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A great deal has been said about union initiation fees and dues, and in some cases they have been bogged down by racketeering. But the fellow who points out that an American has been denied employment because he could not or would not pay an initiation or membership fee leaves much unsaid. The union man receives benefits from his membership fee and dues, just as the members of the Martin County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association receive benefits from their payments. The money paid into a union is used for good purposes with some few exceptions, of course. Unemployment benefits are distributed, but one never hears the labor baiters and labor haters talking about or praising that policy. And too, there are so many organizations one is obliged to belong to these days besides labor unions. The big corporations belong to their organizations and there is no bone of contention about membership dues. Lawyers belong to the bar association, and it is not so bad for them to pay fees and dues. They are not compulsory? But all of them think it advisable to join up.

Then we have other systems. For instance the patent system. Billions of dollars in royalties are paid for the use of patents. The inventor is entitled to something, you know. But we do not necessarily complain about paying royalties as long as they are reasonable. The labor union member pays his membership fee and dues and he has an equity in the gains accomplished for labor as a whole. He has a claim to unemployment and other types of benefits. In fact he is doing no more when he pays his membership fees and dues than millions are now doing in paying social security taxes. Try and dodge membership in that organization.

So union fees and dues are not as bad as some would picture them. And remember when the hater of all men who earn their livelihood by the sweat of their brow, points out all the evils and forgets all the good about anything he is labor union, management, politics or what not, he is a traitor to truth and a destroyer of unity.

It Missed The Front Pages

If it had been a strike, even a small one, the front pages would have had big headlines condemning delay in the war effort. But a recent announcement by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, a strong group in the CIO organization, tells how the workers have pledged their unqualified support to the President's seven point plan.

Possibly a like pledge of the big-salaried boys to give up all but, mind you all but, \$25,000 a year would make the headlines. But that can be skipped, for the big-salaried boys are not going to make such a pledge. In fact, they are already talking about fighting such a drastic plan, a plan that would limit their pay to \$25,000 a year and reduce them to abject poverty.

The pledge declaration by the union workers is so contrary to what one hears, that it is published, in part, as follows:

"We will not make our loyalty to the Nation in this crisis conditional upon others who will rather stay loyal to their private, sordid interests. Let us give the law and the Government reality by our support and let us then help the Government put teeth into the law if it is not strong enough to get those who seek to evade it. It is our country, our law, our war and woe to the shirkers, evaders and traitors, whether open or veiled.

"All too many unionists and leaders have come to like the easy way of unionism. Get workers to join on the promise of wage increases; keep them in the unions by holding out promises of more increases. But—while improving wages is a primary task of the union movement, there is a great deal more to trade unionism than just exercising the arithmetic of addition.

"If we measure wages in dollars and not in real purchasing power, we will often find that the more we add, the more we miss. The working man who gets a 15 per cent wage increase about three months after living costs had gone up 20 per cent is not making great profit. Trade unions are concerned with real wages, not nominal pay."

Stink Pot In Raleigh

Politics in Raleigh have smelled to high heaven, but the disgusting smell in that quarter was placed on the perfume shelf when the revenue department came out with a stinkpot all its own recently.

The thefts traced to employees shake the people's confidence in their government, and it is no more than reasonable to believe that in a state where political parties enjoy a strength about equal, the sorry mess in Raleigh would turn the tide for the opposition party. For four years, the boys in the department had been digging into the public money box, stealing from the struggling merchants here and there.

It will take more than prison terms to offset the damage; it will take a thorough cleaning out of the entire department where necessary if confidence in Raleigh is to be maintained in the by-ways.

Savages Due An Apology

As one turns his thoughts to the far corners of the world, and he picks up the frightful stories coming from those prisoners who have and are being mistreated by the yellow Japs, he can't help but think that the savages in the jungles are due an apology. If what we are today constitutes civilization, then we'll have to change our ideas about savagery.

