

Words Of Worship

The Master, Jesus Christ, was a versatile Man, so that each profession saw in Him their side of His nature which appealed to them most. The doctor thinks of the Great Physician whose healing touch never failed, who by some mystery preceded modern science in its still imperfect knowledge of the relation of the spirit to health. The preacher studies

the Sermon on the Mount and marvels that truths so profound should be expressed in words so clear and simple. We have a good many agitators who remember only that Christ denounced the rich and the Communist recalls that His disciples carried a common purse. The attorney has also been intrigued by the pleading of Jesus at His own trial. So Jesus is a savior to all people.

Editorial Viewpoint

Don't Be Afraid On "The Outside"

Two Negroes have spoken out against Negro rioting and raiding the neighborhoods in Cleveland, Chicago, Watts, and many more places. They are Dr. Jackson, of the National Baptist Convention and George S. Schuyler, a news columnist with The Pittsburgh Courier.

In no uncertain terms, Dr. Jackson has been labeled an "Uncle Tom," while Schuyler has been declared outside the mainstream of Negro thinking and a tool of the enemies of the Negro.

Widespread opinion among some Negroes has indicated a resentment against Schuyler, because he pointed out that equality can never be given but has to be earned; that the white power structure cannot be bulldozed and threatened into wide concessions which the loud-mouthed Negro agitators have been demanding; that there are enormous opportunities for colored people to improve their lot, if they devoted their time, energies and talents to it, and stopped following incendiary leadership.

As Columnist J. B. Harren-once said so well, "They are strutting along like geese" making a lot of the wrong kind of noise. We have noted these fellows being interviewed over television, but they create a bad image of themselves, because they cannot use the King's English orally as would be expected of a leader who should be able to present their followers' cause before Presidents, governors, monarchs and kings of foreign countries.

A minority group can express its opinions and needs, but the will of the majority is always carried out. Therefore, when we hear some of the small-time guerrilla chiefs of civil rights threatening the power structure with: "If we don't get what we want, we're going to demonstrate, and demonstrate, and demonstrate until we get it!"

What's Wrong With Sleeping In The Library??"

We came across an article that struck our attention, because it was concerned with an odd law in England relating to libraries. The officials of West Suffolk, England have enacted a law making sleeping in the library a crime, punishable by law. And we think that this beats all.

What's so wrong about a library patron falling asleep for a few minutes? Research studies on sleep indicate that by taking short naps a student rests himself and then can go back to studying more refreshed. Fact of the matter is, some doctors recommend short naps in preference to long schedules of sleep like eight hours at one stint.

Don't Underestimate The White Backlash

The activities of CORE, SNCC, and the SCLC are in full swing, and the "black power" movement is on its way. These activities may carry some weight in the solution of many of our racial problems and misunderstandings. But we must not let these cause us to underestimate the white backlash of a certain group of whites.

The backlash force may overturn the political aspirations of many candidates who lean toward the cause of the Negro, right now, while primaries are being conducted in several states—some of which are in the old Deep South. Drew Pearson stressed the point that many moderates may fall by the wayside when the ballots have been tallied and reported.

Church Members Shock Jesus

Jesus, for years, has been standing outside the door of many churches trying to get in the thick of things. Last Friday, Walter Cronkite's newscast depicted white Catholics in Chicago with extreme racial prejudice engendered by the demonstration activities of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the question of open housing.

We noted that the members just wanted the priests to preach religion and let social involvement alone. They let their true colors show when they called Negroes—"niggers." And this is not the example set by Jesus of Nazareth. Who ate with the publicans and sinners, and who visited these people in their homes. Some self-righteous Pharisees condemned Him severely because He became socially involved in administering to the needs of the sick, the sinful, the deaf and blind, and the cripple.

Down in Tampa, Fla. we have another dreadful incident connected with the Tyler Temple Methodist Church at a quarterly conference. The members and pastor were involved in hassle over whether to sell the building to the Texas Oil Company and move to a new location, or remain at their present site. The majority of the members voted to stay where they were, but the pastor was determined to get his way. He investigated the removal of the church treasurer who previously had frozen church funds amounting to \$20,000 in three Tampa banks.

They are simply fooling their adherents who will perish with them "when the deal goes down."

What many of our leaders need is the ability to do critical thinking. They fail to understand that men of the opposite race can be persuaded if they are approached in the right manner. Yes, white opponents of Negroes, can be persuaded if our leaders can put themselves in the Southern white man's place. The persuaders, however, must apply the rules of psychology in controlling the behavior and action of the people we want to give us first-class citizenship.

Leaders of such organizations, like CORE and SNCC, should pursue a program directed by its executive board. This board should have at least one psychologist, one expert public relations man, one research officer to get facts and advance information concerning the most effective procedure to follow to reach a particular goal.

