

What Germany?

Those who are familiar with German history are puzzled by our attitude and involvement with Germany. Too soon we have forgotten the Germany under the Kaisers, and tragically, we seem to have forgotten about Adolph Hitler, and the hatred and destruction which he led Germany to inflict upon the world. Lately, we have been looking at films depicting the savagery, brutality and senseless murder of six million Jews. Hitler did impose his mind upon the German people, and it was a mind full of senseless brutality. Too soon have we forgotten Hitler's plan to destroy, not only Europe, but America, and to have Germany dominate the world. He came perilously close to doing it. Had England let down in the crucial days, Hitler might have made his boasts come true.

Yet, we have helped to rebuild Germany, now one of the strongest European powers. We have given billions of American tax money to help Germany rebuild, and from news reports the rebuilt Germany seems little different from the old Germany. We have no assurance

that the new Germany will stand by us in the future. We have seen many reports of a revival of Nazism. Swastikas are reappearing, and it is a known fact that some of the old Nazi officers are in the German army today.

We may be all wrong. We merely report our reactions to what we see. We may be seeing too little, we may be seeing too much.

We are for forgiving repentant sinners, but we can not yet see any signs that the German people have repented. We are all for feeding our enemies, so long as they do not convert our help into munitions of war. If Hitler had been able to do to us what he did to Russia, we might better be able to understand East Berlin. "A burnt child dreads the fire."

We are a bit more realistic in our dealings with the Russians. Once we went to their aid - and now see what that aid enabled them to do against us. We are all for forgiving our enemies, but even God cannot forgive the unrepentant. The sinner himself must create the conditions for forgiveness.

Government By Lobbies

We have just read the statistics regarding the money spent by lobbyists during the recent session of the North Carolina Legislature. The amounts are small compared to lobbying in the National Congress. It is generally known that there is a great amount of lobbying going on, and this lobbying is on behalf of special interests. State Legislatures and the Congress of the United States are composed of people who are elected by the people to represent them. Do we, indeed, elect men to office without sufficient intelligence to understand the issues under consideration without being "briefed" by lobbyists on behalf of

special interests, whether they represent capital or labor. There is always the danger lurking that representatives may be influenced by money or other inducements. Such cases are on record.

Legislation by lobby is, in our opinion, wholly undemocratic. Pressures are brought to bear upon legislators which tend to offset clear thinking, confuse issues, and undermine the confidence of the people in the government.

There are, we are aware, certain regulations, but it should not be permitted. The people have ample ways of making known their views to the lawmakers.

Barnard Baruch

Recently a great American, Barnard Baruch, died, and this passed away one of the few great statesmen and philanthropists of our day. He was adviser and counselor to Presidents and business men, and his advice was generally heeded. He was a Jew, who, in our estimation, was often more Christian than many professing Christians. In character and in performance he reminded us of the great Hebrew prophets, from whose writings Jesus Christ drew much of his teachings. There was no political, social, or racial bias in his makeup, and at his funeral there were in at-

tendance representatives of most of the major religious communions, as also both major political parties. Their presence attested to the great esteem in which he was held universally. He had a deep sense of human values, and with a fair and just evaluation of men in their several gifts, and their deserving rewards for their service. With his deep awareness of special gifts and services, he was also mindful of the responsibilities which went with them. This made him the just judge and impartial counselor who was universally trusted and beloved.

Religion In The Here And Now

By: Norvin C. Duncan

WHOSOEVER HATETH HIS BROTHER IS A MURDERER: AND YE KNOW THAT NO MURDERER HATH ETERNAL LIFE ABIDING IN HIM. 1st John 3-15.

Much that passed in the late political campaign was a denial of what Christian people profess to believe. From first to last the Bible speaks of all men as the children of one heavenly father. Christians believe that God is one, holy, just, and perfect love; this God is the creator of all mankind -- and the inference drawn from that belief is clearly the brotherhood of man -- for, if all have the one heavenly Father all men are brethren.

But human beings have not always acted out what they set up as dogmas,

doctrines, creeds. In the past several months in fact, years, we have seen the spewing forth of bitterness and hatreds, and hatred in the heart is the most deadly poison, since it kills the spirit. It is truly devastating in its effect upon human personality -- or should we say, the soul.

This is not something lately developed. It has been growing over the years as more and more we have become involved in a materialistic philosophy of life. Some have even claimed Biblical support for their behaviour, going back to some old Testament standards which our Lord declared were far below His standards. In fact, one of the reasons why the religious leaders of His day hated him and sought to destroy Him, was because he insisted that other peoples were also children of His Heavenly Father, and that the Father cared as much for them as he did for the so-called chosen.

