

Bible Thought Of The Week

"Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven," Jesus said. In this saying, the Master is not promising an arrogant dominance over others as a reward, but simply stating that in the inner

world where heaven is, true humility gives the greatest measure of inspiration of guidance, of power. The twelve disciples soon learned that this was the kind of greatness Jesus meant.

Editorial Viewpoint

Be Careful In Addressing Your Letters

These days, considerable criticism is made against the United States postal system regarding inefficient services, mail delays, and so forth. But have the complainers considered the other side of the coin? The U. S. Post Office places much of the blame for mail delay upon envelopes addressed improperly. The Post Master General says that about one of every two first-class letters mailed in this country every day is addressed incorrectly.

Whenever a letter contains an inadequate address, this is what happens. Since there is no return address, the letter goes to the dead letter office for processing. Here it is opened by the proper authorities in an effort to try to determine from the letter where it is intended to go.

If this has to be done, the cost to the U. S. Post Office is 60 cents for a single letter.

Our postal system handles 83 billion pieces of mail annually, and it has been giving some good advice which evidently has gone unheeded.

We want our readers to do their part in keeping the mail moving with speed and dispatch. Be sure, therefore, to include on each letter your return address. Make it complete, zip code and all, and get it right. Write the name and the address of the person to whom the letter is being sent correctly.

Observing these little rules will save the government millions of dollars each year and speed up your letters to their destination.

Castro Supporters Can Ruin Future

The Havana radio announced recently that approximately 300 Americans, including members of the Black Panthers and the Students for a Democratic Society, are going to Cuba to help in Fidel Castro's big 10 million-ton sugar cane drive.

We learn that these Americans will make the trip in the next few months "in defiance of the official United States ban on travel to Cuba." The volunteer cane cutters will arrive in Cuba in two groups. The first is expected about November and the second early next January, according to the U. S. Liberation News Service.

Each group will work for two months, it is reported.

In order to understand this movement, it should be reported that Castro is presently engaged in a massive drive to harvest 10 million tons of sugar by July, 1970. It is doubtful, according to the experts, that he will achieve this goal; certainly 300 U. S. workers employed for two months is not going to be of much help.

The two organizers of the U. S. brigades are Alan Young of Liberation News Service and Alan Berman of a newspaper called "The Movement."

The Atomic Testing Theory

A University of Pittsburgh professor, Dr. Sternglass, reports that atomic testing may have caused the death of approximately 400,000 babies in U. S. A. This is only a theory, and he has no real facts to support his contention.

At once the theory invited criticism to the effect that theory is solely on animal research in Sweden. Some scientists say his conclusions are based upon the inadequate data, rigged perhaps for political purposes, or on mistaken use of the data.

What is more, the Atomic Energy Commission and United States Public Health Service have so-called better explanations which should relieve any fears that Professor Sternglass' public assertions may have aroused.

The Pittsburgh professor's thesis

Who Is Going To Turn In Firearms?

The proposed action by the President's commission on violence concerning handguns appears sensible, but utterly absurd. What hoods are going to line up and turn their guns?

It is ridiculous to think that by outlawing guns, the crime rate can be significantly reduced. To be successful all persons would have to turn in their handguns to the federal government. Can you picture gangsters lining up and ready to turn in their weapons?

We believe that the only thing that a law of this nature would accomplish would be that those A-

mericans who own handguns will consider this an invasion upon their rights and many will not turn in their guns just because of the principle involved. Actually this kind of law would in effect create thousands of outlaws who otherwise would never dream of breaking the law.

To us it would be more effective if the addition or a certain number of years go along with the sentencing of the criminal who used handgun.

Maybe the commission should have recommended a law that would empower the federal and state governments to take guns away from criminals and gangsters.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

JULES VERNE, WE ARE HERE!

Watching the blast-off at Cape Kennedy, I met Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia. He told me I didn't understand the Southern way of life. I said those three men in the space ship were setting off for the twenty-first century and he was still living in the eighteenth.

The Southern way of life, whatever it was, can't really have much meaning when we are about to colonize the moon to my way of thinking and Lester Maddox presumes me a radical out to destroy happiness and motherhood for motives of simple jealousy. And our differences are a microcosm of the perilous twentieth century.

We live in the same time and the same place and from the press section at the Cape watch the same awe-inspiring venture and still we have nothing to say to each other that makes sense.

Alfred Nobel invented dynamite which he thought would help twentieth century man make this planet more inhabitable, more accessible. When instead dynamite made men only more warlike, he bequeathed his fortune to establish the Nobel prizes. We have spent billions to put astronauts on the moon in the hopes this is the first step in taming the universe. Yet one of the refrains I heard at Kennedy was that the next war will be won by the side which best exploits and controls outer space. What prize will compensate for that?

