

Bible Thought Of The Week

Jesus came to a stop. "Who called my name?" "Nobody, Master . . . only a blind beggar, a worthless fellow, Bartimaeus, nobody at all, we'll tend to him," remarked the disciples. But the Master said, "Bring him here." The deep rich eyes of the Master

looked into the sightless eyes of the beggar, and the Galilean attended to the problem of the man by giving him sight. Here was a need; and Jesus had the time to meet this urgent need. How many of us can say the same for ourselves?

Editorial Viewpoint

The Black Church And The Minister

The time has come when Negro churches should correct one of the worst types of social injustices of which God's house is guilty. Too many black preachers are shamefully underpaid, and the salary are inequitable by too big a range between a high and low salary.

The itinerant preacher system in many churches is a shame and disgrace, so far as the Christian church is concerned. Often four different churches cannot support a pastor in a manner that he can pay his debts, walk straight, and look the "whole world in the face, and say he owes not any man."

In some churches, the appointment system permits discrimination and the impractical placement of ministers in accordance with their experience and training. In this instance, the church is not always able to place "the best

men where they are most needed."

The preacher must eat, clothe and house himself like other people. Often a minister must leave a place of critical need because he is underpaid. For this reason, many rural communities, inner-city areas, and college campuses---where our churches ought to concentrate its efforts---are being short-changed through the failure of church administrations to provide the best ministers.

More and more local churches must revolutionize their thinking about giving to the church. Too long, Christians of the black church have paid in the collection plate the widow's mite which accounts as one factor for the underpayment of many ministers. Each member must regulate his giving in such a way as to make it more substantial and systematic and sacrificial.

Circuit Court Says College Can Expel Students

The right of colleges and universities to expel students who stir up campus unrest and "obstruct the orderly procedure of the educational process" was upheld recently by the Sixth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of three expelled students versus Tennessee state A&I University at Nashville.

Tennessee A&I University had expelled three students - Frederick Brooks, James M. Booth and Kenneth P. Jones - because they allegedly promoted student unrest by passing out leaflets and making speeches designed to disrupt normal campus activities.

The three student defendants and appellars contended that they were denied the right of freedom of speech which was in violation of their constitutional right....right to freedom of speech and assembly.

In the court, this argument was clearly refused by the record which is replete with substantial evidence

to support the expulsions for conduct other than the type of activity which is entitled to constitutional protection, the appeals court ruled.

While this particular ruling affected Tennessee State A&I University, it may also set a legal precedent for dealing with student leaders in campus disturbances. It goes almost without saying that the Tennessee student defenders, or some university students, may challenge the ruling of the Circuit Court of Appeals and present their cause to the Supreme Court.

In the meantime, students should consult legal sources for advice before adopting disrupting techniques to get action on their grievances. Otherwise, they can get themselves into a lot of unnecessary trouble. At the same time, universities must find other ways in seeking to settle student complaints.

A Lecture-Experiment In Black Studies

Eight Morgan State College professors have agreed to lecture at the University of Pennsylvania on the Negro in America in an effort to increase awareness of the history and culture of the Black American.

Willie Howard, director of special projects at Morgan, has announced a series of eight lectures during March and April. The lectures will be open to the Philadelphia Community through the Morgan - Pennsylvania Cooperative Project.

These institutions are studying different types of programs in African studies. The attendance at these lectures will be used to measure one aspect of community interest. In addition to the lectures, students are involved in participation in cultural events, concerts, and exhibits.

With the cooperative enterprise between Morgan and the University of Pennsylvania, there are bound to be discovered new ways and means of best inculcating interest and participation in this kind of project - various approaches have been utilized at various colleges and universities.

It is hoped, at least we think so, that black studies programs will teach our students other ways of building racial pride, black identity, and so on, than by the educational disruption procedure. Building black pride is one thing, and this is educational in process; while seeking to redress grievances is another thing - a political type of activity which serves in good stead as a means of reaching certain goals through the democratic process.

Pride, as perhaps the Apostle Paul would say it to Christians, "the gospel of Christ (dignity of the black person) is a doctrine of which we needeth not be ashamed." In this light, the student would present himself as a first-class citizen who assumes constructive responsibilities and seeks redress through the courts rather than through taking the law into his own hands.

Post Office New Deal Can Help Blacks

With vigor, our new Postmaster General Winton M. Blount is tackling the problem of improving the postal services, and, we helped put the system in a position to help its way. He may be in position to help make a reality of integration.

Removing the appointment of postmasters and rural carriers from the political patronage system, under which congressmen or political advisors decided who got post office jobs and plums will be a blessing. This change, for instance, should make it possible for more Negroes to become postmasters.

