

Words Of Worship

There is, it seems to us, a significant relation between the story of Adam and Eve and the teaching of Jesus. Because of eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Having lost their paradise, they could no longer find the kingdom of heaven. This gave them great suffering and a feeling of having fallen. A sense of shame and abasement was ever upon them. Jesus makes almost the same parallel con-

stantly he counselled against the intellectualism of the Pharisees and pleaded for a return to the kingdom of heaven, after which the Holy Ghost, giving spiritual knowledge, will enter. Insisting that the kingdom of heaven is within, he thereby tells us where to find the Garden of Eden and how to free ourselves forever from self-abasement and a sense of failure.

Editorial Viewpoint

Were Your Inner Natures Thankful?

Now that Thanksgiving Day observance is over, we can drift into a reflective mood and view the occasion with an objective viewpoint.

To millions of people, it was a day for visiting parents, children, and friends. To another group, it was an occasion for viewing football games; we had the opportunity to view no less than three of them—one college and two professional contests.

Far too many folks regarded the celebration as an occasion to eat beyond moderation by stuffing themselves until they became sick and had to purchase some anti-gas soothers to bring them back to normalcy.

A few people went to Thanksgiving Day church services, but these were just a few (percentage-wise) when compared with those who forgot to place the emphasis upon thanking the God of Host for their many blessings too numerous to name them one by one.

Certainly it was a time to reflect 243 years ago and imagine the first Thanksgiving Day upon the American shores. If one thought seriously, he would wonder what happened during the interim until President Lincoln in 1863 declared it a national holiday.

In the reflective mood, one can easily determine the changes that have taken place in the United States since the first Thanksgiving. Foods that were considered

suitable for certain occasions can be purchased canned or in a carton as frozen foods every day of the year.

Refrigerators keep our food safe for eating, and washing machines have delivered the American woman from the washboard and drudgery. The electric iron and ironing board plus processed starch make ironing a dream.

The trouble about Thanksgiving days in our times is the danger of eating too much lest we don't stuff our selves to the point of obesity or fatness. And this reminds us that many Christians regard drinking a sin, but they have never given a thought to the truth that they are just as sinful when they eat too much and smoke too much.

Let us be thankful for more scientific knowledge about healthful nutrition and for our awareness of vitamins and iron which the Pilgrims never heard about. Let us be thankful that our nation and citizens are able to share their surpluses with countries where shortages exist.

Finally, let us be thankful that we had the Pilgrims who showed us convincingly that with courage, hard work and hope, even the most insurmountable problems can be met and overcome.

It is not enough to offer thanks only during Thanksgiving season, but rather let each one of us be thankful for every blessing that cometh from God. May we count them generously one by one!

If Congressman Powell Doesn't Watch Us

There is an old saying that "the goblins will get you if you don't watch out." We can apply it to the Harlem Congressman, Adam Clayton Powell, at present.

Powell had the nerve not to show up and appear before the New York State Supreme Court last week to begin serving a 30-day jail sentence for criminal contempt of court. Because of this, he faces an additional 30-day sentence.

Where was the Congressman?, you may ask. Truthfully, no one knows; but it is rumored that he is in the Bahamas. No lawyers represented him, since Powell's lawyers maintain that Powell has not been served legally.

If the Supreme Court of New York issues a warrant for the arrest of Congressman Powell, there will be a problem of serving it. Mr. Powell apparently is staying out of New York come what may.

There are enemies out to get Powell, and you can argue in his favor all you please but Powell is wrong. In the first place, he should have arranged to pay the law suit

judgment assessed against him. Second, he was obligated morally to appear before the New York State Court.

Powell is a Baptist preacher and lawmaker. The preacher is obligated to show examples of right to enable a citizen to assume his responsibilities. A lawmaker should be as interested in obeying the law, as he is in making the law.

Furthermore, we think it is "awful" for a minister like Powell to use his pulpit to lambast and ridicule his fellowman. The church is no place for slander, nor should the pulpit be used for political purposes. If Mr. Powell is an example of the men we have in Congress to make our laws, God help us.

We acknowledge the boldness of Congressman Powell and the efforts he has utilized in seeing to it that federal monies cannot be used by southerners who want to discriminate against the Negro. Without doubt, Mr. Powell is an orator profound.

Yet, a man's actions and words must be his bond. Nothing else matters so much.

