

The Sabbath Recorder

TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS



These passages for daily Bible reading are suggested as a help in understanding what the Bible has to say about many areas of interest to us. They do not pretend to be exhaustive. The topics are arranged in weekly cycles, beginning on Sunday and ending on Sabbath. Some daily readings have more verses than others. You may find more passages that will help your thinking in regard to the topics listed. We encourage you to memorize passages that hold particular meaning for you.

GOD AND NATION

- July 5—Need for Rulers — Ex. 18:21-22; Deut. 1:13; 16:18-20
July 6—Prayer for King — Psalm 72
July 7—Obedience to Rulers — Romans 13:1-7
July 8—Obedience to Laws — 1 Peter 2:13-16
July 9—Nation That Knows God Is Blessed— Psalm 33
July 10—God Greater than Nations—Isaiah 40:1-17
July 11—Prayer for Rulers — 1 Timothy 2:1-6

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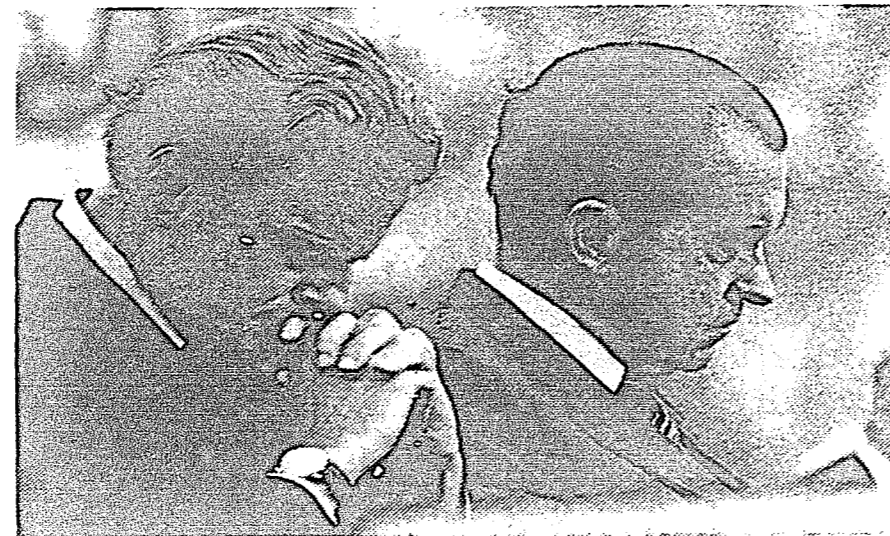
- July 12—Condition for — Psalm 24
July 13—Praise — Psalm 84
July 14—True Worship — John 4:19-26
July 15—Love for God — Psalm 116
July 16—Thanksgiving — Psalm 100
July 17—Exhortation to Worship — Psalm 95:1-7a; 29:1-2
July 18—Commitment Resulting from — Isaiah 6:1-8

GIFTS

- July 19—Our Food — Gen. 1:29-31; 8:20-9:4; 1 Tim. 4:1-5
July 20—To Be Used — Ecclesiastes 3:10-14; 5:18-20
July 21—God's Gifts Greater than Man's — Luke 11:1-13
July 22—Of Christ — Isaiah 55:1-5; John 3:16-18
July 23—From God — James 1:17; Eph. 4:4-8
July 24—From God — Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11
July 25—Of God — Romans 5:15-18; 6:23

WATCHFULNESS

- July 26—Israel Exhorted Through Moses — Deut. 4:1-9, 23
July 27—Israel Exhorted Through Joshua — Joshua 23:6-13
July 28—Need for — Matthew 25:1-13
July 29—For Christ's Coming — Luke 12:35-48
July 30—For Christ's Coming — Romans 13:8-14
July 31—Christians for the Second Coming — 2 Pet. 3:1-18
Aug. 1—The Church Exhorted — Rev. 3:1-3; 16:15



They Bow in Prayer

America's chief executive and America's chief evangelist bow in prayer together. It was a unique event in American history for the President to give a message (13 minutes) at an evangelistic meeting as he did at the East Tennessee Crusade at Knoxville May 28. Evangelist Billy Graham has always emphasized spiritual needs of our nation and has encouraged Presidents to seek the will of God in their administration of national and international affairs. President Nixon, speaking on youth night to a vast audience which had jam-packed the stadium long before 7:30, received fourteen ovations. The President exhorted the young people toward spiritual things when he declared: "And if our young people are going to have a fulfillment beyond simply those material things, they must turn to those great spiritual resources that have made America the great country it is."



American Bible Society Prints Millions of Love Seals

Youth get the love message of this display of blown-up seals at Bible Society headquarters in New York. Over two million of these small seals in sheets of forty-five have already been printed. They are described as "probably the most colorful little stamps of their kind in existence."

Reaction, especially by young people, has been overwhelmingly positive according to the Rev. John D. Erickson, ABS secretary for ways and means.

"They're decorated with designs that suggest stained-glass — not the kind you see in church, but the kind once used on lampshades in the early part of this century. The style is Tiffany glass."

Accompanying the seals is a Scripture selection, a pocket-size folder containing the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians (Today's English), the source of all but one of the five verses on the seals.

Each seal features a brief motto from Scripture proclaiming that "Love is kind," "Love is patient," "Love is eternal," "Love never gives up," and "God is love."

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The Price of Liberty

There are many facets to freedom and the cry of the blacks for "Freedom Now" is not the best example in the world today of the struggle to achieve or maintain liberty. It is no exaggeration to say that the blacks in this country have infinitely more economic, political, and social freedom than all the people in Communist dominated countries. It may not be a pleasing comparison, for people in Russia and its satellite countries do not expect freedom; we do.

Take the case of Israel as an example of a struggle for liberty. The nation has been a free nation for some twenty-two years but is paying a high price for that liberty. George Meany in a recent address pointed out some facts that ought to be better understood than they are. He noted that when Ben-Gurion announced that he was going to create the State of Israel, the Soviet Union openly declared its friendship for Israel and sent military aid from Czechoslovakia. Now the Soviet Union is sending massive military aid, including 15,000 Soviet technicians, soldiers, pilots, and missile base operators to Egypt and the other countries that ring Israel and vow to dismember the nation. Why this change of policy on the part of the Soviet Union? In a word, self-interest. It is not that Russia has more affinity for the Arab states. As a matter of fact, Israel is politically far more like Russia. Russia claims to be democratic and socialistic. Israel is the only nation in the Middle East that comes anywhere near that.

Mr. Meany, president of AFL-CIO, makes this statement: "They could have been living in contentment except for one thing: They would not be living in freedom. And the terms, the Soviet terms, were rejected out of hand by Ben-Gurion and those associated with him because they didn't go to the Holy Land, to the traditional homeland of the Jews, to set up a slave state; they went there to set up a free state, and they are paying the price"

"And I know of no nation in modern history that has had to face such a devastating challenge to its very existence."

