

Bible Thought Of The Week

The method of training used by Jesus Christ has been enduring. Nero stilled the voice of Paul by crucifying him; but the spirit of Paul which had proclaimed that "we are in all things more than conquerors," began at that moment to have its larger in-

fluence. Just a few brief years and every member of the original organization was gone, but the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church. The Lord's training had done its work. The great Idea prevailed.

Editorial Viewpoint

Something Other Than Marching Honor Dr. King

Certain organizations in Memphis, Tennessee, and other groups in other key cities are planning marches in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. What they expect to gain by such demonstration, we do not know.

In some cases, we suspect the marches are being held to keep the names of certain leaders in the public eye, or for personal self glorification.

Would it not be better for groups that wish to honor the Reverend King to hold memorial services in the auditorium of some building? In commemorating the civil rights leader, there is no place for living leaders to take the spotlight which rightfully belongs to the fallen Dr. King.

As a matter of fact, the technique of demonstrations has been worn trite by overuse and misuse. Cannot our leaders think of something else to do, except march and demonstrate? Keep in mind the unsavory reputation that many demonstrations have earned most recently.

Nothing could be more fitting than a solemn memorial service at which an orator speaks?

But, if certain leaders insist upon marching, then the participants should be dressed in black. The tone which should prevail is that of reverence and solemnity. The silence should be so emphatic that it overshadows everything else.

There should be no demands, for such an occasion precludes them. At this point, let us look at the situation again for a more sober evaluation. Note that some "Poor People" are planning to march to

coincide with the opening of state legislatures. Others want to march on Washington again to coincide with goodness knows what.

We think that these demonstrations are ridiculous at this time, and there is little justification for them anywhere.

Take the massive Resurrection City effort last summer. It terminated by irritating most everyone, including the participants, and accomplished nothing except to create an unholy "mess" in the public park. We noted that Rev. Ralph Abernathy was careful to keep his name in the spotlight.

If the groups were demonstrating for removal of poverty, the cause maybe would justify a march. However, we know all we need to know about poverty which we will always have with us.

The General Accounting Office has pronounced LBJ's War On Poverty largely a failure, in spite of the noble intent of our former President. (He could not do this job all alone, and we cannot put all of the blame upon him.) It has been suggested that a new office be set up in the White House to coordinate all federal anti-poverty spending which now totals \$22 billion annually.

A reorganization will need to take place, so that over-lapping and duplication can be eliminated to reduce waste. The Job Corps alone cost \$8,300 per man, enough to send all of them through Harvard or some other college.

From now on, our leaders should operate on the basis of facts, and not upon some personal desire for fame.

Our Defense System Needs Rebuilding

The thought of the proposed ABM system proposed by President Nixon at a cost of \$9 billion to start with has evoked a lot of opposition. Not only this, but the people are advocating a quick end of the Vietnam War so as to divert the nation's attention to welfare, social security, tax relief, and what have you.

If we anticipate a quick end to the Vietnam War, we are in for a big surprise. The end is not yet in sight, and there is very little likelihood of the war ending soon.

Now, let us suppose that the war ended within a year. There still would not be enough money for spending on the problems of inner-cities, tax relief, and the war on poverty. In the first place, it may take two years and millions of dollars to bring our armies home and prepare the men for civilian life.

While we are not advocating the ABM, we recognize that our national defense system has been woefully neglected during the two previous administrations. Therefore, it must be rebuilt as soon as money can be made available. This may not

be possible for quite a while because of the great financial drain caused by the present war.

Nixon administration investigators have given this report concerning our falling supply of modern weapons. More are becoming obsolete every day. If you doubt this, note the Reserve Army vehicles in parades. The trucks are of an obsolete type.

The Navy is in much worse shape than the Army. Sixty per cent of our naval ships today are more than 20 years old. The cost of rebuilding them is overwhelming, and yet very necessary.

It has been estimated by administration officials that the defense rebuilding program may run as high as \$100 billion a year. This amount is far more than the nation can afford to spend at this time.

