

# Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

## Words Of Worship

The Bible is full of the chronicles and deeds of various types of leaders, but of them Jesus stands at the top of the tower of success and influence. When compared with Jesus so many of them failed in comparison. Moses, at first, was no organizer, for he tried to do everything himself. Samson could do wonders singlehanded, but he failed to accomplish anything for his nation. He was just strong enough and had the bravado to keep himself

in the limelight. The stories that have been preserved of him in the Bible are the most tangy in Hebrew literature. The leader of Israel, Samuel, was a guardian of the Hebrews' democratic spirit. In time, he feared that Saul, for example, was becoming an autocrat rather than the chief counselor or that his title implied. Like Samson of old, the present-day SCNC leader, Stokely Carmichael, manages somehow to stay in the limelight.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO SAVIN ROCK?

Savin Rock is what we used to call a boardwalk amusement area. Savin Rock is in West Haven, Conn., overlooking Long Island Sound.

I passed through this area one October Sunday not long ago and the bumper cars and the miniature golf course and the hall of mirrors were all shut up and boarded for the winter. Amusement areas boarded up are just as interesting as when they are in full blast, offering thrills and joys for a quarter or 50 cents.

The deserted roller coaster loomed above the park, looking like some mysteriously ritualistic statuary from another planet and the horses on the merry-go-round were frozen forever in their places.

One of the hot-dog stands was still open and inside a group of men pursued a passionate discussion about the last stock-car race on Labor Day. The waiter and I indulged some desultory conversation and he remarked things weren't like they used to be.

Indeed they are not. It is inaccurate to say amusement areas are dying out as a special outing for a family two or three times over a summer, but I suspect that is the case.

It is true that Disneyland in California is thriving but Disneyland is another planet, the world of the neuroses come to life. Playland in Rye, where I used to take my boys when they were kids, suffered a fire in one area not long ago and none of the operators rebuilt. Freedomland, which imitated Disneyland, failed in New York.

Here in the South the county fairs still thrive but they are not what they used to be. The one-family farm is dying and the city folks sit at their television sets.

Coney Island is still crowd-

ed but it is not as proportionately crowded on a Sunday these days as it was when I first saw it 50 years back when it drew from a population one-third less than we have today. Then there were one saloon; now there are dozens of cocktail lounges and bars. The big treat in those days was to buy an ear of corn dipped in butter for a nickel. The days of the nickel are gone forever. And the amusement areas may vanish along with the nickel and the sandlot baseball game.

Obviously television, for all its grotesque programming and tasteless presentations has still made ultra-sophisticates out of the children. It is also, after its fashion free, and perhaps that is one of the blows Savin Rock had to take. On the Sound itself, some powerboats idly cruised and our expensively leisured and our expensively leisured right beside Savin Rock, however, is one of the new Gold Medallion Villages pioneered by General Electric. A Gold Medallion Village is a complex of some 500 apartment units all of them completely electrified.

The units by Savin Rock were almost finished. General Electric, I understand, fully intends one day to build an entire city which will resemble this small complex in West Haven.

This particular complex had a swimming pool and a supermarket and maybe even a church all electrified. But, of course, it was the body blow to Savin Rock.

It was no fault of General Electric that the reality became more valuable than the business the reality once housed. That's what happened to Savin Rock. In an expanding economy, there is no place for sentimental reservations which do not pay a proper dividend all year round.

## Will Backlash Be Allowed To Defeat Open Housing



## Altar Call

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"TIME TO COLLECT BACK PAY" Noted author, Harry Golden, has become one of the few white-skinned advocates for economic indemnification of Negroes.

Testifying before the U. S. Senate Government Operations subcommittee on ways to improve the lot of slum dwellers, he advocated a \$100 billion program to compensate Negroes for "centuries of slavery and deprivation."

Suggestions for this type of indemnification had come from Whitney Young of the Urban League and other civil rights leaders, earlier, apparently falling on deaf ears. Perhaps this was because Negroes were saying it--like asking for something for themselves, although these leaders would not personally need any financial subsidization at this point in their careers.

Admitting that "the United States has had Negroes locked away during the greatest wealth-producing period in the history of the world," Golden declared that this "war has been lost--the Negro has won - he deserves back pay."

Negroes who agree that the government should realistically DO something concrete to erase the last vestige of poverty and the attendant slumism and slum living, would also agree that this is not an exorbitant amount for the government to invest in human life.

Over against the millions the U. S. is spending in Vietnam for life destruction and death; over against the millions that are being spent to land two or three men on the moon before the Soviet Union does, such an investment is a mere pittance by comparison.

It is hoped that other whites will hear what Golden is saying. It is hoped that white economists will see how quickly such a governmental investment will make available more human resource that will in turn up our country's Gross National Product, which to them is most important.

