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## Jewish Persecution Protested

A rally was held in New York recently to protest the inhuman treatment of Jews in Iraq and Syria. Speakers included Senators and New York political aspirants. There was a proclamation by Mayor Lindsay urging Iraq and Syria to let the Jews go instead of denying them human rights.

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told protestors that "the world can no longer remain silent in the face of such acts of brutality against innocent and defenseless people."

An estimated 400 Jews remain of the 2,500 who lived in Iraq in 1967. The Jewish community there numbered more than 130,000 in 1948, according to Mr. Stein. Iraqi Jews are forbidden to sell their property and those who leave the country and do not return within three months are deprived of their citizenship and their property is confiscated.

Syria has between 4,500 - 5,000 Jews left of a community which numbered 40,000 in 1948. Syrian Jews are forbidden to emigrate or to leave the immediate area in which they live. Their employment is strictly limited and as a result most live in poverty. All must carry a special identification card with the word "Jew" marked in red. Upon his death, a Jew's property is confiscated by the state. Jews are often held for interrogation, tortured and jailed without trial under inhumane conditions.

and urge your members to include this concern in their private prayers. There is need for continued praying, not just for one day.

## Pray for Peace in Ireland

"At Pentecost 1973 Christians in all parts of the world will unite with their fellow-Christians in Ireland to pray for peace in this conflict-torn country."

This invitation was issued to Seventh Day Baptists through the Christian Social Action Committee as an "ecumenical initiative to promote understanding and to pray for peace in Ireland."

The initiative arises from the conviction that "concerned effort of prayer would contribute to the atmosphere in which peace can grow." It equally aims at creating "a climate for better understanding of the situation of Christians in Ireland at this difficult time" and might thus assist "in correcting the often simplistic and exaggerated impression given by many newspaper and television reports that the conflict in Ireland is mainly a religious one."

Your committee is in agreement with this ecumenical effort. What more effective way can we be involved in concern for our fellowman than to go to God with our heartfelt prayers!

We suggest you make some special emphasis of this in your worship service

## One Million Koreans Hear American Evangelist



Photo by Russ Busby



Evangelist Billy Graham speaking in Seoul to an estimated one million Koreans at the closing rally Sunday, June 3, in YoiDo Plaza. This is the largest crowd Graham has spoken to in his thirty year evangelistic career, and probably the largest ever assembled to hear the proclamation of the Christian gospel. In keeping with the Korean custom, most of the people walked miles to attend and then sat huddled close together on mats and papers on the blacktop surface of YoiDo Plaza.

The five-day Seoul Crusade closed with over three million hearing the gospel preached through an interpreter, another Billy, Billy Kim.

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## Watergate Confessions

We would not make light of the political scandal that has filled the news media for these many weeks. Men in high places have fallen because of the revelations of their political blunders and unlawful acts during the last political campaign. Many are saying that Watergate confessions are needed to reestablish confidence in our political process and to clear our national name in international diplomacy. The Christian gospel teaches that there is hope for all who confess their sins and seek forgiveness of God. Our national situation is not beyond repair.

As the editor of this journal of religious thought I do not feel that I have much more to contribute on the tiresome Congressional hearings and the subject in general than any other layman or minister of a Christian church. I was, however, intrigued with a Biblical allusion to the Water Gate that has one or two similarities. For this we are indebted to the promoters of *The Living Bible* who call it to our attention in what may well be counted as a guest editorial.

The Biblical reference is Nehemiah 8:1-3, which is perfectly plain in the King James version as well as *The Living Bible*. When you read those verses you will notice that there was weeping and confession of national sins at Jerusalem's Water Gate 2,500 years ago. We quote the article without further comment.

Then as now, the participants were high government officials. But in that incident, the confessions were voluntary!

It all came about when the Jewish nation, after seventy years of captivity in Babylon, returned and rebuilt the ancient gates of their capitol city. One of these was the Water Gate.

A mass meeting was convened at this gate to discuss the fact that the clergy, political leaders and average citizen alike were disobeying the laws God gave to Moses a thousand years earlier. Two of these same laws . . . "Thou shalt not steal," and "Thou shalt not lie," . . . are prominent again in today's Watergate affair.

In the earlier event the people broke out into weeping and confession when they realized how many of God's laws they themselves had broken along with their leaders.

But it ended for the good of all concerned. A national reform was decided on, and agreement reached for everyone . . . politicians and average citizen alike . . . to obey all of God's laws thereafter. A happy celebration was begun, giving gifts and feasting, because everyone felt so glad that righteousness had again prevailed and God's laws were being enforced again.

*The Living Bible* tells of this historic event in the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah, chapters eight and nine.

## Shall We Allow

### Our World Work To Languish?

When we examine the OWM treasurer's record of receipts and disbursements printed in this issue, we are disturbed for we profess to love the cause of Christ as represented by Seventh Day Baptists. The fact that Mr. Sanford had a total of only \$9,238 to distribute to all our agencies the first of June means much more than figures on a page. We do not want to talk about money, for collecting money is not our job or purpose. Our concern is for people; it is for the souls for whom Christ died, as is mentioned in the Rev. John Rao's article "Calvary Spirit" elsewhere in this issue. It was in an attempt to get away from lifeless words like denomination budget that we changed some years ago to the term Our World Mission. Even that is hardly adequate. Somehow we must get people into our financial support concept.

We might ask ourselves how our boards and agencies can help the people they are committed to help when the gifts recorded for May total only \$9,000 and, in place of the \$73,000 needed from current giving in five months, we have received only \$52,000. At this rate several missionaries and missionary pastors will soon go hungry and thousands of people hungering for the gospel message of hope will remain hopeless because there were insufficient funds to provide the printed and spoken word. It is people who suffer and people who die without Christ when we fail to translate our professed love into dollars.

One month of low giving may not

cause our work to languish, but if low returns continue month after month our Lord will hold us accountable for what we failed to do. It looks as if we need to do something more than sing the fine words, "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

## Crying the Blues

Most of us have a tendency to emphasize the darker side of our economic situation and to take the attitude that with rising expenses we cannot give as much to the Lord's work. We feel the rising cost of everything we eat and use, and we talk about it so much that we fail to take note of the fact we have more money to meet these costs. Perhaps some people are more pinched than others in the rising costs without a corresponding increase of income, but according to reliable statistics the average man is getting ahead rather than falling behind. His take-home pay is greater than ever before and generally in excess of the rise in cost of living.