In our opinion, the rebuilding plan is more necessary than the ABM. A spending plan must be spread over a long period of time to update our defenses and keep them there.

Our Post Office Can Operate In The Black

We like the way that our new Postmaster General is taking hold of our United States Post Office system. He realizes the need to give this anemic and ailing giant a shot in the arm to make it stand upon its own financial feet and walk with dignity and profit.

The new Postmaster General will no doubt engage enemies who want us to keep the parasites that have held it down in the red all of these years. We hope that the new administration will rid the Post Office of special free mailing privileges of the lawmakers themselves. It takes money to make the post office train run, and every letter and package must bear postage stamps. This is the only way that

our post office system is going to make a profit and pay its way.

We have the know-how in this nation to run the post office with a profit, but we must handcuff the meddling of Congress in this matter. We must, as taxpayers, insist upon efficiency in this great operation. We must insist that our post offices be operated like General Motors, Ford Motor Company, and Kaiser industries, that demand respect because they pay their own way.

Congress and nobody else must be permitted to be a stumbling block in the way of efficient and profitable operation of the United States Post Office. And the time is now!

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

THE PASSOVER AND THE LIBERTY BELL
BY HARRY GOLDEN
Often a great religious holiday demands almost nothing. This is because it is an idea, an idea which enlarges upon the meaning of man.

During World War I, the soldiers in the trenches used to observe a cease-fire every Christmas Eve. This gave them a chance to pray. A true prayer is the ultimate in generosity of self and humility of spirit and these are the two virtues celebrated by the Passover.

The oldest religious festival of uninterrupted observance known to civilization is the Jewish Passover which begins at sundown, Thursday, April 3.

Passover, which commemorates the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, is essentially a family holiday. It is celebrated mostly in the home with all the family, friends, and relatives, and often "the stranger," too. I remember as a boy my father bringing home one or two fellows whom we had never seen before.

For Jews of course, the holiday symbolizes not only the escape from bondage and the beginning of their history. What impresses itself immediately about this history

is the fact its hero, Moses, never became a god. The Hebrews who followed this great man out of Egypt and away from slavery into the Promised Land refused to deify him.

For the Jews gave civilization the monotheistic God and they have never reneged on this conception. So stubborn were they that the name Moses is hardly mentioned in the Haggadah, the book which describes the narrative of the Exodus and which is read at the Passover feast.

But the Passover has great significance for all Americans. It gave our civilization the rudiments of freedom.

The Plymouth Bay Colony expressly drew up its constitution on the basis of the system introduced by Nehemiah after the return from the Babylonian Exile. And in 1647, the Massachusetts Bay Colony expressly declared its adherence to Mosaic principles in framing its code of laws. The same was done in Connecticut in 1650, and in New Haven in 1655.

It was hardly a coincidence therefore that the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia bears the Hebrew inscription from Leviticus 25:10: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

SOME POSTER

A poster on a factory wall reads, "Long live the first secretary of the Polish United Workers party --- Wladislaw Gomułka!"

To which a worker added in pencil---"(on 1,500 zlotys per month)?" (ha-ha-ha---aaa) OUT TALK A WOMAN?
Can a man out-talk a wo-

man? Just try it, bud! Treat females as becomes them (???) and indulge none of those vanities of regarding women as an inferior being. . ."

Better take note, bub, And don't you forget it, either. AMEN, PARSON!

Man is learning how to live longer when he ought to learn how to live better.

Other Editors Say

NEW URBAN APPROACH

A new approach to urban problems was unveiled with fanfare in the Department of Commerce. It is an industrial park in the Watts section of Los Angeles. It is described as a means of removing urban blight and giving slum dwellers an opportunity for jobs and entrepreneurship.

The idea, however, was conceived during President Johnson's Administration. But, Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans said the new Administration, including President Nixon himself, would pursue it with enthusiasm for other cities because it depends primarily on local and private initiative, although federal money and participation are involved.