Demonstrations have been long overworked by being used too often and too long. They have become trite, irritating and annoying, violent and ineffective in most instances at the present time. King was somewhat effective when his demonstrations were non-violent, but now too many violent folks have joined these marches. By no stretch of the imagination, do they intend to turn the other cheek as King advises.

Responsible leaders have remained silent, because they do not want to be branded Uncle Toms. Don't be afraid to be called Uncle Toms when you have sensible counsel to give. Schuyler isn't, Dr. Jackson isn't, and Jesus wouldn't if He were here on earth today. Rabble-rousing leaders must be put on the right road to escape the old mores of the past.

A library patron doesn't usually go to sleep unless he is terribly fatigued. If he snores and disturbs other readers, the librarian might suggest that he leave the reading room. But, to assess a fine upon a person for going to sleep is absurd and ridiculous.

Of one thing we are sure: The sleeper in a library is much more to be desired than lovers who come to talk hours upon hours, or persons who mark in books, or individuals who cut photos and articles out of periodicals, and or persons who tear whole pages out of books. Certainly, these culprits are detrimental to the property of the library, but the sleeper only involves himself, unless he snores.

In Georgia, for example, the inimitable Ellis Arnold has an impressive approach to the voters, a good public relations staff, and a sound program that will advance the state. But never, for a moment, underestimate Lester Maddox, the Dixiecrat restaurateur who appealed to the United States Supreme Court before he would give up his fight against feeding colored people; and when he decision went against him, he closed his business. Maddox may easily become the "dark horse" who will upset the applecart by winning the governorship of Georgia.

This challenge suggests that the proponents of a progressive government for Georgia must keep their hand on the plow and look ahead.

The meeting erupted into disorder, and the law enforcement officers were summoned to keep the peace. The presiding elder, who "chairmaned" the meeting tried to maintain order in a fair and impartial manner. One faction of the membership wants the pastor to resign.

The majority of the members indicated, by majority vote, that they wanted their church to remain at the present location. Parliamentary law demands that the will of the majority must be carried out, and therefore, the pastor should have accepted the decision in good faith. It is reputed that the pastor disagreed with the majority, and herein may lay the cause of the disorder.

Time and again we have observed disorder in churches and their meetings. Deacons have brought guns to some meetings, and on one occasion, one officer shot another inside the sanctuary of the church. Louis E. Lomax, in the Negro Revolt, called attention to factional fights at the National Baptist Conference when opponents to measures or candidates "killed" microphones to create disorder that had to be settled by policemen.

Every member has an obligation to see to it that all meetings in his church are conducted in a proper and peaceful manner. Then, and only then, will Jesus Christ want to come inside.

Behold He stands at the door—please let Him in!

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

THE WARREN REPORT CRITICS

Let's start a rumor, you and I. There will be a point to it. Charles Whitman, the psychotic sniper, sat the night before he wrought his carnage writing a letter. He told his friend Larry Fuess he was writing to a friend of his in Washington whom he hadn't seen in five years. This was one of the letters the grand jury in Austin suppressed.

The grand jury suppressed Whitman's last thoughts because, it argues, his letters libeled innocent people. But let's say they didn't libel innocent people; let's say they were inflammatory, let's say they contained terrible charges.

Who would he charge? Well, we don't know. We can only guess rumors. But we can guess that Charles Whitman served in the Marines about the same time another famous sniper named Lee Harvey Oswald served. Perhaps they knew each other. Why not?

And if they knew each other, is there any reason why Charles Whitman couldn't have been the second assassin? The assassin who some believe helped Oswald murder President John F. Kennedy? Maybe that suppressed letter is a confession. Maybe Whitman went atop the tower to prove what a crack shot he was after he had signed his confession.

Absurd? Of course this is absurd. Whitman was psychotic. Even I who have little truck with the theories of Sigmund Freud will testify that Whitman was acting out of a classical Oedipus complex; he killed the mother whom he loved in stead of the father whom he hated; he mounted a tall tower and asserted his omnipotence by killing people below.

But my rumor, hereby rescinded, is no more implausible than the spate of books which now question the findings of the Warren Commission. I can think of four off-hand: Mark Lane's "Rush to Judgment" (Holt, Rinehart & Winston; \$5.95), Harold Weisberg's "Whitewash" (Harold Weisberg; \$4.95), Edward Jay Epstein's "Inquest" (Viking; \$5) and Jean Stafford's "A Mother in History" (Farrar, Straus & Giroux; \$3.95).

Many critics insist there must have been two assassins.

The basis for this insistence is that if Oswald succeeded he needed a fantastic amount of luck. Which I believe is precisely why Oswald did succeed. He had a maniacal courage and there is something about maniacal courage which commands luck.

