

Bible Thought Of The Week

The basic teachings of Jesus were compassion. In regards to delinquency, there is a right and wrong way to deal with the problem. The method of condemnation and blame has been followed for centuries. Parents have done it, teachers have done it, preachers have done it, society has done it, but Jesus did not do so.

His only condemnation was of the hypocrites, of those who pretended to be religious and were not, of those who posed as good and preyed upon others from a position of social advantage. Remember that tolerance should be based upon understanding.

Editorial Viewpoint

Army MD Urges 'PX Prostitutes'

Whether the PX should or should not run houses of prostitution is not for this newspaper to say, but the issue deserves at least a factual presentation.

Armies of many nations have had more or less formal programs for their troops. Prostitutes brought in by the French were among the victims at Dien Bien Phu, the former French fortress in what is now North Vietnam.

The top Army medical officer in Vietnam suggests that post exchanges throughout the country offer U. S. troops a new service--prostitutes. The aim is to reduce venereal disease through strict medical control of prostitutes and the men who use their services.

Brig. Gen David E. Thomas, surgeon general, U. S. Army, Vietnam, and commander of the 44th Medical Brigade at Army headquarters in South Vietnam, is serious about the suggestion of Army control over prostitution.

Thomas said: "If the military were permitted to run homes of prostitution as a part of the post exchange system, we could reduce venereal disease down to a very, very low figure, merely by being able to supervise the operation, if not all the way, at least from the time the soldier goes into the room until the time he comes out."

There is no doubt that Thomas' suggestion will cause an uproar in the United States, that it will conflict with present Army policy of suppressing prostitution whenever possible.

But looking seriously at the suppression policy regarding prostitution, it must be admitted that it is presently winked at by a number of commanders and medical officers in Vietnam. No matter what the "hard-core" Christian may think, we must admit that prostitution is a necessary evil, inasmuch as no one has as yet found a better solution to the problem.

Proponents for the "army-run system of prostitution" believe it may be looked upon soon with favor, since the United States is getting more sexually permissive. Judges are condoning topless shows, and now they are considering whether it's all right to have bottomless ones, too.

Various groups will take issue with an "Army-controlled prostitution plan," but we know full well that harlots, concubines, and "ladies of the evening" have been with us and the army camps for "Lord knows how long."

Regardless of how various citizens look at the sins of enlisted men and their women, they can't, in all honesty, say that the sin does not exist.

The present issue is, does the country want to control it to insure better health among our men in the services. It is our responsibility to present the different sides of this serious legal-moral issue.

In arriving at your moral convictions about the matter, seriously you must let your conscience be your guide.

Like The New Style? Well, You'll Soon Know

When the miniskirts, and the accessories that go with them came in, most of us just took it casually since we were sure that it wouldn't last long, anyway. But the miniskirts outlasted our anticipations.

What we are afraid of now is that condonement of topless wear could easily lead to bottomless dress.

They tell us that we won't have to wait long for the real and popular styles if we can judge from the theme of the new California fashion shows this year, where the emphasis has been upon "funny, funky, and freedom."

When reports told us the designers would parade their new creations, we thought the matter would be settled at least for the present. Sure-

County Has Black-White Advisory School Council

In an effort to solve the local problems connected with school integration, the small county of Hernando, Florida, selected five blacks and five whites to serve in an advisory capacity to end a week's school walkout and other problems.

The Citizen's Advisory Council was made up of barbers, yard men, house cleaners, etc, to help the board iron out its complex school integration problems.

Hernando High School has about 190 black students and more than 800 whites. Trouble brewed over the playing of "Dixie" at a football game, because Negroes considered the song offensive. To show their resentment, Negro students stayed away from school.

When the county superintendent

and school board agreed to appoint the 10-man advisory group, Negro students were expected to return to school. "Dixie" isn't out, but it will be studied by the advisory group. To help ease tension, a Negro, 31, was named assistant principal at the school where the trouble is brewing.

School officials were concerned, because the absence of the black students caused Hernando County to lose about \$12,000 in state funds in one week.

Hernando county officials took a step in the right direction in easing the tensions at the school. An advisory body can do a lot of good, if county officials follow their wise suggestions.

President Of State University: First Black

For more than a century, Negroes have been principals and presidents of both private, church, and state colleges for black students.

Then two weeks ago, a Negro, for the first time, was selected president of Michigan State University at East Lansing and will assume office on January second, next year. The man is Dr. Clifton Reginald Wharton, Jr., 43, a Negro economist from New York City.

Dr. Wharton will succeed Dr. John A. Hannah, who has retired after 23 years at MSU to take a foreign-

aid post with the Nixon Administration.