A group of Negro and white businessmen formed the Economic Resources Corporation and bought 45 acres of junkyard land in Watts. The Lockheed Aircraft Company agreed to become the first tenant, leasing a \$2-million plant for manufacturing aircraft parts.

The Economic Development Administration, an agency of the Commerce Department, approved \$3.8-million in loans and grants and the Office of Economic Opportunity provided \$3.8-billion more in grants to get the project underway.

Three other federal a-

Letter To The Editor

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
To The Editor:

Pretty soon, I shall submit an application for a federal grant to experiment with aspects of snoring. I will appreciate letters from readers describing medical and non-medical cures for snoring.

I have completed a book, The Riddle of Snoring and am wondering if it should be published. I am interested in knowing if such a book is needed. Letters to me from readers will go a long way in convincing skeptical publishers.

Sincerely,

M. H. Boulware,
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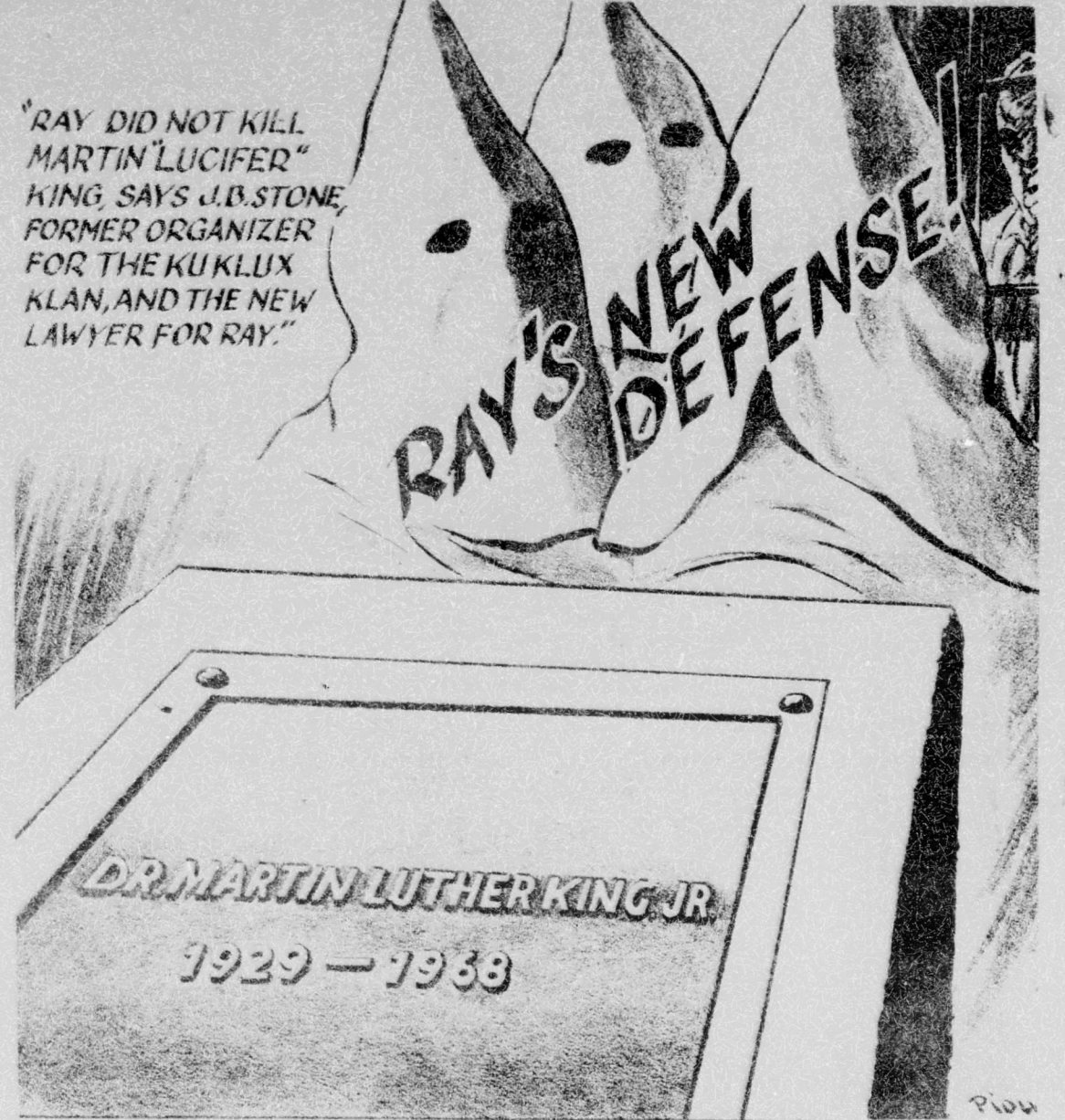
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SUDDENLY THEY WANT IN... WHY