The Kiplinger Washington Letter gives good advice on the basis of thorough research and has been doing so for many years. A recent communication states that the American consumer has stashed away the biggest backlog of savings in our entire history and will be putting it into the market when things settle down a little. It is this abundance of money which is partly responsible for the continuing inflation that is "jogging along at nearly twice the rate of the 1960's" despite all of the President's efforts to hold it back.

Seventh Day Baptists, it will be agreed, are somewhat above the average in education and earning capacity. We are generally well employed. Therefore, on the average, we have been saving money. If not, we have been spending more than required for a reasonable standard of living. The point is that we could give more to the Lord's work than we have been giving without undue hardship. It is pretty evident that our giving has not kept pace with inflation, which it must do if church and denominational work is to prosper.

This is no time for retrenchment. Good times are predicted — boom times —



in spite of the short-range prospects that have some people scared. If we curtail our giving and hesitate to enter doors that are opening we will have made a great mistake which we may not be able to correct. The Lord's money must always be used with good stewardship, but let's not be guilty of withholding our tithes and offerings.

### Five Months of OWM Giving

By Paul Osborn, for Commission.

Statistics show that in spite of an increased giving of almost \$21,000 this year as compared to the first five months of last year, we are still almost a month and a half behind in raising funds for the *Our World Mission* budget.

Last year twenty churches gave over \$2,500 during the whole year to OWM. This year, ten of those same churches have given more, for a total of \$2,700, but ten have given less, for a total decrease of \$6,500.

If your church is one that has given more, consider whether you have done your share in helping, or if it has been the "faithful few" who have caught the vision of giving more for missions!

If your church has given less, ask yourself if you are the reason . . . perhaps not because you have given any less yourself, but because you have not pointed out with enthusiasm the work to be done for Christ through *Our World Mission*.

Mission programs and personnel, Ministerial Education, Publications, Outreach and Evangelism, all are a part of *Our World Mission*. We need to be aware of the fact that when we fail to support *Our World Mission* we are failing not just Seventh Day Baptists, but we are failing to support Our (portion of His) World Mission. Let's set our priorities on lasting values and put God's work first!

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### American Baptist Convention News

Since there are several areas of interest and emphasis common to American Baptists and Seventh Day Baptists our readers can be expected to follow with interest what happens when their convention meets, as it did, May 23-27, at Lincoln, Nebr. The American Baptist Churches (as the denomination is now designated) had previously voted to hold conventions biennially. There will not be another until 1975.

From the first news release sent to the *Sabbath Recorder* we select some of the more interesting paragraphs.

Attention centered on three major elements of modern day evangelism, as expressed in the evangelistic life style, the unique Key '73 emphasis of American Baptists . . . Principal biennial speakers addressing themselves to evangelism in its broadest sense included the Rev. Dr. Leighton Ford, associate evangelist of Billy Graham, and the Rev. Dr. Colin Williams, dean of the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

Another key evening speaker was the Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, and professor of education at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., who said, "if we are to move toward genuine community in America we must correct the awful maldistribution of its goods and services in our society . . . and create a climate that . . . enhances and ennobles life."

Large screen color projection was provided on a twenty-foot screen provided by TNT Communications, Inc., of all events taking place on the platform, an innovation appreciated by delegates and visitors numbering over 5000 persons. The screen made it possible for all in Pershing Auditorium to see in detail, as well as hear, the action on the platform.

The Church of the Brethren was welcomed into an associated relationship with American Baptists. It was necessary for the bylaws to be amended to make this possible, because in the past only Baptist groups were eligible to enter into an associated relationship with the ABC. The Progressive National Baptist Convention, which also has an associated relationship

### Great News from Korea

By the Editor

*In the June 16 issue we commented editorially on the tremendous response in attendance at the first meeting of Billy Graham's Korean Crusade. Another airmail, special delivery letter received just after that issue was paged up contained even more startling news of gospel success. We quote portions of that letter to encourage prayer for the new converts and for those yet to be won by their testimony.*

SEOUL, Korea.— Evangelist Billy Graham closed his five day Seoul, Korea,

with the ABC, together with American Baptists voted last year to conduct the campaign to raise a minimum of \$7.5 million to help alleviate some of the most pressing concerns of minority groups in the U.S. Already under way are campaigns in Maryland, Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, which represent the first cycle of the overall campaign. The Fund of Renewal was heralded as a "top-priority" for American Baptists.

Dr. Peter H. Armacost, president of Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans., was elected president of American Baptist Churches in the USA. He will take office January 1, 1974. The president and vice-president will serve two year terms.

A new process to replace resolutions was initiated at this biennium. Delegates considered eight major issues and selected four of these for study for two years by ABC congregations, city, state, regional, and national groups, to be presented for approval by the delegates to the 1975 biennial meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., June 25-29, 1975: (1) Social Responsibility for Meeting Human Needs; (2) Professional Church Leadership; (3) Crisis in the Health Care Delivery System; and (4) The Middle East.

While Watergate as such was never the subject under discussion at the recent national biennial five day meeting of American Baptist Churches in the USA

Crusade before a crowd estimated by the police and officials as more than 1,100,000 people. In five days Dr. Graham had preached to over three million people. This is more people than attended his sixteen-week Crusade in New York City in 1957 which was the largest total attendance until he came to Seoul.

The Crusade has been backed by virtually all of the 1600 Protestant churches in Seoul; Catholics, Buddhists, and Confucianists were in the enthusiastic crowds by the thousands.

The Korean church has been growing at the rate of four times the population. It has been doubling every ten years. Dr. Graham said, "It is the fastest

held in Lincoln, Nebr., it was interesting to note that the speakers often referred to the moral implications of the current situation in Washington.

The momentum generated over the Watergate affair, in a convention primarily concerned with personal evangelism, finally led to the passage of an unscheduled statement, by a vote of 892 to 69, which rejected the group's concern over "the grave crisis which Watergate has brought before our nation."

The statement called on all Americans to exercise their right to vote; called on the President to provide leadership that is open, direct, and honest; asked Congress to reassert its leadership role in the initiation and development of government policy; and underscored that the present crisis is an extreme and visible result of a problem that runs deep in our society and that its only real solution lies in building integrity into our personal lives, in our relationships, and in our institutions.

In the opinion of Frank Sharp, "the statement about Watergate passed by the ABC at Lincoln reflects the opinion of 93 percent of a group of conservative, religiously-oriented people meeting in the heartland of America. Most of them are, no doubt, Republicans who voted for Nixon. This could be a barometer indicating the depth of feeling about the moral implication of Watergate on middle-of-the-road American Christians."

growing church in the world."