"Love Your Enemies"
By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

There is no harder saying of our Lord to understand in war time than this: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

Was Jesus Christ a realist? Did He foresee that a time would come when wicked men, drunk with the lust for power, would set out ruthlessly to enslave the world? What would he have said at the tragedy of Dunkirk? Or the atrocities of Hongkong, or the agonizing sacrifice of Bataan? Would He have us love the Nazis, bless the Japanese that curse us, and do good to the Italians who hate us?

The question is not an easy one to answer, and many Christians, even Church leaders, prefer to leave it unanswered in war time. The Bible is not just an anthology of sayings, among which we can pick and choose at random. It is the record of God's continuing revelation of Himself to man; and the life and teachings of Jesus Christ is the climax of that revelation. The sincere Christian cannot ignore His words, or save them for a more convenient season.

As a matter of fact, the teachings of Christ are intended for just such times as these. His earthly life was not lived in some ideal Utopia, in which love of one's enemies was easy. He lived in a time of hardship and cruelty. He lived in a world conquered and ruled by the Fascism and military might of the Roman Empire. His own people were a subjugated race living under the yoke of a foreign invader exactly as much as are the Belgians or the Poles today. And eventually He was betrayed into the hands of those same foreigners, and put to death as a common criminal by the soldiers of the occupying power.

Yes, our Lord, was a realist. In His human life He knew all there is to know of cruelty, and greed, and selfishness, and the lust for power. He had His Dunkirk in the Garden of Gethsemane, His Hongkong in the cruel scourging by Pilate's soldiers, His Bataan in the agony of Calvary.

How shall we apply this hard saying, "Love your enemies," to our own times and our own situation? Like Jesus, we live in a cruel world. The abuse of the scientific progress of what we ironically call "civilization" has intensified the cruelty many times over. Herod at his worst tried to wipe out all first-born Jewish boys under two years old, in the small country of Palestine; Hitler bids fair to starve and kill or stunt an entire generation of non-Germans in all of Europe, while his Japanese allies, with their genius for imitation and refinement, do the same, with even greater cruelty, for the Far East. And our own young manhood, fighting in all parts of the world against their oppression, must suffer and die by the thousands because of these things.

Shall we then teach our soldiers and our young people to hate their enemies? Shall we urge them to outdo the enemy in cruelty and ruthlessness? Shall we call upon them to exact vengeance many times over, when they gain the upper hand over the enemy, and have his conquered subjects to deal with?

No—a million times no! A righteous peace can never come that way; only an armistice leading to even more and bloodier wars. And we cannot do in the name of Christianity what the Founder of Christianity expressly forbids us to do.

Our Lord shows us the more excellent way. It is not an easy way. It is, in the famous words of Winston Churchill, a way of "blood and tears, toil and sweat." Our Lord knew all of these; but He did not hate His enemies; He hated only their sins. And He prayed for them in the hour of His death.

When the first word came of Japanese mistreatment of prisoners in the Philippines, General MacArthur declared that the American and Filipino troops would not retaliate with similar mistreatment of prisoners. We would, he promised, fight with clean hands. And because our troops kept that promise, through three months of increasing agony, until human bodies could endure no longer, General MacArthur was able without blasphemy to compare their suffering with that of our Lord on Calvary.

"Love your enemies"—it is a hard saying indeed. But it is a vitally necessary one. Until the world learns it, there will never be anything like a just and durable peace. And how shall the world learn it if we, who profess and call ourselves Christians, forget it in the stress of war?

BAPTIST

Special Mother's Day Service at the morning hour, 11 a. m. Pastor's topic: "The Incomparable Mother." Subject for the evening sermon, "Can Sin Be Forgiven?" Following the action of the Ministerial Association the hour for all evening services will be 8:30 o'clock until further notice.

Training Union service, 7:30 p. m. Sunday school as usual at 9:45 a. m. In view of the weekly half holiday having been set by the Merchants Association for Wednesday, the mid-week prayer and study service has been changed to Thursday night.

Mrs. Burrell would like to meet all the prospective members of the Y. W. A. at the parsonage on Friday night.

