

Religion and Life

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HIS WAY TEACHES SELF CONQUEST

It is a strange sight — isn't it? — a religion which has no connection with life. Ralph Connor somewhere describes a man of the plains whose ordinary life showed no fear of God or man, but who "in his cups" was a rabid Presbyterian. The most fervent exposition we ever heard of St. John's contribution to the New Testament doctrine of election was given on the train one day by a stranger whose breath and the color of whose face suggested anything but a life of self-control. Yet St. John uses just such a story to illustrate the need of reality in religion. The story is intensely human. Jesus was travelling from Jerusalem to Galilee, and He and His disciples went through Samaria. The ordinary Jewish traveler in those days would have chosen the route east of the Jordan, because of the historic bitterness between Jew and Samaritan. A Samaritan woman came to the well for water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. She replied in mock amazement at a Jew who would want a drink from a woman of Samaria, and Jesus answered by drawing her attention to the perennial spring of living water which He was ready to open up in the souls of men.

There they stand before us—a woman of shady reputation, ready to trade quips and jibes with anyone, but quite clear about the religious controversies of the day and about which side she was on, and the Lord of Life who forgot His own hunger and thirst in His concern about one person's moral need and God's supply for it. There are two things that

little light Not in the room, it scarcely mattered. Hark! No, no; she seldom cried: God, not too far For her to see this first night, light a star! And in the morning, when she first woke up, I always kissed her on the left cheek where the dimple was. The dimple was. And oh, I wet the brush. It made it easier to curl her hair. Just, just tomorrow morning, God, I pray. When she wakes up, do things for her my way!

BRITISH TEACHERS SUFFER TORONTO (CP) — Exchange teachers from Britain are forced to baby-sit and clerk in stores to get enough money to live in Toronto. Mrs. Mary Temple, chairman of the board of education, said Monday that Toronto teachers in Britain are well off with the lower cost of living and the high exchange rate for dollars. She said each teacher receives the salary paid by his home school board.

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Education

Sinking province. It consists of four provinces and ten states. The other part of the country East Pakistan, has long been a single administrative unit. It is separated from West Pakistan by 1,000 miles of Indian territory.

SOUTH AFRICA

The Union of South Africa has a new chief. He is 51-year-old Johannes Strijdom who was chosen Prime Minister to succeed Daniel Malan, who retired from public life last November. Strijdom, like his predecessor is a member of the Africa's Nationalist Party. Unlike Malan, though, the new chief doesn't want to keep South Africa's ties with the Commonwealth of Nations, the association of independent countries including Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and others. At home, the new premier wants even more strict racial policies than those supported by his predecessor. Strijdom feels that the laws which now tell the land's colored people what they can and cannot do should be tightened.

Both these policies, if carried out, would cause trouble in South Africa. A large number of people, particularly those of British origin, bitterly oppose leaving the Commonwealth of Nations. In domestic affairs, additional racial restrictions would undoubtedly lead to new conflicts among the country's various races.

South Africa is ruled by its 2 1/2 million whites, made up largely of Dutch and English settlers. The rest of the land's 13 million inhabitants have little or no voice in their government. Most of these people are African negroes. Some are persons of Asian origin, while others are of mixed races.

MISSION TO PEKING

During the first part of January United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld travelled half way around the world to seek the release of eleven United States airmen, who had been jailed as spies by the communists in China. Hammarskjöld's instructions were to make "continuing and unremitting efforts to liberate the airmen and all other captured personnel of the U. S. command, still detained." "in violation of the Korean armistice."

JAPAN

Japan's new premier, Premier Ichiro Hatoyama was one of the 360,000 Japanese who made the pilgrimage recently, to worship at the shrine of Shintoism at Ise, near Tokyo. This was done in defiance of Article 20 of the MacArthur constitution, which lays down that "the state and its organs shall refrain from religious activity."

GREAT BRITAIN

Speech from the Throne: Queen Elizabeth opening a new session of the British Parliament on November 30 called for Western unity as the best basis for seeking an understanding with the Soviet Union.