It has been reported that there are 32,000 postmasters in the United

States, but only about 40 of them are black; and in rural letter carrier's jobs, there are only eight Negroes out of a total of 31,000. This condition shows a perpetuation of racial discrimination.

In the past, approximately 1,600 postmasters and 1,800 rural letter carriers were appointed annually. Now with the new policy, Postmaster General Blount can personally rid the Post Office System of discrimination in the appointment of rural letter carriers and postmasters. Such a move will create more jobs for Negroes.

These federal jobs should be made available easily to all citizens.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

THE NUMBER ONE HOBBY

Good news! A press dispatch informs us that the number one hobby among American males is not deep-sea trolling for swordfish, it is not baseball doubleheaders, nor even Superbowls and discussions about Joe Namath. Nor is it the dogs and the ponies at the tracks. It is not even poker. Guess what? It is gourmet cooking.

How the reporters or the statisticians discover the number one hobbies from time to time is a mystery, shrouded with confusion. But if the newspaper says so, it must be true. City editors take no chances.

Once upon a time a Papa knew about the kitchen was popping corn in the fireplace for the kids and twisting the ice cream churning on hot Sunday afternoons. We are the first nation to get Papa back into the kitchen and we should swell and burst our chests with pride.

My own imperishable prose is, in fact, preserved in a cookbook: The Artists and Writers Cookbook for which I wrote out my mother's recipes for holshkas which is stuffed cabbage. I even posed in a plaid apron once for the Charlotte Observer where my recipe was repeated some years later. However, I feel it would be misleading if I pretended to have cooked the holshkas. I did the writing, the posing, and somebody else cooked the holshkas. I confess that I did it for the money.

The American male started

cooking hot dogs for the Boy Scout jamboree, progressed to the mammoth barbecue pit and now he is concocting la cervelle au beurre noir and les moules au vin blanc marinere. If he thinks he has not been had, I got some news for him.

I see nothing demeaning about a man preparing pabum when his wife is off having the second kid. Preparing pabum is infinitely more pleasurable than getting along with her mother. But there it should end.

If I were expected to prepare split smelts Grenobloise for dinner, we would eat out of cans. The kitchen is her job, along with doing the dishes and hanging the storm windows.

The good people at Hell-may's mayonnaise plant and at the Good Seasons Salad processing factory have removed forever the doubts whether the dressing is adequate or not. The cowboys out West have produced steers every pound of which is steak. If the worst comes to the worst, a TV dinner is not the worst thing you ever put in our whole mouth.

Hobbyists! Do not commit yourself to what will eventually prove a peacage worse than any Conquistador ever devised. A man who evicts his wife from the kitchen forces her into one of the adult courses at the local high school: she'll start studying the history of the dance and the gourmet cook will waste his vacations of Jacob's Pillow watching Joe Limon cavort.

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

DOWN IN N. O.

Last week I attend a federally-sponsored conference on undergraduate training of speech correctionists, under the auspices of the American Speech and Hearing Association in New Orleans at the Jung Hotel on Canal Street.

Aside from the proceedings, the evenings and nights were spent in visitng places full of history and lore. There was Preservation Hall, where Negro jazz oldtimers played "real-old Dixieland jazz." The place was so crowded that it was pressed-down and running over, with people standing around outside.

To get a kick, many of the delegates visited "night spots" to see the "go-go girls." One landmark of entertainment had a big fat mama dancer who tipped the scales at well over 350 pounds. They tell me she almost, or did she, dance in the nude? I learned by the grapevine that she brought down the house with a song titled, "Big Fat Mama with the Meat Shaking on her Bones," and "Rock it to me, Baby!" Somehow, I missed this entertainment. Who knows, maybe I can spend my vacation in good "ole" N. O.

Letter to the Editor

SCHOOL INTEGRATION

To The Editor: Some time ago, to be exact February 12, a request from the Supt. and the Board of Education called on parents and other interested friends to submit plans in writing "on how to integrate the schools." To me this is a very simple question. If everybody submitted a plan there would be just as many as there are people who submit them, and certainly the Board of Education would never be able to integrate the schools, as required by law.

An eminent jurist, Mr. John Morrissy and also general counsel for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners made the following statement and I quote, "Every city and county is a creature of the General Assembly, they have no sovereign rights of their own, but only those delegated to them by the General Assembly." If this is true (and I have my doubts), then Vance county and the school board have no authority to integrate the schools, but must wait until the General Assembly gives them authority. If some one would come here to my home and tell me that I have no authority in my home, but what he gives, I would say to him, you are preposterous, ridiculous and absurd.

