

Bible Thought Of The Week

"He (Jesus) could do no mighty work, because of their unbelief", the gospel writers have reported. On this occasion, Jesus visited His hometown, Nazareth in Galilee, but the people's attitude together with the looks on

their faces told the Master: "You are just our neighbor and home boy, we dare you to perform a miracle here." Because of their attitude, the whole town missed a great blessing that Jesus was prepared to give.

Editorial Viewpoint

What Next, Congressman Powell?

Seniority restoration and back pay became the issues recently in the Adam Clayton Powell, (D.N. Y.) case after the Supreme Court's dramatic decision that the congressman was illegally excluded from his seat.

For the moment, we are not going to deal with the question of whether Mr. Powell was right in his every action. If we did, it may well be that we would need to put dozens of other U. S. Congressmen on the stand. However, we still hold that the action of Powell should have been above suspicion.

When the Supreme Court made its decision, there came at once the cry of challenging the court. As one newspaper described the situation, "The House of Representatives has been caught with its biases showing in its illegal exclusion of the Congressman from New York's Harlem."

The war cry of confrontation between the Congress and the Supreme Court led to the proposal of a resolution, offered by Rep. Charles C. Diggs of Michigan, which would restore Powell's back pay and seniority. It is our belief that the Court will support Powell in the restoration of his seniority and payment of back salary - a sizeable sum if you ask us.

Those Congressmen who have in mind challenging the decision of the Supreme Court know that they goof-

ed. There should be no question about whether Mr. Powell should receive recompense and also restoration of his chairmanship of the Education Committee.

Powell's conferees, who said he had broken the law, ought to realize that the Court's decision is a judgment and interpretation of the law of the nation. In defying the Court, the Congress will be guilty of defying "law and order," and this will lower its shirt button one notch.

We were not pleased with some of the things Congressman Powell did, nor were his constituents from Harlem. But the work performance of the man stacks up better than a large number of representatives. He was effective in his committee chairmanship.

When the chips were down, we expected his electors were about to lose their faith in him - even when they reelected him. However, they should be proud they did reelect him now that his exclusion has been pronounced illegal. Yes, his enemies to the contrary notwithstanding.

The issues will soon be resolved, and we hope that the New York Congressman has learned a lesson. Let him pitch in and do the best job he is capable of doing.

Hereafter, by Mr. Powell's fruit ye shall know him!

Dissent In This Country Must Live

The rash of student dissent and campus takeovers should not be placed entirely upon students nor any other of our protesting groups.

The blame must be shared by all of us who help to mold the policies and actions of the government, be they students, faculty members, deans, presidents of industry, leaders in politics, etc. Only by the willingness of all concerned to compromise, communicate, and work out the problems can there be a ready solution to the present crisis.

Many of our leaders suggest that officials "crack the whip" upon the students and other groups like the Panthers, for example. We must not look with disdain upon students as objects of scorn, for they have a side for complaining, too. Students have raised many areas of legitimate concern which the elders and officials must admit.

Whenever certain groups, like our students, become militant, too many officials begin to label them as communists, socialists, hippies, etc. Such labelling can only serve to radicalize the moderates or silent majority.

It is easy to call another person a communist when you can't give a good reason for the label. The communist aren't so powerful that American citizens must look to them to do their thinking. If so, we underestimate our own abilities.

Most all of us will agree with the need for maintenance of law and order and the quelling of riots where destruction of property and the safety of human beings are involved. This does not, however, imply that policemen can be empowered to break up an orderly assembly of people who are not violating any laws.

But it should be recognized that riots and violence do not develop spontaneously, but that they are the outgrowth of deep-seated problems. Violence is not new in this country, and it is a part of our history. Have we forgotten the American Revolutionary War and the events leading up to it? And how about Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Jefferson, who were called radicals in their day? Would they fit into a scheme of orderly, well-behaved, and low-abiding citizens?

No More White Elephant Wars

The United States Senate is considering ways and means to prevent this country from getting into wars similar to the one in Vietnam. However, it is not quite right in trying to use powers not granted to it under the U. S. Constitution. The entire blame cannot be laid upon the shoulders of the executive department.