The main criticism leveled at the Warren Commission is that it proceeded on the assumption of Lee Harvey Oswald's guilt. I see no reason why men cannot make presumptions about facts. The Mark Lane book makes much of the nonsense that Jack Ruby was in on it because he had such easy access to police headquarters. But what Mark Lane doesn't know is that every town in America has at least one Jack Ruby; the fellow whose pockets are filled with police and sheriffs' "courtesy" cards, and who is always butting in.

Not only do you see him at police headquarters when they are bringing in someone, but you'll also see him at big fires, wearing a fireman's hat. And any semi-intelligent conspirator would have had to be insane to take a Jack Ruby into his confidence.

But to say that the Warren Report withheld vital evidence, as two of these books charge, is to say also that the Chief Justice and his colleagues, who included at least three very "tough" men, Dulles, Rankin, and Gerald Ford, were in on a conspiracy to protect Jack Ruby.

Why? But there's no need to ask why. You are involved here with the renunciation of logic against which no logic can prevail. All of this is to say nothing of the brother of the murdered President, who, next to the widow, was the most devastated human being in America; another "tough" man, who happened also to be the Attorney General of the entire United States. Two months after the tragedy, Robert Kennedy told me, "... the family is satisfied it was this one fellow."

But 30 years after the assassination of President Lincoln, a side-show promoter was charging 10 cents admission to "see the mummified body of John Wilkes Booth." And so the Oswald books will go on and on; the "non-books" which seem to satisfy the hunger and longing of those who like to be "in the know," the poor fools.

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

ALL AROUND ME

On Monday, I was purusing the PEN, a magazine, when carried a funny story about a farmer. When asked by a friend, "Do you worry about getting up and going to work?" The farmer answered, "No brother, I don't need to work for work is all around me when I wake up." (Ha ha ha ha)

My situation is much like the farmer but yet I must get up and go to work. But once I am in my office, the work closes in on me and it makes me both glad and sad. (Yes, indeed!)

Cornyard, thinks I am fooling! (Nay, not so). I advise student majors, do my own typing of letters, examination, course outlines, teach five classes, do therapy in the speech clinic, attend committee meetings, and a thousand other things. No, siree, there are not enough minutes in the day to get enough done.

But, like the Apostle Paul, I press onward toward the mark or the prize. This is true, very much, for sure.

Other Editors Say . .

SENATE CIVIL RIGHTS IN ACTION WILL SPARK MORE

The 1966 Civil Rights Bill is in jeopardy in the United States Senate; not because of absenteeism, petty filibustering and just plain childishness. The Senate's problems are mainly twofold: (1) Senate leadership control the agenda or muster a regular quorum. (2) Ailing minority party leader - Senator Everett Dirksen - unlike his attitude on the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and '65, is adamantly opposed to this bill.

The result is that while there are enough votes in the Senate to pass the 1966 Civil Rights Act if it is ever put to a vote, presently not enough can be corralled to invoke cloture.

Satisfactorily, there must be at least two-thirds (66) of the senators present and voting in favor of cloture before it can be invoked. In 1964, 41 Democrats and 25 Republicans stood for cloture. In 1965, 47 Democrats and 23 Republicans. The best count at the moment shows that the Democrats can produce 47 votes in favor of shutting off debate. This leaves a minimum of 19 to come from Republican ranks.

Senator Dirksen, who controls some 8 or 10 Republican votes, is not raising even his little finger in favor of cloture. The Senator has vacillated from an initial position of the bill being unconstitutional to direct opposition to the housing section and now to full opposition to the entire bill.

The paramount problems facing the 1966 Civil Rights Act, therefore, are: (1) It is extremely late; (2) There is almost no pressure from back home in comparison with that received in 1964 and '65. Many of the white religious and civic groups who openly supported civil rights last year and the year before are now silent. Some Senators insist that this is due to the black power movement. (3) Senator Dirksen is a very sick man and is moving about on crutches. He is not pleased with the demonstrations held in Chicago and Cicero and appears to be yielding to his home district white backlash. (4) For the first time in history, northern members of the United States Congress are faced with a real challenge because, technically, the housing section of the 1966 Civil Rights Act (Title IV) touches a tender spot in the north. Thus, the northern white backlash is communicating negatively on this bill with their senators. Add to this, the usual segment of segregationist southerners who are members of the Senate.

A TEAM APPROACH IS NEEDED . . NOW!



Altar Call

BY EMORY G. DAVIS, D.D.D.,
NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

POWER, POWER EVERYWHERE, BUT...

"We don't want any riots here," admonished an elderly Negro woman who proffered this advice over the phone to me after hearing about a rather mild and orderly civil rights demonstration that was planned.

At about this time, authorities in Atlanta were accusing Stokely Carmichael of fomenting violence in his efforts to arouse the conscience of people to protest there.

