

Words Of Worship

Right thought is the very basis of the great doctrine of the non-involvement that Jesus brought to the world, but He promised only an inner glory and a sense of eternal peace. He prophesied no external consequences. After all, the released person doesn't care any more. As with the child, the drama and even the struggle, is thrilling. And nothing so dignifies human beings as the pursuit of such freedom

But, why hasn't man accepted this teaching? The answer is that it has not been understood. Instead of seeing it as a matter of one's attitude in life, people always resisted it and at once argued that it was impractical. Men of the Master's day translated it as an order to ignore their bodies and to live in hovels in the desert.

Editorial Viewpoint

Can We Take Politics Out Of Education?

In the recent elections over the United States, we noted numerous candidates running for the local school boards, as well as the office of school superintendent.

We can see the wisdom of electing school board members, but it is our contention that a superintendent should be appointed to his office. Besides, the gift of a politician, a candidate for the office of school superintendent needs to have certain educational preparation.

It is reasonable for a member of the school board to be elected to his position for a period of three years, let us say. If this person serves well, there is hardly any doubt that the people will re-elect him for another three-year period.

In just such a setting, the superintendent might well be appointed each year; in other words, his record can be re-examined annually. The superintendent would be chosen from any section of the county, and his appointment would tend to indicate that he is the best man for the job. Record would be the determining factor, regardless of his voting district.

Here is how it might function: The

school board would become a policy-making body with the power to review all work carefully and objectively. By all means, let the meetings be open to the public and include one or two members of the press. Executive sessions could be held after the open meeting if a question of a personal nature was to be discussed. But, motions ought to be made about the appointment of superintendents and/or dismissals at the public meetings.

It is our opinion that this kind of set-up would permit the electorate to have its say (approval or disapproval about board members.) Board members, of course should never be elected by political party, but instead they should represent one location in the school district. And the vote of the members of the board's motions could be made, regardless of district.

Such a plan, as we have proposed, would insure that a qualified superintendent could be free of electioneering, could be fired, and could be free to do his job freely regardless of the fact of living in his district. This plan has worked satisfactory in many communities.

A Woman's Work Is Never Done

Most of our readers are familiar with the statement that a "man's work is from Sun to Sun, but a woman's work is never done." If you men don't believe this, then we challenge you take care of three or four children for just one week. You will, without doubt, be thoroughly convinced.

The Reverend James Keller once made the statement that wives are worth more than their weight in gold. He proved his statement with statistics gathered by insurance experts, who claimed that the average wife and homemaker weighing 135 pounds, would be worth \$76,600 at the current rate of gold. But in terms of services and tax savings, the same wife can be worth upwards of \$106,000 over a period of 45 years.

You may wonder how did the statisticians figure this problem. The John Hancock Mutual Insurance Company based its estimates on the wages of a paid housekeeper (\$150 to \$200 a month). It figured tax savings, ranging from \$300 to \$500 a year, would be an advantage to the husband.

The aforementioned facts are concrete, but a family profits from the spiritual enrichment shared by the wife and mother and poured generously upon her husband and children. Mothers are the symbols of love, devotion, and unselfishness. These attributes are far more valuable than the dollars and cents we have previously cited. In the 10th chapter of Proverbs, the 31st

verse, a man is reminded that "when one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls"

More than this, the men have a "male paradise" or a tiny South Sea island of Rapa. It is reputed that there were at one time 250 women and only 34 men. These 34 men were glorified by the women of the island, and they pampered the males for attentions which might be bestowed upon them. These men became accustomed to the extraordinary service of the overwhelming majority of women that they, at one time, did not bother to feed themselves, but simply opened their mouths for the women to feed.

Surely, the women on Rapa island were probably worth twice and more their weight in gold. But, at the same time, the Rapa men were no doubt, unappreciative of the female worth.

Somewhere we read that the value of a man biologically is something like two dollars and some-odd cents. But, the mind of man, gives him sense of direction and power. This is what makes him valuable in terms of the contributions he makes to the world.

Too often a wife's services and devotion are taken for granted. But let us remind husbands: "A good wife worth more than her weight in gold." Gold is valuable, and we must treat wives as valuable creatures set upon this earth in God Almighty's human experiment.

A Proposal For Crackdown On Crime

Within the last few months, we have read about some "awful" crimes across the nation. To wit: murder of some eight nurses near Chicago, the murder of Florida's Robert Sims and a daughter and wife in Tallahassee, Fla. and many more too numerous to mention.