I saw the blast-off as 25 million others. Like 25 million others it was Jules Verne come to life. As a boy I read every word Jules Verne ever wrote. Jules Verne was my

idea of imagination at its height, its full powers exercised. Here was a space ship bound for outer space, people in every remote corner of this globe able to watch its ascent.

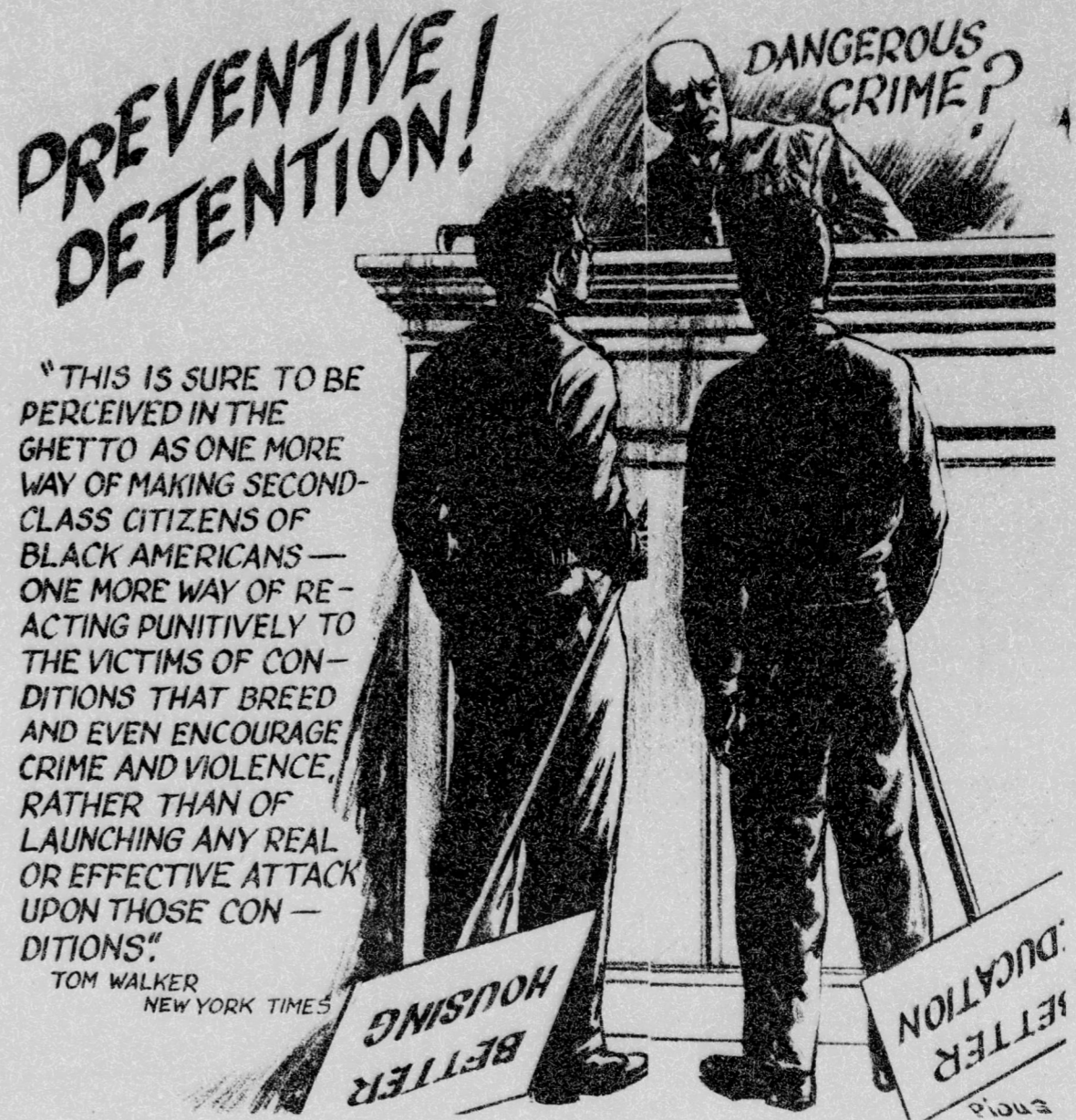
Yet there might be something about the scene Jules Verne would not comprehend. Jules Verne's world was a stable world, or at least the world of his imagination was stable. It wasn't rent by hunger in Africa, inequities in the United States, tyranny in Russia. Touring the world in 80 days meant a man needed access to the Middle East and to the Orient. There are many of us who have a better chance of walking the moon than of ever seeing Cairo or Peking.