In the speech from the throne Her Majesty said: "My government attach the highest importance to maintaining and strengthening close and friendly relations with the United States of America. It is upon this intimate association that world survival depends."

"My government are convinced a strong and united Commonwealth can take a leading part in the council of nations", the Queen said. The speech stressed that the government will: "Continue efforts to promote security and prosperity in South

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east Asia and to uphold the Indo-China settlement concluded at Geneva." "Persist in efforts to conclude an Austrian State Treaty." "Seek to give early effect to the London-Paris agreement calling for rearmament of West Germany and an inclusion of a free West German Republic in NATO."

The speech said the government trusts that these policies regarding Germany will so develop the unity and strength of the free nations that the essential basis will be established on which an undertaking with the Soviet Union may be sought.

On domestic affairs, the speech committed the Churchill Government to increase social security benefits, including old-age pensions; to undertake an expanded road construction program; and to improve the education system, with particular emphasis on providing more facilities for higher technological education.

CEYLON

Ceylon is on the point of joining SEATO. During his London visit, Ceylon's premier, Sir John Kotelawala was persuaded by Sir Anthony Eden to consider this favourably. Kotelawala promised that if progress is made in establishing contact between SEATO and the Colombo Plan, Ceylon will join SEATO.

Match the appropriate description from the letter group (List II) with each name in the number group (List I).

LIST I: 1. Dag Hammarskjöld; 2. Ichiro Hatoyama; 3. Harold MacMillan; 4. Claire Booth Luce; 5. Lyndon Johnson; 6. Andy MacKenzie; 7. Vincent Massey; 8. Jose Antonio Remon; 9. Ngo Dinh Diem; 10. Henry Cabot Lodge.

LIST II: 1. (a) American Ambassador to Rome; (b) is attempting to obtain release of 11 Americans imprisoned at Red China; (c) President of Panama, who was recently assassinated; (d) United States representative at United Nations; (e) A Canadian recently released from a Chinese prison; (f) New Premier of Japan; (g) Senate majority floor in U. S. Congress; (h) Premier of Vietnam; (i) Defence minister in Churchill government; (j) Governor-General of Canada.

Choose the answers or answer which correctly complete the following statements: 1. Vincent Massey's official home is at: (a) 10 Downing Street; (b) Rideau Hall; (c) 24 Downing Street.

2. Parliament was opened by Vincent Massey on: (a) January 1st; (b) December 22nd; (c) January 5th; (d) January 7th.

3. One of the countries serving on the Indo-Chinese Armistice commission is: (a) Russia; (b) Canada; (c) Germany; (d) Norway.

4. The state of the Union message was delivered by: (a) John Foster Dulles; (b) Joe Martin; (c) Clifford Case; (d) Dwight Eisenhower.

5. The acting conservative leader, until George Drew returns is: (a) Lester B. Pearson; (b) George Hees; (c) Hon. Earl Rowe; (d) George Nowlan.

6. The average size of the family farm in the United States is about: (a) 225 acres; (b) 1500 acres; (c) 225 square miles; (d) 30,000 acres.

7. The total membership in the House of Commons is: (a) 291; (b) 285; (c) 365; (d) 100.

8. Alcock and Brown flew from Newfoundland to Ireland on: (a) 1919; (b) 1845; (c) 1900; (d) 1924.

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In Memoriam

In fond memory of my Husband, WALTER WAKELIN who passed away February 7th, 1951. I watched you suffer day by day. It caused me bitter grief. To see you slowly pine away. With no hope for relief. Your weary hours and days of pain. And troubled nights are past. And in my aching heart I know. You have found sweet rest at last. For God in his mercy took you. From this world of pain and strife. And gave you his richest blessing. The gift of Eternal Life. In our Heavenly home we'll meet again. Where parting is no more. And my dear one, I loved so well. Has only gone before. Ever Remembered, Margaret.

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Reception and Tea

The Charlottetown Liberal Women's Club will hold a Reception and Centennial Tea, on February 8th, in the Confederation Chambers immediately following the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Legislature. The Public are cordially invited.