The price of liberty came high in the colonial history of America. Our fore-

fathers were willing to pay the price. We need to pray earnestly that we, their descendants, will value liberty enough so that we will not barter it away by letting liberty-denying Communism overrun the world and eventually rob us of our cherished free choices. On the other hand, we need to pray for grace and wisdom to solve our domestic problems without falling into right-wing dictatorship — which many feel is a distinct possibility. There is no real liberty either to the left or to the right, only somewhere between in a strong democratic system, which some militants are trying to destroy.

If ever Christianity was needed in everyday life it is now. There are many Biblical symbols that need to be applied more earnestly than ever before. Turning the other cheek when personally injured is part of it. Putting on the whole armor of God and fighting for the right is another part of it. We who love good must hate evil with equal passion. Moral evil seems to evoke too little hate. Society cannot be made good so long as the moral law is disregarded.

A House for the Spirit

It is hard to remember in this day of almost universal enlightenment that there are still large areas of the world where, as the once popular missionary hymn expressed it, "The heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone." Such seems to be the case in Thailand and other oriental lands not yet Christianized.

Bangkok, Thailand, is a teeming city of three million souls, many of whom are still held in the thralldom of heathen superstition, according to Francis M. DuBose, associate professor of Urban and World Missions at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, who was commissioned to make an urban survey of Bangkok.

The city does a booming tourist business, having 8,763 first class hotel rooms and drawing many tourists from the United States and Japan. U. S. military men on leave spent \$22.5 million in Thailand in 1969, much of which was of

doubtful benefit to the moral tone of the country. Back of the great physical improvements there is much lingering superstition and spirit worship.

One of the old businesses still thriving is the manufacture and sale of spirit houses. They are miniature stone buildings on pedestals, each a foot or two long and styled exactly like most of the temples: white columns all around, several steeply gabled roofs, one atop another, tiled in green, red, and gold.

A common belief is that every plot of ground has a spirit. When one builds a house, he mustn't drive the spirit away or he'll meet misfortune, many Thais believe. Hotels, even the most modern, have large spirit houses.

The spirit that has prior claim to the parcel of ground must not be completely dispossessed when the plot is built upon. Supposedly the spirit doesn't need all the space but would be content to live in a neat little house on the property and not bring harm to the people in the building.

We smile at such childishness, but apparently to them it is no laughing matter. No wonder that faithful missionaries are seeking ways to turn the hearts of the people to the freedom and joy of redemption through Christ.

There is a striking parallel on a much more lofty plane between this house for the spirit and the New Testament teaching that the Holy Spirit takes up His abode in a place where He is invited to dwell. The Scripture says of believers, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you?" (1 Cor. 6:19). It is a matter of Christian experience that before we took Christ as our Savior there was much evidence of an evil spirit dwelling in our hearts, but now that we are Christians by the new birth, the evil spirit is gone. In its place we have the consciousness of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, who fills us with joy and peace. There is no spirit house of wood and stone but a place in our hearts that temples the Spirit of Christ. Let us pray for a fuller realization of this presence!

Pornography and Sex Education

Much of the current controversy over sex education in the public schools seems a bit unnecessary and quite unfortunate. It cannot be denied that there are good, earnest Christians on both sides of some of the issues. It is apparent that there is considerable misunderstanding of objectives and how to reach them. It can scarcely be denied that some of the proponents of sex education are not as concerned with the moral and religious aspects as others wish they were. It is a little like the problem of contraceptives and abortion liberalization. Some do not give much thought to the immorality that may be fostered by general accessibility.

But what is the relation between pornography and sex deviation? Not enough has been made of the connection between the two. Harry N. Hollis, the lone clergyman on the panel giving testimony before the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, told the commission that it is extremely difficult to provide documentation of the causal relationship between pornography and antisocial behavior, but that in his opinion such a connection exists. He suggested that they consider "common sense arguments" rather than waiting for the difficult documentation. One of the common sense questions he suggested was, "Are not children who are just on the threshold of learning about sex likely to be jolted by exposure to pornography's distorted views?"

Hollis listed seven different areas in which pornography contradicts the teachings of Christianity, concluding that "the overwhelming concern of Southern Baptists and many people of other religious denominations can be traced . . . to a Christian understanding of sexuality which pornography subverts."

The Baptist preacher has a point there. Children and teen-agers, whether they buy them or not, are bombarded with pictures that are at least on the borderline of obscenity. It is doubtful if any amount of sex education in the public school can be effective in promoting moral behavior — granting that it is

supposed to — so long as loose attitudes toward sex are allowed to be disseminated so widely through the corner drug store, through the movies and television. It might be much more important to do battle in this area and dry up the corrupting influences. Then proper sex education could be effective.

"Better Is Little . . ."

A sister denomination has sent out a sad news story of one of its churches and the pastor who organized it. None of us need the details of that legal trouble and the state prosecution for unlawful financial practices in the name of the church. It does remind me of one of the Proverbs, "Better is little with fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith" (Prov. 15:16).

The church in New Orleans is a big church. Starting in 1943 at a barbershop, it now has a membership of more than 4,250 and property valued at \$7.5 million. It could well be the envy of any small, struggling church except for the fact that it has started bankruptcy proceedings and its officials are under grand jury indictment for the fraudulent sale of \$12 million worth of church bonds during the past several years. How it got involved in unlawful financial practices after such remarkable growth is hard to understand. The success of that pastor and his church bond brokers cannot be envied, only pitied.

Let it never be inferred that churches in general or pastors in general allow themselves to get caught in expansion programs that are not legitimate and that lead to bankruptcy. Churches, for the most part, are overcautious in borrowing. They may miss opportunity for greater service to their community by showing too little faith in the ability of their members to finance a strong program. On the other hand, this news-making example serves to encourage the small churches to continue their faithful pay-as-you-go policy lest the name of Christ be degraded. "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith."

Conference Publicity

How To Get to Milton

By the Host Committee

Getting to Conference in Milton will be a relatively simple matter. Individuals will have the choice of traveling by auto, bus, train, or plane.

For those traveling by private auto, Milton is conveniently located at the intersection of State Highways 26 and 59, just four miles off Interstate 90. (While Interstate 90 is an east-west highway, it passes Milton at a north-south angle.) For those approaching from the south on I-90, simply take the 26 North Exit (this is the *third* right in the Janesville-Milton exit complex) and follow Route 26 north to Milton. For those approaching from the north on I-90, take the Milton-Edgerton Exit and follow Route 59 east to Milton. The City of Milton has signs posted directing visitors to the Milton College Campus.