Church leaders and government officials were enthusiastic in their assessments of the Crusade. Dr. Kyung Chik Han, pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the world, said, "It is a new epoch in the history of the Korean church and a new beginning for Christian unity and cooperation in our church." Dr. Ok Gil Kim, president of Ewha University and a participant in many World Council of Churches events, said, "The impact of this evangelistic Crusade is a demonstration of the oneness of our Christian faith in Korea."

Dr. Graham upon leaving Korea stated, "I seriously doubt if we will ever see meetings quite like this again in my ministry. It has made such a tremendous impact on me personally that I must get away for a few days and evaluate what I have seen and felt. I seriously doubt if my own ministry can ever be the same again."

Dr. Graham began another major Crusade in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 18, 1973.

### *Our Prayer Corner*

#### **Suggestions for Prayer This Week**

##### **Pray for:**

- 1) A widespread dedication of our people to make this summer a great time of gospel presentation.
- 2) Meeting the challenge of higher cost of living with higher consecration of our resources.
- 3) The churches that are praying for pastoral leadership and the ministers who are seeking the Lord's leading in their plans for shepherding the flocks.
- 4) The commitment of financial resources sufficient to meet crying denominational needs.
- 5) The Lord's hand of healing on leaders who are facing health problems.

"To prophesy is extremely difficult, especially with respect to the future."

—Chinese proverb

### **Burma Conference Meets**

By L. Sawi Thanga

The ninth annual session of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference convened at Tahan, Upper Chindwin, March 7 - 10, 1973. President Lian Ngura and other leaders presided throughout the meetings.

Registration of delegates took place on Wednesday morning. There were about fifty official delegates and a good number of visitors and observers, including representatives of the Women's Society of Burma.

Treasurer Hranghrima offered prayer and the Conference was declared opened. He welcomed three fraternal representatives from Tiddim, Chin Hills. Their leader Mr. Ngul Khaw Thang, introduced himself and his two associates as representatives of the Church of God, a Sabbathkeeping group, who wanted to start the work. He praised the evangelistic zeal of Seventh Day Baptist church and its leaders and expressed the sameness of the doctrine and practices and requested ordination to serve as minister of the Church of God. Later he was asked to write an official letter in this connection. It was agreed to ordain him.

At the business session, Secretary L. Sawi Thanga announced the agendas for consideration and delivered a short report of activities dealing on various topics during the past year and the contact he made with leaders of friendly churches and fraternal brothers and sisters in and out of the country.

The statement of accounts and the balance sheets, as prepared, were distributed among the delegates for consideration. It was moved by the secretary and voted that two evangelical workers be employed during the current year at a fixed remuneration of K. 60.00 (\$12.50) per month. Rev. Rokunga and evangelist Ngaizuala were selected in a secret ballot. They will work as travelling evangelists. The pastors and all other workers are willing to carry on their duties harder than before as Christian soldiers although they are not paid anything owing to lack of funds. Evangelist Lal Enga, who accomplished a remarkable job last year

as a full-time traveling employee, withdrew himself from the candidate list before balloting due to family reasons. He is willing to continue work without pay but he was assured to be recompensed if financial position improved.

The Rev. C. Khawvel Thanga, the headquarters pastor, who lost his sight suddenly last year while reading the Bible (actual reason unknown) could not attend the meeting. He was in Mandalay General Hospital for second operation of his eye. He was presented a sum of K. 150.00 (\$1 - Kyats 4.80) in consideration of his family difficulties and selfless service rendered by him to the church and for the Kingdom of Christ. Four other workers — two assistant pastors Lal Vuana and Manghrinthanga, Rev. Paluaia and Hranghrima, whom we could never pay remuneration were also given a small sum of money amounting to K. 82.00 each, in appreciation and recognition of their outstanding services.

Worship services were conducted every morning and night in which interesting sermons were delivered by the preachers. Our small church which accommodates about 200 people was always crowded. Following the services, the leaders were divided into separate groups and visited house-to-house and tried to convert new believers by emphasizing the Sabbath truth, our doctrine, and the true teachings of Jesus Christ.

On Sabbath Day, March 10, Mr. Ngul Khaw Thang was baptized in the early morning so as to fulfil the obligation. And the service of ordination to the Christian ministry of the Church of God was held at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Tahan at 11 a.m. Rev. Rokunga acted as a presiding officer.

The service began with singing of the familiar hymn, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," followed by a call to worship, invocation, and Lord's Prayer. Secretary L. Sawi Thanga asked questions regarding the candidate's faith and convictions and made him promise before the congregation to discharge his duties faithfully as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was presented a certificate of ordination and a Holy Bible.

A new constitution of the Conference

### **MEMORY TEXT**

"Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! . . . For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Job 19:23, 25.

was drafted by Lian Ngura last year at his own initiative. The delegates discussed the matter seriously and noted disapproval and requested Secretary L. Sawi Thanga to make a fresh draft as detailed as possible, including bylaws of the church.

The great tract campaign ministry began on Sunday morning, March 11. The leaders and the young people were divided into ten groups and each group was entrusted with about 300 copies of the tract on "Pro and Con," translated into Lushai language. They distributed house to house, in the open market and to everybody who came across them. It was assumed that almost everyone in Tahan reads Seventh Day Baptist books and booklets. The result awaits new believers to our faith. Tract campaigns were also made in many other villages.

Gratitude may be expressed to some of the leaders in Tahan for their hospitality and generosity in various ways. They bought an ox with money contributed by themselves and a few leaders for special meal. They slaughtered on Sunday morning and prepared the meat for a great feast for all the delegates and fellow believers. They invited friends and admirers of our teachings and efforts. Special music was arranged by the young people. The day was full of joy and cheerful. All were hale and hearty.

These are all encouraging signs for the future, showing considerable advance in the work. It has been an inspiring conference.

### **SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

for June 30, 1973

#### **RESPONSE TO HERITAGE**

Lesson Scripture— Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:5.



*Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist . . .*

**GOLDEN JUBILEE CRUSADE**

Outreach in evangelism is the highlight of the several key events planned by the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist churches in their Jubilee year — 1973. Major planning was done by the Conference Executive Committee. They set a goal: To win a greater cross section of Jamaica to Christ. They had a theme: "Christ for all and all for Christ" (Romans 10:12, 13). Their crusade theme song was, "Christ for the World We Sing."

Meetings were planned for nine of the twenty-three churches (Wakefield, Blue Mountain, Post Roads, Higgin Town, Bowensville, Waterford, Bath, Mountain View, and Charles Street, Kingston) in nine parishes of the Island.