Married Against

your fatigue. But if you felt "in" with your mother—accepted and endorsed by her—you'd be developing know-how, instead of losing ground, in your ballwick. Because your mind will be more free, and your energies too—to tackle the day's routine. As it is much of your potential vitality is drained away in an undertow of unconscious misery—having to do with your frustrated status in relation to your family.

Mother Seems A Wrong Sort

In my book, your mother is about as wrong as a mother can be. She is a snob and a phony in the social field. As a parent she is utterly selfish, to wit: 1. Willing to fess up to out-of-pocket money which you needed desperately, as she did not. 2. Unwilling to bother with you and your brood, because you are "poor relations" in her scale of values. 3. Relentless in pointedly "rejecting" you for marrying against her wishes—although I surmise she's never been "close" to you.

Your four years with the WAVES, and the fact that you were away in college at government expense (prior to marriage) suggests that you were involuntarily in flight from a pernicious raw deal of sorts at home that was your misfortune, not your "fault".

Now for advice. You do need rest as John insists. So, if your family would have you for a visit without the children (as your censored data indicate), I think you should go home, perhaps taking the baby—and let John and a hired caretaker (maybe a good neighbor) look after the other small fry in your absence.

Prince Edward Island HOSPITAL

ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation a public meeting of all contributors to the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the class room, new nurses' residence, Charlottetown, on Thursday, February 24th, 1955, at 8 P.M. for the purpose of electing trustees for the government of the institution in accordance with the by-laws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

J. ANDREW LIKELY, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

INTERPRETER'S STORY

An Anglican missionary to the tribes of the North had as his interpreter in the early years of his mission a young woman who had grown up among them. Years after she told this story: "I knew their sodden lives, and when I heard him holding up before them the high spiritual ideals of the New Testament, I was so disgusted that I refused to interpret. But he insisted and I had to go on. Now I have lived with him as his wife for over a quarter of a century and I have seen every one of those ideals, realized in those people's lives."

This is exactly what Jesus did with that degraded Samaritan. She had a conscience, as the later part of the story was to show, and His offer met her need, as the same offer in modern phrase, met the needs of a primitive people.

Here is a Gospel for needs that everyone of us feels. So often people say: "I started out with such high ideals, but look at the mess I have made of my life." It is the old story—the good I wanted to do, I couldn't do; the evil I despised I couldn't do."

Like the old pagan philosopher, "I see and approve the better, but I follow the worse." It is just this need that Jesus meets. We can become "more than conquerors in Him."

Now this is only one of the features of reality in religion as Jesus saw it, and those that followed were equally important for us.

CCF Apologizes To French Speaking Canadians

MONTREAL (CP)—The national executive of the CCF apologized Tuesday night for statements made by CCF members of Parliament that offended French-speaking Canadians. David Lewis, national chairman of the party, said the executive "deeply regrets that recent remarks of some CCF members of Parliament have given offence to French-speaking Canadians."

"Any Canadian who seeks to question the equal status of our country's two official languages, as prescribed in the constitution, is doing deep violence to Canada's past, present and future," the statement said. In an interview, Mr. Lewis said the offending speeches were made by Erhart Regier, member for Burnaby-Coquitlam; Angus MacInnis, Vancouver-Kingsway; and Hazen Argue, Assinibois, in the House of Commons and Harold Winch, member of Parliament for Vancouver, in a speech outside the House.

The statement by the national executive criticized members for entering debate on provincial matters. "Anyone who would attempt to tamper with provincial authority in the fields reserved to the provinces, particularly education, would encroach on a basic feature of our federal constitution and thus endanger national unity," the statement said. "Any problems which the people of Quebec may have within their own province will settle themselves in their own good time, and in the light of their own traditions, just as Canadian citizens in other provinces will do."

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LITIGANTS' LONG HAUL

TORONTO (CP)—Officials said Saturday the Exchequer Court of Canada, second-ranking court in the country, is expected to cancel future sittings here because of lack of suitable court space. This would mean all Toronto area residents required to appear before the court would have to travel to Ottawa, they said.



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