It is hoped that our politicians can see that this expenditure is far less than the continually rising cost of prisons, police, public welfare and compensatory education that is mounting, and will unless the U. S. does something concrete.

Now, THIS is power, and it's not all black. Perhaps we should put "black" voices behind a new cry for "Golden" power. For if Harry Golden, with his white skin, can advocate this most realistic power, others of the white hue can and ought share promoting it.

The Altar of Gratitude should be buzzing with devotees heralding this "voice in the wilderness" hoping other whites make this proposal a reality.

to the lone graduating student. And the gracious senator, remembering his friends, flew home to make the commencement address for the one-room school graduation exercises.

Jus think of it, and you will be amazed at Senator Milward Simpson's generosity. He traveled 2,500 miles by plane, then 50 miles by automobile over a dirt road to the tiny schoolhouse. For 20 minutes, he gave a good, old-fashioned commencement speech to Janice and 74 other persons assembled in the school.

Senator Simpson had nothing to gain by going to the little one-room schoolhouse. His term of office as a senator was to expire within six months, and he wasn't running for re-election.

In these days of anxiety, of cynicism and self-seeking, and of gratification of having so much of this world's goods, the neighborly kindness of Senator Milward Simpson is heartwarming and exhilarating.

We need more people in this nation with a heart that bubbles over for friends and other people. Here, indeed, was a man who will "forget himself into eternity."

## Editorial Viewpoint Neighborly Kindness Still With Us

Some men strive only for themselves and their families, and no one else matters.

Hence, we propose the question: Who would bother to make a speech to a graduating class with only one student? And yet this question no doubt troubled a girl, Janice Fuqua, the lone graduate of a one-room school located at Valley, Wyoming, last June.

One can well imagine how important the commencement program would be for this girl and her parents, her teacher and neighbors of the community.

We are told that the people who were patrons of the one-room school had a famous neighbor among the ranchers of the Shoshone Valley almost under the shadow of the famous Rocky Mountains. The famous neighbor had been president of the University of Wyoming, then governor of the state. He was, near commencement time, living in Washington, D. C., where he was United States senator.

This did not dampen the fervor of the people of this little community, since they dared to invite Milward Simpson, 68 years old, to deliver the commencement address

## School Boycott Successful - Well!

About ten days ago, the Leon County Branch of the NAACP (Tallahassee, Fla.) persuaded more than fifty per cent of the Negro parents to keep their children home from school two days for the purpose of dramatizing Negro grievances.

In addition, the NAACP set up what was labelled "freedom schools" at several churches to accommodate the boycotting students. A *Flambeau*, student newspaper at Florida State University, staff writer, published an article in which he said "the successful school boycott has ended," as a majority of the county's Negro students again remained home in a protest of the School Board's failure to desegregate or to improve poor conditions in the schools.

On what grounds the *Flambeau* reporter termed the boycott successful, we are not quite sure. Perhaps he meant the "institution" at the freedom schools in seven churches" where the pupils were informed about the plight of their children, civil rights and Negro history. Did he term the boycott successful, because of the large number of students who participated in the demonstrations?

Of the 11 Negro schools in Leon County, 1836, or 27.3 per cent of the enrollment in these schools were present, while 4880, or 72 per cent were absent. Yes, from this viewpoint, we might say the absences from school were *triumphant*.

What about the effect of the boycott upon the School Board to the extent of getting a promise to redress the grievances submitted by the NAACP? It is our opinion, that it was a flop.

First, the Leon County Board, one of the poorer school systems in Florida, lost a lot of money that it usually gets from the state. For each of the 4880 students who did not report to school, the School Board

lost \$2.25 a day. Now multiply this by 4880 students, and you get a figure of \$11,980. In two days, eleven Leon County Schools serving predominantly Negro pupils lost \$23,960. Does this make sense? Leon County schools needed this money, and the 4880 absent students needed those two days of school instruction.

Negro students are already behind in educational foundation, traceable to inadequate school facilities and a hundred years of inefficient instruction. These 11 schools which were boycotted needed that \$23,960. We are proponents of the use of different methods other than the boycott and demonstrations, so notably "overworked". There was a time in earlier days that demonstrations and boycotts were encouragingly successful. But this is not true any more.

In the case of our schools, the Negro leaders should ask for a conference with the school boards either in private or public meetings. If refused, the next step would be to engage lawyers to seek a redress of grievances through the courts of the land. This is the sensible way.

We think that many of our racial protest organizations, and their leaders are working under false assumptions. What statistical facts have these civil-rights organizations gathered with speed and dispatch through IBM computations secured by experts and a staff of researchers? It is our belief that if the truth were known, our civil-rights leaders would be shocked by the experimental data indicating the percentage of failure of the boycott and demonstration techniques.

