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The Prayer For Today

From The Upper Room

PRAYER: Our Father, we are grateful for the Lord's Day—an oasis of rest and worship in the desert of human life. May we use the day fully for refreshment of body, mind, and spirit. Amen.

Its United Appeal Time

Our city is a much better place to live because of such people and institutions as the Souths, Salvation Army, YMCA, and the other United Appeal agencies. Once a year we're asked to contribute to them. They are the backbone of our city.

Many dedicated men and women this morning gathered at the stadium to launch the annual United Appeal campaign. We would hope they can make short work by seeing the \$100,000 goal in pledges and cash. All the volunteers will take time off from their jobs and businesses to insure the campaign's success.

United Appeal allows each person to know exactly how much he contributes to "worthy causes," for there is but one drive each year to fund all the agencies. One pledge or one check makes the total effort.

Workers today began to make the rounds of factories and businesses. Reports reaching the newspaper indicate that the community again will come up with the wherewithal to sustain the things for which we are so proud.

We beg everyone to have a willing and generous spirit when a volunteer calls.

Needed: Harmless Curb on Riots

Back in the 1960s, when city ghettos were exploding like firecrackers on a string, there was a great deal of discussion about the need for developing nonlethal means of crowd control.

There were reports of work on "bean-bag" and other kinds of guns that stunned people without harming them, and literally swept rioters off their feet. But except for Mace, an agent which temporarily immobilizes when sprayed directly in the face, we have not progressed beyond the traditional means of riot control—tear gas, clubs and . . . bullets.

The tragedy at Altice, in which police shot down one of the very hostages they were attempting the prison to rescue, along with 30 prisoners, is a more dramatic plea for better methods of riot control than any other event in recent history, Kent State included.

The prison corridors and grounds were saturated with tear gas, creating a fog-like condition. The hostages were crowded in prisoner garb and the last time some of them had been seen was on the parapet with assigned executioners standing behind them with rifles at the ready.

In such a situation, there was little time to discriminate among targets, or even to determine if it was necessary to shoot at all.

The result, as Gov. Rockefeller said, was to make the tragedy even deeper than we had first believed.

Surely, after all the years of secret work on nerve gas, this country should have been able to develop a mild and temperately incapacitating gas that could be used in a precisely such a situation as Altice, something that could have paralyzed or put to sleep prisoners and hostages alike.

Tear gas apparently is useless as an incapacitating agent. The police at Altice obviously did not trust it as effective. Bullets and bayonets, as we have seen, are all too often fatally and permanently effective.

The physical power in the hands of law officers is like having a car with brakes that either lock the wheels or don't work at all. That is, the restraining force must be applied gradually, judiciously. In most other cases it must be used or not used at all.

It is unfair, to the police as well as their victims, that this is the only kind of force at their disposal.

EDITORIAL RESEARCH REPORTS

Old Argument Over Intelligence Returns

By HOYT GIMLIN

AN OLD ARGUMENT is being upped again over whether intelligence is the product of nature or nurture. It is 15 per cent difference between hereditary factors and environment, according to a study by a psychologist at the University of California at Berkeley.

Psychologist Arthur Jensen found out a couple of years ago. He was flooded with hate mail, made the verbal target of S.D.S. street riots and became a campus pariah for suggesting in print that blacks lag behind whites not just in measurable I.Q. but in inherited intelligence.

Jensen concluded, as have a number of other experts, that among the general population the genetic factor accounts for about 10 per cent in determining intelligence and only about 30 per cent in the social, cultural and physical environment, plus illness and prenatal conditions. In I.Q. testing, white Americans tend to score about 15 per cent

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

President Gave Significant Answers To Economic Questions

...by David Lawrence

WASHINGTON — PRESIDENT NIXON gave significant answers to the questions asked him at the Economic Club in Detroit last Thursday night, which were transmitted across the nation by radio. It differed from a press conference in that, by a panel of 10, including economists and an officer of the stockholders' union in Michigan.

One local television station broadcast the 45-minute interview. The millions who listened on the radio, heard an unusual question-and-answer discussion of the price freeze situation and what's ahead. Naturally, a text of this length couldn't be transmitted in time for most morning newspapers.

Some of the questions are still worth careful attention. At the end, Mr. Nixon stated there is no time limit set for the period of phase two of the wage-price freeze. He said this was "a profit" because I believe that more people would make jobs.

30 Years Ago

From The Times-Journal File

Judge G. C. Blanton will head the annual Young Men's Christian Association finance campaign which will be held during the week of Oct. 26, announcement was made by President C. C. Thomas Saturday.

Priv. First Class Malcolm W. Mantle, first to volunteer from Selma under the Selective Service, and among the first three young men to be sent from the county to Selective Service duty the past fall, is on the way home from Fort Benning, Ga., where he has been a member of the Post Medical Detachment, having terminated active duty under the new orders which made it possible for him to secure release in the group over the 28 year age limit. Actually, Mantle is still in the Army of the United States. He has been transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps and will serve as a reserve until he is 45 years old.