In between what appears to be two extremes, you have the Uncle Thomas Negro, and the Do-Gooder White Liberal who keep yelling to high heaven, "Let's settle this at a conference table."

Also in between is human inertia. Residual within this vast segment of humanity are latent resources that are needed to do more than a conference table can accomplish and with a sanity that is far more effective than violent riots.

Recently, an AME bishop made an appeal for "religious power". Apparently there has not been too much response to such an appeal. Now the question is whether "religious power" is as potent as preachers have been boasting from their pulpits. If it does have the potency that could be applied against the problems inherent in a racist society, then why hasn't it been amassed

and put to work? There is no power in the apologetic, insipid, mild-mannered "word" preached from most of America's "white" pulpits. There is no power in the emotion rousing, whooping and hollering preaching (?) that comes from most of America's "Negro" pulpits. Is this to say that there is really no "religious power" available at such a time of crisis?

There's too many complacent and apathetical whites and Negroes saying, "We don't want any riots," who are not doing anything to help cure the ills that breed riots.

Perhaps now is the time to call a National Conference on Religious Power, if indeed some such power can be found, and get to work on racism so that we can get on to other things that might make of this nation something great and honorable for human existence.

The continued Black Power-White Power struggle will only destroy the nation. Meanwhile, proponents of Religious Power boast some kind of connection they have with "divine" Power that supposedly will aid and abet human power.

We may be missing man's greatest opportunity to save himself by ignoring the Altar of Religious Power.

Religion And Race

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

BRUSH VERSUS HATE

OAKLAND, Calif - A novel method of fighting hate messages scrawled on walls has been undertaken by Brother Anthony Bellesert, a priesthood student at St. Albert's college. Taking a brush in hand, Bro. Bellesert has painted a 60 foot abstract mural, on walls of a tunnel, in a "beauty overrides hate" campaign.

RACE RELATIONS REPORT

NEW YORK - A 288 page book combining reports and illustrated examples of such issues as race relations, church union, Vietnam, "God is dead" theological debate, and the California migrant workers' strike, is being published by the United Presbyterian church this month. The book, entitled "How in the World", is edited by Earl K. Larson, coordinator for renewal and extension of the ministry.

APPOINTMENT

DURHAM, N. C. - North Carolina College has a new director of its United Campus Christian Ministry -- the Rev. John F. Chappell, 27 of Beaufort, S. C., who succeeds Henry G. Elkins, Jr., who resigned to study toward a doctorate in sociology at the University of Chicago. Rev. Chappell was formerly a chaplain at the Boy Scout ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico.

World News Digest

AMERICANS, NOTE

STOCKHOLM - Everyone talks about huge car repair bills and spiraling auto insurance rates, but no one does anything about it--except Swedish insurance firms. For the past two years, insurance firms throughout Sweden have been operating their own repair business, and have cut repair charges by one-fifth. Rates are scheduled to drop even more. Best of all, insurance premiums have been stabilized.

NOT THAT OLD

NAIROBI - There are those who wouldn't hesitate to take up the challenge of a 70 odd year old man to a fight, just to see how good he really is, but in the case of President Jomo Kenyatta last week, he had no taker. Kenyatta, recently returned from a month long stay on the coast, where he had been under the care of heart specialists, appeared before a rally of 40,000 people, looking vigorous and in a fighting mood. No one present seemed to doubt his "strength and fitness."

One other excuse seems to permeate the Senate attitude to do nothing at the moment about the bill. It is based on the false philosophy that a few Negroes, less than two percent, are engaging in violence. Therefore, all Negroes are bad and we will punish them by not passing this law. The ridiculousness of this sort of fallacious thinking is certain to prompt increased violence, we fear, on the part of the lunatic elements of both, Negro and white races.

VISA RULES

LUSAKA - Effective as of Sept. 1, new regulations went into force to tighten existing laws on visa requirements. The new rules are that citizens of all non-British Commonwealth countries--including Rhodesia--will need entry or re-entry visits to be admitted to Zambia.

DEVALUATION???

BUENOS AIRES - Yet another devaluation of the Argentine peso is in the rumor stage among business, labor and government circles, although government officials deny any devaluation. The peso, currently pegged at 215-216 per \$1, before last Aug. 8, was 202-205 to the dollar.

CAPITAL SHIFT

BLANTYRE, Malawi - The Malawi government has launched upon a \$30 million project to transfer the nation's capital from Zomba, in the south, 130 miles to Lilongwe, in the northwest. Buildings for two ministries--national resources and works--have already undergone construction at the new site.

Senae during this very crucial period and that they stand up for cloture as well as passage of the bill.

Second, flood the Senate and especially your own home state Senators with telegrams and letters and calls decrying their ridiculous inaction on this important measure which the longer delayed, is bound to produce more street violence and more racial disorders. -THE LOUISVILLE DEFENDER.