

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

SUING THE INVESTIGATORS

Some young fellow is suing the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover because they fired him; no one likes losing a job but this young fellow is particularly incensed over the reasons the FBI fired him. They fired him because he entertained a young lady in his room.

I knew it would come to this. I remember when we embarked on a campaign to clean out all the homosexuals in the State Department and other agencies of government. At last they are apparently all cleaned out. What's left to keep us busy? Well, for starters, there are the heterosexuals and considering how vast a population this is, cleaning them out ought to keep agents off the unemployment lines for a decade at least.

Some years back, I remember A. Mitchell Palmer, the U. S. Attorney General in 1918 used to keep the boys hopping deporting aliens. When they had sent back many of the deportable aliens who hadn't been able to contact a lawyer before the ship pulled anchor, Palmer started on all the lechers who transported a girl across state lines for immoral purposes.

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took his girl across the Hudson River to the movies on Broadway in New York, and who, to tell the truth, felt more bilious than amorous about the adventure.

Along came the Red Scare and some of the hoydenish ladies breathed a bit easier. The marriage rate started to soar as did the birth rate. But hold it! The government cops are back in the business of policing morals. Of course while they are busy compiling dossiers and files on the light o' hearts and the little round heels who fall victim easily, one million tons of goods disappear mysteriously every year from the New York City docks; Negro bodies turn up in swamps with more than alarming frequency in the Deep South; and the Ku Klux Klan stages huge rallies. Not only is marijuana-smoking rampant among high school seniors, but so is the use of LSD. Our police agencies have yet to locate where all the Brink's payroll money lies moldering or where Tino De Angelis stashed all that kale he conned out of reputable brokerage houses in his soy bean manipulations.

And people are walking unleashed dogs through Central Park in New York and I'll bet there's a poker game or two the agents could break up if they'd only put their minds to it.

Just what will happen to that lovely word "seduction" if the investigators have their way? You don't think automation is going to take care of their pretty cheerleaders in their white boots, do you?

NO SMOOTH SAILING... STILL STRAIGHT AHEAD!



Altar Call

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ACTION CENTERS

Increasingly the finger of humanity is pointing to the church and with a loud and questioning voice is asking, "Where do you stand?" It is the spirit of revolution burning in the breasts of thousands of discontented, distraught and desperate Negroes that continues to raise the issue to white America of man's essential humanity.

The church, long supposedly dedicated to the proposition of human fulfillment to the point of near-divinity, is in many instances reacting indifferently to the accusatory finger. Too few Negroes realize the tremendous role they are now indirectly playing in religion.

Those churches who would have their minister back away -- or would themselves retreat from the boiling cauldron of racial revolution--ought consider the possibility that this may be God at work in the world at this point in human history.

Interestingly enough, to those who have followed the centers of action in our civil rights revolution, they have noted how the churches have become hubs of activity. There was Brown Chapel AME in Selma, where little time was spent in prayer meetings since the press of demonstrations, strategies, summit meetings, etc., was of more real significance in the prosecution of the task of bringing man to man in realistic and meaningful relationship.

Then, as now, there are those churches that shut their doors in the faces of civil rights leaders who need an "army" base, as though it were irrelevant to relate the church so closely with the problems of mankind.

What role could these churches be playing in life that could possibly be more important than reconciling man with man that man might be reconciled with his Creator?

Indicative of the Calvary-like treat churches face is the fact that often the action center must be moved because of threats of destruction by civil rights opponents.

When the property of the South Side Action Center in the Chicago Freedom Movement was threatened, it was heartening to the leaders to know that instantaneously four or five churches offered their buildings.

The day is not too far in the future when churches will be used more as Action Centers than they will be as "worship" centers. May the day hasten when, as we pass by, we hear shouts of victory over the sins of injustice to man, more than we hear the shouts of those who think they are "spiritually" happy because they momentarily feel good.

Churches of Action, life Altars in the Wilderness of social injustice, must become the order of the day, if man with man shall live in harmony and peace.