They Never Tire Of Asking What Happened

By now many newspaper readers have become tired of reading various analyses of what happened during the recent elections all over the nation, and particularly in the Deep South States.

For instance the Atlanta Constitution on November 23rd made this statement: "Georgia's failure to elect a governor November 8 is a story known across the nation. And the highly questionable performance of Votomatic vote recorders is being debated throughout the state."

The Constitution went on to say that evidence is mounting daily confirming that the election was a failure in other respects. From the suburbs, from rural areas, from urban precincts, there continue to come reports of voting irregularities. Among the criticisms were:

- 1. Voters had to request write-in envelopes. This procedure destroyed the secrecy of the ballot.
2. In a Southside Atlanta precinct, write-in envelopes were reportedly used up by 5:30 p.m., thus preventing the opportunity for many voters to write in.
3. In a small-town precinct, several hundred persons were milling around the voting place unable to get write-in envelopes. From the Constitution editorial, and other reliable sources, most of the reported

irregularities naturally involved the Arnall write-in. But mismanagement and misunderstanding were very widespread as to cast doubts on other close contests. At least half of the complaints filed with Write-In, Georgia, for instance, occurred in the Fourth Congressional District.

The swing to the Republicans makes us wonder if the public can get the truth on the recent elections. This is a warning to what happens in future elections, and we think the public should be briefed on the law.

We cited the Georgia case, because it was truly unusual. It led one Georgia citizen to put it in these humorous words in the Open Forum column of the Atlanta Constitution: "A careful analysis of the Georgia election shows: The voters who know Bo voted for Lester; those who know Lester voted for Bo; those who know both Lester and Bo voted for Ellis; those who know all three of them went fishing."

It appears to us that the Atlanta citizen voiced the opinion of more people than we can ever know. But we do know one thing is true: Those who went fishing have clear and peaceful consciences, for they need not feel guilty about Bo, Lester, Ellis, or Kirk.

CORE Places Sites On Target Cities

Officials in several cities named as potential 1967 targets by the Congress of Racial Equality have announced that they are not worried about any problems with CORE.

CORE's Floyd B. McKissick, national director, said recently his organization is considering concentrating its efforts next year on Cleveland, Ohio; Newark, N. J.; and, if finances permit, Oakland Calif.

McKissick said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that CORE's 1966 campaign in Baltimore is "a great success". But he added that we by no means indicate that Baltimore is free from racism.

In the Baltimore program, McKissick indicated that CORE mustered a power vote bloc, which was a major factor in the

defeat of George P. Mahoney, Democratic candidate for governor who campaigned as a foe of open housing.

We are glad to hear that Mr. McKissick is aware the CORE must operate within the framework of a financial budget. This statement indicates that the leader of CORE is sure of a financial budget for operations in two cities, but not so sure of a third. We recommend that he concentrate on two cities if his program is constructive and sound.

It is also our belief that CORE should have a fact-finding staff with computer machines to analyze the results of all efforts undertaken by CORE. We need more than the statement "the major factor" in defeat; we need facts and figures and conclusions.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

THE KLAN IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Ku Klux Klan staged a rally 3,000 strong in Raleigh, N. C. All that impeded their virulence was the presence of some Negroes in the balcony. Gov. Dan Moore told his constituents not to worry about violence, he had dispatched some 200 police officers. And indeed there was no violence if you discount the governor's statement that he is not disposed to question the Klan's legality unless the Klansmen break the law.

Former Attorney General Malcolm Seawell, who had headed North Carolina's Crime Commission, charged directly with investigating Klan activities, resigned after Moore's decision.

Mr. Seawell said there was no question in his mind that the Klan was a terrorist organization which should have its charter revoked. The governor's position made Seawell's pursuit futile and North Carolina has lost a dedicated public servant.

Gov. Dan Moore cannot help but know what the Klan represents, what the Klan wants to do, and how the Klan goes about doing it. He must know Klan activity has increased. I know it. The forces of hate and violence will always speed up when the State Government ignores them. I know Klan activities have increased, that enthusiasm for its stated goals has won more adherents because I receive more threatening phone calls from anonymous cowards than ever before.

My telephone is a seismograph.