Television reports, show people in almost every land, marching, singing, shouting -- not hymns of thankfulness and praise, but chants of hate, and chants of death. Money that ought to go for bread, schools, hospitals, etc, goes to make weapons -- and this while millions are hungry, ill clad, in pain and misery.

The Christian religion is a religion of love. Love desires to lift others up; not keep them down. Love looks at areas of poverty and makes effort to provide help and restoration. Until Christians take the initiative for love we shall continue to have man against man--nation against nation -- engaged in death, not life.

Money is worth only what it will buy, the economist says, and we feel that is sufficient.

This Week's 60 SECOND SERMON

By
Fred Dodge

"FREEDOM IS A LIGHT FOR WHICH MANY MEN HAVE DIED IN DARKNESS." — Pullen.

In the East zone of Germany a Soviet instructor asked his class, "May we in our East German Democratic Republic tell openly and freely what we are thinking about?" No one replied.

"Come, come," said the instructor, "at least one comrade should know the answer. But this time I'll tell you the correct one. Of course, we in our German Democratic Republic may freely and openly tell what we are thinking. But we must never think anything we can't tell freely and openly."

Our freedom is not realized by most of us because we have nothing with which to contrast it. We say we are free. That is accepted. But freedom cannot be inherited. Nor is freedom a manna spread by our forefathers to sustain us. Each generation must desire and earn its freedom. If, through laziness or greed, we permit individuals or groups to decide for us or carry out our responsibilities, we are not free.

To reap the blessings of freedom, Thomas Paine wrote, "We must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Unless we recognize that freedom needs our support; unless we accept our responsibility to support it, freedom becomes a word and not a fact.

Homecoming At Eaton's Baptist Church Planned

Homecoming at the Eaton's Baptist Church, Route 2, Mocksville, North Carolina, will be Sunday, August 15th with regular morning services as usual, dinner on the ground at noon followed by a Baptismal Service and service of dedication.

The Pastor, Rev. B. C. McMurray, and the members of the Church extend a very hearty welcome to all former members and friends of the Church to attend these services. And to bring well filled baskets,

Office Boy — Please, sir, can I have the day off tomorrow?
Employer — Grandmother, going to be curried, I suppose.
Boy — No, sir — married.

Dixie Classic Fair Increases '65 Premiums

The 1965 Premium List for the Dixie Classic Fair shows increased cost premiums in almost every department, it was announced this week by Neil Bolton, fair manager.

"The catalog has just come off the press, and we are ready to send them to anyone wishing to exhibit at the fair," he added. The fair is scheduled for October 5-9 in Winston-Salem.

The fair's General Catalog includes overall information about the fair and details about all the divisions. There are also special editions available for those interested mainly in a specific category. These special editions are for livestock, horticulture, arts and crafts, homemaking, flower shows, youth, poultry and pigeons, and community development.

Returned To S. A. To Study

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — Dr. Charles C. Middleton, assistant professor of laboratory animal medicine at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, has returned to South America to continue his studies on the cardiovascular problems of monkeys.

He will spend eight weeks in Leticia, Columbia, where he will conduct his research in the field laboratory. He will also purchase monkeys for the medical school's recently established primate colonies.

Last summer, Dr. Middleton and scientists from Louisiana State University School of Medicine found, through their research in the jungle laboratory, that squirrel monkeys develop atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) naturally. This animal, therefore, became the most suitable model for research on the disease. Work this summer will involve principally woolly monkeys, cebus monkeys and spider monkeys.

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Burlington Aid To Education In Tenth Year

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Charles F. Myers, Jr., president of Burlington Industries, Inc., said that in the past school year alone the program contributed \$1,300,000 in direct grants, matched employee giving, matched tuition, scholarships, fellowships, professorships, matched scholarship grants and educational loans to institutions and students. The largest grant was a \$500,000 gift to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for outpatient clinics at North Carolina Memorial Hospital as a memorial to J. Spencer Love, founder of the textile company.

Grants under the program were made to more than 400 colleges and universities in 34 states during the past year.

Mr. Myers said, "We believe that the private sector of the business and industry must help meet the challenge of supplying young people with the educational opportunities necessary for success in our increasingly complex

society. We want to encourage greater interest in the financial needs of our schools and colleges."