Each church was to have an evangelistic team to lead out in the two weeks' Crusade meeting — the host pastor, a Jamaican and an American evangelist. The first two were to carry the first week of services with the American, Mynor Soper, Charles

Bond, or Leon Lawton, joining in the closing week.

Publicity was well planned. Handbills were printed to be distributed in the various communities. Posters and banners were also prepared to announced the meetings. Press, radio and TV coverage was arranged and display ads placed in the morning and evening papers. Special invitations were sent to prominent citizens. Arrangements were made for the visiting evangelists to lead in school devotional services. Special emphasis nights for youth, families and communities were set.



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As part of the annual Spiritual Retreat, held at Maiden Hall just prior to the Jubilee Crusade, special classes emphasized crusade planning, counseling those who would respond to the invitations, and witnessing person-to-person. Decision cards were prepared and a special Basic Bible Study booklet mimeographed to help new believers understand better God's Word in the first weeks following their commitment.

Prayer undergirded everything. Some churches held days of prayer and fasting. Some had a prayer chain for a twenty-four hour period. All prayed fervently that the Lord would bless personal effort and give wisdom to effectively share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God answered the faithful prayers and blessed the good works done by so many! Almost without exception the churches were filled, and overflowed with people who responded to the opportunity. Many were coming for the first time. Teachers, a member of Parliament, community leaders, and others joined in attendance and in encouraging their neighbors and friends.



On the strategy chart drawn by the Executive Committee it was pointed out the *now* — just over 1,000 members, nine centers for evangelism, the help of three American evangelists. Through the strategy mentioned above the *then* was set as a goal to be realized — vital messages making the gospel known and understood, good music, decisions for Jesus Christ, personal commitment by individuals effecting 1,000 new converts!

At the evaluation session, held in the new second floor classroom at Crandall High School, Kingston, on May 27, seventeen leaders gathered to share their experience. While we look forward to an official report of these discussions it was noted that over 400 decisions were made, several churches had baptismal classes organized and dates set for the

first baptism. A "March" in Kingston (see accompanying article) and like gatherings at some country churches attracted attention to the meetings and "led" people to them.

What might be the impact on the local congregations and witness? At Post Roads the membership was last listed in the *Yearbook* at 20, though a few more may have joined since this statistic was given. Their baptismal class and scheduled baptism in July anticipates 12 to 15 new members. Thus the enthusiastic statement of one member to the visiting evangelist, "We're having a real revival here! God is at work!" was based on fact.

Let us join our Jamaican brethren in praise to God for His leading and blessings in the Jubilee Crusade. It has become a beginning of outreach and growth in several of their churches. Let us pray for their Conference sessions the third week in July, to be held with the Luna church. Special emphasis and outreach are being planned for that time too.

**HAVE A MARCH**

By Charles H. Bond

*"If you want a crowd, have a march."*

This is what Pastor Joseph Samuels told me as we started out to secure a permit on Friday, May 11, 1973. A march had been planned to bring the evangelistic services to a grand conclusion at the Charles Street Seventh Day Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica. At first we were told no permit was needed for a religious march, and then it was said that one was needed for any kind of a march.

We soon learned that it was not easy to get such a permit, but we were on our way. Our first stop was at the Commissioner's Office. This was at the top of the ladder. From there we were sent to Police Headquarters, then to Area Headquarters, then to C.I.O. (Criminal Investigation Department), and on to a local Police Station. When they wanted us to start the circle over again, we determined to call it quits. Then they told us what we should have learned at the

Commissioner's office when we started. The police for the next day had already been assigned and it would not be safe to have a march without their protection.

Was this the end of the march that had been dreamed of? Not if you know Pastors Samuels and Harley. Plans were then laid for a march to conclude the two weeks of evangelistic services being held at the Mountain View Church in Kingston, May 13-26. When I arrived back in the city from a week of preaching in Bath with the Rev. Japeth Anderson, the host pastor, I learned that the permit was in hand and the long awaited march would be held on Sabbath afternoon, May 26.

About 4:00 o'clock the young people and some oldsters left the church for the designated spot where the march was to start. I waited in the cool of the church, with several others for the group to arrive. Soon we could hear the beating of the drums and the sound of bugles. A band from a Roman Catholic Church had been secured to lead the parade. They came up the main artery and then turned down the road leading to the church. Here they were with banners flying, and the people who joined them along the way had swelled their ranks to three or four hundred. The prophecy of Joe came true, "If you want a crowd, have a march."

The young people then put on a professional type program with many special musical selections, and other numbers by the band. One young lad gave a brief message, and all were invited back to the evening service.

Perhaps this detailed story indicates something of the determination of the Jamaicans to get a hearing for the gospel. It is true that a parade brought out more people, but it is also true that the churches were well-filled each night with many standing outside. They had advertised well the visit of the three American evangelists, and they were faithful in their work and attendance. God's spirit moved, and more than four hundred made decisions during the Golden Jubilee Celebration.

## Help Wanted — Reply Received!

"It pays to advertize" is an oft-used slogan in the daily press. This fact has been proved through the pages of the *Recorder* in recent weeks as well.

The April 28 issue carried notice of "Help Wanted" with particular emphasis given for a missionary couple in Malawi, Africa. While initial correspondence began almost immediately, a letter dated June 1, 1973, from Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Fuller of North Loup, Nebr. stated:

"This past winter we have felt God's call to be of more service to Him than we have been before but had no inkling of what He had in store for us until we read the 'ad' in the *Recorder* for a couple to go to Malawi. This seems to be God's answer to our prayers as we feel He has called us to this service."

While the general need was apparent for a replacement nurse for Miss Sarah Becker, the Rev. O. B. Manani, secretary of the Central Africa Conference, wrote on April 13 (received by us about a week later):

"The Board of Trustees of C.A.C. of S. D. B.'s requests the Missionary Society to try to send a missionary family to Makapwa Station to help with the work there . . . either a pastor or a layman whose wife would be a nurse. The nurse could help with the running of the medical work and her husband would help with various duties at the station, chief of which would be general maintenance of the Makapwa property of the Missionary Society."

Just before the April 29 board meeting a letter from Nurse Becker commented on our seeking a replacement and further stated:

"I feel that it surely would not be the Lord's will that I just pull out and leave the medical work without an R.N. in charge . . . I have done a good deal of praying and thinking about my staying on and I feel that I should stay on until some one else can be found to relieve me — if it is the Lord's will . . . I have faith, that with your prayers and God's extra blessings, I shall be able to continue to serve."

