

Founts Of Wisdom

It is rather curious that the American people never seem to know whom to elect to public office. That is, judging from the advice which columnists and "letters to the editor", are offering to the President. It seems that it is the people who do not have the responsibility to conduct affairs, are the ones who have all the answers. They could, if they were President, stop the war in Vietnam overnight, and set the national economy on such a basis that peace and prosperity would flow as rivers, and happiness would prevail. The only trouble about that is, if they had the responsibility, they would find the same human nature

which every elected official finds. The people on the other side would not any more accept their suggestions than they do the present Executive. In all probability, they would make a bigger mess of things than they are now in. We do have a government managed by men, not angels and archangels. All men make mistakes. What a President needs is not a pack of wolves snapping at his heels, but citizens who want, not to make political capital, but to work with our leaders in sympathy and honest suggestions, in a sincere devotion to America. And that goes no matter what party is in power.

Things Can Be Overdone

Country folks used to have a saying when a new song was sung until it was no longer liked: "They have run it into the ground." We share the feelings of all these folks as we view the raise in prices, and the strikes which are crippling our economy. When prices are raised, workers demand more money. When they get it, things which they buy cost more. It is a vicious circle.

Both capital and labor are showing a disregard for human beings, and thumbing their noses at moral and ethical principles, with the result that all of us are being incarcerated in prisons of our own making. Millions are suffering today because as a nation we have lost reverence for life, and our sense of responsibility.

Be Great

Be great This doesn't necessarily mean that you must be famous. The very opposite may be your portion. Many of the greatest people of the centuries have been unpopular because of the stand they took for God and righteousness and against sin and wickedness. However, some of them became famous afterwards—perhaps after they died. I think this was true of St. Paul and other followers of Jesus Christ. Their critics, enemies, persecutors and murderers are gone and forgotten, generally speaking, but such mighty men of God live on in influence, whose names and noble deeds are known to the whole world.

mentally, morally, and spiritually.

Be great. Let your greatness manifest itself in your home. There is no better and more important place in the world to be great than in the home. Just here is where many people win out or lose out. To be kind in the home, loving, patient, gentle, prayerful, considerate, helpful, industrious, godly and Christlike is really the essence of true greatness. But to be mean in the home, selfish, quarrelsome, fussy, disagreeable, profane, drunken, gluttonous, careless of the welfare of one's family, with one's influence a curse rather than a blessing, proves how little and contemptible one is. No doubt this characterizes thousands of homes today. This causes separation of husbands and wives, divorces, and thousands of children thrown out on the cold mercies of a heartless and unfriendly world.

Be great. You may not be highly educated. Some of the best men and women of the world were, and are, minus a great education; but they forged their way forward to noble manhood and womanhood, and by the grace and power of God left their "footprints on the sands of time." Today the world rises up and calls them blessed. But, if you have a high standard of education, use it to bless mankind. Let your education help you be great. Don't let it come between you and true greatness, as it surely will if you are educated to doubt God and the religion of Christ, rejecting the Holy Bible, and salvation and holiness. This will make you small and dwarfed rather than great and tall.

Be great. Live for God and a worthwhile purpose. You don't have to waste your time in idleness and foolishness, eking out an existence and with no goal to strive for. So many people are aimless. It has been said that "low aim is crime." This accounts for the wreck and ruin for many people. They lack high ideals; just drifting along. Why live like that? There is something so much better to live for. Why don't people see it? Look up; LOOK UP! Good things come from above, from the Father of all blessings.

Be great. Think good and noble thoughts; be a student of the Bible and the best literature. Don't waste your time with trashy, degrading books and literature that is flooding our country today. Such will make you small in mind, heart, soul, and life. No doubt many criminals are the outgrowth of sex literature, of trash that many writers and publishers are putting out. Tommyrot in literature will make one sick.

Be great. Love everybody. Harbor no hatred in your heart. Stand for all that is wrong and contemptible. Aim high. Live for God and others. Don't dry up in your own little life. Branch out, bear fruit, help your neighbors, be good to the sick, spend some money for the welfare of those about you. Be liberal, tithe your income, and give of the remaining nine-tenths to needy people and to advance God's kingdom. BE GREAT!

