

Words Of Worship

For unto us, a child is born, unto us, a son is given, unto us, a man, God in the flesh, is given. He matured and brought to the world the greatest of all ideas, for he challenged the common men to stand up on their feet and look at God, face to face and call him Father. If God is the Father of all men, we are his

children—brothers and sisters in his name. Therefore, the least of us in his sight is just as precious as the king. This was the beginning of the idea of the dignity of the human individual whom God on High has crowned with glory and honor. Each one of us has the opportunity to wear this crown sincerely and proudly.

Editorial Viewpoint

Glory To The Full-Grown King

Let us be different this Yuletide Season, and pay homage to a young man of thirty who brought to the world a new gospel or a new idea. It was so much more wonderful than anything that had been proclaimed before, for the Jews. Now this same message is brought to all men everywhere.

Moses, seeing the Children of Israel were becoming fascinated with the man-made gods of the wilderness in Canaan, persuaded the people to place their dependence in just one God who is sufficient to sustain them. To accept Him would eliminate dozens of sacrifices to dozens of gods thriving in that country among the so-called heathens. This idea did away with divided loyalty to the man, gods of the time.

Then another prophet preached the idea that God is a God of justice, who plays no favors to anybody whether rich or poor, high or low, and what is more—this God is fair and sees to it that men received their just rewards for their earthly stewardship.

Next, a third prophet, whose wife deserted him for another, forgave her with all his heart and took her back though it grieved him greatly. Then, it dawned upon him that if poor mortal man, like him, can forgive, how much more wonderful it was to have a God who was a God of love and mercy.

Nearly 2000 years ago, the angels heralded the birth of a new born king in a manger in Bethlehem of Judea; several wise men journeyed far to get a glimpse of him; shepherds, watching their flock by night, beheld a star in the east and went and found the young child sleeping in a manger.

Now what was there for the young man of thirty years to add that had not already been said. Simply this, if God is the Father of all men, then all men (of every nationality, color, and creed) were his children and he was their Father. If God is the Father of men, then all men are his children—brothers and sisters, as matter of fact. The implication of this teaching was the basic of present-day democracy, and no man should be considered better than another in the sight of God.

The rulers of the Jews were not fools, and they understood the implication of this teaching. The Sanhedrin and other Jewish officials realized if this teaching prevailed, their power would be lost over the people—the common men, women and children. The teaching emphasized that every man and woman had a personal dig-

nity and integrity which they had a right to exercise in their affairs. Hence, it was either the teaching of Jesus or it was their power that must go. Immediately, the sanctimonious leaders of the people plotted how they might destroy Jesus.

The message of a Savior, which spread all over the world, has not as yet fully moved men to a sense of responsibility as their brother's keepers. In the United States, for example, the federal government dumps millions in foreign aid, spends billions on destruction in the Viet Nam War, wastes millions on political campaigns but reaches grudgingly in its efforts to find adequate funds to relieve poverty, to lay waste slums and hovels of misery, to give all children a first-class education, and accord men the natural position of respect and ideal equality through the administration of the laws.

Besides, most of our churches seem to demonstrate hypocrisy. People go to church on Sundays to worship but that is all. They scarcely practice what they preach: the white so-called Christians hate the black Christians and vice versa, and we could say the same of the yellow and brown religious worshippers and Christians. Ministers and preachers, under the strong grip of their elders, deacons, and trustee boards are kept "tight in the traces" of traditional Christian religion and the staid inactive churches of today. Now and then a minister puts up with their bigotry and selfishness in an effort to convert them and make them Christians. Most often, they are unsuccessful in attempt. Consequently, having had enough of hypocrisy, a preacher resigns his pulpit and returns to the practical every-day world because he has had his fill with hard-hearted men.

Many ministers themselves preach doctrines of hate, selfishness, and utter despair. They are the world's worst enemies, and may God have mercy on their souls when they come to judgment.