Work has been completed on Furlan Field Auxiliary landing area approximately six miles southeast of the Advanced Flying School, Craig Field, and the field turned over for maintenance to the Craig Field Air Corps maintenance office. It was announced Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran have moved into the newly completed residence on Mallory Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bailey Jr. of Macon, Ga., are the weekend guests of relatives.

Mrs. Lucy Hall has returned to Selma after an absence of four months. She visited her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Bibb of Fayetteville, N.C.

and at this particular time we need more jobs."

The 10 per cent surcharge on imports came in far in inquiry about its permanence. The President replied:

"A permanent wall of tariff barriers and of quotas around the United States would be good short-term policy and disastrous long-term policy. It would be bad for the producers of this country because we wouldn't be competitive. The United States producer simply wants an equal shot, an equal chance."

MR. NIXON pointed out that control of prices and costs automatically affects profits and that "one dollar out of every two in corporate profits goes to the government."

"It is only through profits that industry can buy new plants, the new equipment that will make our workers more productive and therefore more competitive in the world. And so, putting it bluntly let me say: I am for profits, because I believe that more people would make jobs."

"THAT MEANS that we need a new approach to the problem of exchange rates. We need a new system. The other way was crisis-prone. And this is one of the reasons why the surcharge was not removed until we got action on that front."

"It means also that we need to reduce some of those impediments — artificial barriers to American goods abroad. All that we want is fair and free trade for our goods, just as we hope we can provide fair and free trade for theirs."

The President said that, finally, the basic point is whether American producers can compete without some subsidy. He noted that almost a workman has an advantage sometimes because his government subsidizes him. More study of this apparently is to be made by the administration.

Mr. Nixon spoke out frankly on the subject of the race problem and busing. First, he noted that equal opportunities for employment in business had been supported by him and his associates. Then he said:

"NOW WHEN you go to maybe suggesting that we

should use the power of the federal government to force so-called integrated housing I would respectfully suggest that that kind of a program would not be workable and it is not one that I think can be justified."

There were questions on other subjects such as the administration's policy on interest rates, welfare problems of the cities, and the

reduction of American troops abroad as to as to certain as possible. A question as to how long the government's budget can remain out of balance was answered by Mr. Nixon with the simple declaration that the goal "is to get this economy back to full capacity without war, to have full employment, and when we have a balanced budget in a conventional sense." — (c.)



My hero is a guy named Eddie Campos. Perhaps you've never heard of him since he isn't a local politician. Eddie runs a plastering business in White, Calif., and he's got guts.

Some time ago he bought an expensive, status automobile. I kept giving him trouble, but he couldn't get it fixed. One day as his wife tried to turn on the switch the whole ignition system fell out.

Eddie got it up to him with the lemon car. He expected service and a workable automobile for his money. The company didn't deliver, so Eddie schemes a little party to dramatize the case, as the cause of many more people, including me.

He drives his classy looking car to the local assembly plant. Inside a whole flock of people, Eddie drives it with gasoline and apples a match. Poot! Up goes the lemon as flames.

THEY CALLED the law, but the policeman found Eddie Campos to be sane, order and angry. The lawman merely stood aside, apparently applauding Campos. After all it takes courage to set fire to one's car.

Instantly, Campos becomes a hero to all oppressed people everywhere who monthly shell out a bundle for the "car payment," a term as standard as breakfast, lunch and dinner around 89.9 per cent of the households in the land.

If only I had the nerve and faith of Eddie Campos. Two years ago last summer I bought a new car from a dealer back home, the fifth car I had bought from this lot down through the years.

A few weeks later I got a registered letter in the mail recalling my car so they could repair a faulty front seat. The letter said many seats of this model were breaking down. Poot! I carry the car back to the dealer like instructed.

Don't have the kit to repair it, was the word I got. Okay, I said, I'll bring it back another time. A short time later the front seat flopped like a wet rag, left me sitting on the seat with the back rest in the rear seat. It was like driving down the road on a nail bed.

BACK TO THE DEALER I go—300 miles away. Don't have the kit in yet; again was the word I got.

Back home I go with my seat propped up with a suitcase. It has been that way ever since. Half a dozen times I have gone back to the dealer and half a dozen times I have been given a run-around with no parts.

Meanwhile, the suitcase has rubbed a hole in the back seat and the value of my car — if indeed it ever had any — has gone down more than normal because of the hole in the seat.

There's some mental anguish connected with this fact. Nobody likes to ride around in a car with his seat propped up with a suitcase. One suitcase has been stolen, so I pressed the only one I had left into service.

I've tried several other things, including boats, but only a suitcase will hold up the bug.

I GET TIRED of people looking at my suitcase in my car and asking if I'm skipping town, so.

The payment on this lemon has been made on time every month. The lemon's thing is a lemon and it's yellow.

If I had the courage of Eddie Campos I'd drive that thing back home and create one heckuva hellfire right in front of the dealer's showroom.

But that's never work. I'd probably get arrested, and the finance company would probably sue me for burning up their property, which they admitted they sold to me defective, but have refused to repair.

We can use lots of Eddie Campos, the real hero of the consumer.

BERRY'S WORLD



"I'm really in love with you, and I want you to be my girl. Will you marry me—right after the 'lemons'?"