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Red Cross - Good Neighbor

Though campaigns for one cause or another have multiplied during the past few years almost to the point of exhaustion, there are a few which stand out with universal appeal. It is well to remember, as March brings the annual membership drive of the American Red Cross, that this was the first of them all. Since World War 1 days and through the years of the annual "Roll Call" the Red Cross has been in there pitching, and has solidly established itself as a national necessity and a help in time of trouble.

The American Red Cross was chartered by Congress to fill definite needs, and has shouldered its obligations with distinction. These charter obligations are so vital that if they were not supported by citizen response, they would have to be supported by taxation. They represent the obligation of man to man in time of distress-the sort of distress which can happen to anyone, through no fault of his own.

The charter obligation of home service to ness and relief takes the Red Cross instantly to the scene of major disaster, whether caused by fire, flood, hurricane or railroad wreck. The only thing predictable about such disaster is that it will strike-somewhere, somehow. Every year the list of them is great and terrifying. This winter, for instance, floods in the central plains and blizzards in the west have necessitated Red Cross rescue and relief operations on a grand scale. Two railroad wrecks last month brought Red Cross service into instant play. If only for the disaster service alone, we would feel the Red Cross deserved our full support.

The charter obligation of home service to the serviceman, the veteran and his family was necessitated by the fact that this is a nation whose defense forces are made up of millions of civilians. The man in uniform leads a double life-he is soldier and civilian both, with responsibilities belonging to each, and the Red Cross forms the necessary, important link between the two. This work goes on every day in multi-detailed routine, everywhere a serviceman has home ties ,or a veteran lives and works.

Numerous other services are rendered according to the needs of each "home front."

The Red Cross has had, will always have, its ups and downs, plus criticism from those who think they know better how it should operate and what it should do. The Red Cross, which does know its job and has proved it over many years, goes right on doing what needs to be done, in a way to be admired, loved-and supported.

Serving widely in natural disasters and in the vast man-made disaster of war, it can make none of these a bed of roses. No agency can-

The following remarkable story is reprinted from the Humane Review, under the title

ONCE BLIND DOE SEES NOW

The buck fell to the ground, just as the first rays of the sun were creeping through the trees, and as he fell, three deer fled into the nearby trees. When the hunters approached they found a tall, graceful doe standing quietly behind the fallen buck. A curious look in her expression caused one of the hunters to move his hand swiftly before her eyes. She did not blink or start, for she was blind.

It was then that the hunters noticed that she held the tip end of the buck's tail firmly in her mouth. She had been led along the trail by the buck who was acting as a guide for the magnificent but totally blind deer.

The hunter, with great understanding, grasped the tip of the tail held firmly in the doe's teeth and proceeded carefully back to their camp.

Today, in a park in Salt Lake City, the once blind doe grazes peacefully in the warm sun, where she lives in comfort. Her eyesight has been restored by an operation.

Seen Across Arr Abyss

A friend of ours once had a very horrible experience. Staying as a guest in a mountain hotel, she could look from her bedroom window many miles across a valley to other mountains. From a tunnel made small by distance she could see occasionally a miniature train emerge, puffing tiny gusts of smoke, and make its way across a toy trestle. It was all so far away she could hear no sound.

One day she saw walking on the trestle a young man and girl. Seen across the valley they looked like dolls. Suddenly from the little tunnel came the little train. The dolls saw it too, and moved faster but not fast enough. They ran but the little train caught up with them and ran over them. There was no sound.

So, transfixed, helpless, horrified, we have had to watch from afar the relentless drama of Robert Vogeler's trial and conviction at the hands of the Hungarian government, followed by the mysterious death of his friend, Capt. Eugene Karpe.

If from these small, far figures have come screams of anguish we have not been able to hear them. Only in our imagination can these screams resound-desperate cries for help which their hearts hoped would come, though their minds knew it could not.

And a great nation has had to sit immobile, staring across the distance not only between one nation and another, one side of the earth and another but between communism and democracy: a measureless abyss.

Some way must be found across the abyss. Or is this an impossible task of State Department engineering-are we licked before we begin?

More Negro Policemen

The use of Negro policemen in Southern cities and towns continues to grow. The latest compilation by the Southern Regional Council shows 62 cities and towns in 12 Southern states employ 101 uniformed Negro policemen, 33 Negro plainclothesmen and seven Negro policewomen.