In the Florida case which we have cited, nothing has changed. The NAACP group hasn't even persuaded the School Board to give them a conference at which the various grievances can be aired.

## Can Anything Good Come Out Of The South?

Most of us have either read or heard about that biblical statement which said, "Can anything good come out of Boza?" It is now being asked about the South with so much strife, antagonism, night riding, Ku Klux Klan boast, devious means of avoiding the Civil Rights Laws, general abuse of human rights and the election of segregationists to high office.

We are happy to refer you to the Bible, which points out that something good did come out of Boza. Certainly something good can come out of the South. In fact, Richmond M. Flowers, attorney-general of the "Sovereign State" of Alabama, comes from the south and has a story to tell.

In Chapel Hill last week he spoke out against elected officials who come to power by inciting the voters to hate. He minced no words in saying that such officials were a draw back to the American way of life. He lamented the fact that his state had drifted further into the doldrums of ignorance and despair by electing an unfit person for governor.

Flowers will be in Raleigh Friday night.

when he will address those who attend the banquet of the Southeastern Lawyers Association, which will be held in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Persons in the Raleigh area would do well to hear him. Flowers has carried on an almost one-man fight against the Ku Klux Klan and other evils of Alabama and even though he has been buffeted in almost every effort, he has not lost hope and vows to continue to make Alabama a target of hope and a citadel of aspiration.

Yes, something good can come out of the South. Ralph McGill, the fighting Atlanta newspaper authority, former U. S. Senator, Frank Graham, Harry Golden, Atlanta's ex-congressman Weltner and many others who have dared to speak the truth, even though vilified by their fellows, are living examples that good has come from Dixie and more is expected with likes of Mr. Flowers.

We are hoping that members of both races will turn out to hear Mr. Flowers Friday night. He is really a voice and we do not think he is altogether crying in the wilderness.

## Quicker Quicker Divorces In Nevada

It is known that the Nevada State Bar Association has reported a situation in that state of serious proportions. The organization has allegedly called for help in preventing the abolishment of the six-week residence requirement for uncontested divorces.

The number of Nevada divorces has slumped to fewer than 10,000 annually, or half that of the golden peak of two decades ago. Nevada weddings outnumber divorces eight to one, and for a wedding you don't need a lawyer.

The Nevada Bar Association is deeply concerned over this trend, and may we add rightly so. It blames the competition from Mexico, where "quicker" divorces these days are easier than Nevada's--and quicker, too. Annually some 15,000 persons from New York state alone have their knots cut

in Mexico.

It was reported by the NBA that two-thirds of 271 lawyers said they would favor granting uncontested divorces after one day's residence, provided both persons had lawyers. Contested divorces would not be affected.

From this report, we cannot help but take side with Prince Hawkins, chairman of the NBA's economic committee: "The move would attract disenchanting husbands and wives who presently head for Mexico, and thus add to the income of the legal profession of Nevada.

It is readily seen that some lawyers are more interested in divorce fees than in giving an estranged married couple time to take stock of their suit for divorce with sober reflections. Certainly people contemplating getting divorced should "make haste slowly."

## Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

### A LOT OF DOGS

Owners of 1,776 animals have entered them in annual Eastern Dog Club show and obedience trials will begin on Dec. 11.

We have a young Collie-German Shepherd dog named "Thor," and can't get him to obey always. Maybe I need to take a course in making dogs obedient.

In the mornings, I feed him a glass of milk (which he loves) and two scrambled eggs, and a mess of Gravy

Train. He is now 8 months and is growing long-legged. ANCIENT CAR

A man who is a nut about classic automobiles bought a car recently and it runs on electricity. Would you believe he paid \$10,000 for it--\$4,000 for the car and \$6,000 for an extension cord!

Don't criticize the man, for I'm a lover of ancient cars. Trouble is I don't have the fat cash to buy one of them, but my heart is there just the same.

## Other Editors Say . . .

### AN HONORABLE SCHOOL PLAN

The more we see of the school administrator's new plan for high school zones, the more possibilities it seems to have.

Essentially, the plan calls for the creation of a new high school in the eastern part of the city, the elimination of Palsley, Anderson and Atkins as senior high schools and the realignment of the attendance area for Parkland, North Forsyth, Reynolds and East Forsyth. Atkins would be converted into a vocational training center for the whole school system. Carver may also be abandoned as a senior high school, but that is separate from and not essential to the larger plan.

An essential ingredient in the plan - perhaps the critical one - will be how the attendance areas are aligned. If the school administrators had any thought of simply creating a single central school to take care of almost all the Negroes, they would soon find that they could meet neither the requirements of the federal guidelines nor the demands of the law. If there is an honest attempt to draw the lines along natural rather than racial divisions, this plan might be the answer to our problems.