The Thought Exchange

BY GORDON HANCOCK

Things are not breaking well for the Negroes of this country. The last Presidential election could easily be construed as definitely anti-Negro in its ultimate implications and those who have not seen this need to look again. The advance steps made for the Negro under Roosevelt and Kennedy and Johnson were so much action, but the Presidential election was the nation's reaction and it was far from favorable! Anti-Negro forces consigned Johnson to political oblivion and there was general opposition to what Johnson had called the Great Society in which the Negro was to share equally with all components of that proposed society, but the election revealed that this nation had not the slightest notion of losing the Negro and letting him go.

The Black Power Movement has grown out of the fact that the Negro is being buffeted in his aspiration for full citizenship. It is roughly a measure of the Negro's disappointment and chagrin. But it is greatly to be feared that the current manifestation of Black Power in its last analysis will further "ugly-ify" the Negro in the sight of the country and the world. I coin the word deliberately and it is designed to mean make the Negro look ugly in the eyes of the world. Purify means to make pure; glorify means to make glorious; fortify means to make strong; magnify means to make large; satisfy means to make satisfied, and daily means to make a god of, and so forth. Then to ugly-ify or uglify means to make ugly.

There is a world-wide movement to make the Negro look ugly. And the current wave of campus riots are calculated to make the Negro look ugly and the behavior of these young campus rioters can only make the young generation of Negroes look ugly. More and more their white supporters are cooling off and leaving the Negro students with the riot bags to hold. The government is getting ready to shut down on these campus riots and more and more these riots are being carried out by Negroes. And herein lies the danger and herein will be found trouble for Negroes.

At long last, there has arisen the suspicion that these riots are communist-inspired and if this is proven to be the case, it will show that

the Negro is heavily tied in with communists and this is not going to help the Negro in his crusade for full citizenship. If somehow it can be shown that these campus riots are communist-inspired and communist financed, it will show that the Negro is being used to advance the cause of communism in the world. The major premise of communism is to destroy this country, but if their designs are fulfilled the Negro will be destroyed first. The Negro working for a communist victory over our great country is working for his own destruction. Just as the Negro is bearing the greater burden of democracy's maladjustments, as can be seen from the incidence of unemployment and the welfare lists, so if communists take over, the burdens which it will impose will fall with greater force upon the hapless Negro, Black Power and all.

The old Anti-Negro South has spared neither time nor treasure in ugly-ifying the Negro's image throughout the world and the Negro's commitment in these campus disturbances is only accentuating this uglification process. The tide of opposition to the Negroes advancement was never stronger in the world than today. The Negro leader who closes his eyes to this grim truth is remiss in his service to his stricken race. The race is divided and leaderless and the opposition unified and this means, in the last analysis, that the Twentieth Century Negro is in trouble.

Our great country is in trouble! Enemies within and without. The peace movement is playing the communist game. The peace advocates do not attempt to say what will happen if we pull out of Vietnam. All they want is to pull out today even if it means Russian take-over tomorrow. This country is today afflicted with a large sector of so-called "citizens" who want to enjoy this country's benefits, but they refuse in their hearts to defend. The last President Kennedy put the matter squarely when he said the big question is not what the country does for the citizen, but what he can do for his country? Our country is in trouble! The Negro is in trouble! The campus riots led by Negroes is the further uglification of the Negro.

