

AMERICANISM AT ITS WORST

In Augusta, Georgia last week sponsors called off the annual Soap Box Derby because Negro boys entered the contest. Pressure to call off the affair came from members of the States Rights Council of Georgia and parents of white boys who had registered for the race. Here you have a sad example of poor sportsmanship to say nothing of Christianity and democracy. It is a dark hour in any child's life when his parents resort to the wretched practice of teaching him to look down on another person because of poverty, race, creed or color. Eight or ten years from now, these same boys may find themselves in a fox hole defending their country with some Negro boy if not the same ones who were so rudely treated by their parents. When bombs are raining hell on them and they are forced by dint of circumstances to share a foxhole with a Negro buddy for the sake of democracy, they will probably hate their parents for teaching them the sorry lesson of white supremacy.

LOCATING FIRE STATIONS

This newspaper finds itself unable to take sides with those who would oppose the location of a fire station near them because of the noise or for other reasons common to a project of this kind. We do not find justifiable causes for city officials to acquiesce to the demands of the opposing factions and seek other locations where the same objections might be raised with just as much fervor as exhibited by those living in the area of Fayetteville and Pekoe Streets. It appears to us that other citizens would be just as justifiable in objecting to a school being located in their area. Or a few old cantankerous fossils, with a few rusty dollars tied to them, might appear before the City Fathers and demand that the fire truck not pass their homes or open their sirens when on their way to rescue the homes or their neighbors from a burning domicile. If and when the city officials select another site for the location of a fire station in the Hayti area, and the same objections are raised by persons in and around it, we

THE HIGHLY PERSONAL RIGHT OF MARRIAGE

When the court of a state or national government invades the private domain of two people's right to marry because of racial differences, we think it is time for all lovers of freedom and liberty to beware lest in the ultimate end every right they possess under a democratic form of government is taken from them. We think marriage is so highly personal that even the parents of two people have no right to transgress beyond the threshold of giving advice. Last week the Virginia Supreme Court upheld the ruling of the lower courts of that state which bars interracial marriage and deliberately denied the petition of a Chinese to abolish a lower court's annulment of his marriage to a white woman. Said the court in its ruling: "We're unable to read in the 14th Amendment (of the U. S. Constitution) or any other provision of that great document, any words or any intent which prohibits the state from enacting legislation to preserve the racial integrity of its citizens or which denies the power of the state to regulate the marriage relation so that it shall not have a mongrel breed of citizens." It was such a heritage the Virginia high court was doubtless trying to preserve when it had the undodly audacity to invade the sacred domain of two people and annul their marriage. The court probably had in mind that some of the alert and smart Negro descendants of the first families of Virginia might resort to the federal courts to legalize their white relatives and claim their part of their estates. While we are on the subject, we do not hesitate to call the attention of all southern white folks to the fact that this matter of mongrelization

Life Is Like That

By H. ALBERT SMITH

Seeing Beyond The Material

There is an expression in the book of Revelations which reads, "And I saw an angel standing in the sun." Just what the expression means, no man living today knows. But the author had something very definite in mind and the people to whom he wrote had the essential background to understand him.

SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE We might note with profit that the book of Revelations was written in language intelligible to those for whom it was intended, but totally uncomprehensible to their enemies. And, when we consider that at the time the Roman government was relentlessly persecuting the church, we find it easy to identify those enemies.

The language used was symbolic. I may best define the term "symbolic" by pointing to the meaning of two expressions the author used. The one was "The Beast," the other, "the False Prophet." The first designated Rome itself; the second, the imperial priesthood. The church knew what was meant. Rome did not. And that was the purpose of the author.

SPIRITUAL REFERENCE But, if we today do not know the literal meaning of the words "and I saw an angel standing in the sun," the meaning they had for a church 1900 years ago, the words have for us the sense of poetry. That is to say, they have for us a spiritual reference far transcending their original literal meaning.

That is true because we know that the poet of sensitive soul and finely attuned spirit catches the sweet harmony of heavenly music in the evening breezes and the rustling leaves. He hears angel's voices in the sounds of running water, or in the entire medley of sounds produced both by the animate and inanimate forces of nature. And he sees in the beautiful coloring of the sky at the break of day or the hour of sunset, the very gates of Heaven, the resplendence of Paradise and the glory of the Lord.

Now, in all of this, there is no real heavenly music, angels' voices, gates of paradise, or celestial glory apprehended by our natural faculties. But there is something behind and manifesting itself through such natural phenomena to which I have referred that deposits vision, revelation and experience—unearthly and divine—in our immortal souls.