The General Assembly of North Carolina is the only source to blame for our schools not being integrated. The school locally has done a good job. They have had many headaches and pains, they have been unjustly criticized by those who do not understand the circumstances by which they are surrounded.

When our General Assembly went on record approving the freedom of choice plan it was

then they prevented the local board from integrating the schools. Some one said, "That every bill or plan has some kind of teeth or object and the very object of the freedom of choice plan was to take the responsibility from the school boards and place them in the hands of parents and children. The result is still a problem and the school board stands in danger of losing Federal funds.

Who is to blame for all of this trouble we are in? The blame is not on the school board, neither is it on the General Assembly and certainly not on the HEW. There is nowhere for the blame to be placed but on Henderson and Vance county. It appears to me that the whole of Henderson and Vance county have been brainwashed by the bureaucrats who tell us that there is no power in us, but that which is delegated to us by the General Assembly or some other bureaucratic organization. Power is in us local people and we can integrate schools if we have the courage and bravery to stand up and utilize the power that is in us.

Our American Constitution is the most inspired document struck off by the mind of man at any given time. (Gladstone's statement). Another American statesman said, "The soul of the Constitution is the Bill of Rights," which is contained in the first ten amendments, and made law Dec. 15, 1791. This bill of rights protects the citizen from his government and indicates that there are some things the government cannot do, among these, no interference in the exercise of religion, no interference with free speech, no interference with popular assembly and the right of petition.

May I suggest to the local school board you have the power to integrate the schools according to law. But as long as you wait pending on the children, the parents and the freedom of choice plan, you will never do the job. Fifteen years ago the highest court in the land handed down a verdict doing away with a dual system of education and today some of us are continuing to hold to the status quo and rebel against the law of the land. If the job is to be done, a few old men must be crucified and killed dead. I name them as follows: bigotry, malice, selfishness and hypocrisy. In the place of these may all of us enthroned in our lives, love, friendship

AMERICA'S TRAGEDY



"THERE, DR. CYRIL WALWYN, THE DIRECTOR, CONTEMDED THAT HUNGER IN THE DELTA WAS NOT DECREASING, AS MOST WHITES INSISTED; HE HAD SEEN TOO MANY POT-BELLIED, WORM-INFESTED YOUNGSTERS. 'I FEEL THEY ARE SLOWLY STARVING,' HE SAID.

The Thought Exchange

BY GORDON HANCOCK

TIME FOR STRAIGHT TALK!

What people want to hear, and what they need to hear, may be entirely different things; and currently we have too many speakers who are more interested in telling people what they want to hear, since this insures a certain species of popularity. One of the most unpopular things a speaker can do is to tell people what they need to hear. It was all the more gratifying to hear Dr. Thomas H. Henderson in his recent convocation address before the assembled student body of Virginia Union University depart from the usual course of trying to court popularity, and make a serious attempt to be helpful to the hundreds of young people there gathered. But the most gratifying feature of the great occasion was to see how hungry the students were for some straight talk. The applause he received at the conclusion of his marvelous address strengthened faith in the possibilities of youth at a time when youth is being severely tested and freely criticized, for what they do and what they do not do.

Among the powerful observations made by Dr. Henderson was the warning to the students that while it was timely and necessary for the Negro to react to the discriminations and limitations which he must meet on every hand, it is highly necessary for the Negroes and especially the younger generations not to "over-reach" and turn humorless and rude and boorish in their efforts to prove themselves no "uncle toms and hankerchief heads." He emphasized that the real "uncle toms" may prove to be those young Negroes who are allowing themselves to be used by designing white revolutionaries, who are desirous of overthrowing this nation and using our young Negroes to spear-head their thrust to power. For it is true that in order to appear courageous and brave, some Negroes go to the extreme to show their true color. It is a fact that a man can be a man without being rude, boorish and uncivil.