The recent Senate Manifesto warns President Nixon and his successors not to involve this country in future wars abroad without first getting the approval of Congress. Furthermore, the President is not to promise or use our troops or financial resources to aid any foreign country without "affirmative action" by Congress.

Congress doesn't have this kind of authority and should know better than to issue such a manifesto including these terms. Of course, this resolution is not binding on the President. Nor should it be. Should not our President have certain freedoms in dealing with complex world affairs? If our President wanted to make decisions, after lengthy debates of congressmen, the delay might prove to be disastrous.

Some officials feel that we should never again involve ourselves in an undeclared war. There is great resistance to making integration in school really work, and officials are manipulating school district lines to keep from doing right and being fair to every student. There is still too much practicing of the double standard in distributing monies to state universities and colleges, predominantly white and predominantly black.

Everywhere and through all forms of news media we hear talk about a "letdown" in moral principles that should guide the nation. It doesn't matter whether people do wrong, but rather whether it is morally accepted by society? Citizens will condone almost anything it seems, such as malfeasance in office, crookedness in business, big fish preying upon little ones, while there live millions in ghettos and far too many working for the widow's mite.

The Bible says that a people or nation will reap what it sows!

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

AMERICA'S ADMIRATION FOR VILLAINS

Some time ago, John Conway of Harvard University writing in Daedalus magazine declared the American idea of excellence now depends not upon what the good man does but upon what the gifted man delivers.

I say it was sometime ago because this is the sort of thinking and philosophizing we used to expect of professors. Nowadays the professors are all concerned with how to get the machine guns out of the Dean's office without calling the National Guard.

Mr. Conway's thesis indicates we are all democrats at heart. We are perfectly willing to put businessmen and poets in the same boat even if they don't want to go to the same place. The businessman who goes bankrupt and the poet who cannot rhyme still preserve a moral exterior but since they are not useful to themselves in either state we declare them non-excellent. The multi-millionaire and the Pulitzer Prize winner we are sure have attained excellence and should at the very least provide a cover story for Time magazine.

Mr. Conway's thesis goes a long way explaining why Americans have a covert admiration for thugs like Al

Capone--and the Teamsters time after time elected Jimmy Hoffa their president until the government lawyers saved the Teamsters from themselves. Capone and Jimmy Hoffa exploited their natural talents to the ultimate degree. Sharing a men's room sink with either of these two men meant your watch wasn't safe unless it was in the water, but I've heard it argued neither of them did anything a corporation president wouldn't do if he had thought of it first.

The English have a different idea of excellence. Robin Hood was the last crook the English admire at all and they had to make him a member of the welfare state in order to sing his saga. But the American slogan, as W. C. Fields put it, is, "I steal from the rich in order to give to the poor, us poor."

The Talmud says nothing should terrify us like the sight of the man who is perfectly just. More of us ought to read the Talmud because what really terrifies us is the sight of man who has no scruples. This man does not necessarily menace our physical safety but we defer to him because we admire his boldness. If a man is successful it is amazing the amount of rudeness his colleagues will endure out of admiration.

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

"DE SUN DOES HEAT HOT" Do you remember the fable of the contest between the wind and the sun as to which could make mortal man take off his coat?

Well, I am now in an office which has no fan or air-conditioning. Comfortability is, therefore, out of the question. Sometimes, it seems, that the sun gets hotter than it did when the man was forced to take off his coat. And may I add when the judge pronounced the victory in favor of the sun, I don't know which is the

worse, extreme heat or cold.

On Monday, I plan to walk the "fan requisition" through in one hour preceding a trip to Sears, Roebuck Company.

In studying Negro literature at Alabama State College some years ago, my class studied a sermon by an oldtime black preacher entitled "De Sun Do Move."

It may not move, but I am sure it can put the heat on. And when it does, something has got to give or move. I usually take off my coat.

Letter to the Editor

Editor's Note: Following is a letter read last Wednesday before members of the Raleigh Recreation Advisory Commission at its regular meeting, held at the Velvet Cloak Inn.

To The Editor: We are the Biltmore Hills-Rochester Heights Mother's Recreation Committee.