Offhand one would think an outspoken integrationist would receive more abuse when the Supreme Court strikes down school segregation, when the military inter-

grates the armed forces, when a fair employment bill is passed. This is not so. Gov. W. Kerr Scott set out and disbanded the Carolina Ku Klux Klan in the 1950s. The Klan had no community assent, silent or otherwise. They stayed beneath the stones and under the roots of rotting trees.

In the mid-1960s it is a different story. The Klan needs a green light. I do not mean that Gov. Moore or any of his officials has sanctioned the Klan, but this administration did let Seawell resign and that is a green light of sorts, to bigots pale green but still green.

A week before he resigned, Seawell said: "The Klan is accumulating guns and ammunition and even light artillery."

It is significant that the animosity within the state is more intense in 1966 than it was in 1954 when the Supreme Court ushered in the changing of an entire social order.

When Robert Shelton, the Grand Kleagle of the Klan, maintains a bombing is not the work of his organization, he is technically correct.

But he is correct because some men lack even the courage to join the Klan. They don't lack the courage to sit around drinking beer, grumbling about life, and finally stealing dynamite to go about their dastardly business.

It is the presence of the Klan that encourages marginal poor failures. You do not need a membership card or even a bed sheet. The Klan has set a direction; the fact that a former Attorney General, a conservative of conservative persuasion had to resign because he wanted to close them up and couldn't, is enough of a "green light" for the poor, benighted failures for whom hate is a constant companion.

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS

You should see how some of these convention hotel employees take delegates to the cleaners.

I attended a meeting last spring at a certain West Palm Beach hotel for three days. (The organization members don't want ever to return to this facility for an annual meeting—ever again).

Upon my arrival, I parked my car where the luggage was taken out, and an employee parked it in the basement. Here is how the cleaning technique worked:

- 1. Tip for parking car in basement.

- 2. Tip for man to carry bags to desk and to room.

- 3. Tip for bags to be brought to car for departure. Another tip for the man who put bags in car. A tip for man who drove car from basement parking.

- 4. The hotel charge \$2.00 a day for parking in its basement.

Then when I was stripped clean of change, one employee ran to me saying: "Oh, you forgot to pay the man who watched your car while it was parked!" (I said, "Don't kid me man, I'm not exactly stupid.")

Other Editors Say . .

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK DARKENS

The value of having a member of a minority group in a position of authority at the pol-

Letter To The Editor

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To The Editor: Regarding the column named "The Crime Beat" in your column it states that this information is obtained from Raleigh Official Police File.

There are about fifteen articles in your column with people charged for committing crimes. I am sure that you are not putting in the paper all of the crime news that is reported in the official police file, and I do not think that it is fair to print just some of these crimes.

One person may not do as much wrong as another but he still has broken the law. Is unfair reporting what you call justice and equality for all?

I say that all crimes should be printed or none at all. Very truly yours, Robert L. Sapp, 418 Dakar Street Raleigh, N. C.

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RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP MUST TAKE OVER!



Altar Call

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

FISH, FRIDAY AND FREEDOM

Now that millions of Catholics have been released from the more than 1,000-year tradition of substituting fish for meat on Fridays, they are now freed by the bishops of the church to voluntarily select another form of penitence.

Reactions to meatier Fridays is varied. Some welcome the change and interpret it as an opportunity for a more personal confrontation with the significance of the act of penitence, while others feel compelled to hold on to tradition whether the act itself has meaning or not.

In many instances, traditionalism becomes a cult with devotees who, upon questioning, could not give any logical or meaningful reason for their worship of it. These would cry "foul!" if accused of idolatry.

It was heart-warming to read the comment of Mrs. William Chidester of Elmwood Park, Ill., president, 450,000-member Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, who said in welcoming the meatless Friday ruling, "They (the bishops) have placed the observance of Friday abstinence on a voluntary basis. In other words, we ourselves must choose whether to abstain from

meat on Friday. After admitting that the tradition "was getting out of hand" this mother of four children explained: "Catholics were eating fish on Friday but were not practical Christians as far as race relations are concerned."

This type of reasoning removes the possibility of idolatry from the continuance of object-centered rituals and traditions, directing the individual toward realistic life involvement.

Just think, if all the white Catholics who, instead of even eating at all on Friday, could get acquainted with all the Negro Catholics with part of the day or evening involved in interracial dialogue, what would REALLY happen.