It is true that the white man should be told of his sins; but, it is also true that Negroes should be told of their shortcomings, and this calls for straight talk, and only Negroes can talk straight talk to Negroes. Whites cannot do it, as Negroes would be too resentful. It is dangerous for whites even as it is dangerous for Negroes to tell Negroes the ugly truth about themselves, even though we shall have to face the truth about ourselves before we are free. A laundry works a hundred Negro women and is forced out of business because the amount of stealing was so great that the owners could not stand the weekly losses. A shopping center in Wilmington, Delaware, owned and controlled by a Negro must shut down because as he says, "I am closing down the entire shopping center - young hoodlums, most of them under 18, just would not give us a break; they pushed and shoved customers and broke into their cars. Hoodlums are rampant and customers are literally frightened. I am spending \$6,000.00 annually just to fix broken windows. I am in debt to the hilt and have lost around \$33,000.00 in savings. This was not my fault unless it was being too optimistic for the future of Negro business. The whole shopping center of ten stores opened in 1968, closing with a pile of broken windows and a bath of red ink." What about the school teacher who bought a fur coat for \$3,000.00; what about the male teacher who is buying a Cadillac for \$6,000.00 and does not contribute to the very organization which fought for increased salaries for Negroes. Neither the woman with the fur nor the man with his Cadillac own membership in the NAACP. When the Negro College Fund passes the hat, they look the other way, while expecting whites to give. What about the unreasonable attitude of so many Negroes who honestly believe that everything white is wrong and every Negro is right, and refuses to hear anything to the contrary? Who is going to straighten out the Negroes' thinking on these things if plain speaking Negroes do not do it? Like the gods on Olympia, Negroes need to "quarrel" among themselves with plain talk. Scoffing at what we need to hear and hungering for what we want to hear, is not going to bring us into the Promised Land. Negroes need straight talk by straight thinkers. We need the truth! We need it now!

World News Digest

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

RACE BIAS LAW

NASSAU - The Bahamian House of Assembly is being asked to pass a law to make illegal discrimination on racial grounds in business establishments. Maurice Moore, People Labor party representative from Grand Bahama, testified that discrimination "against Bahamians is the order of the day in many establishments," particularly in his constituency. He suggested that those practicing discrimination should be expelled from the Bahamas.

CHALLENGES U. S.

WASHINGTON - A Western Shoshone Indian, Richard D. Williams, has a challenge against the U.S. government before the U.S. Supreme court, protesting his induction into the army and subsequent service in Viet Nam. Williams contends he is an original Indian, a member of an unconquered nation, and cannot be made to, as a traditional Indian, abide by the laws of the United States.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL

SALISBURY - The white minority-ruled government headed by Premier Ian D. Smith has found its new constitution plan, setting up segregated election rolls, meeting opposition from all sides. The plans proposes one roll for Europeans, coloreds and Asians, and another for Africans. Both the moderate center-party and the ultra-right-wing conservatives are against the plan, to say nothing of the coloreds and Asians, and, most of all, the Africans.

LANDS GRANTS

FALNBANKS, Alaska - A federal panel has proposed giving native Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos grants to millions of acres of their ancestral lands, which reek with rich oil, mineral and other natural resources. The grants are seen as satisfying claims of the native Alaskans which have been filed with the government since Alaska achieved statehood.

ELEPHANT WALK

RATANGARR, India - The popular saying in India these days might be "Beware of elephants carrying contraceptives." The government has sent a 25-year-old female elephant on a life-long walk (estimated to

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take 60 years) to dispense contraceptives (from her trunk) and literature urging various birth control methods. The elephant, named Lal Tikon-meaning Red triangle, the symbol of the nation's family-planning program - began its 20-mile a day walk at this rural community 100 miles northeast of New Delhi. No one expects, however, that within her expected 60 years life, she will be able to cover the country's 50,560,000 villages.

FIRST LOAN

OUAGADOUGOU - Independent Upper Volta has received its first loan from the World Bank Group, a \$800,000 credit to help expand and rehabilitate its telecommunications systems. The loan is for a term of 50 years, is free of interest, but carries a service charge of three-quarters of one per cent to cover administrative costs.

MOSLEM DIVORCE

LONDON - A court test is being made of a centuries-old Moslem custom of divorcing a wife by saying three times, "I divorce you." Mrs. Ayesha Qureshi has put the matter in the hands of the British court on grounds that she and her husband, Mohammad, were wedded in a civil and Moslem ceremonies, and thus is not entitled to dissolve a British marriage by a non-British law. The court took the case under advisement.

GRUDDING CHANGE

JOHANNESBURG - The hullabaloo stirred up by white South Africans over the film, "Kenner", in which a white South African actress falls in love and kisses a black sailor, after he has beaten up a white rival, seemingly has disappeared. Movie-censors reviewing the film recently, decided not to cut out portions dealing with the fight and the love-making.

UPGRADED

CHICAGO - Since 1951, Liberian citizen William H. Jones has served his country faithfully as consul in Chicago, while working as a printer in the Chicago Daily Tribune newspaper's composing room. Last week, however, his government upgraded him to the consul-generalship, with expanded duties covering states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan.

and goodwill to all mankind. As we go to bed at night not knowing that we will see the breaking of the day, may we

pray the little prayer, "Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change

the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference." L. B. RUSSELL Henderson

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