This is a group of mothers vitally concerned with more and better recreational facilities for our neighborhood. We are keenly aware of the necessity for improving our recreational program and facilities and we are seeking constructive ways to do this.

The residents of this area are hard working people who own their own homes or at least are buying their own homes. We pay taxes, we take pride in our neighborhood and we are concerned about our children and anxious to see that their needs are met.

The Biltmore Hills-Rochester Heights residential section is approximately twelve years old. This is a site set aside in the Biltmore Hills area for recreational purposes, but this site is under developed and ill-equipped. There has been a recreational program, supervised by two adults for at least four years. These two people are well qualified and are doing well under the circumstances, but at the present location there is very little to supervise and no facilities in which

to do it.

There is one small building which houses a limited amount of equipment but no shelter of any sort for the children. When a sudden snow-come comes up the children have to run in order to beat the rain home. More often than not, the rain wins that race. There is no telephone service in the area. Since most residents work full time, it is possible that you would have to go a mile to the nearest telephone (that is to find someone at home and ask permission to use it). There is one picnic table in the area which is most inadequate for any type of arts and crafts which require a flat surface.

We should like to know: What long range plans are underway for the further development of this park? What stages will be completed each year? What are the specific things that can be done this summer to improve our recreational program? We would like to hear your thinking on these questions and we would also like for you to send your answer, in writing to the chairman of this committee.

In order to help you gentlemen in your deliberations, we have prepared a list of reasonable requests to be carried out in this summer's program. We have also attached other suggestions for your long range planning and study.

Mrs. George R. Greene, Chairman.

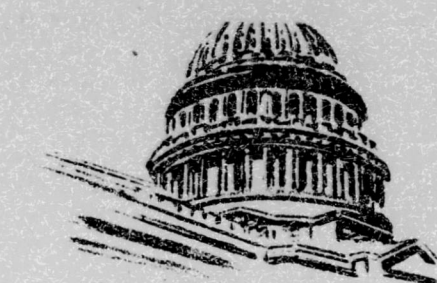
Other Editors Say...

HOOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Hood Theological Seminary and Walls Center is the hub around which the religious activities of Livingstone College revolve. The seminary is "tops" in architectural design and is ideally located to serve a growing ministerial population. Named originally for Bishop James Walker Hood

with a recent addition honoring Bishop William Jacob Walls, two of Zion's greatest, and both having served 44 years in the Episcopacy. It has an able faculty and staff, headed by Dr. Frank R. Brown, that equals any of our seminaries of equal size. It has served the needs of AME Zion and other ministers (it is an interdenominational institution) well. A majority of our present Board of Bishops are among its alumni. Most of the men occupying our leading pulpits are "Hood" men. Their leadership in official and unofficial circles is accepted and acknowledged. The seminary is ample in dormitory, class-room, library and other facilities, to care for a much larger number than those now enrolled there. Six men graduated in the 1969 class, the 1970 and other classes should be much larger. This, in spite of the growing disinterest in religion and the ministry, among so many. We should encourage young people to enter religious careers. This is not to say any of us should have the nerve to tell someone to go out and begin preaching. But we can

A Historical Decision in the Fight for Equal Rights!



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JAMES RESTON NEW YORK TIMES

HE FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT OF THE BLACK COMMUNITIES TO ELECT AND SELECT IT'S OWN REPRESENTATIVES.

Economic Highlights

Just about everyone agrees that positive change in established institutions of business, government and industry is necessary to meet urban and educational problems and all the other stresses of present-day society. Some talk of reform, some of revolution and more than a few are ready to abdicate in favor of all-powerful, centralized authority.

A refreshing light has been cast on the chaotic contemporary scene by Mr. John W. Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, now chairman of the Urban Coalition. He calls for a redesigning of society that will permit "... continuous change, renewal and responsiveness." But while he readily acknowledges "... archaic organizational arrangements..." of existing institutions in government, business, labor and education, he believes centralization of the kind envisioned by many reformers is no answer--far from it.