Under the program, a large number of the 400 recipient schools also received monetary support through participation in various state and national educational organizations to which the Burlington Foundation makes annual grants. In addition, 80 secondary and preparatory schools received funds from the Foundation.

More than 360 students received Burlington scholar-

ships or educational loans during the past year. Also included in the 1964-65 giving were contributions totaling \$85,000 to match donations by Burlington employees and directors to 209 schools and colleges.

Burlington, with headquarters in Greensboro, N. C., operates in 100 communities in 16 states and has 67,000 employees.

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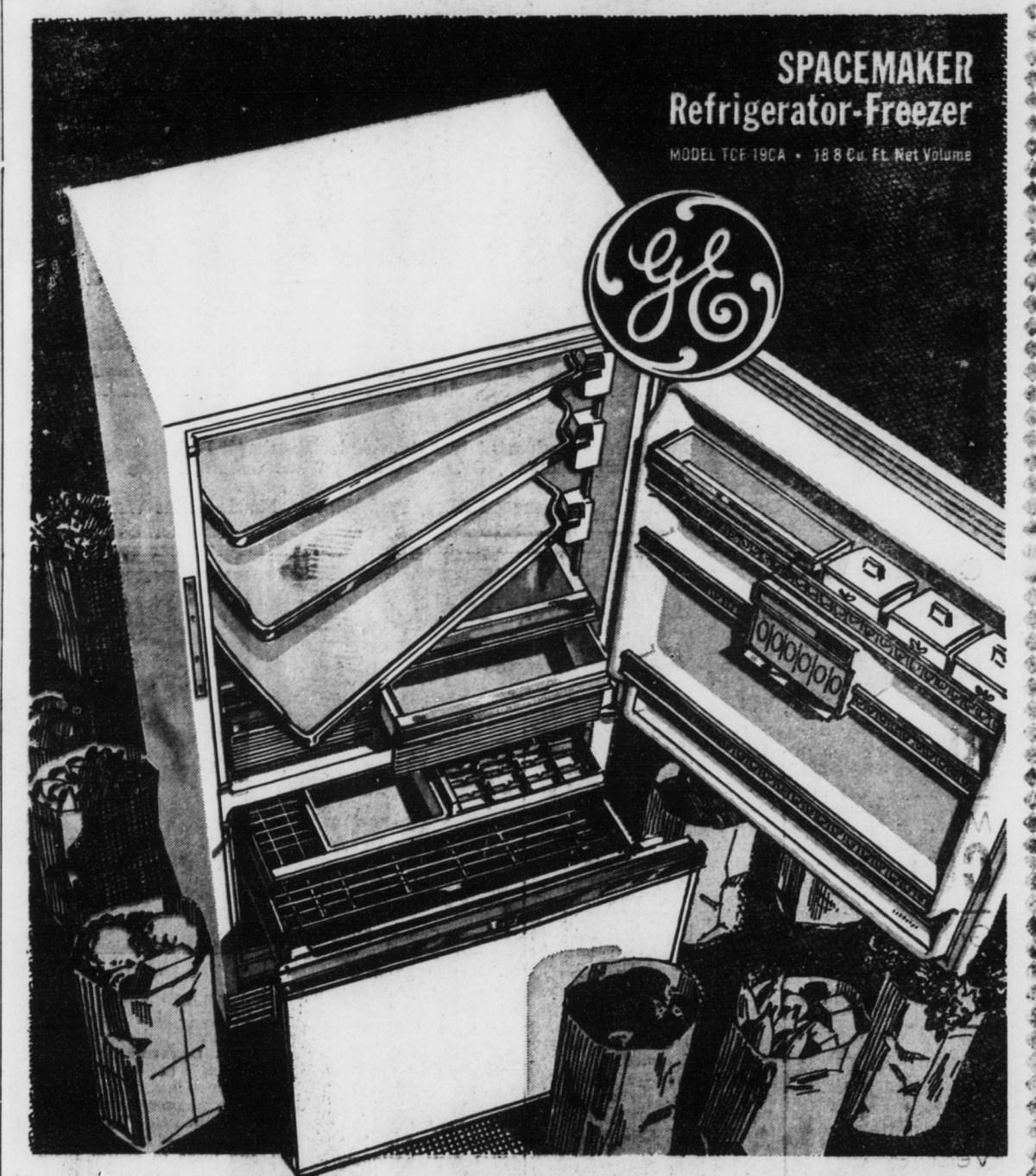
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