Throughout the country, an alarm has been sounded that unchecked crime will make it unsafe for women and children to walk the streets. The "black power" cry has indirectly instigated rioting across the nation.

The newspapers were full of the destructive pranks engaged in by pranksters during the Halloween period. Various types of damage to property in the name of fun, if listed, would fill a book.

Since crime seems to be unchecked as it should be, we would like to suggest some

courses of action for curbing crime everywhere. We need more and better-trained (and don't forget better salaried) policemen to man our towns and cities. Other avenues include:

- 1. Improve prosecution with more certain penalties.
2. An efficient state legislative investigative agency.
3. Instituting of better preventive measures.
4. Early treatment for psychotics who have tendencies toward crime.
5. An effective rehabilitative program for juvenile delinquents.

The proposals we have listed must transcend the boundaries of politics, where too much strategy punting goes on. The problem needs a stronger consideration than our officials have been giving it.

Thirty Days In Jail: Woe Is Adam C. Powell, Jr.

A thirty-day jail sentence has been ordered for Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, of Harlem. In addition, he was fined \$500 on two criminal contempt convictions to which his Congressional immunity does not apply.

The criminal conviction stemmed from a slander suit, brought by Mrs. Esther James, an elderly widow, as a result of a television interview Powell made in 1960. Powell lost the suit, but hasn't paid off as yet, but we believe he may be caught in a trap from which he cannot escape now.

A representative in Powell's office said the Congressman was "out of town," but not out of the country. It appears that Powell would not risk coming into New York to answer recent subpoenas because he feared immediate arrest on two earlier rulings which made him subject to 12

months of imprisonment.

Congressman Powell might as well return to New York City and face the music, because he can't keep evading the strong arm of the court indefinitely. We suggest that he face up to his responsibilities in connection with the financial requirements of the law suit he lost, pay his fine, and even serve his 30 days in jail as any other citizen would have to do.

The behavior of Powell does not create a wholesome image for a racial leader. And no one should be so bold as to offer a defense for the Congressman, since he is definitely wrong in his actions.

Powell lost the law suit because he talked too much and said the wrong things about the widow, Mrs. James. We have several other leaders who are also talking too much.

Why Do We Have To Hire The Handicap?

Because of the negative attitude we have developed about the handicapped person, there must be constant work on the part of somebody to get them jobs after they are trained.

We are glad to learn that a proposal is underway to put federal contracts in the hands of properly-trained handicapped workers, the director of the President's hire-the-handicapped program has informed us.

William P. McCahill, of this committee,

said his group is working actively to get federal contractors to sub-contract work to the so-called "sheltered workshops." Sheltered workshops are designed specially for training use by handicapped persons.

Since private industries, the community of our great land, and educators look generally with disfavor upon the employment of handicapped people, then the government should provide employments for those persons who have skills and services for sale.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

THE BACKLASH CANDIDATES

In Maryland, Alabama, Georgia, California, Arkansas, Florida and elsewhere, white backlash candidates appear to have a good chance for election. And it is a non-partisan phenomenon. In Maryland and Arkansas, the Democratic candidates stand to benefit from white backlash; in California and Florida, the Republicans; while in Georgia and Alabama, Republican and Democratic candidates are each saying in effect, "I am more white backlash than you are."

Of course the candidate does not say, "I will put an end to the civil rights agitation," but it was precisely his reputation as a segregationist which has put him in the favorable political position of the moment.

His appeal, though subtle, is clearly understood. All of the candidates use, "crime-in-the streets," "law-and-order," and "the Federal Government is getting too big," all of which they know and their followers know are euphemisms for the Negro protest.

When the "backlash" candidate says, "Washington is trying to control our lives," he knows that the voters will understand he does not mean the Social Security check. In blasting the "welfare state" the "backlash" candidate knows that the voters understand he means only the unmarried Negro mother's \$67.43 a month, that he does not mean that three-quarters-of-a-billion dollars of government Soil Bank program money that is poured into his state.

Indeed there are 114 government agencies that pour money into each of these states, from farm subsidies and federal installations to Social Security and lunch money for school children.

But when the backlash candidate says: "The government is getting too big," everybody knows he means the Negro who has moved from the back of the bus to a seat in the middle and who now wants to move

out of his rat-infested slum to a better neighborhood. This is what the candidate has in mind and this is what he communicates and this is the front and the back of "white backlash."