In Mr. Gardner's opinion, "A society capable of continuous renewal would be characterized first of all by pluralism--by variety, alternatives, choices and multiple focuses of power and initiative. We have just such pluralism in this society. But the logic of modern large-scale organization, governmental or corporate, tends to squeeze out pluralism and to move us toward one comprehensively articulated system of power. If that trend proceeds unchecked in the public sphere, there will soon (say, in 25 years) be no such things as state, county and city government. There will be one all-encompassing governmental system. ... I find myself treasuring every remaining bit of pluralism, everything that stands between us and an all-embracing system. When I hear young people recommending the abolition of private enterprise, I question whether they have weighed the consequences. It may not have occurred to them that socialism or any other alternative to private enterprise would certainly mean the shouldering by government of huge new burdens. Our giant corporations would not disappear. They would simply be

merged into unimaginably vast government ministries. And bureaucracy would conquer all."

On the other hand, Mr. Gardner realistically accepts the inevitability and the need for large-scale organizations. Again, in his words, "All large-scale organizations tend to smother individuality. But today's young person doesn't give due weight to the fact that large-scale organization, properly designed, can also benefit the individual, enrich his life, increase his choices. Everyone lampoons modern technological society, but no one is prepared to those features of modern organizations that strengthen the individual and those that diminish him. ... we can build a society to man's measure, if we have the will."

Perhaps the most fundamental point made by Mr. Gardner is in laying bare the false premise on which radicalism makes its case. Of the people who pursue the course of radicalism, he declares, "They have fallen victim to an old and naive doctrine--that man is naturally good, humane, decent, just and honorable, but that corrupt and wicked institutions have transformed the noble savage into a civilized monster. Destroy the corrupt institutions, they say, and man's native goodness will flower. There isn't anything in history or anthropology to confirm the thesis, but it survives down the generations. ... Anyone who unleashes man's destructive impulses had better stand a long way back. The anarchist paves the way for the authoritarian. The serious citizen will have to learn a simple truth: one must act forcefully to combat injustice, and at the same time one must oppose disorder and violence."

In the end, Mr. Gardner feels, "The chief means by which citizens make their influence felt must continue to be the long-tested, ... procedures of a free society: the ballot, the lawsuit, the strike, the petition. ... He believes we should build on the proven institutions of a pluralistic society. Most U. S. citizens will agree with him."

World News Digest

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

CENSUS FIGURES

LONDON - Britain figures its coloured population, as of 1966, to be at the 1.2 million mark, according to statistics published recently by the General Register office. The approximation is based on information extracted from a 10 per cent sample census taken in 1966.

PILOT TRAINING

LUSAKA - Zambia is to begin training its own airline pilots, effective July 1 when the first class of 30 potential aviators from the University of Zambia will begin training on three Cessna light aircraft. Initially, the trainees will be working to private pilots' licenses. Some 15 per cent of the top trainees will be given a chance to continue their training to win commercial pilot recognition.

HOUSING BIAS

HUDDERSFIELD, England - A complaint was filed with the Race Relations board recently by a Black man who charged he was barred from purchasing a \$9,108 home because of his race. Mahesh Upadhyaya, 27-year-old electrician, charged that the real estate firm of George Haigh and Company, Ltd., Dalton, told him that "it is not our policy to sell to colored people."

PASSING APPROVED

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observe closely and when we are convinced the Lord has spoken to someone, we should encourage them to take advantage of what the seminary has to offer. Incidentally, scholarships, grant-in-aids, and other forms of assistance are offered. Thus, if anyone wishes to better prepare him or herself for the ministry or Christian work, one of the better things to do is head for "Hood" in the fall. We hope the number as indicated will be increased, but not at the expense of quality. It is much better to continue with

a few consecrated students, who are looking forward to making a definite contribution, than a larger number who go out feeling the world and Church owes them a living. If one plans to enter the Seminary with hopes of entering the "top" financial market when he graduates, he had better take a second look also. There is really no comparison between the starting pay of a school-teacher or similar professional person and the pay of the seminary graduate. But, if one is really committed to a cause greater than himself, sees where the seminary can and will help in better preparing him for service, and upon graduation will go out (God leading him) and throw himself into the struggle of lifting mankind, the seminary can be of great help. Everyone take a hard look at Hood and her great possibilities. Let us also look for those whom God has touched. Whatever our hands find to do for her, "Do it with all of your might."

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