Although the formal call and detailed

arrangements for Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Fuller are still being formulated, plans were made so they could attend a three week Institute for Foreign Missions at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., June 11-28, 1973. This is the same orientation course in international health and cross-cultural studies that S. Elizabeth Maddox took two years ago before serving eighteen months in dedicated service on the Malawi field. A special class in tropical medicine and parasitology will be of special help to Audrey Fuller who is an R.N., though having no previous experience in the tropics. Menzo Fuller, an active layman in the North Loup church, has operated his own auto body repair shop for many years.

Let us join together in praise and thanksgiving for evidence of the Lord's leading and individual response in so many lives. Let us also pray for Nurse Sarah Becker and the Fullers in these coming weeks.

Another vital need is the full and regular support of O.W.M. budget! While your Missionary Board is seeking to cut corners and stay within the budgeted amounts for its 1973 budget, we are mindful that somewhat over 25 percent of the needed funds have not come in for the first third of 1973. Thus we all have a vital part in making these workers and work a reality, as we are "workers together with God."

### LORD, TAKE ME DOWN A NOTCH

My skill that builds a boat to ride the waves  
Is naught compared with His who rolls the seas.  
I like to boast of little irrigation systems  
Tending to forget who makes great rivers run.  
It's great to harness bits of solar energy  
But weak compared with Him who made the sun.  
My power that carries me out to orbit earthly  
space  
Is small in light of His who holds the reigns on  
boundless space.  
If I should claim to hold the world by the tail,  
Lord, make me recall that it was You who made  
the world and little me.

—LM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

## New Board Office for Christian Education



On Route 21 about a quarter mile south of the center of Alfred Station, N. Y., is the office and laboratory of the Alfred Ceramic Enterprises, owned and managed by Martin Curran of Alfred. In a very comfortable and convenient suite within this complex is the new office of the Board of Christian Education.

Dr. H. O. Burdick is seen walking in front of the Enterprise building as he left the lobby after having visited Secretary Clarke and Mrs. Johnson. The two major rooms of the board are directly in back of Dr. Burdick, behind the stone wall and the large windows to the left.

The offices are within a few rods of the previous office of the board which was for some fourteen years in the same building as the home of Secretary Rex Zwiebel.

An open house was held for members of the board after the April Quarterly Meeting to which members of the Allegheny Association were also invited. All of our readers are cordially invited to look us up if in the area of Alfred Station. Our mailing address remains the same as before and also our office phone. If we are not available by office phone the secretary's home phone is 607-587-8429.

The secretary now lives in an apartment at 33 South Main Street, Alfred, in the same home where his mother and aunt live. This lovely home was built in

1874 by his maternal grandfather Dean A. B. Kenyon who was an active Seventh Day Baptist and educator at Alfred University.

—David S. Clarke

## Pre-Con Financial Plans Moving Ahead

The Youth Program Committee met on May 17 and considered the various matters involved in the Youth and Young Adult Pre-Con retreats.

When you realize that an anticipated 125 Pre-Coners at Augustana on Lake Geneva in southern Wisconsin will run up a bill of over \$3,600 you realize that careful figuring must be done in anticipating staff costs, resource and program material costs as well as the fee to be paid to the managers of Augustana.

With all the considerations taken into account as best we could figure them the Youth Pre-Con fee will have to be \$35.

The use of the musical "LOVE" will bring to us a wonderful experience. The provision of a movie with a great Christian message is another highlight of the Pre-Con, but most of all, youth in the age of 15-20 years will appreciate the leadership of Dale and Althea Rood and the staff that they are gathering for the August 8-12 event.

The Young Adult Pre-Con directed by Wayne and Linda Cruzan will be held at Camp Wakonda near Milton. The fee for this Pre-Con also will be \$35 to care for the program, insurance, food, and other program costs.

We feel sure that the program planned by Wayne and Linda Cruzan and directed with the aid of those whom they are staffing the retreat with will be exciting but not "violent" (you may recall that the theme for this Pre-Con is dealing with the matter of violence in a Christian way). Preregistration forms for both Pre-Con retreats will be coming to you soon along with registration and information forms from the host committee at Milton.

If you have finished ninth grade and are under twenty years of age we want



## Youth Retreats North Central Association

By Helene Nelson

Spring has sprung and summer is just lurching around the corner! Some weeks ago in April, midwesterners were wondering if this seasonal season had come to stay nor not. At that time they were being badgered by damp chilling weather and a few johnny-come-lately blizzards.

These freak acts of nature many have aroused memories of past retreats held in the North Central Association this winter for the youth, young adults, and young marrieds.

The first one was held September 29-October 1, 1972, in Milton at Camp Wakonda with Chicago evangelist John Ankerberg expounding on the theme "We Love Him Because He First Loved Us," based on First John. One revelation to me was the verse found in 2 Corinthians 6:16. It says "we are the temple of the living God." Just as a temple has rooms, so does our spiritual body, rooms such as worry, pride, dates, tithing, family relationships, etc. It is up to us to surrender the management and control of each individual room to the Holy Spirit so that we will eventually be in total control by Him. Have you let Christ be the Lord of your life? Bible study and discussion groups, volleyball, and fellowship all helped to enrich each one's ex-

perience in Christian living that weekend. You to share the four days before Conference with Dale and Althea Rood and their staff and the other Pre-Coners. You will find a real charge for your Christian life in the encounters of the Youth Pre-Con at Augustana, Lake Geneva, southern Wisconsin.

Wayne and Linda Cruzan and their staff will be anxiously waiting for their Pre-Coners age 18-35 (those 18-20 may choose which Pre-Con they may want to go to) so that the Wakonda experience '73 will renew confidence in Christian action and words which disarm destructive violence.

—David S. Clarke

perience in Christian living that weekend.

Halloween weekend found youth of all ages and young adults journeying to New Auburn for a time of fellowship consisting of speakers, films, talent sharing and recreation. The Rev. Fred Francis, Eau Claire Wesleyan Church, spoke Sabbath morning, and Bill Bond, Dodge Center, Minn., spoke in the afternoon on the theme "Own the Peace of the Rock." I would like to share with you a few thoughts that I received from the speakers and Bible studies from Ephesians. No matter who you are or what you are, be real and true, 100 percent not phony. We are all born *creatures* of God; but not all of us are *children* of God. And from the theme: in order to own or have the peace that the Rock, Jesus Christ, offers, one must be a piece of that Rock, that is, a born again Christian.

Two movies, "The Son Worshipers" and "Late Great Planet Earth," provided thought-provoking stimuli for the retreaters. A talent show featuring two duets, violin, guitar, and mandolin, plus recreational activities such as chess, hiking, and improvised volleyball added to this weekend that was filled with variety.