For those planning to travel either by bus or train, connections should be made to Janesville. There are two Greyhound buses scheduled into Janesville daily, both originating in Chicago. One leaves Chicago at 8:30 a.m. and arrives in Janesville at 12:40 p.m., the other leaves Chicago at 2:45 p.m., arriving in Janesville at 6:10 p.m. (all times are Central Daylight).

The Milwaukee Road has one daily arrival from Chicago (The Sioux), leaving Chicago at 6:30 p.m., arriving in Janesville at 8:30 p.m. There is also another train (The Varsity) which runs only Friday through Sunday, leaving Chicago at 9:30 a.m. and arriving in Janesville at 11:27 a.m.

While bus and train travel is rather limited, air travel presents many more possibilities. Because of distance, the committee cannot meet individuals in Chicago.* There are, however, two daily flights from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and the Rock County Airport, via North Central Airlines. The Rock County Airport is located between Janesville and Beloit, and airline timetables list it as being in Beloit. There are eighteen flights daily between O'Hare

Airport and Truax Field in Madison. Madison is served by North Central Airlines and Northwest Orient Airlines. The committee will meet individuals in Madison.

There is also one bus daily from O'Hare Airport which lets passengers off at the Oasis Restaurant (4 miles south of Milton.) It leaves O'Hare from the bus loading area — lower level at the restaurant rotunda, at 8:00 p.m., and arrives at the Oasis Restaurant at approximately 10:15 p.m.

All bus, plane, and train arrivals in Janesville will be met on Sunday, August 9. For those arriving at other times, or in Madison, there will be a Conference phone number that can be used to request a ride to Milton. This number will be provided at a later date. It would greatly assist the committee if those who would like to be met could notify us ahead of time, or if additional assistance or information is required. Chairman of the committee is Mr. David Crouch who can be reached by mail at Box 41, Milton, Wis. 53563 or by phone (608) 868-2346.

* If notified in advance, arrangements could be made to meet groups in Chicago.

Church Councils on Way Out Says Baptist Pastor

The demise of local councils of churches is a national problem, said the Rev. Raymond Jennings, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Berkeley, Calif.

"Let's face it," he continued. "Councils of Churches have tried to follow the middle-of-the-road. They have tried to give the image they are socially oriented, and it hasn't worked. The conservatives are disenchanted with the councils' social action stands, and the social action groups are turned off because they're tired of getting nothing but resolutions and no real action."

His remarks came as the result of the dissolution of both the Berkeley Area Council of Churches and the Oakland Council of Churches.

One reason for the decline of area councils is the development of more inclusive neighborhood parish councils which include Roman Catholics and Jews.

CWS Makes Peru Report

It is confirmed that more than 35,000 lost their lives as a result of the recent earthquakes in Peru, making it the major natural disaster of the decade in this hemisphere. Church World Service, probably the church agency best equipped to render disaster relief on a worldwide scale, has sent out a report and appeal after initial response to the great need in Peru.

Church World Service and CROP have already made available, along with several participating denominations, funds totalling \$21,000—mostly for local purchase of foodstuffs. Blankets, tents, water purification tablets, and antibiotics are being airlifted to the disaster areas. A United States medical team arrived in Peru on June 4.

The World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals was also in action immediately at Lima. The day after the earthquake rumbled across Peru, the Rev. Robert D. Anderson of Lima reported by shortwave to the World Relief Commission about the widespread devastation and emergency needs of the people.

Mr. Anderson is director of the National Evangelical Council of Peru (Concilio Nacional Evangelico). It is this same agency with which the C.W.S. representative (NCCC) has been working in close cooperation. The CROP release notes, "At tragic times like this, this experience and these working relationships make possible immediate and meaningful response."

Some well-meaning people in many communities have attempted personal campaigns of relief, but this is considered unwise and ineffective because of the limited facilities for distribution in this case. It is considered better to channel gifts through CROP and CWS. Supplies are stockpiled in strategic places and rushed to the disaster area by means not available to small organizations.

CWS is calling for 300,000 blankets this year. They say: "If you have no blankets to spare—let Church World Service purchase a new, 80 per cent wool and 20 per cent synthetic blanket for you

for someone in need overseas at the special wholesale price of only \$3 each. Just send your check or money order to Blanket Appeal, P. O. Remittance Box 220, Elkhart, Indiana 46514."

Any who prefer may accomplish the same purpose by sending to World Relief Commission of the N. A. E., 33-10 36th Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11106.

President's Representative to the Vatican

The appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as the President's personal representative to the Vatican is "an egregious violation of this nation's tradition of separation of church and state and a false appeal for Catholic votes by President Nixon," said Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, in a statement released June 5. The text follows:

"The appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge to the Vatican is another of those unwise moves which brings the Nixon Administration into ill repute. Administration spokesmen gave solemn assurances that no move of this kind was to be made. Now it has been made as perhaps we should have anticipated.

"The Vatican is neither fish nor fowl. It claims to be a church when this serves its purpose and a state when that seems advantageous. The facts are that it is a clerical-political amalgam. A representative to it from this country will not enhance the Administration's image either at home or abroad. It will do nothing but stir inter-creedal antagonisms and divide our people even more than they are already divided.

"The information to be gained at the Vatican is vastly overrated and, in any case, could be picked up by our lawful agents, without diplomatic representation. The 'personal representative' angle is a crude device to avoid confirmation by the Senate where a Vatican ambassador would likely go down to defeat.

"Most Protestants, and many Roman Catholics will view this appointment cynically as an obvious political ploy."

Central New York Association Holds Significant Session

The Seventh Day Baptist churches of Central New York met with the northernmost member church of the association at Adams Center, Jefferson County, June 5-7, under the able moderating of Kenneth Davis of Verona, N. Y. Important items of business, well discussed and conducted, prolonged the meeting to 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

The program of the full weekend was strengthened by the use of visiting delegates from other associations and representatives of denominational boards and agencies. There are now only two Seventh Day Baptist pastors for the six churches, although Rev. Wendell Gifford, a Baptist minister temporarily serving the host church, made himself and his family very much a part of the gathering from beginning to end.

Representatives from away included the Rev. Charles Graffius and family of the German church in Salemville, Pa., alternate delegate from the Southeastern Association. He took several assignments on the program including the Sabbath Eve communion sermon, in which he stressed the Biblical admonitions to "remember" such things as the Lord's death till He comes, our escape from death by the sacrifice of Christ, our deliverance from the slavery of sin, and the possibility of being one hundred percent clean as was promised to Peter.