It would do several important things: Replace Anderson and Atkins, both of which need to be replaced as senior high schools; minimize the overcrowding of existing schools, such as North and Reynolds; provide space for a vocational education center; and eliminate the need for building a new Palsley High school (which has now become impractical).

The school administrators will have a difficult job as they attempt to work out the details of this plan. They may be tempted to try to circumvent in a number of small ways the law's requirement that we end the dual school system. But if this plan can be worked out, it could bring to secondary school planning in Forsyth County a stability and an honesty that has been sorely needed.

It would, we think, be an honorable course for this county to take. - THE WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL.

Best wishes to you and The CAROLINIAN for continued success. Yours very truly, Rudolph Jones President.

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## Religion And Race

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### MEANS TO END

**CHICAGO** - The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice last week announced the creation of a new department of urban services, which, through a comprehensive inquiry into existing problems and programs of urban affairs, would serve to implement recent policy statements by Catholic bishops urging full freedom of the housing market to all minority groups. The new program will join the NCCJ's current Project Equality which is functioning nationally in over 42 denominational jurisdictions, with more than 12,000 participating business firms.

**RICHMOND, Va.** - Transfer of the North Carolina-Virginia conference from the Central (Negro) jurisdictions into the Southeastern jurisdiction, and its merger with the North Carolina, Western North Carolina and Virginia conferences, is expected to take place sometime in 1967. The transfer was voted last summer, but North Carolina did not attain the two-thirds majority vote thought needed. This holdback was solved when the Methodist Judicial Council ruled that two-thirds approval was not necessary in each of the four conferences, only two-thirds in the transferring unit (Central), which has just registered its vote.

### STEPS BACKWARDS

**WASHINGTON** - Two steps backwards were taken recently when the District Baptist Convention voted to withdraw its support from the District home rule drive, and adopted a weakened statement on fair housing. The motion to delete a phrase supporting home rule was passed 94-46 at a poorly attended session during the recent two-day annual meeting.

### BOOK PROBE

**ATLANTA** - A study of text books used in parochial schools in the Atlanta archdiocese is to be undertaken in an attempt to delege possible expressions of anti-Semitism. The survey was ordered by the Most Rev. James L. Bernardin, who said, "We intend to do everything in our power...to resist every form of anti-Semitism, no matter where it is found, whether inside the church or outside."

### KIT AIDS

**NEWARK, N. J.** - Program kits to assist sessions, congregations or presbyteries in religion and race activities have been compiled by the New Jersey synod's Commission on Religion and Race. The kits list specific aids that a synod unit is prepared to offer, along with suggested areas of involvement and a list of 25 books and papers for study.

## World News Digest

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### WIN WINGS

**LIVINGSTONE, Zambia** - The first two Zambian citizens to complete pilot flying training and to fully qualify as service pilots, were awarded their "wings" at ceremonies conducted at the Livingstone Air Force base recently by Vice President Reuben Kamanga. The first flyers are Flying Officers D. C. Arsenon, 23, and C. J. Kabwe, 25, who began their training on government scholarships in September, 1964.

### MUZZLED

**NAIROBI** - Opposition parties to the ruling Kenya African National Union Party of President Jomo Kenyatta are finding it difficult to spread their appeals for support around in Kenya. Under an edict issued by the government, public meetings of opposition groups are banned, and about the only place they can make a political speech is at a funeral.

### ANOTHER WAY

**PANAMA CITY** - In a few months, an engineering survey to find a new link between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans is to begin the first step to replace the 50-year-old Panama Canal. The survey, dictated by the need to provide larger

canal facilities, will attempt to discover which of four routes is the best: the present canal, a 60-mile route between Caledonia and San Miguel bays, Eastern Panama; a 102-mile route through the northern neck of Columbia; or a defuncted Nicaragua-Costa Rica routing.

### NEW LAND

**SAN DIEGO** - The dream of creating a new land 110 miles west of San Diego in the Pacific ocean, seems to be becoming a reality after all. A group of developers, who have been working toward the end since 1959, have gone so far as to select a name for their homestead island, Taluga - which will be built with rock and topsoil transported from Mexico, at a cost of \$8.8 million.

### FARTHER AWAY

**JOHANNESBURG** - The recent victory by an extreme rightwing group in winning control of the politically powerful white mineworkers union has widened the gulf between white and black mineworkers. The white mineworkers' had been funding for the past two years with former leaders over an experiment, since abandoned, to give mineworkers more responsible jobs in coal mines.

These needs are great. There is unmistakable need for improved schools, community colleges and state universities. Mental health facilities in too many states remain a disgrace to a civilized society. There is continued need for social legislation to help those ground down by poverty and prejudice.

Republicans have often argued that the federal govern-

ment can't and shouldn't do everything. This argument is valid only if accompanied by a willingness to fill the gap through state action. - LOUISVILLE DEFENDER.