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

"PECK -- PECK -- PECK"

As a boy in Chester, South Carolina, I remember that my mother raised chickens for eggs and meat. She used the old-fashioned wooden slab coop. I had a playful habit of picking up the little chicks and holding them in my hands.

On one occasion, I reached by hand into the coop, between the wooden slabs to catch a "biddy." Mamma hen gave my hand several pecks, and I couldn't get my hand out because it was at the narrow end of the opening, between the two wooden pieces. I yelled out loudly for my mother to rescue me, but by the time she appeared on the scene, I had accidentally found a way to get my hand out.

To this day, I have a fear of mother hens and their brood.

It pays to mind your mother. Mine told me not to reach my hand into the chicken coop, or the mother hen might give me some hurtful pecks. But the pain of the pecks was the greatest teacher. You can say that again!

off rioting in 30 to 40 of the nation's cities. But he said poverty and despair, not Communists or Black Nationalists, were the villains.

Though he declined to pinpoint any one city as the most likely scene of new rioting, he made it clear that the urban centers he had in mind had the same problems, the same frustrations, the same tensions.

He thought the demonstration cities program, now before the Senate, "holds the best hope" for solving the urban problems that the subcommittee is now investigating.

Katzenbach emphasized that the key to his own job of keeping law and order is the demonstration cities program, since recent riots in several places were produced by "agitators named disease and despair, joblessness and hopelessness, rat-infested housing and long-impacted cynicism."

He added: "These sources of agitation are not the product of Communists or Black Nationalists or terrorists."

He disagreed with a Cleveland grand jury report last week linking the causes of that city's riots to agitators. Extremists have attempted to exploit racial violence, he said, but have not planned it.

Too often, Katzenbach noted, riots are touched off after an incident with police. "It's just essential--I can't emphasize it enough--that police officers have the confidence and the respect of the community, particularly the deprived people; and they just don't have it today," he said.

He announced that the Justice Department is beginning a new program to make \$1 million available to cities of more than 150,000 population to train policemen on the beat in the art of community relations. If policemen get the bum rap, it is because they are the only visible symbol of authority--which is sometimes exercised without much restraint.

Ghetto dwellers are a after all, human beings. They resent the harsh treatment visited upon them by club-wielding policemen who lack either the intelligence or the training to realize how ultra-sensitive are the denizens of the slums, THE CHICAGO DAILY DEFENDER.

Other Editors Say . .

EDUCATORS VS. WALLACE

Gov. Wallace may have stirred up a hornet's nest with his bill to prohibit compliance with the federal school integration guidelines. The Alabama legislature may approve the proposal. The chances are it will do so. But the schools are not at all behind the governor in this foolish move.

The trustees of the Alabama Education Association, representing some 23,000 white teachers in the state, adopted a strong statement of policy opposing the Wallace program.

They were joined by other education leaders, including spokesmen for the University of Alabama, Auburn University, and the Alabama Association of School Boards.

The educators were warned by a Wallace spokesman in the state legislature that they "are going to regret the action they have taken." But the Alabama educators have vowed to everything they can to resist this legislation, which if passed, will deprive them of the money needed for salary increases and other school operations.

THE RED SMEAR

The immoderate critics of civil rights demonstrations who have been smearing the movement with red paint should take note of Atty. Gen. Katzenbach's testimony before a Senate subcommittee looking into what has been called the crisis of the cities.

He warned that some "unpredictable event" could touch

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Words Of Worship

God wants men to inspire confidence. Charles Morgan once said, "It is God's Finger on a man's shoulder." There is nobility in all of us, and hence we should not ever give up hope for any man as lost. There's always hope! There is a pull in everybody toward

God. Maybe all that is needed is someone to give the right direction to men's lives. There is much good in all of us. Then let us inspire others by a word, a friendly glance, or a helping hand. This is one manifestation of the virtue of charity.

Editorial Viewpoint

Labor, We Salute You!