The Sabbath dawned bright and clear, which was especially noticeable to those of the metropolitan area who so seldom see beautiful sunrises, sunsets, and crystal-clear streams. The Rev. Alton L. Wheeler brought the challenging morning message to a congregation that nearly filled the well-decorated 148-year-old church. He also spoke in the afternoon on a panel of three who were asked to address themselves to the subject "Strengthening Our Witness in Central New York Through the Use of Our Denominational Boards." Other speakers on that program were Secretary Leon M. Maltby of the American Sabbath Tract Society and Wesley McCrea, delegate from the Allegheny Association repre-

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Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.—John 7:16-17

senting the Board of Christian Education. It is hoped that a portion of his paper can be printed in an early issue for the enlightenment and encouragement of our readers.

Something quite unusual for a meeting of this size was a television interview on Sabbath afternoon featuring the young people's group and some of the denominational leaders. In the evening part of the young people's activities included a tour of the television facilities at Watertown, ten miles north of the village.

The evening program was on the theme of "Strengthening Our Witness Through Fellowship with Each Other and Our Neighbors." After devotions led by Wesley McCrea, letters from other associations and the churches were read. The adults remained for an hour of Holy Land pictures narrated by the Rev. Leon M. Maltby, a former member of the host church.

On Sunday morning business was continued until 11 o'clock when the First Baptist Church of Adams at Honeville (the church one mile distant that fed the delegates Sabbath noon) brought its choir and joined in the worship service. The Rev. Donald E. Richards, pastor of the Verona church, rounded out the theme of the weekend with a sermon on strengthening our witness through inter-denominational cooperation.

The delegates discussed the whole question of sending delegates to other associations. It was generally felt that the present exchange involving Eastern, Allegheny, Southeastern, and Southwestern Associations was good and had been particularly valuable to the Central New York Association this year. However, a

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Pastors' Wives at Institute

A new feature of the Missionary Pastors Institute, held in Westerly, R. I., April 1-7, was a special program for the wives planned and led by Miss Florence Bowden of Shiloh, N. J. The emphasis was made in the interest areas the ladies themselves chose through a questionnaire sent out prior to the institute. Twelve ladies participated and found the experience highly rewarding.

An evaluation revealed their experience and feeling. We quote only excerpts under each question asked.

1—*What were the highlights of the sessions to you?*

"The opportunity of going to the institute with my husband and at the same time he was being fed for growth in his pastoral work, I, too was being fed for my role as a pastor's wife, so that we were ready to go back to our church and face the tasks and challenges afresh"

"Open sharing of problems and frustrations"

"The deep, guided, soul-searching discussions The warm evidence of the Holy Spirit among us."

"Fellowship of shared concerns and dreams."

"We all found that we were just as much a part — and no more — of the church as our 'preacher' husband"

2—*How did the discussions affect you personally?*

"Instead of feeling alone, I feel held up by many 'sisters' who care about me as I'm learning to care about them"

"Gave inspiration and courage to face the frustration of being a minister's wife — finding that I am not alone in these frustrations"

"I was impressed with the deep desire of all our ministers' wives to know God's will and to do what is expected of them as wives of ministers"

"I think it gives as much of a satisfaction to 'come to the fact' that we are doing what is expected, as it is to be able to clear up a point"

"I really looked at myself inwardly

Our Prayer Corner

Pray for:

1) The Sabbath Schools and leadership training program of the Jamaica Conference.

2) The deepening of Sabbath convictions among our people and a growing pleasure in doing the will of God in this matter.

3) The Southwestern Association as it seeks new inspiration for serving its great field.

4) Missionary support sufficient to provide for assigned personnel and for native leadership in new countries who could do a greater work with a little regular income.

and outwardly. I liked some of what I saw and I was grieved over other aspects"

"Broadened my understanding and deepened the sense of oneness with my sisters"

Our third question, *Would you like future meetings such as the one just held?* was answered in the affirmative by everyone. Their feelings seemed to be captured in the words, "Yes, I would"

"It is a long overdue consideration of a very important person."

4—*What will you do on the "Homefront" as a result of the institute?*

"I may stop nagging my husband. Seriously he could use more appreciation and less 'honest opinion' from me."

"Watch for and use opportunities to become acquainted with and encourage other ministers' wives"

"I'm trying to sort out my activities as a direct result of the institute. I'm trying to establish some priorities and work from there"

"Strive to be more understanding of the 'church family'"

In addition to the personal results of this meeting their suggestion that a group meeting for pastors' wives be scheduled for Conference is being planned. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Miss Florence Bowden for her dedicated service as a missionary.

Lay Leadership Training in Jamaica

Word has come from the Rev. Joe A. Samuels of Kingston, Jamaica, that he has been providing a leadership training course for laymen "at the request of some of the churches." The course is entitled, "Lay Leadership and Church Administration."

At the time of writing, May 8, 1970, the course had been presented at the Ebenezer Circuit (Accompong, Bethsalem, Blue Mountain, Coker and Niagara churches); at the Tydixon and Higgin Town churches; and at the Waterford, Maiden Hall and Albion Mountain churches combined. A course is also being presented at the Charles St., Kingston church.

A six page outline of the seminar indicates a very thorough study is being made. A bibliography of suggested readings to accompany the course suggests such books as: *Galilean Fisherman*, by S. A. Witmer, *Robert's Rules of Order*, *Seventh Day Baptist Manual*, and the *Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church Manual*.

The course provides an opportunity for study and discussion of such matters as the duties and privileges of the pastors, the deacons, deaconesses, the lay leaders, the church clerks and the treasurers.

Pastor Samuels has written in conclusion for the course outline, "This material has been prayerfully and thoughtfully prepared for the purpose of assisting my brethren in improving the relationship among the officers of the church, for greater efficiency in the duties and in the financial business of the Lord's work. This has been motivated by the consciousness that we are the Lord's *stewards of time, talent and money*, and that one day each one of us will have to give account to God of our stewardship.

"These ideas are offered for what they are worth and are not considered to be absolute. You may add to them or adjust them to meet your particular situation. Let me close with the prayer that in some way it may be used for the advancement of the Kingdom of God."

—E. T. H.

Pastoral Changes

The Rev. S. Kenneth Davis has announced his resignation from the pastorate of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church at Westerly, Rhode Island. It is understood that he has accepted a call to the Battle Creek church effective September 1. Mr. Davis will complete four years of service to the Westerly community at that time. He has been very active in church, social service, and youth work in the city. Prior to coming to New England he coordinated the Seventh Day Baptist work in Florida while pastoring the church at Daytona Beach.

As previously reported, Dale Rood, just graduated from seminary, will assume the New England pastorate of Waterford, Conn., at the end of the summer.

Also noted before is the move of the Rev. Donald E. Richards at the end of June from the Verona, N. Y., church to the Marlboro, N. J. church.

Other churches are known to have calls out hoping for favorable responses. There are not enough fully qualified ministers available to fill the vacancies.

Central New York Association Holds Significant Session

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representative was appointed to discuss at General Conference the proposed plan for a broader exchange.