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WASHINGTON REPORT

by Congressman James T. Broynhill



CIVIL RIGHTS

For twelve days, the House of Representatives has been debating the 1966 Civil Rights bill recommended by the Administration. Although the debate was long and often difficult to follow, Congress has considered few bills that are as complex as this one.

In this latest proposal, as in previous civil rights measures, there often is a choice between long-established rights and newer concepts which are now considered over-riding and necessary. Certainly, there is justification for the charge that the bill was "neither all good nor all bad" and "neither all Constitutional nor all un-Constitutional."

Any legislation as sweeping in its scope as this one is hard to characterize in the short space of this Report. Nevertheless, I want to describe some of the problems that led to grave misgivings as I viewed the bill as illustrated by the least controversial sections of the measure.

The first section of the legislation attempts to assure that there will be no discrimination in the selection of juries in Federal and State courts because of race. Our jury system is one of the bulwarks of individual freedom. Strengthening that bulwark is unlikely to provoke argument. This portion of the bill received little comment or, as it seems to me, little consideration. Still, in the debate, an ominous warning was sounded. Legal questions from the Federal judiciary and from Constitutional experts have arisen about the propriety of Federal encroachment upon State authority in the operation of their court systems. Even the Chief Justice of the United States has commented recently upon the dangers of intervention. Bigotry, intolerance, and racism should not be allowed to intrude into the dispensing of justice. However, unless careful and thoughtful consideration is given to a complex measure of this kind, even the most bland seeming provision may well be something that the country will come to regret.

Surely the most controversial of all the provisions of this new bill concerns another proposal which in all candor appears to have been hastily put together and it was charged, politically motivated and unrealistic. Under this proposal, a homeowner realtor, or lending institution would be sharply limited in selling or leasing real estate if racial discrimination is alleged. The homeowner could

find himself involved in a lawsuit under State, local, or Federal laws. In fact, the homeowner could be challenged not only by a private citizen; the Attorney General of the United States would also have a right to intervene and throw the entire weight of the Federal government against the accused individual.

We would be well advised to look at a typical law suit under this part of the Administration's plan. The complaining party could be provided with an attorney and court costs, while the accused party would have to pay his own expense to defend himself. A restraining order could be issued and the property taken off the market until a decision was reached. It could easily take the Federal courts many months or even years to complete the case. While this was going on, the homeowner's asset would be frozen. If the complaining individual won his case he would be entitled to damages. The accused homeowner, would on the other hand, receive nothing if the court decided in his favor and would have to pay the full cost of his defense. This unfair treatment by itself is enough to cause serious misgivings about this provision. However, even more deeply involved is the fundamental concept of property rights through which we have recognized the right of the property owner to use his property as he sees fit so long as he does not interfere with the lawful rights of his neighbors or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the community.

Fortunately, in the House of Representatives this particular section was rewritten to more reasonable proportions. Under the bill as passed, single family dwellings and owner-occupied buildings would not be covered by the law. Multiple family dwellings occupied by the owner and not more than four families would be exempted. The law also would not apply to the rental of rooms in an owner-occupied single family dwelling. Religious and Fraternal organizations would be exempted.

It seems to me that the Administration recognized that it was necessary to compromise in order to get its bill passed at all. Nevertheless, I feel strongly that the Administration's acceptance of this compromise was easy since the White House knows well that once the principle

Piedmont Club Horse Show This Saturday

On Saturday, of this week, September 3rd, the 7th Annual Piedmont Saddle Club Horse Show will be held. The Show will be staged at the Saddle Club Show grounds on highway 68, 3 1/2 miles North of Greensboro. There will be two performances. The first Show will be the afternoon event starting at 1 P. M. with the Night Show starting at 7:30 P. M. The rain-date for the show is September 10th.

There are 24 classes slated for the Afternoon Show and 19 classes for the Night Show. Zeb Whitlow, of High Point will be the Master of Ceremonies and Ernie Bowden, of Virginia Beach, Va., will be the Horse Show Judge. The public is cordially invited to attend the Horse Show and will be assured of a good show.

of Federal jurisdiction is established, it is relatively easy to expand Federal power to the full extent.