We have reached another Labor Day during which time the labor movement will celebrate the passage of another year. This is another milestone in history and involves freedom, excesses, and controls.

On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill proclaiming the first Monday in September as Labor Day, a legal and public holiday honoring the American workmen. The idea had long been fostered by Peter J. McGuire, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who urged a day to show publicly "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations."

Twelve years earlier, Mr. McGuire had staged the first "Labor Day Parade in New York City on September 8. He chose that date because it came at the most pleasant season of the year.

Less than one million belonged to unions in the year President Cleveland signed the Labor Day legislation. It was an era when depressions were known as panics, and 18-94 was just a panic year. Nearly 500 banks failed, more than 15,000 commercial firms closed their doors.

It was the year when "General" Jacob S. Cox, of Massillon, Ohio, led an "army of unemployed" in a March on Washington. The Populist party had a considerable following. And the infant American Federation of Labor was warily testing its strength with the huge corporations.

In the little town of Pullman, Illinois, Socialist Eugene V. Debs was leading the American Railway Union's strike against the Pullman Palace Car Company. A federal injunction forbidding interference with the movement of the United States mails broke the strike and Debs went to jail for violating a federal order. The panic lasted for three years.

Under the sage leadership of the great Samuel Gompers, labor unions grew impressively in size and importance, for several decades. The late William Green of the American Federation of Labor carried on Gompers' work and was regarded as a constructive influence upon the movement.

However, it was not until passage of the Wagner Act in the first administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt that labor began taking great strides. Labor's Magna Carta, as the Wagner Act is sometimes called,

established recognition of unions and collective bargaining as a required procedure under the law.

In the 1930's, strides were commonplace as resisting employers sought to repulse the rising tide of industrial organization. The sit-down technique, goon squads who battered non-striking workers into submission groups of anti-labor vigilantes and too frequent breakdowns of law and order highlighted this era of labor-management conflict. But the eventual victory came to labor, and with it a growing recognition of responsibility by its more sane leaders.

The Taft-Hartley law was passed to curb labor abuses in 1947. Though unions brand Taft-Hartley as a "slave labor" law, it was enacted over President Truman's veto. One of the U. S. Senators who voted for this law was Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas.

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What About Self-Help Power?

The recent television discussion broadcast on Sunday, August 21, was indeed revealing. The nation got a chance to hear Roy Wilkins, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Whitney Young, CORE's Floyd McKissick, Stokely Carmichael, and James Meredith.

The telecast showed the ineptitude of Carmichael and James Meredith. Both of these men did not meet the issues head on, nor did they answer questions put to them with clarity. They said a whole lot of words which said absolutely nothing when answering the specific questions. Both of these young men lack experience, and they need training in leadership. They talk too much out of the sides of their mouths to be useful in the civil rights movement.

The discussion gave some attention to "black power", and we were ashamed to hear Carmichael say that SNCC decided not to define this term. This is a stupid way of avoiding the fundamental issue.

Be that as it may, we are intrigued by an idea originated by a Negro neurosurgeon, Dr. Thomas W. Mathew, who runs the Interfaith Hospital in the New York borough of Queens. After trying vainly to interest the Governor and Mayor of New York and Senator Robert Kennedy, the doctor has taken a plunge for himself. He announced recently the birth of a group called the National Economic Growth and Reconstruction Organization. The acronym for this, formed by combining the initial letters of the word, NEGRO.

More Negroes Should Enter Politics

The most recent announcement is that George Williford Haley, the first Negro Republican elected to a State Senate, will now run in the fall campaign for a Republican seat in the United States Congress, from Kansas.

Haley, at 41, is a Kansas, attorney and was the first Negro to successfully knock down racial barriers at the previously all-white University of Arkansas School of law.

Haley has been accused by some civil rights groups of being too moderate, but the young man feels that he knows the South and Southerners. "They are open in

their acceptance or non-acceptance, Haley said.