It may be drastic to suggest total food abstinence, but the critical nature of our racial situation suggests that a REAL workable abstinence and reminder of the church's founder--the Man of Nazareth--could be observed with LIVING symbols--humans of varied races and religions.

Perhaps my suggestion for another altar for Roman Catholicism, but the Altar of Abstinence from Racial Prejudice is worth thinking about.

Religion And Race

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"...The chasm in human relations needs to be spanned. Human miseries occasioned by poverty, ignorance and disease need to be eradicated. Prejudice, hate and injustices need to be ended...This can and will be done only by the creation of a clean heart and right spirit within mankind." --The Rev. William R. Tolbert, Jr., Monrovia, Liberia, president, World Baptist Alliance.

STUDY BOOK

NEW YORK - An 113-page study-guide to assist urban and suburban churches of all denominations to develop ways of working together to deal with common community problems--housing, education, jobs, economic growth, crime, etc.--is being published by the United Church of Christ. Entitled "Discovering Our Mission," the book was prepared by the Rev. John DeBoer, New York, secretary, Urban Church department, Division of Church Extension, United Church Board for Home-land Ministries.

IN ANOTHER LIGHT

CHICAGO - The Civil rights march on Selma (Ala.) was described as "the first among the startling ecumenical advances of our time." Dr. George A. Lindbeck, professor of historical theology, Yale University Divinity School, told the opening session of the national convention of Religious Education association, in the Palmer

House, that "the Selma March was more meaningful to the ecumenical movement than the second Vatican council or the Pope's meeting with heads of Greek Orthodox and Anglican faiths."

STRONG PLEA

LOS ANGELES - A strong plea for racial understanding was contained in a formal resolution deploring racial prejudice, adopted at the recently concluded Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Labelling prejudice as "totally out of harmony with the Christian faith and our American heritage of democratic freedom," the convention picked the Rev. Ruben Scott, Negro pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Fresno, to deliver the annual sermon at the 1967 meet in Reno, Nev.

CLASH OVER BIAS

JOHANNESBURG - A battle over where Christian unity begins and ends in South Africa, land of apartheid, is currently going on between the Christian Institute, a religious organization, and the nation's largest and most influential religious body, the Dutch Reformed Church. According to the institute, it begins by eliminating barriers of race, politics, language and denomination in the application of Christian principles to South Africa's racial problems. The church believes, however, that the institute is responsible for the breakdown in christian unity.

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EVENTUALLY

SANTA ISABEL - Eventually independence will come to Spanish Guinea, in West Africa according to the Spanish government. Spanish Guinea is composed of Equatorial Guinea (also known as Rio Muni), and its three offshore islands, Fernando Po and three other volcanic islands lying almost directly opposite the Nigeria-Cameroon border in the Gulf of Guinea.

STATE HOUSE HOTEL

ACCRA - The 11-story 60-suite \$28 million building which Khama Nkrumah had constructed as a state house for visitation - will be used as a hotel during the international trade fair which begins Feb. 1. For the sum of \$83.52, fair visitors can sleep over night in one of the 60 suites and also get breakfast.

DOUBLE CELEBRATION

KINSHASA - The Congo held a dual celebration last week when it observed the first anniversary of the military regime of President Joseph D. Mobutu, and also inaugurated the country's first television station. The station, rushed to completion in time for regime's anniversary

celebration, was erected at a cost of \$961,000.

\$500,000 RESORT

MANILA - A \$500,000 plan to turn Corregidor, the famed rock fortress at the mouth of Manila Bay, into a resort is the newest proposal advanced by the Philippine government. Already ticketed as a memorial to the World War II dead who defended the island against Japanese invasion, the site would be the grounds for native-style cottages, plus several new hotels.

SPEAKER

LUSAKA - President Kenneth D. Kaunda of Zambia will be the principal speaker at the third national meeting of the American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa, which meets Jan. 26-29 in Washington.

LOST IS FOUND

GEORGETOWN - An ore deposit, which has been missing since its original discovery 40 years ago, has been rediscovered. The ore, mercurite, an unique type of chromium deposit, is said to be an entirely new kind of ore, the richest yet known in chromium content.

for the benefit of the people, especially the minorities. All of us, meanwhile, would do well to pinch pennies, cut corners, and put aside a little something for the "rainy day" that is very close at hand. - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. SUN REPORTER.

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