I opposed this bill since I feel that in many instances it will not advance the cause of the rights of any group of Americans by suppressing the rights of others. It is likely to create confusion and bitterness. Discord and animosity are certainly not the products we should be seeking at this time. The legislation will now go to the Senate where it is sure to receive a more searching analysis than it received in the House.

This Week's 60 SECOND SERMON

By Fred Dodge

TEXT: "Put off until tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all."—Unknown.

After a three year absence the members of a polar expedition arrived home and were feted at a banquet. During the questioning, an attractive feminine reporter asked, "What did you really miss most out there during three years in the snow and loneliness?"

The leader of the expedition slowly looked her up and down and said deliberately, "Temptation, young lady, temptation."

Temptation comes unbidden to all of us. That, we can not prevent. However, someone has said, we do not have to invite temptation in and serve it tea. The reason we are "push - overs" for temptation is that we, mentally, soften ourselves for its invitation. Somehow we have not anticipated evil; have not made up our minds not to lie, not to steal, not to cheat, not to "pull a fast one", not to be vulgar, not to avoid even the appearance of evil.

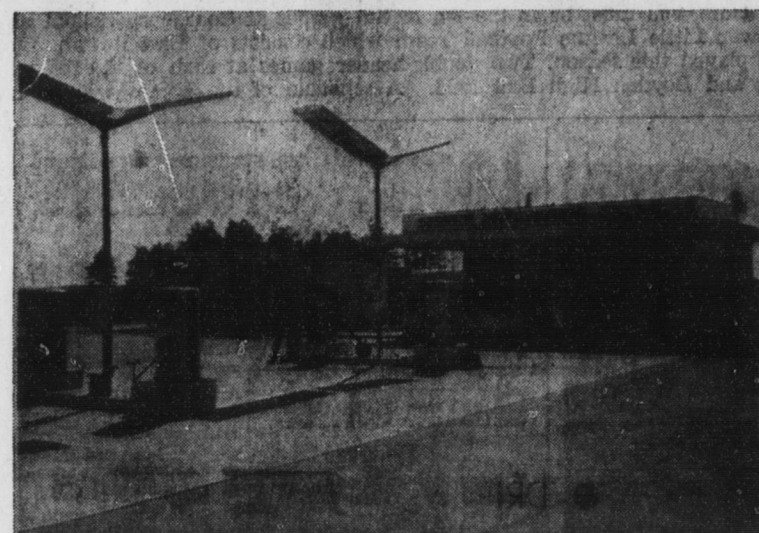
Determination not to invite temptation in, is vitally important in failing to hear when it knocks on the doors of our minds. Most of the evil in the world could be avoided if we first refused to open our minds to it.

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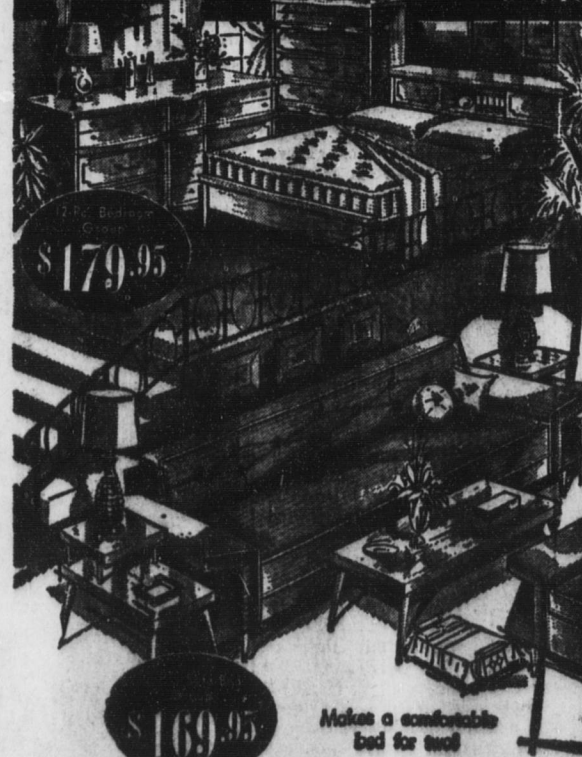
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