Senator Richard Russell has voiced the hope that if we are doomed virtually to destroy the planet he hopes what few survivors are left will be American citizens. Why someone would wish this upon Americans I have no idea.

These are the sobering thoughts I think we should entertain as men open up the door of the twenty-first century. If we are sending men upstairs to help obliterate ourselves, save a precious few who will be able to remember the Pledge of Allegiance, then I say the sooner the better. If we are sending them upstairs and declaring a holiday to take the populace's mind off hunger, inequity, and oppression didn't work for the Romans and they had a smaller world to manipulate.

If saying "Jules Verne, we are here," is at least a promise that the conquest of space may help earth, possibly we have spent the money wisely. The thrill of the matter will be meaningful.

Will Preventive Detention Become Class Legislation



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TOM WALKER
NEW YORK TIMES

Jest For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

FOOLISH IDEAS

Often foolish ideas were once good ones, and why they changed we don't know. At least we think we don't know. Maybe we should have changed them.

If you read and view the news media, you will find the dozen or more arguments you need.

The Remains Sent On: Students tell me, when turning a part of an assignment, that they will turn in the remainder tomorrow.

But when it comes to Uncle Sam's income tax, it is another thing altogether.

One respondent told Old Uncle: "I don't know why you should be interested in the length of my residence in this city but I have nothing to hide. It is 31 feet, eight inches long and there's attached a garage." Oh, what about words and their ways!

"You have a computer that knows everything about taxpayers. I'd appreciate getting the name of the woman my husband is spending his money on."

Everything isn't serious with Old Uncle at all. Collecting tax is his spice of life.

MOON WALK WON'T CHANGE OUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS
To The Editor:

I guess there is no doubt in the minds of most of us that witnessed the moon shot, viewed it as an unbelievable, fantastic, astounding, remarkable scientific achievement. And all who took a part in it deserve the praises of all Americans, and the world should be made a better place as a result of it. I must admit, however, that I feel a little doubtful about all of the good that will come out of man's first exploration of the moon. Astronaut Neil Armstrong's first words upon contact with the moon were "small step for man, a giant step for mankind." President Nixon described it as the greatest week of achievements since the creation of the world, a move toward peace and harmony throughout the world. In contrast to all of these great expectations, while we earthlings are suffering from tax exhaustion, the high cost of living, race problems, the rising crime rate in our cities, violence in our streets and universities, thousands upon thousands suffering from malnutrition and starvation, our government continues to spend billions of dollars on a program that is sapping the very life out of the American public.

We cannot afford to let the

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moon shot success rob us from our earthly obligation. The Vietnam war is far from being settled, but President Nixon has committed the United States to aid in Thailand in the event of danger from Communist influence and aggression. If we are to bring peace to a troubled world, feed our hungry masses, raise the living standards of the very poor, clean up our ghettos, right the wrongs done our black citizens and minority groups, then the first commitment should be to home, not the moon and other countries.

We could continue to sit idly by and let violence destroy us. In recent months, we have seen what violence can do to our cities and universities, our society and individuals. Just to refresh our memory, we have witnessed violence and hate in its worse form strike down two of our best loved countrymen. Men who preached love and goodwill, men who had a dream of making America truly the land of the free and the home of the brave, men who never lost faith in America and mankind, men who dedicated their lives to improving the lot of all people from all walks of life. As a result of violence these two men are dead. One was black and one was white; both were dedicated to the same purpose and same cause.

May God have mercy on us here in America and forgive us for our transgressions, and erase from our hearts the hate, greed and selfishness that blinds us to the need for love and brotherhood. I would like to quote the words of Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., wife of the late civil rights leader: "How many husbands, how many fathers and how many sons must die before we as men, women, youths and children as a nation will rise up in righteous indignation and demand an end to senseless violence?"

Senator Kennedy's death was deprived the nation of one of its greatest champions of freedom, human dignity and peace. We must put an end to violence or it will put an end to us. Surely the tragic and untimely death of this brilliant and dedicated leader must cause each of us to ponder our sense of responsibility in

A basic tenet of the U. S. constitutional system of government is that everyone is entitled to a fair and open trial when charged with offenses against the laws of the land. Safeguarding citizens against secret political trials and persecution for political or religious beliefs is fundamental to the American system.

Under the umbrella of these safeguards, in spite of seeming periods of dissension and turbulence, the nation has progressed steadily toward the high goal of equal rights and equal opportunities for everyone—regardless of race, creed or color. The civil rights movement in the U. S. has advanced faster than most people realize. This advance has been achieved largely because the movement and the individuals within it have been legally secure. Above all, no man need fear the party in power nor the terrifying hand of political oppression wielded by state authority.