We talk about the newborn king, the wise men, the shepherds, the holly and Yuletide trees, Christmas decorations and presents and toys for children. None of these are as important as the message brought to earth by a young man of thirty, a Galilean, Comforter, a Mighty God, and a Prince of Peace. Yea may we strive to make this world a place where peace reigns and wars cease and best of all where Christians manifest a persuasive stewardship and a service that makes them immortal.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

CHARLOTTE AND THE NEGRO BAPTISTS

When 8,000 members of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, the largest Negro organization in the world, held its convention in Charlotte, the complaints of the conventioners centered not on racial discrimination but on the complaints of conventioners everywhere: transportation and housing.

The vice-president of the Congress, Dr. Julian A. Taylor of New Haven, said that no city is a utopia, north or south, for the simple reason the utopian days have not as yet arrived, but Charlotte was as hospitable a city as any he had visited and Charlotte is, after all, a southern city.

The police were invariably polite to the members and several local business organizations went out their way to help find accommodations for visiting Baptist teachers and ministers. It is, of course, true that any convention in the Queen City puts money in the pockets of the merchants, but at least the Charlotte merchants were polite and happy about pocketing it. The white, middle-class merchants with the money just as much as they will have no hesitation about appropriating funds for the dog the police mis-assigned to billy-chase the cops.

So do not say there is no progress. Do not believe everything you read about "black power" and the new militancy. Segregation as a

way of life is vanishing, not as fast as it should be, but it is vanishing.

On my desk is a ruling handed down by the North Carolina Supreme Court, dated February 12, 1936, in which the court reversed a decision of the Charlotte Corporation Commission. The Corporation Commission had decreed that Negroes were not allowed to ride the public buses. Not ride on them in the back, but not ride them at all.

My friend, I have seen violence overtaken the Negro civil rights movement in America. Six years ago, I remember the vanguard of colored college students sitting at the lunch counters around the South demanding fair service. Since then, we have passed two civil rights laws and have seen the small vanguard grow into an army of people demanding their rights.

Now, a Negro demonstration is an occasion for the mayor or the governor to summon extra police and the National Guard to prevent riots. We have seen Watts explode, Rochester, Chicago, Harlem. They have exploded not simply because the people who live there are Negroes but because the people who live there are American and explosion is part of the nature of the American.

There are unidentified flying objects and they send us messages—but the UFO do not circulate in outer space; they walk among us.

But First, We Must Show Leadership at Home



Altar Call

BY EMORY G. DAVIS, D. D.
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EXCERPTS FROM AN IRREVERENT CHRISTMAS CARD
(Received from a friend, Dave Smith)

'Twas a Great year for religion,
(Heresy?) Permit a smidgin!
Many people had hysterics
Watching the affairs of clerics.

Rumors spread that God expired,
His replacement? Not yet hired!
Bishop Pike turned in his collar...
Shoulda heard his colleagues holler!

Men in robes... devout... deceitless,
Did away with Fridays meatless,
Breaking up an old tradition...
Lousing up commercial fishing!
Birth control? (Oh no, not that again!)
Much preoccupied the Vatican,
Is the problem moral, Medical?
You be fertile... I'm heretical!

Thieft's brows were knit with worry
When they thought of Mad'line Murray.
Dirksen offered legislation
Putting prayer in Oration.
Rectors who were disenchanted
Frequently their vows recanted...
Emory Davis, Blackguard, Pharisee!
Guilty was of this gross heresy!

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

We began our examinations for the first semester at FAMU on Dec. 10, and, as should have been most of the students' got serious. This should have been their attitude all along.

The standard formula is to devote three hours of study per week for every credit hour taken. Only in this way can the student become thorough, but otherwise he is a "surface scholar." A "surface scholar" can't talk more than ten minutes on any subject, but the thorough student participates in a discussion for hours.

Civil Rights Roundup

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL
RULING SET

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court was expected to rule on the last vestiges of "Jim Crow" legislation to survive in the South land on interracial marriage. The marriage restrictions remain in force in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and

West Virginia.
SAME BOAT
NEW YORK - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has called on Soviet officials to "end all the discriminatory measures against the Jewish community."