The major item of business was discussion and adoption (with slight amendments) of a new carefully prepared Constitution and Bylaws. This was in preparation for incorporation in order to hold property — in case it is decided to develop a camp. Trustees were nominated from the floor, and it was voted to proceed with incorporation. In view of anticipated expenses, the per-member assessment was increased to \$2.50. The next annual meeting of the association will be at Verona the first weekend of June 1971, with Richard Burdick of De Ruyter as moderator.

Free as the Wind

By Henrietta T. Wilkinson

(A review of the new Through-the-Week text for grades 5 and 6 by Catharine S. Jacox)

Free as the Wind is one of the cooperative Through-the-Week Series designed as resource material for a course of study intended to help fifth and sixth grade students relate their church school learning to their public school study. The teacher's book is well developed and provided with basic reading references. The student's book is a workbook planned to induce thinking and decision-making on the part of the individual.

The series is involved in four areas: the self, society, history and science. In this particular course, the theme is freedom and responsibility. The first unit is devoted to exploring the idea of freedom and its relevance to today's world. The student discovers that freedom is not entirely external but is also a condition of heart and mind. It is limited necessarily by outside pressures and also by his own attitudes and habits. He will analyze the various principles inherent to freedom.

In the realm of self, the course takes up the subject "Am I free?" considering the Christian basis for freedom, the nature of responsibility and its connection with freedom. The student examines his own freedom and finds that personal freedom may involve conflict. He learns that God's love and forgiveness, which he is free to accept or reject, is the basis of true freedom.

In the area of society, the topic is "Is everybody free?" There is a study of freedoms people want today and freedoms that are missing for a full development of society. The responsibility of the individual Christian and of society is examined. The conclusion is a determination to reflect the love of Christ in deeds and attitudes throughout all of society.

The Christian slant on the subject of history is included in the section entitled "Man's Long Search for Freedom." The interest of this age group in history and hero-worship is well used. A Christian philosophy of history is evolved through

a study of the progress of freedom through the ages.

Under the topic "Freedom in the Scientific World," the proper functions of science and religion are evaluated. God as the creator of a beautiful world is stressed. The Christian concept of the stewardship of God's creation concludes the course.

Throughout the course, pertinent sections of the Bible are used. Poetry, music, drama, handcraft and games are suggested as tools for learning. As modern public schools emphasize thinking above accumulation of facts, so this course tries to teach fifth and sixth graders to think theologically in the fields of self, society, history and science.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat director, the Rev. David S. Clarke, announces that Professor Leland Shaw of Milton College will be a lecturer at the retreat.

Weekly Classes

Through-the-Week, the "now" name for Weekday Religious Education, has been advanced through the publication of the second series of curriculum. For our churches who are working in Through-the-Week instruction, we suggest you order a "1970 Revised Packet" containing a guidebook, *Christian Faith and Public School Learnings*, by Richard Upsher Smith, the *Through-the-Week Manual #2* called "Helps to Leaders, a guide for teacher preparation in use of Through-the-Week curriculum," brochures of the curriculum materials for Series 1 and Series 2, and reprints of articles and statements relevant to the Through-the-Week concept of religious education. The packet costs \$1.50 from the Department of Publication Services, National Council of Churches of Christ, Room 736, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. Payments must accompany orders.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 4, 1970

GENESIS IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Romans 1:18-21; Col. 1:15-17

Communication and Generation Gap

By Mrs. Frank Snyder*

A good share of today's problems at home, in business, government, and all other agencies is created by the lack of communication. This communication should begin in the home, but a selfless effort is required by the entire family—husband, wife, and children. There are two types of communication — verbal and nonverbal. Verbal communication may be the most common form, but often more difficult for individuals who cannot easily express their true thoughts and feelings. All of us need to be encouraged to confide in each other within our family. Spoken words are not the only means of communication, however. We welcome a special deed of thoughtfulness and the touch of a hand. A smile or a pat on the back sometimes speaks louder than words in expressing one's genuine feelings.

Here are several different ways to aid communication. First, we should begin by becoming a whole person—we need to have hobbies and interests of our own, but especially, we should go out and bring in some of the world by ourselves. Equally as important, a central meeting ground should be found by every family—a hobby, a sport or game in which everyone enjoys participation. There is a wide range of possibilities—camping or fishing, playing volleyball, as well as reading, working puzzles, or a favorite card game, to mention only a few.

We should be aware of the needs of our families. In order to do this, we need to develop a sensitive antenna. This is difficult, to be sure, but if we are available when needed to listen and share our thoughts it can aid us in communicating more completely, and this is a way to really get to know each other better. At times it is necessary to do some preliminary thinking. If you wait until Father has finished reading the evening news-

* Mrs. Snyder gave this as a Sabbath morning message to the congregation of the Alfred, N. Y., church, May 9, 1970.

paper, instead of interrupting him in the middle of it, perhaps he will let you use the car tonight — right approach with good timing makes all the difference in the outcome.

Are we always ready to listen when our children want to confide in us? We need to really *learn to listen*. Many times we are apt to have other thoughts on our minds when we are listening to an experience another member of the family is relating. Most conflicts can be resolved if we listen with our *hearts*. We should respect and treasure their confidence, for complete trust is a high compliment, which should not be betrayed. Once our trust is lost, it may never be regained.

Do we remember to show our appreciation to all members of our family? A simple "thank you" or other expression of appreciation gives everyone a boost and makes us feel needed and adds importance to the daily routine tasks which have to be done. Love should also be expressed within our families. Often-times children become angry with parents who neglect them in an emotional way and fail to communicate with them in a real sense. A glance or a gentle touch is an expression of love, but affection needs to be spoken too, as this results in a feeling of security and being needed. If we were all able to follow these guidelines, the communication problem within families would be minimal.

Communication is the beginning of getting along with your teen-ager, and understanding his feelings is even more complex, *for as parents our need is to be needed. As a teen-ager, his need is not to need us.*

A popular word in today's vocabulary is "generation gap." This is merely a difference in age, but as Pastor Warren mentioned last week—"The generation gap is what you make it." It does not necessarily have to be a wide gap — it can be narrowed down to a very close relationship. This is earned when parents listen to what their children are saying, and have interest in what they are doing and how they feel.

In order to establish a close relationship, time must be spent together, both in work and play—everyone helping to

finish the work that has to be done, so the entire family can enjoy a swim or an outing together. We are all required to do our share to feel we are a needed part of the family. A generation ago a child was referred to as another pair of hands. Today — it's another mouth to feed. This is not enough! With all the modern conveniences we have today, children are not required to help out as much as a generation or more ago. Often parents hesitate to ask for help, thinking it is easier to do the job themselves. Shouldn't we stop to realize — if we don't teach our children how to do things — who will, or when will they learn? Too late? When children are depended on to perform routine tasks and required to do their part, a sense of responsibility is developed and will be appreciated as invaluable all through their lives.

