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Meaningless Contracts and Treaties

Treaties and contracts binding men and nations to certain terms have been rendered almost meaningless by Hitler and men. Just as there are a few persons who recognize the meaning of a contract and make every effort to comply with its terms and provisions, there are those who do not hesitate to break a contract when such action will profit their position. Surely, there are instances when contracts are not intentionally broken or when the terms cannot be met, but just as Hitler has torn up treaty after treaty there are individuals who have deliberately and cunningly broken contracts with their fellowmen.

No nation can be expected to abide by a contract unless its people as individuals respect a contract made in good faith.

At one time a man's word was as good as his bond. With few exceptions, modern business now recognizes nothing but an iron-clad contract, supported by mortgages that include everything but human souls. The day of the plain note is just about gone, meaning that honesty has just about gone with it. Little wonder then that a heartless creature like Hitler breaks a treaty or promise when such action suits his purpose. Apparently it is necessary for us to return to the golden rule ourselves while we are busy trying to exterminate Hitler, the man of a thousand broken promises.

No Time For A Strike

Regardless of the merit of their claims, the railroad brotherhoods and the miners along with others can hardly justify strikes in this critical period. And the wise labor leader should realize that strike action now will not only endanger the country but it will also lose for labor many of the reforms it has gained in recent years. Labor has probably advanced its cause more in the last eight years than in any other period in history. Drastic action on its part now will, it is believed, cause it to lose those gains and many others along with them.

The sensible thing for labor to do at this point is to improve its own leadership, and recognize the all-important fact that reforms come slow-

and often times in a hard way.

Before we, an agricultural people, condemn all the present demands for a closed shop for the "captive" miners, we should recognize our own gains. The farm program is a close parallel to the closed union shop sought by the coal miners. While a farmer may plant in excess of his quotas, he does so only at a great cost to himself. It has been proved that while most farmers would voluntarily support the program without a law there are those who would stand by to satisfy their own greed. Ninety per cent or more of the miners belong to the union, and that ninety per cent does not want to pay the dues and support movements that will better their lot and see a non-union man enjoy the benefits without paying his fair and just part. But in demanding now that which may be just, the unions are jeopardizing their gains. It is no time to strike, and the best way to relieve the situation is to tell industry that this is no time to pile up fabulous profits.

Martin County farmers are being called upon to plan an additional 7,000 or 11,000 acres to peanuts in 1942. If they fail to meet the imposed obligation, their action will, it must be admitted, parallel the strikes that are now threatening the defense march of America.

Is America Strong?

Potentially America is strong, and hidden in its resources and sleeping people there is the hope that can save the world. But in the existing confusion, greed and hatred is America strong today?

Certainly America isn't up-to-par when Republicans hold their party above their country, the vote on the recent Neutrality Act proposal showing partisanship in its rankest form. Certainly America is not putting its best foot forward when congressmen would vote to favor Hitler, but there were quite a few Democrats who did just that a few days ago.

That our nation's foundation has rotten bricks in it is noticeable in the high and low places. It was not unusual for men who have been against labor, men who would enslave the toiling masses to vote against revising the Neutrality Act. They had rather see Hitler dominate this country and all the world than to see their toiling brothers at home attain ranking positions with management. With few exceptions, most of those congressmen who voted against the Neutrality Act revisions are the same ones who have played the common laborer against the farmer to reap the rich benefits in the middle. They are the ones who have told us that the factory worker and the farm worker have nothing in common. They are the ones who have bent and warped the laws of the land to permit one group to establish the price the farmer receives and the price he pays and at the same time set the wage scale.

That rackets have been closely associated with the labor movement is not to be denied, but there are those who would condemn all labor, and at the same time overlook the rackets that are plaguing business from one end of the line to the other. No nation can be strong as long as men express their hatred at its expense. America can't be strong when its leaders in Congress forget that Hitler is the common enemy and not labor.

Keep down as much as you can the standard of your wants, for in this lies a great secret of manliness, true wealth, and happiness.—William E. Gladstone.

If one would be successful in the future, let him make the most of the present.—Mary Baker Eddy.

ICE REVUE—1941



For Me To Live...

By REV. JOHN L. GOFF
Pastor Christian Church

"For me to live . . ." were words uttered by a great preacher many, many centuries ago. In the uttering of these words there was a background very similar to that of our present day.

Around the Mediterranean Sea stretched the military might of the mighty Roman empire, with its legions marching along the many miles of specially built military roads and their vessels bringing cargoes from distant climes to the cities of the empire. Many of the marching men and the strong arms that oared the boats were slaves. These slaves were serving a master whom they did not admire and defend a country which they did not love. Taxes and levies and conscripts had been laid upon the conquered countries for the furthering of the dreams of the Caesars in building a world order. Might had been the means of conquest and might was the means employed to consolidate their gains.

Into such a situation a daring Jew became imbued with the ideals of one who had lived and taught that there was room in the heart of the Great Father for all men and enough territory for all peoples who dwell upon the face of the earth to live and work out their national aspirations without encroaching upon that of other peoples. His was an ideal, but Paul the mighty Jewish preacher believed that this ideal would work in a world of realism. "For him to live" meant the putting of this ideal to work in the lives of men so that it could permeate government, emancipate society, and safeguard the economic welfare of all peoples concerned. This called for a regenerated society. This matter of regeneration was to have its origin in the hearts of every man, woman and child of every community of the world. This was truly a bold undertaking, but for himself, he in his living would reproduce the character of Jesus Christ.