The rights leader said he could not "stand idly by, even though I live in the United States and even though I happen to be an American Negro, and not be concerned about what happens to my brothers and sisters who happen to be Jews in Soviet Russia. For what happens to them happens to me and you, and we must be concerned."

COURT ORDER
Montgomery - Alabama has been given a year to desegregate all its penal institutions. A three-judge federal panel issued what was believed to be the first desegregation order to affect the entire state. Honors, farms, educational programs, youth centers, and hospitals in the state penal system must integrate immediately the court declared. Other penal institutions were given six months to a year to end segregation.

KLAN AGAIN
RICHMOND, Va. - The Klan rode again at opposite ends of the country. In Richmond, Gov. Mills E. Godwin set up a statewide police network to curb cross burnings in the state. His action came days after a burning cross was found near the governor's mansion. In San Bernardino, Calif., California Ku Klux Klan leader William V. Fowler took out applications for permission to hold two public rallies in San Bernardino County communities.

AT LAST
WASHINGTON - The Child Development Group of Mississippi finally got its \$5-million federal anti-poverty funds with one condition. The Office of Economic Opportunity insisted that the controversial Head Start project must replace its executive director, John Hodgen Mudd of Haverford, Pa., within 60 days. The Mississippi program had been criticized for not having enough whites on its board of directors.

DOUBLE FACE
DANVILLE, Va. - Dixie justice showed its double face in two courts decisions. In Danville, 21 civil rights demonstrators were convicted of defying a court order during 1963 racial demonstrations and given \$200 fines and 10-day jail terms. In Winchester, Ky., an all-white jury

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:
I am very grateful for the fine publication of the program of the dedication of the three buildings on the campus of Fayetteville State College, Fayetteville, N. C., on Nov. 20.
I thank you in all sincerity for all who were represented in the program.
Personally, I thank you for your true estimate of my response to the gracious tribute paid me by Miss Leana Means. It all came out of my soul with divine guidance.
May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Dunie A. Bryant

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Even Handicapped People Make Strong Leaders?

All over the nation we have men handicapped by blindness, deafness, crippling factors, unbridled emotions and unstable minds, speech and language defects, and many more. Experience has taught that many of these people with the odds against them became great leaders in many walks of life.

For instance, Raleigh Cipriano, who overcame complete blindness became a top insurance agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. For his 40 years of efficient service, he was recently honored by his associates at a weekly breakfast given by the District of Columbia Association of Underwriters.

Despite the blind man's loss of vision in 1938, he qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table of New York Life's leadership clubs each year for not just one year but 40. Meanwhile he made his impression upon the nation only to be listed in the

Company's President Council of 200 top underwriters.

Over the CBS newscast last month, we viewed a Negro deprived of his limbs. This man set up an unusual business helping other folks "to get through" to other people. For example, if a man wrote the government about a delayed social security check and got no action, the handicapped man went into action for a modest fee and satisfied the wants of his client. Many a man would have been content to sit on street corners and beg for a living, but not this man. Some people are born, it seems to be leaders, or at least they make their own destinies.

Far too many people, handicapped and normal, are victims of their own thinking. They need to put in action the counsel, "If it is difficult, I'll do it; if it is impossible, it will take a little longer but it will be accomplished."

Much Luck To Florida Memorial College

Florida Memorial N&I College, presently located in St. Augustine's Fla., will be relocated in Miami, Florida in January, 1968. During the past year and especially with ten weeks of campaigning for funds, the college raised itself a total of \$565,000 to invest in the new plant.

We have been interested for many months in this relocation proposal, and it is about to be "finalized." A week ago, the Florida Sentinel-Bulletin, published at Tampa, carried a full-page display showing the campus land diagram and building sites and pictures of church officials who had a prominent part of the vision of the institution's venture into a new area—what the Old Testament might have labelled a "far country."

Much of the money to build dormitories, classrooms structures, administrative halls came from the federal government. The new location should provide the place for

a thriving and growing institution of higher learning. The citizens of Florida need Florida N&I College, and the college needs Miami and all of Florida to help the institution to reach its majority.