It is an age-old formula that has often been successful. Formulas are not working out, and there is a hesitancy to accept the fact that we will continue to live in an unpleasant world for the rest of our lives, probably for the rest of the lives of our children. We have not yet caught up with Mr. Lincoln's House Divided speech; "If we knew where we are and whither we are tending we would better know what to do and how to do it." And we will always have politicians who will attempt to whirl us away from ourselves in hysteria on the unfounded fear of displacement, and the equally unwarranted fear of a decline in realty values.

This is nothing new and America will survive this latest aberration. But it would be well to remember that the "white backlash" governor will not be able to deliver to his constituents what he had implied in his appeals. The first time he refuses to honor a federal court order brought by one man or by one 10-year-old kid, the federal marshals will be on the state-house steps. We are involved here with a commitment by the United States of America, a commitment backed by six Supreme Court decisions and five acts of the United States Congress.

A backlash "victory" over so complete a government commitment can come only if the United States government is overthrown, an unlikely development.

But the appeal of the "white backlash" candidate is like the smoking of opium. For a few moments the problems evaporate, and you are back in the days of duelling pistols and crinolines, standing under a brilliant chandelier listening to the sweet tones of "darkies" humming, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Just For Fun

FOR SURE, A FACT

A recession is a period in which you tighten your belt. In a depression you have no belt to tighten. And when you have no pants to hold up, it is a panic -- Farm Implement News.

Words and their ways are interesting, as the foregoing piece. (How can a fellow work out of this dilemma?)

A certain editor tried to be funny in his letter to me last week. I sent a Florida managing editor a check form on the domestic aspect of snoring, and I asked him if he would take some of his busy time to help me. He sent the letter

to my employer and said: "This fellow is trying to be funny, and added he needs to ask Ann Landers to help him solve his problem. (He didn't answer the checklist). Well, I find a better solution than Ann Landers if it were medical. Fact of the matter is, I have already consulted an ear, nose, and throat physician.

The editor thought I was nose, but I didn't let him provoke me to answer him in writing. This would have put me on the defensive. At times, there is nothing so effective as "saying nothing." This, I learned from the Man of Galilee.

Other Editors Say . .

TURNING POINT

The 89th Congress marked a turning point in the nation's history. Never before had a two-year legislative session achieved a comparable record of accomplishments in a period of economic growth and prosperity -- a period free of the economic crisis atmosphere that marked previous great Congresses.

The record of the 89th Congress

Letter To The Editor

To The EDITOR:

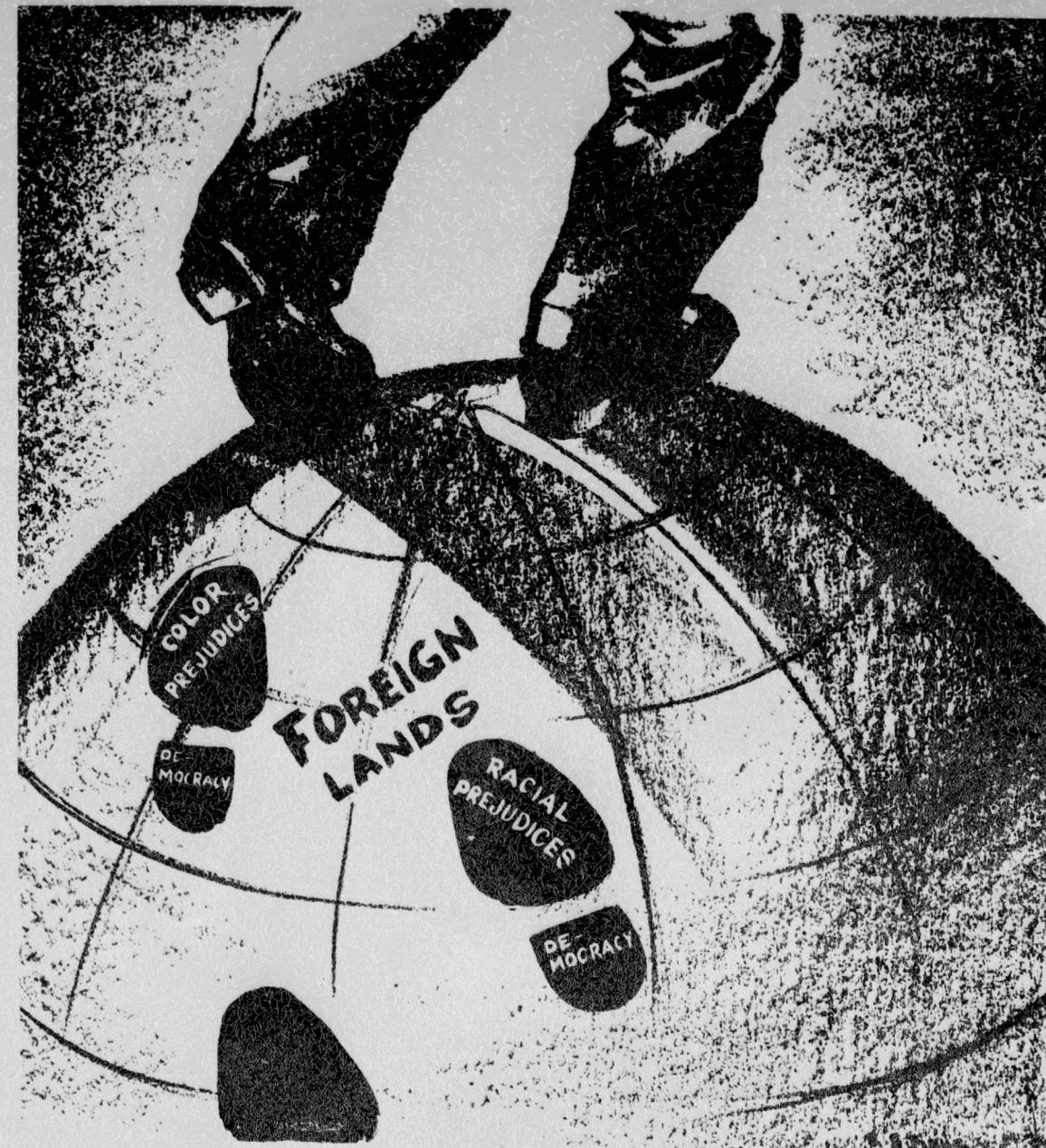
We want to express appreciation for the enormous help you gave your Red Cross in publishing the Christmas-ditty-bag-for servicemen-in-Viet Nam project. We are aware of the necessity for good public information in the success of the most worthy effort. Countless people were able to enjoy participation in this one because you provided information to them.

Many thanks, Cordially, Catherine C. Odom, Mrs. James A. Odom, Executive Director, Raleigh, N. C.

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A Viet Nam Restaurant Refuses To Serve Negroes!



Altar Call

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NEGRO FRONTLASH

A Negro business organization, sponsors of an annual formal dance, decided one year to invite white couples. Few came that year, but the next, white couples inquired about the formal weeks before it took place and came in larger numbers, making up 50 per cent of the attendance.

A white factory worker had a death in his family and a Negro fellowworker dismissed the idea of starting a floral fund, saying, "Let some white person start it."

Here are two of the ways Negroes relate and sadly enough the latter is the most practiced. Yet, here we sit, agreeing and crying, that we are the victims of the "white backlash."

What is wrong with the idea of Negroes initiating a Negro "Frontlash"? Not one designed to either glorify or overplay black power, but a frontal attack that is committed to extending Negro womanhood and manhood--humanity--toward other humanity, albeit that it is white.

Examples: Why couldn't advanced Negro high school students, in some of our cities, conduct tutoring classes for Appalachian whites and Puerto Ricans?

Why couldn't Negro adults work in literacy programs for the parents of these "hill people

and islanders?"

Negro employees need to be the initiators of dialog between themselves and their white co-workers. Negro people need to invite to their homes, their churches, their social events, whites with whom they come into normal contact at school, work or in political activity.

With some apology for the personal reference we frequently invite some white person to our residence. Those that come, we believe, are never the same when they leave.

Why? They had the startling experience of discovering that Negroes are indeed human like themselves.

Too long, we've sat supinely by awaiting overtures of good will from the white man. Good will is not racial or ethnic. Let's start being initiators of good will towards whites. They're human, too, you know.

Freedom for Negroes without the assumption of responsibility for humanity, is an anachronism. With all that we do not have, we cannot afford this ill-fitted luxury.

Let's build an Altar. Call it the Negro Frontlash, if you will, but let it be Negro humanity at its best, serving what many call "White humanity at its worse."