Red Cross Campaign Poster for 1950

SUPPORT YOUR 1950 FUND CAMPAIGN

This simple but forceful picture, symbolic of Red Cross service, is the work of Stevan Dohanos, noted magazine artist.

Grains of Sand

They need \$1,000 for a "blue cal Legionnaires and other folks baby" down at Ellerbe, and they will go.

spot.

her methods.

Now, the lady, who does approve of Mrs. Eddy, has hit on this

way of stopping circulation of Da-

kin's views, at least as far as

Which has changed her from a

borrower to a larcenist, and put

the Library in an embarrassing

The lady undoubtedly has wor-

thy motives . . . but we doubt if Mary Baker Eddy would approve

No news . . . Billy Warner,

Congratulations to the Char-

Southern Pines High School grad-

Southern Pines is concerned . .

don't care if 1,000 folks show up with \$1 each at a dance the local A novel means of censorship of Legion post is having Saturday the local public's reading matter night . . . All the money will go has been brought to our attention. to pay for an operation for little A lady who did not approve of Frances Lee Dawkins, daughter of a certain book in the Southern

fr. and Mrs. Roy Dawkins. Cliff McLeod, commander of then when Miss Amy Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dawkins. Richmond County Post 73 at El- librarian, told her the books there lerbe, writes us that they have se-cured Dick Levin and his State College orchestra to play . . . The The book is "Biography of a Virdance will be in the old gym at ginal Mind," by Dakin . . . It is Ellerbe, from 8 p. m. to 12 mid- about Mary Baker Eddy, of whom night and we hope lots of our lo- Author Dakin did not approve and he wrote a whole book to say

> The Public Speaking

A GOOD CAUSE Editor Pilot:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of 'the Moore County district of the Boy Scouts of America for the splendid publicity that you gave Boy Scout week in your paper. Such publicity does a great deal to ad-Scout organization and at the uate, now a scholarship-winning vertise the merits of the Boy same time build confidence with sophomore at Harvard, again the general public in the splendid made the dean's list at this great work that is being done among university.

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dents to think.

on all three." feet of timber is cut from Nor Bright boy, that Voit-wish we Carolina's forests each year. could tell you just how bright! He effectively hushed the mouth of Grains of Sand on the subject of his office warming, which we had plaintively mentioned as overdue. . . He got the best of us, all right, and some

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day we'll tell you just how he did

it, and made us like it, too. . .

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but it can, and does, save lives, bring comfort, alleviate suffering and illness, extend a swiftly helping hand in time of need.

Made up largely of volunteers, supported by the people's funds, the Red Cross acts for us as the Good Neighbor we should all like to be.

No Mercy In Mercy Death

It was testified at the trial of Dr. Hermann M. Sander, being tried in connection with the death of a cancer patient, that when Mrs. Abbie Borroto's husband learned that air injected in her veins would bring a "mercy death," he exclaimed, "Thank God!"

That exclamation, we think, illuminates the whole twisted ideal of "mercy killing"; for it was not God who is to be thanked, but the doctor and his hypodermic needle.

If it is true the air injection brought on Mrs. Borroto's death, God had nothing to do with it. Rather, one of His basic laws was broken by man playing God, dealing with matters beyond his ken and his authority.

It appears the injection as actual cause of death may come in for dispute, but there seems to be no contention as to Dr. Sander's intent, nor the reason for it. Torn as we may be by human pity for all concerned, we feel that Dr. Sander through human failing attempted 'to make wrong right; that this was a weak thing to do, not a strong-reprehensible, in no way justifiable.

Compassion is the finest emotion of man's soul, but it is just that—an emotion. When laws of God and man, broken for emotional reasons, meet with approval moral chaos results.

If Dr. Sander's act is condoned, it will be time for a wider compassion: for other doctors, now clear in their sense of duty, who will then be confused; for relatives of ill people, tortured by dark, dangerous thoughts freed of moral restraint; for the ill and suffering themselves, trusting in God but at the mercy of man's erratic will.

Lost will be the star we steer by. With no authority other than man himself, "mercy death" can become merciless death in the time it takes a dying man to sigh.

Kindness To Animals

Boy Scout week is over, but kindness to animals, one of the cardinal principles in the Boy Scout book of rules, goes on, whether it is practiced by young scouts or scouts grown up.