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Rogation Sunday. The Collect. Almighty God, Lord of Heaven and earth; We beseech Thee to pour forth Thy blessing upon this land, and to give us a fruitful season; that we, constantly receiving Thy bounty, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m. In order that we may witness to the sacredness of Christian Family Life each family is to commune together. Evening prayer at 8:30 p. m. Since the Diocesan Convention meets in St. Mary's Church, Kinston, from May 12-14, there will be no celebration of the Holy Communion on Thursday.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "A Returning Faith." Mother's Day sermon. Young People's meeting, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Sharing One's Self with Things Go Wrong." Evening service, 8:30 p. m. Subject, "The New Testament Church for Today—Steps into the Church." Prayer service Thursday, 8:30 p. m. Subject, "Sharing On's Self with the Church." Choir rehearsal follows.

Weekly devotions on "The Living Church—The Wisdom and Strength of Unity."

Monday, The Cement of Togetherness, Matt. 22:34-40.

Tuesday, The Common Task of Mercy, Matt. 25:31-46.

Wednesday, The Unity with Christ, John 15:1-12.

Thursday, Unity of Motive and Purpose, I Cor. 12:1-11.

Friday, A United Mind and Outlook, Phil. 2:1-9.

Saturday, Jesus' Prayer for United Disciples, John 17.

Sunday, All Things Summed Up in Jesus, Eph. 1:1-14.

For a number of years it has been the very beautiful custom at the Bible school hour to present to the oldest mother and the most recent mother a basket of flowers as token of honor to the recipient and a symbolic token to all mothers. Surely the hearts of others today are being pierced by a literal sword like the mother of Jesus has been figuratively portrayed. Truly in these days of care and anxiety it would behoove the mother-heart to ponder upon the things that made the mother of Jesus "ponder and hide certain things in her heart." A cordial welcome awaits all mothers to attend the Bible school and remain to hear the pastor speak on "A Returning Faith" a Mother's Day message.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m. Mother's day will be observed at the morning service with appropriate music and sermon.

The Epworth League will meet at 7:00 p. m.

Evening worship and sermon, 8:30 p. m. The Wesleyan Service Guild will

meet Monday, 8:30 p. m. at the home of Miss Sarah Cook, with Miss Reba Cook, joint hostess. Prayer service and Bible Study, Thursday, 8:30 p. m. Notice the change of all the evening services from 8:00 o'clock to 8:30, and the change of the Prayer meeting from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening.

Piney Grove Baptist

Regular services will be held at Piney Grove Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mr. Clarence Griffin will teach the Bible class.

Sunday will be Mother's Day. We should dedicate and keep sacred this day in honor of the mothers of our country who are giving their sons in sacrifice, that we may continue to meet at our churches and worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. The public is invited to worship with us.

Pitt County Will Reach Peanut Acreage For Oil

Present indications are that the goal of 12,000 acres of peanuts for oil will be reached in Pitt County this year, reports S. C. Winchester, assistant farm agent.

Large Surplus Of Wheat In Country

As America goes into full swing in her fight against aggression, wheat bins already are bulging with the largest supplies on record and transportation facilities are overburdened with movements of war materials and troops, according to W. Herbert White, of Caswell County, member of the State AAA Committee. This is in marked contrast to the situation which existed when America entered the first World War. Wheat supplies on hand on July 1, 1942, are estimated at 1,423,000,000 bushels, enough for two years domestic use and exports, Mr. White said. This estimate is based on a carryover of 630,000,000 bushels and a 1942 yield of 793,000,000 bushels. In 1917, the wheat supply was approximately 700,000,000 bushels.

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Books for the registration of new electors will be opened in the thirteen precincts of Martin County on three consecutive Saturdays, ending May 16th. All persons becoming 21 years of age or who have established residence in the county since the last election are eligible to register. No new registration of old voters is necessary.

The registrars will have the books open each Saturday from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. at the regular polling places unless other arrangements are effected.

No registrations will be in order after 6 p. m., May 16th. The books will be opened on Saturday, May 23rd, for the challenge of any names improperly listed.

Sylvester Peel
Chairman
Martin County Board of Elections

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