Civil rights movements are not unique to the U. S., but the obstacles to progress are much grimmer in other lands. The National Observer, in a lengthy article, tells how civil rights protesters have been faring in recent years in Russia. Mr. Mark R. Arnold, author of The Observer article, reveals clearly what happens in a country where the people live unprotected from political authoritarianism. Secret police, secret "trials," jail and hard labor in state prison camps are the price of nonconformity. Secret executions are common. Open dissent in the press and other communications media is virtually unknown. The writings of dissenters and intellectual non-conformists are seized and destroyed.

"Today," says Mr. Arnold, "little noticed in the United States, a new and growing civil rights movement is taking hold in the Soviet Union.... its members are protesting a range searches..." Official response to the activities of protesters have caused observers to fear

a new wave of Stalinist repression. The dissenters have been subjected to a wave of political trials, many held in secrecy. "Several hundred suspected dissidents," reports Mr. Arnold, "have been jailed, banished to Siberia, placed in mental institutions or forced labor camps for their 'subversive' activities."

Others have been subjected to around-the-clock surveillance, phone taps, reprisals, searches of home or office, and administrative measures ranging from loss of job seniority, or travel rights, to loss of membership in a union or the Communist Party. Also, according to Mr. Arnold, publications and publishing houses adhering to the Party line have imposed strict censorship and have "... unleashed a torrent of abuse on those who stray from acceptable party limits." One of the most courageous dissenters has been the grandson of the late Maxim Litvinov, Stalin's prewar foreign minister. For defying the authorities and reporting the proceedings of a supposedly secret trial, he was sentenced to five years in Siberian exile.

What is to become of the civil rights movement in Russia no one can tell. However, the price that must be paid by those who oppose the State in a nation where citizens are deprived of the protection of law is a high one and should serve as a clear lesson to those who lack respect for the law in the United States. Concludes Mr. Arnold, "It is doubtful that Soviet authorities can destroy the movement for political liberty in Russia... On the other hand, an adroit use of selective terror—as is now being practiced—can severely inhibit the movement's growth." Obviously, those in the U. S. who scorn the law in achieving their ends have had no experience with the mailed fist of political oppression. The law is still the best friend of minorities and dissenters.

World News Digest

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

BLACK CITY

PRETORIA - White South Africa is determinedly pursuing its goal of separate development of the races, and has gone so far as to plan a new city--to be peopled solely by Black Africans--that will be larger in area than Pretoria. Known as Mabopane, the city will be located 15 miles north of the Pretoria's boundary, will replace two existing townships--Mamelodi and Atteridgeville, built at a cost of \$28 million and housing 116,000 persons --and will house more than 300,000 people.

COMMONWEALTH YET

SAN JUAN - Puerto Rico celebrated its 17th anniversary as a commonwealth under U. S. rule last July 25, with background noises being made as usual about statehood and independence. The island country is hopelessly split over whether to retain its commonwealth status, become independent wholly of the United States, or become the 51st state of the union.

ZAMBIANIZATION

LUSAKA - Another phase of Zambian life is headed for complete Africanization, as the result of a white judicial clash with the government. The clash, involving a court case in which two Portuguese soldiers illegally crossed over the border from neighboring Mozambique, has led the government to begin a mass replacement of white European judge by Africans.

GET IT, FLAUNT IT

NASSAU, Bahamas - The threat of water shortage on New Providence island has led the Bahamian government to order the con-

struction of a \$4.5 million desalting plant, designed to produce 2.5 million gallons of water a day. The thinking of the government is that since there is so much water surrounding the Bahamas, why not make it fit for drinking purpose. The plant is scheduled to be in operation by the end of 1970.

CUT RATE MEMBERS

UNITED NATIONS - A suggestion has been put to the UN General assembly to institute "associate memberships" into the world body for those countries too poor to afford full memberships. The plan would give the associates the same rights as the present 126 full members, except that of voting in the assembly and being elected to UN bodies.

SEA GRABS

LIMA, Peru - Since there seems to be no more land on earth handy for the taking-without retaliation--and the only piece of real estate that has not been charted or cut up is the moon, two nations have joined the trend toward grabbing more water. Peru has passed a law extending its territorial limits 200 miles out into the ocean. Trinidad is readying legislation to extend its territorial waters from three to 12 miles out.

POP MUSIC BAN

LUSAKA - The African way of life, culture and heritage has claimed another victim in Zambia. Last week, the state-owned Zambian Broadcasting Service announced a ban on the playing of western and pop music on the air. Instead, the station will broadcast "Zambian music or music from other African artists."

bringing an end to this kind of insanity.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., never abandoned their

faith in America. Those of us who love them and believed in what they stood for, can do no less than carry on the cause for which they sacrificed their

lives. We must never let it be said that we have become a nation without a soul.

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