Being black, Wharton's selection was marred by bitter political feuding among MSU trustees, who split 5 to 3 in Wharton's favor, after rejecting G. Mennen Williams, a six-term Michigan governor, with the vote reverse.

Wharton is qualified for the position; and, at the same time, young enough to meet the challenges of these changing times.

Dr. Wharton has our moral support.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

IS SPACE CHRISTIAN?

The astronauts sang Christmas carols on one of their careers around the moon, they read passages from Genesis, and on the moon itself, one of them administered himself Holy Communion.

One legal suit has already been instituted alleging that such activity is a breach of the separation of church and state. Some question the propriety of prayer in outer space, some applaud it. Unfortunately, the National Aeronautical Space Administration has not as yet spared its computers, scientists, and administrators to determine which, if any, religion to take to outer space or whether we should take all of them.

I am about to offer my own thoughts on this subject but I shall digress to urge NASA to move before Congress gets hold of this issue. Every issue not budgetary becomes a burning issue and burning issues do the blood pressure of superannuated office holders little good.

In the past God has manifested Himself. He parted the Red Sea, He sent manna from heaven, He gave His only begotten Son, He advised Mohammed, and He sent rain to the aborigine who prayed for it. So far He has not manifested Himself to advise us how to go about His work in outer space.

Unless I hear to the contrary, I am quite sure He doesn't

want us to bother with His will in outer space. As a numen of great logic and sense, I think He would rather we clean up His work here on earth first.

There's enough on earth to knock the hell out of Christianity, to make even the most pious of Jews wonder about the advisability of the dietary laws, and to make the Mohammedan question just what sort of seating arrangements Allah has provided in Seventh Heaven.

Ecumenism is on our earthly agenda but no one would call it a driving force among the world's religions today. Once we do convene we have an awful lot of differences to thrash out. As for instance, the Dead Sea scrolls which the scholars have been translating for the last 15 years suggest perhaps Jesus borrowed from the hagiography of the pre-Christian Essenes.

The English have been eating pork for centuries and while they did not uncover the Jealous God they still managed to devise the writ of habeas corpus and to issue the Magna Carta.

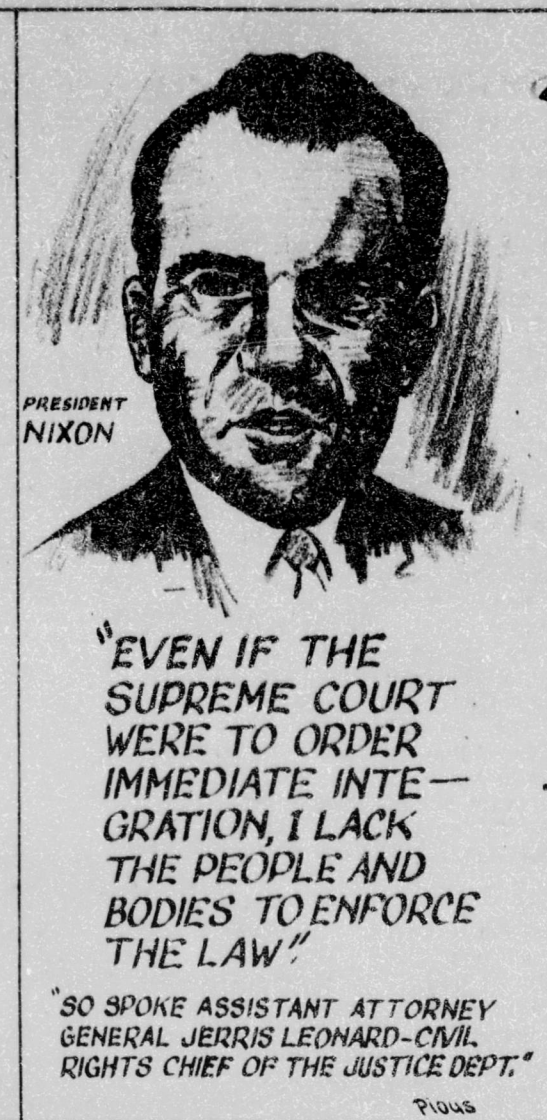
Now the Egyptians and the Arabs have generals whose sworn purpose it is to keep as many soldiers out of Seventh Heaven as possible.

No, no, I think we have an awful lot to do just getting the astronauts back and forth without worrying what they ought to carry with them.

Commitment to Enforce the Law of Encouragement to White Lawlessness?



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PRESIDENT NIXON

THREE PRESIDENTS ENFORCED THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON DESEGREGATION.
THE LAW OF THE LAND

"EVEN IF THE SUPREME COURT WERE TO ORDER IMMEDIATE INTEGRATION, I LACK THE PEOPLE AND BODIES TO ENFORCE THE LAW"

"SO SPOKE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JERRIS LEONARD-CIVIL RIGHTS CHIEF OF THE JUSTICE DEPT."