World News Digest

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

FIGHTING COLONIALISM

UMAHIA, Biafra - The Biafran peoples "are fighting to break the colonialist myth of perpetual enslavement of the African race," declared Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu, leader of the embattled breakaway section of Nigeria. He made the statement to members of a Zambian mission, headed by Ali Simbule, Zambia's Ambassador to the Ivory Coast. Zambia is one of five countries which has accorded official recognition to Biafra.

ARTHUR-PRIME MINISTER

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad-Dr. Eric Williams, prime minister of independent Trinidad and Tobago, is something of a pace-setter in the ranks of leaders of nations. Unlike many, who wait until their terms of office expires before publishing works on their experiences as heads of countries, Dr. Williams has authored a book while still in office. Its title is "Inward Hunger: The Education of a Prime Minister."

VISITING LECTURER

PENSSELAER, Ind. - The Calumet campus of St. Joseph's college numbers among its faculty Gabriel K. Matumo, Meru, Kenya, as a visiting lecturer in business administration and African culture. A former language teacher, coordinator and cross-culture consultant for the Peace Corps, Matumo is a product of St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex., and the University of Texas.

TOLERANCE PLEA

ZOMBA, Malawi-A plea for racial tolerance was made by Malawi's President Hastings K. Banda in a radio broadcast last week. He called upon citizens of Malawi to "show that Europeans can live in peace under an African government without molestation or interference."

HANDS OFF

LUSAKA - Zambian government leaders have issued orders to members of the United National Independence party (UNIP) to cease attacks upon the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Watchtower religious sect. The orders were issued as government and sect leaders met to iron out their differences of opinion.

ISOLATED

CAPE TOWN-To be a diplomatic representative in South Africa is really no "big thing," as Joe Kachigwe, first secretary at the Malawi legation, has discovered. The first and only Black diplomat in the country, he is

supposed to be accorded equal treatment on the government level, but publicly, he finds that he is no more than another Black African.

PEERAGE

LONDON-Trinidad's first native-born resident to be knighted by England's Queen, Sir Learie Constantine, son of a cocoa worker, last week became Britain's first Black peer. He was elevated to the barony and inducted into the House of Lords. He is now known as Baron Constantine of Marvel (Trinidad) and Nelson (Lancashire county, England).

ALERT

LUSAKA-President Kenneth Kunda has ordered troops to the vicinity of Livingstone to guard the bridge at Victoria Falls, the gateway into Rhodesia. The move was designed to thwart what President Kaunda called "a planned attack on prescribed Zambian positions" from the air by Rhodesia. The tilt is over charges that Zambia is being used as training grounds for freedom fighters harassing white-settler-ruled Rhodesia, South Africa, Mozambique and Angola.

END OF AN ERA

KINSHASA, Congo-Joseph Kasavubu, first President of the Congo, died last week, while in retirement on his farm at Boma, bringing to a finish the career of one more outstanding figure involved in the independence struggles of the country. Kasavubu, who ousted Patrice Lumumba and Moise Tshombe in struggles to rule the former Belgian colony, finally lost in 1965, to Gen Joseph Mobutu, head of the Congo's army.

RESIGNATION

LUSAKA-Criticisms contained in a report by a commission appointed to investigate the affairs of the city council has led to the resignation of two chief members of the council-the mayor and acting town clerk. Mayor Whitsum Banda and Chikako Kama London, were asked to resign by Aaron Miller, Zambian minister of state for local government.

GOBBLED UP

JOHANNESBURG-April 1 was the day South Africa officially annexed the mandated territory of South-West Africa, making it a fifth province of the republic. A mandated area, under the old League of Nations since 1919, the territory is about two thirds the size of South Africa.