A PRESENT EXPERIENCE I experience now something of what I am writing about. The sun is far above the horizon, but the day (an especially beautiful Sunday) is nearing its end. I look out upon

a field of barley, oats and wheat in early growth constituting a vast carpet of green covering several acres. Birds are singing in a patch of woods, not too far away, composed of pine, sweetgum, hickory, dogwood, red oak, white oak, maple and cedar trees. Above the notes of the various birds is the voice of the mockingbird.

This panorama of beauty and symphony of melodious sounds have meaning for me not merely earthly. There is a heavenly reference. And this is emphasized by the spiritual experience of the day. For, suddenly this morning, I had heavenly assurance of a more than ordinary pulpit experience. I told my wife about it before I left home. And the assurance was no illusion.

SAW BEYOND NATURE The experience of Moses at the burning bush evidently was based in part on his spiritual sensitivity to the unseen as it revealed itself through nature. For forty years he had been a herdsman in the wilderness of Midian, not too far from Rocky Mount Horeb upon whose smoke enwrapped summits he later talked with God and received the Table of Law.

The Psalmist David had this same sensitiveness of spirit. Nature to him was more than merely physical objects and forces. He found the glory of God in the skies and meaning which only a soul responsive to something beyond the material can appreciate.

We catch that in the beautiful poem which we call the 19th Psalm.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."

For David, there was an angel in the sun. He could see the spiritual in the material. His universe was alive with God. There was divine glory in the heavens. The power of God was there; His presence was there. Divine intelligence and spiritual purpose were there.

BROUGHT ASSURANCE For that reason, the Psalmist could feel secure and confident in a universe like this. He was not a fatherless child forsaken and abandoned. He could face life with the fullest assurance because God was at its heart and in control of its machinery.

I trust that all who read these words will see, if they have not seen already, the angel in the sun, the spiritual in the material. And may they know that amid all the contradictions, mystery, conflict and heartaches of life, God stands within the shadows "keeping watch above His Own."

"AN AGE THAT IS PASSING"



Spiritual Insight

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"Unburdening A Heart"

"My heart is ready to burst... I must speak that I may find relief..." Job 32:9,20.

Our hearts become weary and exhausted under the growing burdens of life. We can stand but so much. We all have our breaking points. There is that one more straw which breaks the camel's back. We can stand so much and then there must come an outcry in the presence of an understanding friend. We are all in need of more understanding and less condemnation. Many years ago as a lad I used to hear an old lady say: "I must tell it." I could not understand the meaning of it twenty-five years ago. But now I know that it was the cry of a burdened heart. I have now experienced enough of this life to know the cry of a heavy-laden soul. Job is stranded in a dark pit under a heavy burden. We hear his cry out of the darkness that the burden may be lifted. "My heart is ready to burst... I must speak that I may find relief..."

We do need communion and the understanding ear of sympathetic friend when our hearts are burdened. Such a heart can help us in the unburden-

ing of our hearts and souls. You can feel the feverish throbbing and see the agony stamped on the countenance of a burdened soul. You can see and feel it in Job. "My heart... is ready to burst..." We have seen too many of the burdened hearts burst forth into tears. We have seen them stagger and fall under the crushing weight of these burdens. The burdened heart needs relief and comfort. As an understanding friend you can be of great help. What can I do? You can offer yourself as such in the spirit of the Christ. Beware of criticism and condemnation. Offer yourself in love and understanding; This is The Way You Can Help Amid The Growing Number Of Burdened Hearts.

That burdened heart needs a chance to have its burden lifted. You may be used by God for this purpose. God will use you for this blessed ministry if you will let him. There are increasing cares, burdens, crosses, troubles, hurts and sorrows and under these circumstances we need an understanding friend to whom we can unburden our hearts. There are so many burdened hearts and too few understanding friends. So many are in such a mad rush in hot pursuit of our own ends and aims that we have no time to be an understanding in the presence of a burdened heart.

Let God use you in the blessed ministry to help lift the burdens of troubled hearts. I hear many crying out their burdens. "My heart... is ready to burst... I must speak, that I might find relief..."

We all have seen peaceful calm settle upon a burdened heart in the presence of an understanding friend. Here is a soul struggling under the weight of a heavy burden. With a little of your time God may use you to unburden a heavy-laden heart. Under a staggering burden some are ready to give up. Why? The burden seems unbearable! You as an understanding friend may help to lift that burden. What a great blessing to have an understanding friend to share our burden. The understanding friend to share our burden. The friend can bring sweet peace and calmness by helping to lift that heavy burden.