PLANS

Economic Highlights

It has been nearly three decades since that fateful day of December 7, 1941, when American defenses of the Western Sea Frontier were all but destroyed in the surprise attack of the Japanese on Pearl Harbor. In a matter of minutes our ships were sunk and planes destroyed. In the precarious months that followed, our military forces fought grimly with inferior, obsolete equipment while the industrial might of America was obliterated with what seemed like agonizing slowness.

No one who lived through those days will ever forget the men who bought time for the nation with their lives. This was part of the dreadful penalty of unpreparedness. Current debate over military spending might logically be expected to recall those perilous days of 1941. Yet, significantly, a recent Gallup Poll indicated that 52 per cent of the public now regard military spending as too high. The Poll apparently reflects popular concern over the "military-industrial complex." It no doubt also reflects the desire of a great many people to devote a larger share of the tax dollar to such domestic problems as urban decay, poverty and expansion of various welfare programs.

Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird has announced military budget cutbacks of \$3 billion. In proposing the cutbacks, he warns that they would cause an "inevitable weakening of our worldwide military posture." The cuts include, among other things, a reduction in uniformed personnel, a substantial drop in civilian employees of the defense department and decommissioning of about 100 naval vessels. Proposals to curb military research and development expenditures for new weapons will in all likelihood meet strong opposition from Secretary Laird, who frequently expresses his fear that the Russians are threatening to overtake the U. S.

Another strong opponent of excessive cutbacks in defense spending is Senator John Stennis of Mississippi. Like the Secretary of Defense, he is a supporter of research and development. He believes if cutbacks in weapons programs go too far, the U. S. by 1975 will have an obsolete Army, Navy and Air Force.

Speaking on the floor of the Senate, he warned, "... it is the height of folly to start cutting off future modern weapons in this deadly age..." He accepts without dispute the premise that certain cuts in military operations are proper subjects of debate. But, he strongly emphasizes the danger of curtailing programs which emphasize the danger of curtailing procurement programs that would undermine modernization of the armed services and believes this would leave the nation with no way to protect itself except by starting a nuclear war.

The Senator says, "... the Senate has been debating the justification for authorizing funds for our most important weapon systems. Amendments have been introduced which would eliminate or substantially retard vital programs. If the Congress eliminates the fund authorizations for these major weapon systems programs, we are radically and dramatically reducing the capability of our military establishment to defend our people and carry out our national policy. In the 1950's it was the national defense policy of our nation to rely on massive nuclear retaliation. Subsequently, we began to realize that the United States should have more than one response to aggression. The results of a nuclear holocaust were too devastating to imagine. It was, therefore, decided that the United States should have sufficient conventional military forces to cope with aggression without necessarily being forced to resort to nuclear weapons. So far the new Administration, to my knowledge, has not changed the national policy of the past eight or more years."

In spite of polls and proposals that seem to indicate a desire to cut defense spending at any cost, the chances are that when the smoke of controversy and debate clears away U. S. citizens will be found on the side of those working to preserve the best and most modern military establishment the nation is capable of producing--an establishment that can respond to any emergency--nuclear or conventional.

The Forgotten American?

BY LEON S. WHITE

Much has been said in political circles lately of the "forgotten American." When something or someone is forgotten, life has usually passed it or him by. So, we get a similar picture when such a phrase as "forgotten" American is used.

People all over the country-side know when it comes to "low man" on the ladder that non-white minority group members are constantly battling among each other for the coveted title of "low man." After all, these are the people who have been stepped on, walked over, shoved around and, generally speaking, witnessing life pass them by.

However, the Federal Government has proclaimed that the label of "Forgotten American" will not go to any non-white minority group. Instead, the middle class members of white society will be known for now on as forgotten Americans. It seems paradoxical in that the government remembered to give white, middle class America adequate housing. It remembered to give to them decent employment. It remembered to give to them modern educational facilities. And, instances of government's "not forgetting" white, middle class America goes on and on.

Let slip by. Or it may be an intrepid reporter whose nose for news ferrets out the fact that some well known product actually contains harmful ingredients. Or it may be a disgruntled federal employee who leaks the story that spraying vegetables has been proven to be harmful to man or may be giving cows penicillin could prove harmful to persons allergic to penicillin.

Over the years most of us have read several stories of this type. But those bureaucrats and lazy "all the news that fit to print" news media persons fall to alert us and warn us about these dangers.

When this newspaper learns of these things we make an immediate report to our readers and hopefully they act. One more thought, if cigarettes are bad why play around. Treat them like any

other dangerous drug and do something radical like making it illegal to own cigarettes.