Oftimes, the place sets the opportunity for an institution to grow and develop. We remember several years ago, Bishop College of Marshall, Texas moved to the mammoth city of Dallas which sent the college on its way. Already Marshall had another institution— Wiley College—for Negroes. Perhaps two small colleges in the same city was undesirable to the mutual growth of both institutions.

The members of the church who support Florida N&I must now stretch their imagination in the years ahead. They must cease contributing one dollar for Florida N&I and increase their support to \$50 to \$100 each. The well-being of a college will depend upon millions of dollars.

Religion And Race

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

GUIDELINES

MIAMI BEACH - The executive committee of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, has approved a new policy governing issuance of public statements concerning, among other things "black power." On black power, the view approved last September by the executive group, noted: "We recognize the danger inherent in violence, whether espoused by white or black, and if our nation is to progress toward full freedom and justice, the church must work with others to achieve that coalition of conscience and power which alone can make this possible."

DETROIT - A rebuke to SNCC chairman Stokely Carmichael is planned by two Negro ministers, in the form of a visit to South Viet Nam. The

pair, the Rev. Ray Shoulders, co-ordinator, Michigan Human Rights commission; and Daniel James, executive secretary, Institutional Youth Guidance League proposed the trip to show Negro on the fighting front that they are against Carmichael's "anti-freedom fighting stand."

APPROVE BUDGET

EDWARDS, Miss. - The Delta Ministry of the National Council of Churches has received approval of \$405,165 in expense for 1966, and a projected \$300,000 budget for 1967. An important boost to the Delta Ministry's budget was \$100,000 contributed by the Methodist church, with an additional \$5,000 coming from the Christian Missionary Society of the Christian Churches (Disciples).

Fact And Opinion

U. S. News and World Report recently noted that at the present rate of growth in world population and food supply, U. S. officials are estimating that within little more than 15 years there will be nothing to eat for 500 million people.

Governor Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon says, "Governmental fiscal policies which rob the people of their security through rampaging inflation become not only an economic but a moral issue."

The Nashville, Tennessee, Banner believes, "The term 'Gross National Product' has become a refuge for Washington spenders when they feel compelled to defend lavish expenditures be-

yond income... If a high 'Gross National Product' had been an economic Rock of Gibraltar, Germany would have been riding high when it took a bushel basketful of marks to buy a loaf of bread."

Consumer spending in 1965 for health and beauty products came to \$59.81 for every man, woman and child in the U. S., according to the 19th annual "What the Public Spends" study reported in recent issues of Drug Topics and also Drug Trade News.

"He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; he that dares not reason is a slave." --William Drummond.

Educational Roundup

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL
A ROSE BY ...

WASHINGTON - The American Federation of Teachers has been urged to discourage use of the "slave name" Negro and start using the term Afro-American instead. Keith Baird, a language teacher at Bushwick High School, Brooklyn, said it was time Negroes moved up to hyphenated status such as the Italian-Americans, and other minority groups. This would indicate an "ethnic identity" and connection with "land, culture, and history," said the Bar-

bados-born teacher.

FIRST TIME

RICHMOND, Va. - Integration has found its way into this state's textbooks. Approved by the State Board of Education were textbooks for use in English, social studies, and foreign language classes which for the first time have illustrated the Negro as well as white children. Most of the high school social studies textbooks deal with problems such as the history of the civil rights movement, contributions of Negroes to American arts and sciences, and the nature of prejudice.

SWITCHAROUND

LYNCHBURG, Va. - Southerners went to court to have school integration permitted, while Northerners sought to have an integration law ruled unconstitutional. Sweet Briar

college asked U. S. District court in Lynchburg for a new trial in its bid to break the racial restrictions in the will of its founder. Meanwhile, the Boston School Committee went to court seeking to have a state law requiring racial balance declared unconstitutional.

BUS BUST

CINCINNATI - School busing has been struck down by the 6th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, after the NAACP had argued that the Cincinnati school board was practicing de facto segregation. However, the court ruled "There is no constitutional duty on the part of the board to bus Negro or white children out of their neighborhoods or to transfer classes for the sole purpose of alleviating racial imbalance."