Capital Close-Up

By CONSTANCE DANIEL

Segregation Costs Clubs District of Columbia Commissioners are facing probable suit by NAACP's D. C. Branch, on charges of mistating public funds to support segregation in the quasi-public Police Boys Clubs. Eugene Davidson, president of the Branch, wired President Eisenhower, last week, asking his intervention to end the segregated operation of these clubs in the Capital City, financed in part by public funds, to prevent the necessity of a suit "against your Board of Commissioners."

The Police Boys Clubs were organized on a segregated basis, on Washington's Birthday, 1934, with John A. Remon, now Redevelopment Administration reorganizations during the 22 years that the clubs have been operating, but never one which included Negro participation at the directive level.

The usual "advisory committee" of Negroes—most of them reluctant—was finally organized to work with the club "for Negroes," in the heart of Washington's Harlem, and with no other. They did not even meet with the whole Board. One Board member was "assigned to them," to discuss the problems of that particular area. Period. Many other Negro citizens turned thumbs down on this discriminatory pattern and refused to serve.

Ever since their organization, the Clubs have steadily

tration or operation, while using tax-paid uniformed policemen to carry on their annual house-to-house canvass, for funds. This practice, during the 1954 drive, cost your District (Continued on Page Nine)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor
Carolina Times
Dear Sir:

The daily papers says that President Peron, of Argentina, insists that his "Regime will force Church to Obey Majority," in his present feud with the Catholic Church. I certainly hold no brief for Peron in his apparent leanings toward Communism, but he is certainly to be admired for the courage displayed in his conflict with the church. As a lifelong Catholic, he is certainly acquainted with the dire consequences attached to the threatened excommunication by the Church.

The Church claims power to open or shut the doors of heaven to any one, and to absolve subjects from any oath of allegiance to any reigning power. A person under excommunication is (according to the claims of the Church) denied any spiritual rights, even burial in "sacred ground."

The Church still recognizes the "divine right of kings," and is definitely opposed to any democratic form of government, such as in Argentina and the United States.

The Catholics of Argentina who are fighting for the supposed rights of the Church are demonstrating what fanatical

Catholics can be depended upon to do even in our beloved country when the Church gets strong enough. Peron accuses the clergy of the Church of "working systematically against his regime since 1943," and points out that the Church has not been exhorted by any pastoral letter "reminding them that Christ's doctrine prohibits political action."

Cardinal Gibbons, in his "Faith of Our Fathers," makes the statement that "a politician dabbling in religion is as reprehensible as a clergyman dabbling in politics," but such a statement must be taken with a lot of salt, in view of the continued and dogged and feverish and unrelenting activities of the Church and her clergy all over the world to gain control of all governments, in order that she might rule both temporally as well as spiritually, as she claims that she has the right to do.

It is truly refreshing to see a man, steeped in the superstitions of the Church, to begin to see the light of reason, and to cease to be brow beaten into subject submission to her fulminations.

Truly yours,
J. J. Walsh

Spotlight on HEALTH
Science Features

New Hope For Arthritic Patients

Rheumatoid or arthritic disease has plagued man since pre-historic times. Evidence of arthritic damage to bones and joints has been found in ancient Egyptian mummies and even in the skeletons of giant mammals that roamed the earth before the advent of man.

Today these diseases are the prime source of chronic illness and a leading cause of physical disability. In the United States alone they victimize more than ten million people each year. According to recent estimates, their annual toll amounts to 150 million working days lost, with a resulting loss in income exceeding one billion dollars annually.

The most commonly known forms of rheumatoid diseases are arthritis, rheumatism, gout and bursitis. Characteristic symptoms are stiffness and pain of joints and muscles. In severe cases the joints appear swollen and inflamed and the patient may be unable to leave his bed.

Because the causes for most of these conditions are still unknown a wide variety of treatments have been tried. Dramatic results have been obtained in the treatment of severe cases with hormone drugs. But possible undesirable side effects and other considerations have been found to limit the value of hormones for long-term treatment of arthritis.

The classical treatment for arthritic diseases, the salicylates (aspirin), in combination with vitamins are proving helpful. Physicians have reported that aspirin in combination with vitamin C given to rheumatism patients relieves pain, increases the feeling of well being and affords greater use of the affected joints.

One drug manufacturer is now producing a tablet called Acetylcol which contains the classical ingredients of aspirin and vitamins from the B complex group and vi-

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