The Albion retreat was also an experience in Christian living. In mid-January approximately thirty lively junior high and high schoolers listened to Carl Smith, Albion church member, speak on the Conference theme, "Growing Up in Christ." Throughout the weekend he compared the growth of a new Christian to that of a tree seedling from birth to maturity. There were Bible studies, discussion groups, a silent film presentation and gym activities. This writer had hopes of seeing artistic skills being displayed in snow sculpturing; but as "southern climates" are, not a flake of snow was to be found that weekend. Maybe April would have been more suitable for that sport!

In its own unique manner each retreat offered the participating individual a new and different experience in Christian living.

## Editorial Correspondence

There is a considerable flow of correspondence with retired Pastor Paul S. Burdick in regard to social problems of the day, especially as they relate to the military and to national policies. The following is the first paragraph of one of these letters that closes well, "In Christian Love."

"Thank you for the letter of May 25. I do agree especially with your final statement that 'we as Christians should concentrate on the gospel of salvation rather than on the political systems of the day.' And I think you as editor of the *Recorder* have tried to keep that aim in mind at all times."

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NEW AUBURN, WIS.— Two of our young folks, Christine Pederson and Patti Jo Pederson worked with Mynor Soper in Florida during their spring vacation.

The seniors had charge of the program for our graduates one Sabbath Day. We had one from college, six from high school, and seven from the eighth grade to honor. We gave the graduates carnations and the college and high school group books.

Our last mission collection in Sabbath School was sent to the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Managua, Nicaragua, to be used where need was greatest. They work closely with the Red Cross in disaster areas.

Vacation Bible School will start June 11. The United Methodist Church and our church are working together on it.

As a church we are cooperating with churches in the village in Key '73 operations. The Rev. Delmar Van Horn will be in our church for a week of teaching. We recently held a short service of dedication of brass candlesticks to honor Rev. Perie Burdick who came over from New Auburn, Minn., in the years 1904-1906 to preach. A good bit of the purchase price was given by Mrs. Genevieve Penny of Long Island in memory of her mother, Mrs. Burdick.

The Rev. John Pettway from Washington, D. C., services were well attended

and we hope they will bear much fruit.

Around twenty went to Dodge Center, Minn., for Semiannual Meetings, May 4 and 5. Pastor Oliver attended Ministers Conference in Shiloh, N. J. His daughter, Faith, has been chosen as a recipient of a scholarship to Milton College.

We are always happy to see the Moores from Harris, Minn., and the Smalleys from Blair, Wis., at church services.

—Correspondent

PAINT ROCK, ALA.— On two occasions recently our active young people have taken an important part in our Sabbath morning service.

The first time was during the absence of both Pastor Leslie Welch and Pastor Emeritus Clifford Beebe, at Ministers Conference at Shiloh, N. J., in late April. At that time they had complete charge of the morning worship service.

Phillip Butler gave the call to worship, made the announcements and gave the benediction. Debbie Pearson (daughter of Pastor and Mrs. David Pearson, missionaries to Malawi) gave the children's sermon, telling of the man who gave away a very special kind of soap. She compared this to Christ's gift of salvation, which cleanses us from all sin.

Five young people, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rabatin, sang "Are You Ready?" and "Lift Up Your Hands to the Lord."

To climax the program, Bert Welch and Phillip Butler gave moving testimony to the place of Christ in their lives. Bert read the poem "Why Do I Love Him So?" and Phillip challenged us all to greater commitment of our lives to Him, to do more to bring others to Him.

The second occasion was during the absence of Pastor and Mrs. Welch, to attend the graduation of their daughter Martha, from Glenville College, in West Virginia. Elder Clifford Beebe had charge of church, preaching on "We Never Even Heard of It" (the Holy Spirit). The children and young people sang several songs and choruses, closing with "The Bond of Love" from the musical "Love," presented at Ministers Conference. Phil-

lip Butler had the children's message.

Not only do the young people take an active part in many church services, but also have their own Sabbath Eve prayer meeting. This is in addition to the adult prayer meeting held on Wednesday nights.

We praise the Lord for active Christian young people. They are an inspiration and challenge to us older people.

—Clerk

## Accessions

SECOND BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Debra Lee Baldwin  
Angie Lee Palmer  
David William Palmer  
Vaughn Clifford Furgison

## Marriages

Fuller - Hathcoat.— Robert D. Fuller, of the U. S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Fuller of North Loup, Nebr., and Francis Evelyn Hathcoat, daughter of Mrs. Beulah Hathcoat, of Zenith, Wash., were united in marriage at the Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church in Des Moines, Wash., by their pastor, Duane L. Davis, on May 12, 1973.

They are making their home in Kent, Wash., until his discharge from the Army in July.

## Births

Giles.— Born to Steven and Deborah (Davis) Giles of Battle Creek, Mich., a son, Emery Douglas, on May 5, 1973.

## Obituaries

FLEMING.— Lucy E., daughter of Deacon S. Brada and Idell Willis Sutton was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., Nov. 25, 1903, and died June 2, 1973, at the Downtown Division of the United Hospital Corporation. She was a resident of New Milton, W. Va.

A retired schoolteacher and social worker, Mrs. Fleming was a devoted member of the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church, which she served for many years as the church clerk.

She is survived by: her parents; one sister, Mildred Bartlett of Bridgeport; three brothers, Francis B. Sutton, New Milton, Walter B. Sutton, Alexandria, Va., and George E. Sutton,

Reno, Nev. One brother, Harley H. Sutton, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were in charge of Pastor Doyle K. Zwiebel with the Rev. Frank E. Reid, pastor of the West Union Baptist Church, assisting. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery, West Union. —D. K. Z.

LOOFBORO.— Dwight R., son of Elmer Ellsworth and Euphemia Narcissus Sayre Loofboro, was born in Chicago, Aug. 10, 1888, and died May 13, 1973, in Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., after a brief illness.

He was a former resident of Albion from 1944 until moving to Janesville. He was a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. Dwight was married to Millie O. Whitford Sept. 8, 1951. He was employed as a sheet metal worker eighteen years at Highway Trailer Industries, Inc., Edgerton.

Surviving are: his wife; a son, Sidney of Scottsdale, Ariz; three daughters, Mrs. Maxine Timmer, Prescott, Ariz., Mrs. Charles Glover, North Aurora, Ill., and Mrs. Robert Hay, Sparks, Nev.; fifteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; a stepson, Roy Whitford, Janesville; a stepdaughter, Mrs. David Ast, Baraboo.

