whites get on-the-job training when the Negro is expected to come already fully equipped when there is hardly an avenue open to him for previous training.

Thanks to the arena of sports, Negroes have been permitted to compete side-by-side with their white brothers when they showed the apprenticeship skill to help the team win.

While the Western World is "huddling at the thought of Red China having the deadly world-destroying bomb and perplexed over the retiring of Nikita Khrushchev from Russian leadership, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Europe for his gallantry in following the example of Jesus the Christ and Mahatma Gandhi in working for inter-racial justice and equality without violence. Thus, two Negroes were among the top news topics—both gloriously—of America and the free world last week. This should further advance the cause of Christian brotherhood and freedom in America.

We talked last week, with a white employee of the revenue department of Tarheelia who did not believe that the average white high school graduate—during his lifetime—earns MORE money than the average Negro 4-yr. college graduate. We told him our source of info was Louis L. Mitchell, a U. S. government employee, who was interpreting the civil rights act of 1964 to the recent N. C. NAACP convention in Greensboro. Mitchell also stated that, contrary to the opinion held by many southerners, the twelve million dollars allocated to the Civil Rights Commission for implementation of the Act would not be used—en-

tirely for enforcement purposes. Eight million will go to help in the up-grading of pupils in depressed or retarded study areas to help them meet the norm.

We like very much this quote from B&W Principal R. D. Armstrong's Telegram column Sunday in which he said: "Those with little inside often put much on the outside." Sadly, but truly, this is at least ninety per cent true, much to our regret. That's why so many of us make a display with clothes, big autos and spurring of many kinds in a futile effort to impress people. We could save ourselves a lot of money if we did not attempt to put on this false front.

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy of Alabama via Atlanta, Ga., will be the 5th anniversary speaker for the Rocky Mount Voters and Improvement League October 29 at the B&W High School. A near record crowd is anticipated for the appearance of the imminent civil rights leader who is number two man to Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. in his espousal of non-violent civil rights action, for which King just received the Nobel Peace Prize.

A NAACP speaker said last week that while white school principals are telling their school boards they have run two or three thousand dollars in the red with their lunch room programs and asking for more money to operate on; Negro principals are gleefully telling the boards that "We cleared a thousand dollars" or more from their cafeterias in an effort to please the "powers-that-be."

In that connection, we are reliably informed that in one Eastern Tarheelia town the white school cafeteria does NOT carry over from one day to the other ANY FOOD at all, because the inspector reportedly frowns upon it. However the colored principal, allegedly DOES CARRY OVER LEFT OVERS. This is in the same school system (?) Does the Negro prey care less for the health of his pupils or is he forced to do this?

It was good to hear some Nashville colored citizen say they have registered to vote for the first time in their lives, thus becoming a full-fledged American citizen with the power of the ballot in their hands.

On the other hand, it was saddening to hear young Raleigh housewife and mother say she is not registered and didn't intend to because she wasn't interested in voting for either candidate. We fear her number is legion. Saturday is the last day to register in most counties. Won't you please register? Then vote Nov. 3rd.

What Other Editors Say...

MISSISSIPPI — PROJECT

Never before in the history of this nation has there been such moving awe-inspiring example of moral commitment and selfless devotion to a cause as was displayed by the young men and women who risked their lives in Mississippi this summer working, tilling to educate their fellow Americans as to their political rights and civic responsibilities.

Unmindful of the nightly acts of beatings, bombings and slayings, the civil rights workers carried their difficult task in a

manner and spirit of medieval knights.

They came from all segments of the United States to fulfill a mission which they conceived to be sacred enough to sacrifice and compromise their future in the process.

Education for corrective political action was the high and immediate objective of the civil rights missionaries. They prosecuted that objective with intelligence, courage and with an unparalleled sense of dedication. That they succeeded in arousing the hitherto slumbering consci-

ence of an uncritical America is attested by the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and by the number of white men and women of influence who have identified themselves with the Negro cause.

Mississippi provided the backdrop for a tragic drama this summer, but it was a drama whose unfolding has revealed all the ugly, mean and reprehensible anatomy of the American race prejudice.

—THE CHICAGO DAILY DEFENDER