A normal part of growth in maturing, which we must learn to accept, is a certain amount of restlessness and discontent. This can be kept at a minimum if they can be kept busy — perhaps working part time or having an active interest in a hobby or sports. Learning to make decisions is difficult and needs parental guidance at first. We must differentiate between acceptance and approval of their actions. If they realize we accept a decision they have made, but do not approve of it, they are more apt to ponder a little longer and try to see other views as perhaps we have suggested. "Instant" approval should not be offered, since this discourages deeper consideration.

Our sons and daughters do not want their parents to be their buddies — and we should not try to be like them. A parent must maintain a certain identity. We must instill in our children a proper code of conduct. They need to learn right from wrong and they are looking to us for security which only we can give.

Teen-agers have a right to their own privacy, and it is very important that parents do not violate this privacy, as their trust may be jeopardized. We should not judge their opinions and taste, for they will naturally differ from our own. It is up to the parents to set the standards and demonstrate values. Children learn

from their parents; therefore, we must set a good living example.

Recently, on TV, a movie star and father of two teen-agers, was asked what his thoughts were regarding the generation gap. He replied, "In our family, there is no generation gap—I am their father." I believe discipline is responsible for this attitude. Without discipline, our lives would be miserable—this is how we learn. We must, however, be consistent with our discipline, in order to prevent complete confusion in our children. Suppose we discipline a child, and then develop guilt feelings and retract the punishment by apologizing; what will the child gain? Nothing but total confusion!

Children need to be reprimanded, for aren't they constantly testing us, to make sure we still care? This is how their respect for parents is developed—it also is still being carried on by parents today, later on in life.

To narrow it down, we should be permissive when dealing with feelings, strict when dealing with unacceptable behavior. We should respect their opinions and attitudes, but reserve the right to redirect some acts. And, always, our silent love should be their main support.

Some of the reasons why we parents fail today is due to the radical change in background during our lifetime. A generation or more ago, hardship conditions existed for us. Life was a fight for survival or starvation. Our standards of success were self-centered and materialistic. It is possible that this standard, which is still being carried on by parents today, might be responsible for our not spending enough time with our children. Parents are more concerned about earning money than living their lives with their family. The men who were called to fight in wars a generation ago felt they were seemingly just and necessary wars. They were fighting for their country, and this willingness to serve was the result of a simple, direct, nationalistic concept of patriotism.

(Concluded next week)

Strength Through Trials

By R. G. LeTourneau

It's easy to split a piece of wood if you do it along the natural grain, but if you try to break it across the grain, you will find it's pretty strong. If you want something strong in more than one direction, find a piece that's knotty with gnarled and twisted tortuous grain.

In order to make good steel, you control the amount of carbon and silicon and chromium and nickel and molybdenum, etc. These metals refine the grain. Then you cast it into a chunk of steel, called an ingot. Then, to make it better, you must roll it and squeeze it and forge it. Then you refine the grain still more by heat treating it.

The gears that drive our electric wheel have a grain structure running from the rim out into the teeth and the pinions we use on the offshore platforms that have a capacity of one million pounds on each tooth are made by first rolling the steel into a square, then upsetting the center portion into a disc. Then we cut teeth in this disc so that the grain structure radiates from the center out into the teeth with the driving shafts made an integral part of the pinion. I might say we have to torture the steel to make it tough enough to stand the strain.

Now man is somewhat like steel—man has some natural tendencies that we might call his natural "grain" (this means that he is weak in some places). The Bible says man is sinful "by nature." That is why God has to take us and sometimes put us in the fire and then mold us, sometimes under pressure, to upset that natural grain or tendency. But through this process, he refines and strengthens us and makes us suitable for the purpose he has for us.

Hebrews 12:6 says: "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." Then in Hebrews 12:11: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceful fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."—NOW

Reprint from 1965

Conference Costs

The Host Committee at Milton has announced the local costs for food and lodging for Conference week next August. Registration will begin at noon on Sunday, August 9. Pre-registration through blanks furnished to all churches is encouraged. The cost per person is \$2.50. Inquiries regarding registration and housing may be directed to Mr. Charles Williams, Milton, Wis. 53563.

Rates for rooms in college dormitories. Sunday night through Sabbath night, are as follows: single — \$25.00; shared—\$18.50; air-conditioned single—\$30.00; air-conditioned shared — \$22.50. Room rent includes sheets, pillow case, towels and washcloths. Note that blankets and pillows will *not* be provided. Children under 13 with own bedding may sleep on the floor or on own bed in parents' room at no charge.

Cafeteria meals will be provided at rates as follows:

Breakfast \$1.00; Lunch \$1.25; Dinner \$1.50; Meal Ticket \$22.00; Children (3-10) \$12.50

The cafeteria will serve dinner Sunday night, August 9 and terminate with breakfast on Sunday, August 16.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Campus Revolutionaries

A small group of campus revolutionaries are bent on violence and on the destruction of all freedom but their own. It is clear that our universities cannot function as staging areas for violence and retain their fundamental role as freedom's protector.

It is equally clear, however, that not only our universities, but our entire society as we know it cannot survive in a repressive atmosphere in which non-violent dissenters are treated with disdain, contempt and worse.

To embitter and alienate our students is to erode the most important source of national idealism and to bring into question our very future. Nor can a nation live in fear of its youth.

—from a statement by five national rabbinical organizations

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Senators Launch New Attack on Alcoholism

Three U. S. Senators have proposed legislation "for an unprecedented, massive, across-the-board federal attack on the problem of alcoholism," according to a report from the Senate Special Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics.

Sen. Harold E. Hughes (D., Iowa), chairman of the committee, introduced the "Federal Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970" in the U. S. Senate. He was joined by Senators Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) and Frank E. Moss (D., Utah).

Sen. Hughes told the Senate: "The latest estimates indicate that nine million Americans suffer from the compulsive over-use of alcohol. I personally believe the number is much greater than that. It is also estimated that alcoholism costs our society from four to seven billion dollars in economic waste annually."

Sen. Moss, who has introduced other anti-alcohol legislation in the past, says that the new proposal goes beyond anything yet attempted by the Congress toward the cure of alcoholism.

Moss continued that passage of the new bill, "would place the federal government at the helm of a coordinated, high priority drive to strike at alcoholism in all of its aspects — through research as to causes, financial assistance to prevent and treat the disease, and full-scale education program to acquaint the public of its dangers."

—BP

Protestants, Catholics, Jews Drawing Closer, Congress Told

An international, interfaith Religious Communication Congress in Chicago sponsored by forty different organizations, including two Baptist groups, ended with a Jewish leader predicting that Protestants, Catholics and Jews would move closer together than ever before during the decade of the nineteen-seventies.