This type of living called for honesty, truthfulness and justice in personal living and in national life. We are told that there is a strange non-metallic substance in chemistry known as selenium. When placed in the dark, it serves as an insulator and electricity cannot pass through it. But as soon as light is flashed upon it, it becomes a conductor and an electric current can flow through it. It was somewhat this idea that Paul had about the Gospel of Christ. That if the light of divine forgiveness touched the hearts of men, they would in turn become the conductors of a new way of life that would serve as a light to guide men and groups of men into the larger and better relationships, bringing peace and concord in the world and a joy in the heart of all peoples.

Today men are living, or going through the form of living. But for what? Many have no larger boundaries than themselves. No one else fits into their world. To accomplish their aims all others who stand in the way must be destroyed or absorbed in their maws, regardless of what may be the purpose for which the others live. This can only result in chaos. The path to the goal must be the path of righteousness which guarantees to every man the right and privilege to walk thereon. It was this profound thought that moved the Great Apostle Paul to exclaim "For me to live is CHRIST." His path to the ultimate goals of life alone assured men that their attainment would not molest or retard any other seeker. It is this pathway that the Church of Christ must keep unobstructed and the light of His Divine Presence the cloud that leads on and on until the table land of God's peace may be reached. Surely this Thanksgiving season should raise the question whether we are living and advancing in that direction.

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CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Ultimate Values in Life."
Young people, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "A Christian Is Grateful (Christian Virtue)."
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. with Rev. Lawrence A. Watts, director of Religious Training in North Carolina Prisons, speaker. Special music. Wednesday service, 7:30 p. m. Sub-

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, 7:30 p. m.

Notice how fitting passages from Psalm 100 are for this Thanksgiving season: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."
Our special offering for the Orphanage is to be completed Sunday morning. May the Lord, who has richly blessed us, have the praises of our hearts for His loving care. Let us enter our church doors with earnest prayers for the salvation of the world.

METHODIST

All the regular services of the church will be held Sunday and the mid-week prayer service Wednesday night. Please keep in mind that the fourth Sunday Church School offering is for World Service, or the Benevolences, and is credited on the church's acceptance.

ject, "The Multiplication of Jesus." Choir rehearsal, Friday, 7:30.
Rev. Lawrence A. Watts, director of Religious Training in North Carolina Prison Camps, will be the guest speaker in the Christian Church. Mr. Watts will speak on some phase of "Prison Reform." The officials and officers of our city along with the sheriff and his deputies have been invited. The public is invited to hear a man who is really trying to do something to refit the men who come into these camps for their place in society when they return home. Come and encourage this good man in a most worthy undertaking.

Announcement was made last Sunday morning at the morning Church service by the pastor, Rev. John L. Goff, that Mrs. T. F. Harrison was presenting to the church a set of pulpit furniture as a memorial to her late husband, Thaddeus F. Harrison, who was an honored elder and leader in the church. The order has been placed with the American Seating Company of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Among the many things for which the pastor is thankful at this Thanksgiving season are: First, that he was able to make an excellent report of the year's work to the annual conference; and, secondly, that he has been sent back to serve this charge for another year. With the fine cooperation of the membership this year as last year, and with faith in God, we can make this coming year even better. The pastor also wishes to express his appreciation, not only to his own congregation, but to the pastors and members of the other communions, for their many kindnesses and expressions of good will to him and his family.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Sunday next before Advent.
The Collect
Stir-up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. The offering for the Thompson Orphanage may be presented at this service.

ST. MARTIN'S, Hamilton

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30
The annual offering for the Thompson Orphanage will be taken at this service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Regular services will be held in the Presbyterian churches Sunday.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Services will be held at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Piney Grove Baptist

Sunday night services at 7:00 will be held at Piney Grove Baptist Church.

At Last

Watermelons without seeds have finally been achieved, the work being done by a Chinese scientist, Dr. C. T. Wong, of Lingnan University, now at Chi Toe, Kwantung, China.



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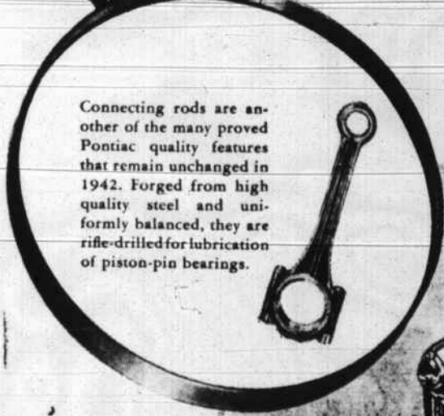
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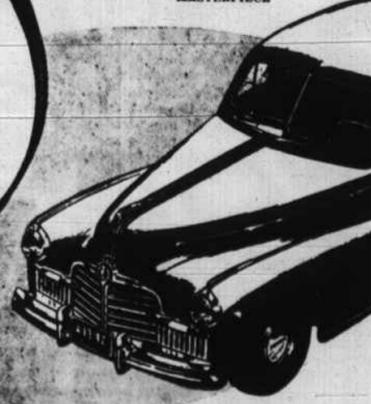
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