Funeral services were held from the Overton Funeral Home, Janesville, Wis., with his pastor, the Rev. A. Addison Appel, officiating. Interment was in Milton Lawns Memorial Park, Janesville. —A. A. A.

MCSPARIN.— Mary Thorngate, daughter of Charles and Ethel Thorngate was born at North Loup, Nebr., June 1, 1912, and died at the Sparta, Ill., Community Hospital, May 14, 1973.

She had taught school in Eau Claire, Wis., for twenty-eight years, where she was a member of the Christian Business and Professional Women of Wisconsin. On Nov 12, 1967, she was married to the Rev. Carlos McSparin, pastor of the Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church of Stonefort, Ill., where she was active as pianist and Sabbath School teacher until taken with her terminal illness.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four stepchildren: Mrs. Ronald (Alice) Brooks, Alton, Ill., Mrs. Kirk (Carolyn) Bethel and Mrs. Bill (Susie) Bethel both of Harrisburg, Ill., and David McSparin, Marissa, Ill.; a brother, Dr. George Thorngate, Monterey, Calif.; three sisters: Myra Barber and Marguerite Clapper, both of Dodge Center, Minn., and Mrs. Wesley (Kathryn) Baldrige, Albuquerque, N. M.; and several nieces and nephews. A brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Stonefort. Pastor Kenneth Van Horn officiated. Burial was in the Joyner Cemetery.

# OUR WORLD MISSION

## OWM Budget Receipts for May 1973

Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'	
May	5 mos.	5 mos.	May	5 mos.	5 mos.	May	5 mos.
Adams Ctr NY ..\$	150.00	60.00	Milton Jct WI ...	57.00	382.90	10.00	
Albion WI .....	57.68	246.55	60.00	Monterey CA ....		20.00	
Alfred NY .....	330.25	1,981.98	220.00	New Auburn WI ..	18.40	383.71	60.00
Alfred Sta NY ..	210.50	1,047.00	10.00	New Milton WV ..	50.00	250.00	
Ashaway RI .....	164.50	2,457.00	215.00	New Orleans LA ..		15.00	
Assns & Groups	308.50	433.50	536.50	North Loup NB..		1,020.00	80.00
Battle Creek MI ..	643.25	2,305.71	100.00	Nortonville KS ..	185.50	928.50	130.00
Bay Area CA .....		318.00	32.80	Ohio Fellowship..		200.00	
Berea WV .....		120.00		Paint Rock AL ..	50.00	355.00	140.00
Berlin NY .....	111.10	656.10	45.00	Plainfield NJ ....		1,063.32	515.20
Boulder CO .....		321.72	70.00	Richburg NY ....	118.50	812.53	45.00
Brookfield NY ..		195.50	45.00	Riverside CA .....	534.00	2,670.00	120.00
Buffalo NY .....		400.00		Rockville RI .....	150.25	333.25	10.00
Chicago IL .....			10.00	Salem WV .....		1,020.00	100.00
Daytona Beach FL	100.00	500.00	10.00	Salemville PA ....	85.00	335.00	6.00
Denver CO .....	433.81	1,869.05	345.00	Schenectady NY ..		50.00	10.00
De Ruyter NY ..	60.50	241.00	10.00	Seattle WA .....	50.00	200.00	190.00
Dodge Ctr MN ..	792.42	1,687.62	50.00	Shiloh NJ .....	1,677.70	3,170.95	50.00
Farina IL .....		110.50	10.00	Stonefort IL .....	30.00	150.00	20.00
Fouke AR .....	30.00	115.00	10.00	Syracuse NY.....			
Hammond LA ....				Texarkana AR ....		20.00	20.00
Hebron PA .....	72.00	365.00	70.00	Verona NY .....	81.00	652.00	85.00
Hopkinton RI ....			30.00	Walworth WI ....	100.00	490.00	
Houston TX .....		130.00	10.00	Washington DC ..		826.75	160.00
Independence NY	18.25	135.05	50.00	Washington			
Individuals .....		75.00	88.00	People's DC ....			
Irvington NJ .....	600.00	1,550.00	25.00	Waterford CT ....	180.00	1,162.22	115.00
Kansas City MO	25.50	231.20	40.00	Westerly RI .....		1,652.25	200.00
Leonardsville NY		212.13	10.00	White Cloud MI ..		304.94	20.00
Little Genesee NY	109.50	675.01	35.00				
Little Rock AR ..	39.80	135.42	20.00	Totals	\$9,146.54	\$47,115.17	\$5,193.50
Los Angeles CA ..	375.00	1,825.00	190.00	Non-Budget	91.68		
Lost Creek WV ..		800.00	30.00				
Marlboro NJ ....	331.38	1,840.11	30.00	Total			
Metairie LA .....				To Disburse	\$9,238.22		
Milton WI .....	965.25	5,536.70	620.00				

### MAY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 810.73
Historical Society .....	5.63
Ministerial Education .....	264.61
Ministerial Retirement .....	338.44
Missionary Society .....	3,713.46
Tract Society .....	1,123.43
Trustees of General Conference .....	16.89
Women's Society .....	89.82
World Fellowship and Service .....	224.53
General Conference .....	2,640.68
Memorial Board .....	10.00
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	\$9,238.22

### SUMMARY

1973 Budget .....	\$176,690.00
Receipts for five months:	
OWM Treasurer .....	\$47,115.17
Boards .....	5,193.50
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	52,308.67
To be raised by December 31, 1973	\$124,381.33
Percentage of year elapsed .....	41.67%
Percentage of budget raised .....	29.60%
Five months:	
Due .....	\$73,620.85
Raised .....	\$52,308.67
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Arrears .....	\$21,312.18

Gordon Sanford  
OWM Treasurer



# The Sabbath Recorder

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY 1973



(Including and supplementing the daily Bible readings of the Uniform Series of Bible Lessons published in "The Helping Hand.")