In the major closing session address, Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of Inter-religious Affairs for the American Jew-

ish Committee in New York, said that Jewish scholars have begun to reevaluate their concept of the Messiah "as a result of a deep dialogue with Southern Baptist scholars."

"It is quite evident to me that extensively intensifying interplay is taking place in which we find the Catholic becoming increasingly Protestant, especially in the area of the study of the Scriptures; that Protestantism is becoming increasingly Catholic as it returns to more liturgical forms; and that Christians generally are becoming increasingly Jewish as they return to the Biblical and Hebraic molds of self-understanding," he said.

Carl Henry at Eastern Baptist

The theological career of Dr. Carl F. H. Henry enters a new phase with his appointment as professor of theology at Eastern Baptist Seminary. One of the most prominent religious journalists of the day, he has authored eighteen books and edited ten. He has the distinction of being the founding editor of the successful theological journal *Christianity Today*. Prior to his launching and building up of this fortnightly periodical he was one of the professors of Fuller Theological Seminary in its first years. His was the guiding hand in the two greatest evangelistic conferences in recent years (at Berlin and Minneapolis). Though a Baptist, his great concern has been ecumenical, championing the cause of evangelical Christianity in a scholarly way. His contribution of Eastern Baptist is likely to be large.

Suicide by Alcohol

Alcoholism ranks with cancer and heart disease as one of the nation's three leading killers, according to Marian J. Wettrick, a member of the board of directors of the North American Association of Alcoholism Programs.

Morris E. Chafetz of the American Psychiatric Association claimed that the nation's alcoholics number nine million rather than the four and a half to five million as commonly stated.

—from a Senate hearing

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget for May 1970

Treasurer's			Boards'				
May	5 mos.	5 mos.	May	5 mos.	5 mos.		
Adams Ctr NY ..\$	326.00	20.00	Milton WI	1,892.39	5,999.50	238.00	
Albion WI	23.18	118.72	47.51	Milton Jct WI ..	58.00	356.90	10.00
Alfred NY	544.60	3,167.21	130.00	Monterey CA ..		200.00	
Alfred Sta NY ..	764.35	1,240.35	20.00	New Auburn WI	72.00	226.08	20.00
Ashaway RI	180.50	1,455.91	140.00	New Milton WV		200.00	
Assns & Groups	453.12	593.12	362.32	New Orleans LA	5.00	5.00	
Battle Creek MI ..	810.15	2,078.54	40.00	North Loup NB..	400.00	1,300.00	30.00
Bay Area CA		340.00	33.40	Nortonville KS ..	274.25	1,157.25	115.00
Berea WV	75.00	246.83	10.00	Ohio Fellowship..			
Berlin NY	152.00	793.54	250.00	Paint Rock AL ..		200.00	20.00
Boulder CO	103.68	457.32	55.00	Plainfield NJ ..		1,906.93	426.20
Brookfield NY ..	69.00	331.00	20.00	Richburg NY ..	47.50	734.49	30.00
Buffalo NY		125.00		Riverside CA ..	513.83	3,173.87	60.00
Chicago IL		100.00	20.00	Rockville RI ..	53.25	148.00	10.00
Daytona Beach FL	100.00	515.25		Salem WV		1,090.00	70.00
Denver CO	272.05	1,354.77	1,355.00	Salemville PA ..	55.00	275.00	51.00
De Ruyter NY ..	100.00	386.50		Schenectady NY ..	15.00	48.00	20.00
Dodge Ctr MN ..	124.66	547.92	40.00	Seattle WA			
Farina IL	56.25	124.25		Shiloh NJ	1,285.00	4,303.05	185.00
Fouke AR	145.00	218.00	10.00	Stonefort IL ..		118.00	20.00
Hammond La				Svracuse NY ..	63.95	63.95	
Hebron Pa		283.87	30.00	Texarkana AR ..		10.00	
Hopkinton RI ..		15.00	110.00	Verona NY	259.16	880.06	70.00
Houston TX				Walworth WI ..	200.00	580.00	
Independence NY	155.25	357.30	20.00	Washington DC..	166.00	416.00	30.00
Individuals	114.00	620.00	85.00	Washington			
Irvington NJ ..		1,000.00		People's DC ..			
Jackson Ctr OH ..				Waterford CT ..	120.76	673.92	80.00
Kansas City MO	40.00	200.00	20.00	Westerly RI ..	537.50	3,744.50	206.00
Leonardsville NY		229.00		White Cloud MI	109.49	207.22	
Little Genesee NY	139.08	668.62	10.00				
Little Rock AR ..	29.85	158.02	20.00	Totals	\$11,561.46	\$50,098.88	\$4,699.43
Los Angeles CA..	350.00	1,750.00	70.00	Non-Budget		217.90	
Lost Creek WV ..	340.00	680.00	60.00				
Marlboro NJ ..	291.66	1,599.12	30.00	Total			
Metairie LA				To Disburse	\$11,779.36		

MAY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,010.24
Historical Society	8.49
Ministerial Education	993.27
Ministerial Retirement	688.21
Missionary Society	4,697.35
Tract Society	1,568.75
Trustees of General Conference	84.89
Women's Society	307.42
World Fellowship & Service	464.91
General Conference	1,945.83
S.D.B. World Federation	10.00
Total Disbursements	\$11,779.36

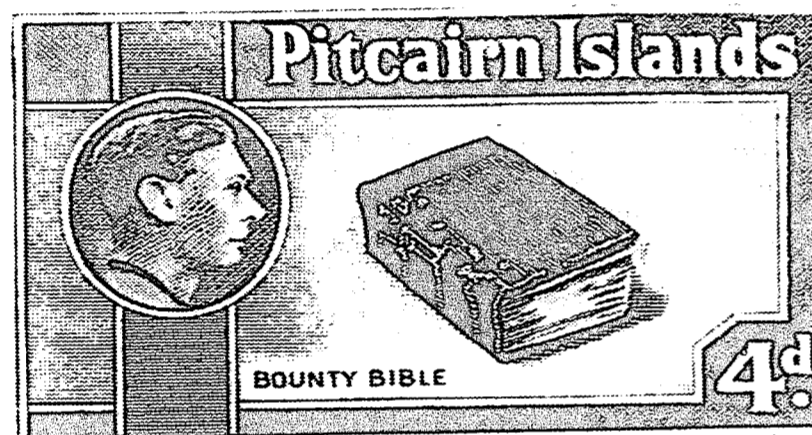
SUMMARY

1970 Budget	\$140,833.00
Receipts for 5 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$50,098.88
Boards	4,699.43
	54,798.31
Amount due in 7 months	86,034.69
Needed per month	12,290.67
Percentage of year elapsed	41.67%
Percentage of budget raised	38.9%
Gordon L. Sanford	
OWM Treasurer	
May 31, 1970	

The Sabbath Recorder

Bible Stamp with a Story

The Bounty Bible is the theme of a stamp issued in 1951 by Pitcairn Island which is part of the recent Religion on Stamps display at the American Bible Society, Broadway and 61st Street, New



York. In 1789 mutineers from H.M.S. Bounty used the Bounty Bible as a guide for setting up a Christian community on the island, an event this small British island honored with this stamp showing the famous Bible over a green background.