"The reason we have these extremists," Haley said, "is because we do not have reasonable people who can sit down and do something about the situation, not just talk about it."

This is a fine prospect for a future U. S. Congressman. We need more Negro youths to take programs in college that will prepare them for political and foreign service careers. Majors in government and political science can provide the necessary background for Negro youth who want to pursue public careers.

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Religion And Race

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MULTIRACIAL KEY

LONDON -- The key to multiracial churches is a multiracial ministry and staff, declared Dr. John H. Satterwhite, professor of ecumenics, Wesley Theological seminary, Washington, during a session of the World Methodist Conference last week. He noted "We are at the place in our cities where we cannot go much farther forward without the enlistment, commitment and devotion of multiracial leaders and staffs in our local church. We invite you to share with us the task of desegregating our total society."

BALTIMORE -- A solution to the racial question, economics issues or health problems is beyond the power of any government on earth, declared Karl A. Adams, chairman, Jehovah's Witness convention, in session at Memorial stadium last week. He said, "The past 6,000 years of human history testify very definitely to the fact that man doesn't have the answer."

CHARLOTTE, N. C. -- A public meeting has been scheduled Sept. 20, by the Commission on Religion and Race, United Presbyterian church, to celebrate the centennial of Negro Presbyterianism in North Carolina and Virginia. The celebration, to be held at Johnson C. Smith University,

will bring such speakers as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and William P. Thompson, stated clerk, United Presbyterian church. The celebration is on the eve of the CORAR meet, in Queen Charlotte hotel, September 21-22, SUCCESS OF COOP

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. -- One year after three local United Presbyterian congregations -- Westminster, Chelsea and Jethro -- decided to institute and keep alive a parish program providing pastoral, preaching, teaching and leadership ministry to the three churches, the program has grown to such extent that it extends beyond parish boundaries. The programs operated by the churches included a series on "The Negro in America," voter registration, Headstart pre-school education, and civil rights.

ALONE BUT WELCOME STOCKTON, Ill. -- Last June 6, the Rev. John C. Ferguson, Jr., former pastor of Normal Park Methodist Church, Chicago, became the first Negro Methodist minister to be appointed to an all-white church in the all-white community of Stockton. Instead of finding distrust and agitation, Rev. Ferguson, who is 45, has found that an overwhelming welcome has been extended him.

World News Digest

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EXODUS

LUSAKA -- The parting of the ways between Zambia and the British Commonwealth is expected to occur within a few months over the issue of neighboring Rhodesia's insistence upon pursuing an independent status without the approval of Britain or black Africa within the country. Rhodesia declared itself independent with the white minority government in power, much to the distress of all other independent African nations.

TEL AVIV -- A proposal to halt the drafting of women for military service has been made to Premier Levi Eshkol by Social Affairs Minister Dr. Joseph Burg, based on the need to halt the nation's dwindling birth rate. The proposal would make more women available for earlier marriages, instead of taking them out of action when they reach 18 years of age, for 20 months' service in the armed forces.

BUSSING FORBIDDEN EVANGKOK -- A crackdown on kissing in broad daylight in public places has been decreed by the police in an effort to silence

complaints about the corruption of morals of Thai girls. The corruption is said to be fomented by foreign soldiers who go a bit farther than using the wai--folding the hand palms together and bowing--traditional Thai greeting, and employ hugs and kisses.

MOLE CITY MONTREAL -- A veritable underground city is in operation in the downtown portion of Montreal, where people can spend their entire lives without ever seeing the surface. A system of underground plazas, or promenades, 4,500 feet below the ground, has shops, cafes, movies, living quarters -- everything that the surface dweller finds necessary. By next spring, 9,000 more feet of the network is expected to be in operation.

EDUCATION GRANT NAIROBI -- Kenya has just received a \$7 million credit from the International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the World Bank, to assist in expanding its secondary education system. The project calls for construction of new and expansion of existing general secondary, technical and teacher training institutions and for purchase of needed furniture and equipment.