POT AND THE GOVERNMENT

The newspaper, five years ago, took the position that marijuana was not habit forming, did not necessarily lead to greater addiction and, in fact, was no worse than coffee (caffiene) and cigarettes (nicotine). This week the federal government not only endorsed our thoughts, but added another of our thoughts to their news making. The other thoughts is that narcotic addicts should not be treated like criminals. We took this very same position seven years ago when only black people were being arrested on a wholesale basis and being thrown into jail.

Our plea at that time that addiction to narcotics came out of frustration with society and the integral problems therein. We found no support in this belief and even in the belief that narcotics should be sold at the corner drug store for those who need them. We pointed out that England has had a measure of success in this direction and we could do off the thousands of dollars made by criminals who are the real culprits behind the narcotic traffic.

For years we have wondered why the federal government had not adopted this simple means of curbing narcotic traffic. The men who make the real money in dope are the big guys who bring the stuff into the country and are hardly ever behind bars.

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Jest For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

IS LIVING CHEAP?

I wonder who started that advertisement that "two can live just as cheaply as one," bachelors, don't let it fool you!

Living in the past has one thing in its favor--it's cheaper.

The Tampa Bulletin warns us not to believe that "junk" that black people are lazy and don't want to work. The Bulletin calls it a damn lie (no, I didn't say it.)

It was long assumed that since black folk were unwilling to work, they were therefore satisfied with their condi-

tion of life, poverty, slums, ignorance and poor housing. We get small wages, but when we go to the stores, we don't get discount prices as ghetto residents.

We must not let other people "flowrate" us by calling us most immoral. Don't believe it. Look around and notice all the color hues of black people in the slums and everywhere in the U. S. Black cannot produce, white, yellow, or brown.

Don't believe everything you see in print, hear over the radio, and view over your television set.

Other Editors Say . .

HAYNESWORTH AGAIN?
We realize that President Nixon does not want to lose the Clement Haynesworth appointment. We realize also that the white paper Senator Birch Bayh and other compiled on Haynesworth is tainted by error. But for Nixon to talk about guilty by association and decri the witch hunting of the senate judiciary committee makes us go back a few years. We remember the Alger Hiss affair. This was the case that made Richard Nixon in this country and ultimately catapulted him into the presidency.

This newspaper, even though black oriented, has not protested the Haynesworth appointment with the specious argument that he was anti-Negro or anti-Union. The Supreme Court and top offices often times change a man. Our criticism of the Haynesworth appointment is merely that too much of his dirty linen has been washed in public. Calling it smear tactics or guilt by association will not change the fact that Judge Haynesworth business dealings leave much to be desired.

Nixon is properly right when he says no judge could stand the type of scrutiny to which Haynesworth has been subjected. But the fact is that Haynesworth has been subjected to this kind of scrutiny and the resulting intelligence has ruined any effectiveness he could have on the Court.

In spite of the growing dissatisfaction with the appointment the President of the United States again reiterated that he supported the appointment. To us this was almost an obscene statement and an insult to the American People.

But the statement could also mean several other things. It could mean that there have

been several unreported defections and in desperation the president is throwing the strength of the president behind this appointment in the hope that he can shore up a cracking wall. Nixons repeat performance could also mean that he is insensitive to what is going on around him and realizes that a defeat could mean a lack of confidence in his administration.

No matter the reason it becomes obvious that Mr. Nixon is going to charged with that will known disease called mouth in foot. His intemperate remarks concerning the moratorium and his recent reiteration of support for Haynesworth makes one suspect that he not only does not respect the right of dissent, but also has no respect for the intelligence of the citizens.

THE FEDERAL TURTLE
A lot of folks are upset about Cyclamate, the artificial sweetener that has come under federal scrutiny and has been given what amounts to a death blow by newspaper and vocal media accounts of its dangers.

This whole thing is an indictment against the slowness of the federal authorities and the so-called news media whose job it is to inform public.

As far back as 1966 the government had information that Cyclamate was dangerous. Doctors across the country had reported negative results from patients who protested that they were having side effects from use of the sweetener.

But bureaucracy being what it was it took until dooms day for the government to have the guts to say this may be bad for the citizens.

How many other like reports are lying in some bureaucratic basket? How many other reports may be suppressed for many unknown reasons.

Allen Ginsberg, known as a pornographer because of his racy magazines, has actually made immense contributions to the body literature. These contributions came in one of his better known magazines known as FACT. As far back as 1967 FACT carried articles citing the dangers of Cyclamate. It is now the end of 1969 and the federal government begins to slowly move on pointing out the dangers to its citizens. In those two years how many people were damaged because of this slowness?

There are many such reports. In some of the little read periodicals and enterprising editor will unearth a damn good story concerning pest infested food the government

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