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Is Age Of Violence On The Way Out?

A new consensus of opinion appears to be predominant in American society on the issue of violence. After rising in the late 60's to a peak previously undreamed of, our violent society seems to be becoming somewhat calmer. The feared outbreak of continued serious campus disorders has failed to materialize this year. In other aspects of society, a similar trend is evident.

The American people finally seem to have found that violence results in very little progress. Although more peaceful methods are often frustratingly slow, after finding that violent uprisings are even less satisfying, many seem to be returning to the rational approach.

Whether this is a temporary change is not yet certain; however, after reaching rock - bottom, even the old methods of change look preferable. While the ills of another century still linger on, perhaps enough progress has been made to show concerned individuals that there is hope for reform through peaceful methods. While slow in coming, reforms brought about through peaceful avenues tend to be more effective and long - lasting.

Since they are not simply rationalizations that have appeared in the wake of a heated current controversy, they can be much more effective in the end, after the initial emotion has subsided. While our problems are certainly getting no less complex, perhaps our methods of dealing with them have been revitalized in the light of previous failures.

Religious Emphasis Week Offers Great Potential

Next Monday the twelfth Plyler Religious Emphasis week will begin on the Brevard College Campus, continuing through Thursday. The leader for the week's activities will be the Reverend Reginald Smith, Jr., Pastor of Plains United Methodist Church in Canton, N. C. The youthful Smith should help to add the stimulus for a successful and interesting week of discussions.

Other than the opening convocation Monday night, none of the events will be required for attendance. However, the person who attempts to attend as many events as possible should find the programs very rewarding for his personal needs. The opportunity is ours. If we take advantage of it, we may find it valuable in expanding ourselves and enriching our outlook on life.

The issues to be dealt with are indeed of relevance to us all. The chance to hear more about them from other's viewpoints and to form our own opinions should make for a memorable week of educational value.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the persons responsible for the Lyceum program presented Friday. This was a long-awaited, greatly - received presentation of talent; and it proved to be the kind of entertainment Brevard College students will stay on campus for. Programs of the past have featured Polish ballet troupes, assorted dramatic readings, even an entire family of Appalachian Mountain cloggers! Although these programs were cultural, they did not attain SRO status or pro-

duce the unanimous approval seen at the Jamz Dutton concert.

The continuation of such presentations should be encouraged if financially possible with the GCP committee and Social Board. The efforts would then be rewarded with constructive activity for students and less "non-Christian" behavior.

Sincerely,
Herb Weishaupt

To The College Community:
Please convey to the faculty

and administration of Brevard College the deep appreciation of the family of the late Alan Wallace for the sentiments expressed in the resolution delivered to me recently by Professor Ed Roy.

Alan's work and connections with the college and students gave him great satisfaction and pleasure. It is comforting to be reminded of the sympathy and esteem of Brevard College friends.

Many, many thanks.
Esther H. Wallace
Most sincerely,

The Coming Of Spring Is Eagerly Anticipated

By David Arledge

When I first saw him he was by the side of the road, resting on the curb. To his right were his poles and line, and in his hand a bait box. My first thought was that it was too early for fishing.

It had been raining, a soft shower, much like the ones that are so common in spring, but in the chill of early March, Spring seemed far away.

As I approached him he turned and looked my way. His

face was one that had seen many a chilly March, but yet it carried an air of kindness about it. The whitening hair around his temples proved a sharp contrast to his chocolate brown checks. As he watched me, his dark red lips parted in a wide grin revealing his aging yellow teeth.

"Going fishing?" I asked.
"Shore am," he replied, "It's getting about that time."
"You must think it's Spring, and here it is only March." I kidded.

He smiled, looking at me and said: "Spring. Why it's just over the hill; it'll be here any day now. Everywhere you look buds are just itching to burst out, and before you know it Easter Lilies will be in bloom."

"Yes, I protested. "But you know how March is; it could come a big snow before Easter and freeze everything.

He picked up his gear and rose slowly, still smiling, his spirits not the least bit dampened by my pessimistic attitude. Then looking at me again he said: "Yes, I know it could turn cold yet, but don't you worry, the Lord will take care of everything, just like he takes care of you and me."

With that he gave me a quick wink, a nod of his head, and then turning away, he walked on.

As I watched him go, I hoped that he was right — right on both counts. For we could surely use Spring, and we all need someone to take care of us.

Continued Suppression Will Bring Problems

By Milton Rankin

Most all of us would agree that an individual should not be held or suppressed to another man's domination. We, citizens of the United States, have seen the "end - results" of what this does to a person or group, and through many long, hot summers, have learned of the disgust and anger (through riots, burnings, etc.) of these victims who found themselves (or their people) oppressed. Why then, does the U.S. (and even the world) refuse to rush aid to those being oppressed in the African nations? Or is the reason, perhaps, too obvious to us all?

While I am completely aware that the U.S. can not afford, under any circumstances, to permit herself to become involved in another "Viet-Nam," I feel that the U.S., through joint efforts, with other major powers of the world, could bring an end to the wrong that is occurring in the black nations of the world.

Although I am not fully informed as to specific instances or occurrences that exist, simply my knowledge of the strict segregation policies that have been issued to the native is enough to spell out trouble to me! When, if ever, the natives awaken and realize that they're in the majority and should be in control of what is rightfully theirs, "trouble" will be much too nice a term to describe the predicament that the "PIGS" will find themselves in. However, I sincerely hope that it will never come down to this. I am sure it won't if we, and the rest of the world, call attention to this wrong before it is too late.

OUTLOOK

By Mark Todd
EDITOR

Perhaps you've noticed it; the gradually noticeable green tint of the grass, the buds on the trees, and the pleasantly cool days that are becoming gradually more prominent. The coming of spring is a gradual thing, not always predictable in a temperate climate.

More and more one can see students returning to the outdoor world after being bottled up in confining buildings for so many months. Perhaps you have noticed students slipping away to their rooms and coming back with a set of golf clubs on their shoulder, shortly afterwards disappearing in their car to the nearest course.

Although some may not realize it, baseball season is here again; as in Arizona and Florida the various big league clubs are beginning a month of exhibition games after a few weeks of workouts. It's a process called Spring Training, you know, when every team can envision itself in the World Series, come October.

Springtime is like that, a time of anticipation of better things to come. Hope is just a little easier to reach for when you can start off fresh once more. Perhaps it's not really spring yet in that the March winds may prove a bit stifling for those of us who are hoping for a quick arrival of summer. They occasionally make us wonder if summer will ever come. Particularly for our northern friends, who can recall Aprils in years gone by that were something less than warm.

However, for those of us who will be heading still farther south with the coming of Spring Vacation next week, springtime is quickly becoming a reality.