In October, 1947, a similar survey by the council showed that 46 Southern cities were using a total of 236 law enforcement officers. A year later 54 Southern cities were employing 279. The capitals of all Southern states except Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Kentucky now use Negro police.

More cities and towns in Florida-a total of 14-use Negro policemen than in any other Southern state. North Carolina runs Florida a close second with 12 cities. Texas has nine cities and towns making use of Negro police. Columbia, S. C., and Atlanta are the latest state capitals to adopt the practice.

About half the cities and towns in the South now using Negro policemen in Negro areas have adopted this practice since 1940. Five cities have employed Negro policemen since 1920, and nine since 1930.

Agencies concerned with improving racial relations in the South have long advocated the wider use of Negro police in Negro areas as a means of deferring crime and easing racial tensions. Cities report the use of the Negro officers invariably is effective in increasing respect for ---N. Y. Herald Tribune law and order.

Little Woman, Hail

A PHT differs from a Ph. D. as help differs from self-help. The University of Colorado is informally giving the lesser known "degree" to wives of GI students for "Putting Husbands Through' and helping husbands to help themselves to an education under the GI Bill of Rights.

As a woman member of the board of regents explains "Any senior's wife who has pushed, pulled, and put her husband through the University of Colorado, who has contributed economically, domestically, and otherwise to her husband's education, who has learned to wash her husband's clothes and her children in the same sink, deserves full recognition."

Hollywood has already paid tribute to the GI college wife with a delightful and shrewd comedy, "Apartment for Peggy." Statistics pay even higher tribute to her patience and ingenuity in "making do" in order that the titular head of the family may make good. Now all that is necessary is the final tribute from the veteran of battles who is at the same time a bachelor of arts and a husband of parts.

-Christian Science Monitor

When Billy DOESN'T make the the boys of our community. dean's list . . . THAT will be news. All of us who are actively en-

gaged in Boy Scout work in Moore county greatly appreciate your ine cooperation in helping us to keep the public informed of our worthwhile activities, and we are particularly grateful for the space that you gave during Boy Scout week.

Thanking you for all that you have done and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours, W. LAMONT BROWN

GOOD FRIDAY

To the Pilot:

ern Pines. As a Christian nation it should A story by Senator Hoey rebe our desire not only to give rec- veals that in 1891, when he was ognition and thanks to God for 17 years old, he began his career our civil freedom and prosperity, in the great world setting type but greater yet to give thanks to (by hand) for the Charlotte Ob-Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for server.

what was done some 2,000 years

"Delicious and Refreshing" . . ago, when He suffered a most cruel death in order that we Four of the charming flower arrangement paintings used by Mrs. might live. Good Friday, the day which commemorates that Death of lecture on iris Monday night were Christ, will be observed this year by courtesy of the Coca Cola comon April 7. With this in mind, we pany . . . She'd like to give credit would appreciate your helping in where credit is due, and, as for a movement in the State of North us, we're happy to know our Carolina to request the Hon. W. nickels for Cokes go into such a Kerr Scott, Governor of the State, fascinating form of promotion. Mrs. Wilcox, who spoke at the to proclaim the hours of 12 Noon to 3 p. m. of Good Friday, the library building as guest of the hours of Christ's Agony, as a Garden club, said the arrange-special time of prayer and recol- ments were made by a friend of lection and that this time be fur- hers, Mrs. Burroughs.

ther commemorated by (1) the closing of schools at this time; and From the Hoke County Journal: (2) the closing of places of busi- "Guest speaker at the regular ness (except essential public meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis places) and amusement centers. club last Thursday night was Voit Because of your position of Gilmore, Southern Pines lumber-

leadership and influence through man. Mr. Gilmore, an accomthe press, we feel that your ap- plished speaker, was presented to probation of this cause will carry the club by Kiwanian Buck Blue. great weight. Gilmore may be remembered by some as having headed the Caro-

In a world that is fast declining from the recognition of God lina Political Union at the Uniand from the invocation of His versity of North Carolina some name, we are hoping that this years ago. He was given considcooperative effort on the part of many Christians in North Caro-lina will bring home the signifi-bringing speakers of all creeds cance of Good Friday to the peo- and beliefs to the University to be ple of our State. heard. These included people ranging from Henry Wallace to

Sincerely yours, NEIL BIRCH.

Executive Secretary, N. C. Cath- velt to Paul Robeson and Harry olic Laymen's Association.