### Reverence for Human Life

- 1—Sun. The Sacredness of Human Life. Exodus 20:13; Genesis 4:8-16
- 2—Mon. Murder and Anger. Matt. 5:21-26
- 3—Tues. A Sabbath Work. Mark 2:23-3:6
- 4—Wed. Holy Bread for Hungry Men. 1 Samuel 21:1-6
- 5—Thurs. Sackcloth and Service. Isaiah 58:4-10
- 6—Fri. Murderer or Minister? 1 John 3:11-18
- 7—Sabbath. The Blessedness of Love. 1 John 4:13-21

### A Christian View of Sex

- 8—Sun. Adultery and Divorce. Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32
- 9—Mon. A Question and Answer About Marriage. Matthew 22:23-33
- 10—Tues. Mercy Seasons Justice. John 8:1-11
- 11—Wed. Retribution for Unnatural Sexual Relations. Romans 1:24-32
- 12—Thurs. Injunction Against Immortality. 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- 13—Fri. Things To Avoid. Ephesians 5:1-10
- 14—Sabbath. The Duties of Wives and Husbands. Ephesians 5:21-33

### An Owner's Rights and Responsibilities

- 15—Sun. Commandment Against Stealing. Genesis 31:25-31; Exodus 20:15
- 16—Mon. The Source of Social Injustice. 1 Kings 21:1-10

- 17—Tues. A Warning to Exploiters. Amos 8:4-10
- 18—Wed. Greed or Gratitude? Mark 12:38-44
- 19—Thurs. Care for the Oppressed. Luke 19:1-10
- 20—Fri. Give with Liberality. Ephesians 4:28-32
- 21—Sabbath. Acknowledge the Real Owner. Deuteronomy 28:1-12

### Live the Truth

- 22—Sun. Tell the Truth. Exodus 20:1-3
- 23—Mon. Truth for the Sake of Justice. Deut. 19:15-21
- 24—Tues. Speak the Truth in Love. John 20:11-18
- 25—Wed. The Peril of Pretending. Acts 5:1-11
- 26—Thurs. Advice for Christian Living. Ephesians 4:25-32
- 27—Fri. A Small Member with Huge Possibilities. James 3:1-12
- 28—Sabbath. The Defilement of Foul Thoughts and Speech. Mark 7:14-23

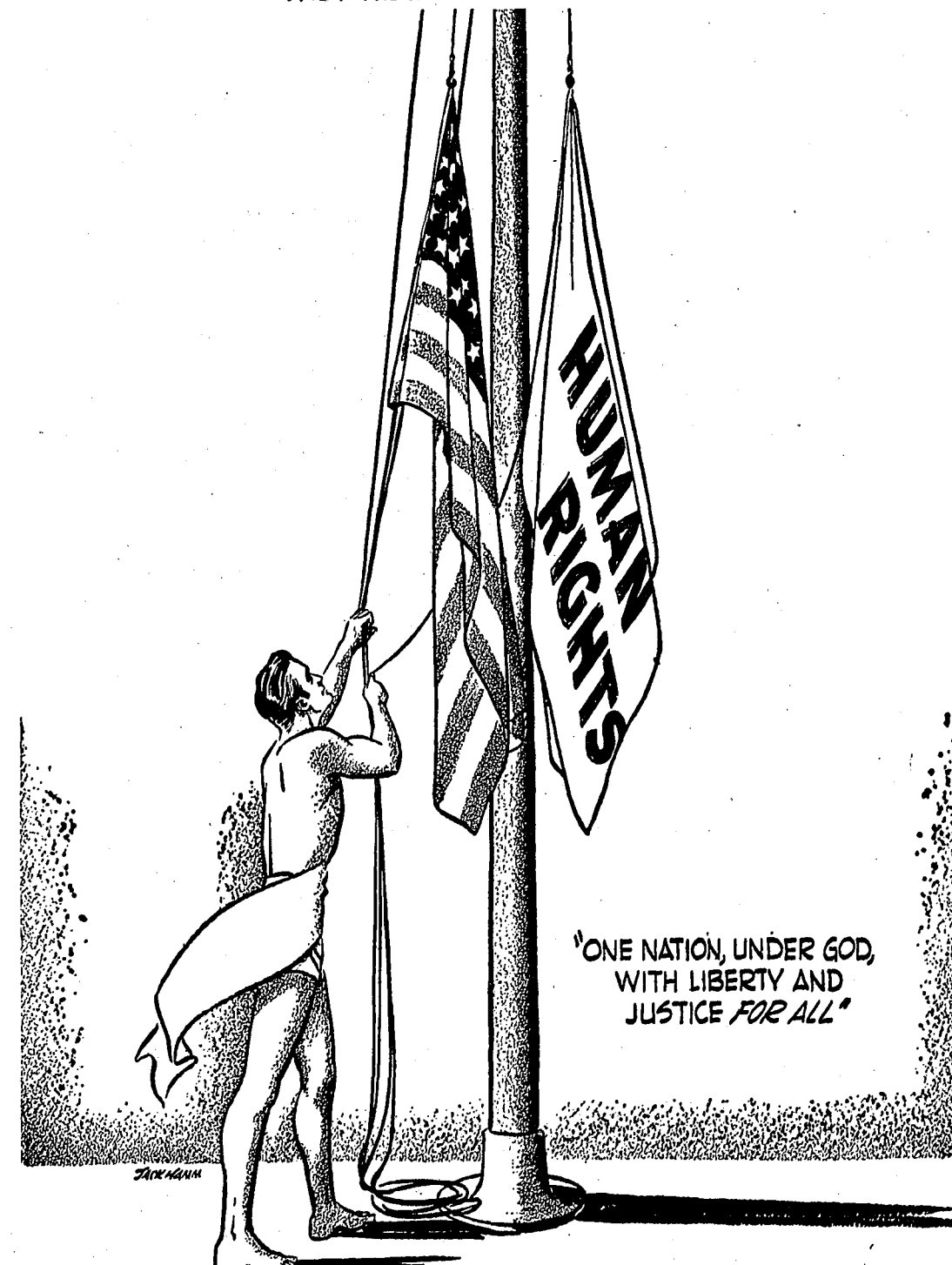
### The Peril of Greed

- 29—Sun. Not Envy but Contentment. Exodus 20:17; 1 Timothy 6:6-10
- 30—Mon. Wealth Brings No Security. Luke 12:13-21
- 31—Tues. True and False Values. Ecclesiastes 5:10-17

### Ethical Standards Needed

Bernard Ramm, a highly respected author of books on the relation between Christian faith and modern science, in his 1971 book on ethics, *The Right and the Good and the Happy*, has some sections on psychology that are incisive. Behavioral psychologists see man's actions as amoral — neither right nor wrong. Dr. Ramm points out that the theory does not work. If a psychologist does not himself abide by ethical rules in making his scientific tests he would jeopardize his professional standing. Scientific methodology requires adherence to moral and ethical standards. He concludes, "Before a psychologist writes off all behavior as amoral he had better check on how the scientific method would work if it contained no standards about being ethical or honest."

THEY RISE OR FALL TOGETHER



"OF A TRUTH I PERCEIVE THAT GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS" ACTS 10:34

## Something To Ponder on Independence Day