Religion And Race

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

WEEK'S QUOTE

CHICAGO - "The Black Power slogan is a 'cry of despair' from Negroes in the face of white indifference and hostility...We white people tremble when we hear the extremist cry-- 'Black Power.' And yet the Negro is faced constantly and on every side with what he sees as the White Power which has lashed him, held him down, humiliated him for all these years..." Bishop Peter I. Gerety in "Commitment," organ of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice.

IN FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK - The church and society are in for a fight as church bodies take stronger positions on social justice, Dr. Ben Mohr Herbster, president, United Church of Christ, has predicted. Urging more church concern about civil rights, the local religious leader said society will "backlash" against the church as religious bodies "become a more effective force in American life."

SEMINARS ON BIAS

CHICAGO - Two of the 19 seminars planned for the Nov. 21-22 national convention of the Religious Education Association, meeting in the Palmer House, will relate to "Religious Educa-

and Religious Prejudice." Chairmen of the seminars will be Prof. Charles Y. Glock, director, Survey Research Center, University of California Berkeley; and Dr. Lawrence N. Jones, dean, Union Theological seminary, New York. HELP ANYHOW

CLEVELAND - An appeal to American Jews to intensify efforts to help Negroes, despite alleged anti-Semitic overtones in statements of Negro extremists was made by Morris B. Abram, president, American Jewish committee, last week. Though decrying the anti-Semitic outbursts, Abrams noted, "When people strike out, especially people who have been deprived, they usually strike out against their friends first."

GRANTS APPROVED

CHARLOTTE, N. C. - Members of the United Presbyterian Commission on Religion and Race recently approved a total of \$49,500 for continuation of various programs throughout the nation. The NAACP Legal Defense Fund received \$5,000 to defray costs of maintaining operations in its Atlanta office; the Los Angeles and co-Presbyteries were given \$5,000 each to support their religion and race programs; while lesser amounts went for the support of race-poverty program in Bertie (N. C.) County.

World News Digest

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ALL OR HALF???

BRIDGETOWN, Guyana - Just how much of the 10-square mile in area Ankoko Island belongs to Guyana and how much to Venezuela is the heart of a dispute currently going on between the two countries. According to Guyana, territorial rights are split between the two countries, but Venezuela claims that "all of the island is and always has been Venezuelan."

NO STEPPING STONE

GABERONES, Botswana - This month-old independent nation (formerly Bechuanaland) has served notice on other black African countries that it will not allow its territory to be used as a base for waging war against white-rule South Africa and Rhodesia. The government announced its decision following the deportation to Zambia of a group of anti-colonialist forces.

WHEN NEGRO IS NOT

WASHINGTON - The local public school system has decreed that a Negro is not Negro but white if he or she is the offspring of African parents. Not only that, Chinese children are also classified as white. But the joker is, according to board member Benjamin H. Alexander, that if Africans are racially white, and 90 per cent of Negroes are of African descent, the public school population is "overwhelmingly white."

PHOOEY ON UN

EAST LONDON, South Africa - Phooey on the UN is the essence of the first official reply by the South African government to the UN's lifting of the mandate over South West Africa from the hands of the United Kingdom. Prime Minister Balthazar Johannes Verster, in noting that the resolution "simply had no foundation in international law," declared that the move was not only illegal, but unconstitutional. "We will continue to administer the territory as in the past," he added.

HIDEAWAY

CONAKRY, Guinea - Headquarters in exile of deposed President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana is reported by diplomatic sources to be on the island of Soro, six miles off shore from the capital of Guinea. However, because Nkrumah recedes in seclusion and the public is not allowed to visit the island, no concrete evidence is available that he has taken up quarters on Soro. SEAWAY

BOGOTA, Columbia - A proposal to construct a 30-mile long canal to connect two rivers--the Altrato and San Juan--to create a 260 mile interoceanic seaway has received the green light from the Colombian government. The seaway will run from the Caribbean Gulf of Urba, via the north-flowing Altrato through the canal and the south-flowing San Juan to the Pacific ocean.

the country was in the fourth year of continuous economic growth. More Americans had a higher living standard than ever before in history. There

was no crisis that demanded the plug-the-dike actions of the New Deal Congress.

The Democratic Party fell short of the huge majorities

of the earlier "vintage" Congresses with a 155-vote margin in the House, although it held a 34-vote edge in the Senate. - N. C. LABOR NEWS,