This has special significance for Sabbathkeepers, for it was through this Bible that the descendants of the original mutineers, isolated from all Sunday-keeping tradition and practice, discovered the God-given day of worship and began to observe the seventh day (Saturday) as the day of rest and worship. It is significant that they did not find anything in the New Testament to suggest to them that God had given any suggestion that Christians should substitute Sunday for the Sabbath.

When Pitcairn Island was again visited and the story of its Sabbath-keeping community was made known, the Seventh Day Adventists built their first missionary ship and christened it the "Pitcairn." The missionaries instructed the natives in the

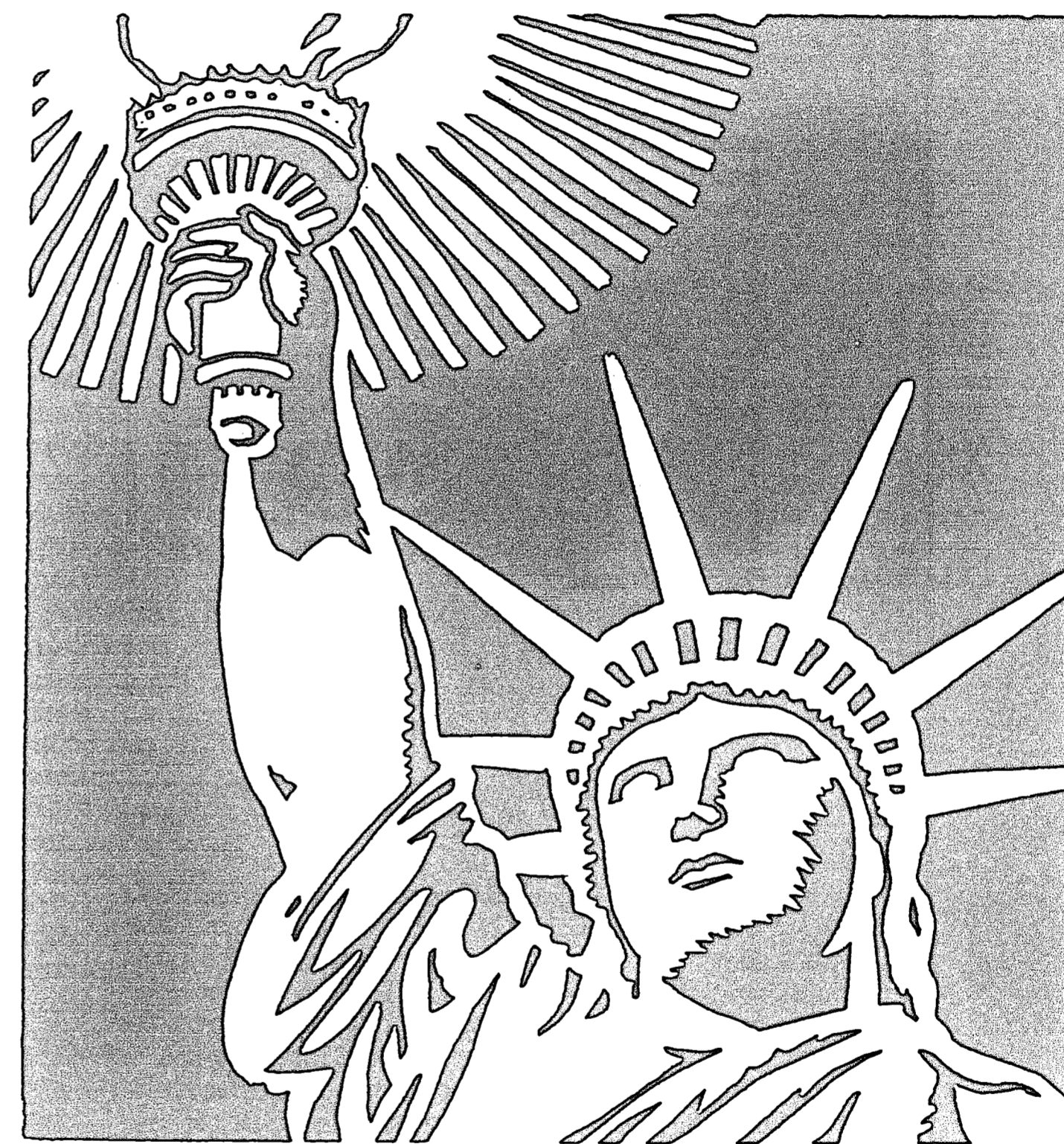
practices and faith of the Adventist movement, which they had not gotten from their reading of the Bounty Bible. As a result, nearly all of the inhabitants became Seventh-day Adventists. The dietary rules were a little impractical in one respect. The pigs as well as the people on the island multiplied and competed for the few natural resources. They had the advantage because the Adventists would not use pork as a source of food. Eventually a large percentage of the population had to be transferred to another island in order to sustain life.

It might be remarked that Seventh Day Baptists missed an opportunity by not sending leadership to the Sabbathkeeping Christians of Pitcairn Island. Most Seventh Day Baptists feel that the Old Testament prohibitions about "unclean meats" are superseded by the later revelation in the New Testament. If the islanders had understood that they could be true to the Bible and still eat the meat that was so readily available, the growing population might have been accommodated. The Pitcairn story still stands as an evidence that the Bible makes Christians—Sabbathkeeping Christians.

National Affairs

AFL - CIO President George Meany has made the following comment on President Nixon's Cambodian decision:

The President has clearly outlined the problem to the American people. It is unmistakably clear that he made his decision on the basis of his clear obligation as commander-in-chief to protect American servicemen. As other Presidents before him have done, he acted with courage and conviction. In this crucial hour, he should have the full support of the American people.



The Upheld Torch of Liberty

America, to its citizens and to most of the world, has been looked upon in terms of the "land of the free and home of the brave." Patriotism in its traditional form is not now a flaming bonfire, but the Statue of Liberty with its upheld torch is and must remain a fitting symbol of political freedom dearly bought and economic opportunity cherished and shared in spite of the strident voices of those who take their cue from other than Christian ideologies in lands where freedom is not a reality. On the anniversary of our national independence let us pledge ourselves anew to liberty of conscience, liberty of religion, and liberty to proclaim the faith that frees men from the bondage of sin.