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**Setback in Japan**

The United States has suffered another setback, which could be temporary, in its foreign policy. The Japanese have refused to elect a two-thirds majority of Conservative members to the upper house of the Japanese Parliament, and thereby have refused to clear the way for Japanese rearmament.

It will be remembered that the peace treaty and the constitution, drawn up for Japan shortly after World War II, forbade Japanese rearmament. This provision in the constitution was designed to guard against a reemergence of an aggressive, militaristic Japan.

Since the end of the War, however, it has become evident that Japan is menaced by Communism and United States foreign policy has for years been designed to bring about gradual rearmament, so that this country could shift much of the burden of defending Japan to that country itself.

The conservatives who favor rearmament, need a two-thirds vote in the upper house to amend the constitution, and provide for rearmament. This election—earlier this month—was fought out on this issue.

The Socialists, who oppose rearmament, won more than one-third of the 127 seats at stake in the lower house and, thereby, are in a position to block rearmament. This is a victory for the Communists and a setback for U. S. foreign policy.

While we do not attempt to magnify it, it is a significant reversal and one which is a grave disappointment to Washington.

**Madam Trotsky**

An appeal to the Russian peasants, which might have more effect than more expensive propaganda efforts, has been made by Madam Leon Trotsky. Trotsky, it will be remembered, was finally hunted down and killed by Stalinists, after he broke with the dictator, now repudiated.

The reputation of Stalin now

gives Madam Trotsky's words significance and her plea to the Russian peasants is a major stroke in the effort to get them to throw off dictatorial government.

Said Madam Trotsky, in a radio appeal aimed to Russia by Radio Liberation: "... No admissions and promises can save the decayed Stalinist oligarchy... The task of overthrowing Stalinism is the task of the Russian worker and peasant... I send you my greeting and fiery confidence in your victory."

Madam Trotsky not only told Russians, in her radio appeal, that Stalin had murdered her husband, but she said it was her husband who had first argued for industrialization, which was opposed by Stalin and only later adopted by the late dictator.

The next few months, or perhaps the next year, might tell the tale in showing how much unrest and resentment is simmering in the heart of the average Russian. Radio appeals like that of Madam Trotsky are highly useful at this moment, just as Stalin is being repudiated. Such appeals add to the chances that the Russian people will eventually overthrow the tyrannical government they have lived under for so many years.

We believe this is the time for the State Department and for all our propaganda agencies to redouble their efforts to bring truth to the Russian people and discredit the Communist dictatorship, which has suppressed them for so many years.

**HONORED AT ROOK SHOWER**

Mrs. L. B. Cobb, Jr., was a delightful hostess at a rook shower Friday night at her home honoring Miss Katherine Alice Nixon, whose marriage will take place Sunday. Those present besides the honoree were Misses Helene Nixon, Becky Nixon, Susanne Towe, Sue P. White, Billie Carol Divers, Alice Jean Jackson, Mary Ann Harris,

Patricia Higgins, Madames Sammie Sutton, Billie Barrington, Early Goodwin, Ben Thach, John Beers, Francis Nixon and Archie T. Lane, Jr. The high score prize went to Mrs. Nixon, low to Miss Towe and the floating prize went to Mrs. Divers. Iced drinks, nuts, mints, ice cream and cookies were served after the guest of honor opened her many lovely gifts.

It is almost always when things are all blocked up and impossible that a happening comes. If you are sure and ready, that is all you need. God is turning the world around all the time.

—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

**WE BELONG TO A GREAT COMPANY**

International Sunday School Lesson For July 22, 1956.

**Memory Selection:** "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."  
 —Hebrews 12:1.

**Lesson Text:**  
 Hebrews 11:24-27, 36-40;  
 12:1-2; 13:1-2.

This is the last in a series of three lessons from the epistle to the Hebrews, the first of which taught that Jesus is the complete revelation of God, the Son of God. The second pointed out that Christ is adequate as our Saviour.

The Eleventh chapter of Hebrews is considered by some biblical students as the most marvelous chapter in all the Bible and is called by some the Westminster Abbey of Faith. (Someone has pointed out that the New Testament contains three surveys of Old Testament history: one, the history of the unbeliever of Israel, set forth in the speech by James in the 7th chapter of the Acts; another, a briefer review, given by Paul in a sermon delivered in the synagogue at Antioch (Acts 13:13-14); and now, this chapter written by an unknown author.

The chapter opens with a definition of faith. It is defined as the belief that our hopes will be realized and the personal conviction that there is a reality in the unseen world. To the writer of Hebrews, this meant two things: The full assurance that the Christian hope in the promises of God will be fulfilled, and the belief that the unseen, or spiritual world, is the supra reality. (Faith is that which makes these hoped-for things real.

Christians believe that the world was created by God. Just how God created the world, we do not know, but apart from God, there is no adequate explanation of the world's origin. The existence of the world is a reality, but it is faith that causes us to believe that God created it. This is the meaning of Hebrews 11:3—God is the source of everything.

Chapter eleven of Hebrews has been called the "roll call of faith," and surely that is just what it is. Beginning at the beginning—with Cain and Abel—the author calls here after hero whose faith was outstanding. Of course, the best example of personal faith in the Old Testament is that of Abraham, recorded in Genesis 12:4.

Abraham's faith was illustrated in three ways: first, by his obedience to the call of God to journey to a strange place, giving up all the things he has known, and to place his whole reliance on something he had never seen. This is the kind of faith which Jesus referred to when he said that his followers must be willing to give up parents, homes, everything, if need be, to follow him.

The second illustration of Abraham's faith was his confidence that God would be true to his promise to give him heirs. God had promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great family, but, up to the time he and his wife, Sarah, became old, they had had no children. Their faith in God's promise was rewarded, however, in the birth of Isaac, even after they were old.

This leads to the third illustration of Abraham's faith: God asked him to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. Abraham, though not understanding God's command, was willing to obey, on faith. Once again, he was not disappointed. Faith, such as that of Abraham, is the refusal to believe that faith can ever be destroyed.

The writer, in his roll call of faith, presented a challenge and inspiration to the early Christians and to Christians of all ages. Yet, he pointed out that, magnificent as the achievements of the past had been, they, in themselves, were not complete, for the final promise—the realization of the messianic kingdom—was not granted to them. The writer admits that their faith did not obtain the supreme reward—the reward was only deferred until it was possible for Christ to come. As Paul later declares, all things are "gathered up in Christ." The writer goes into an urgent



**HOLD TIGHT!**

Ever find yourself caught out in the middle of a storm with your umbrella blowing itself inside out?

There you are, clinging like mad to that flail bit of cloth and metal... and you realize that if the wind gets one whit stronger your "protection" is going to blow right out of your hands.

Fortunately, it doesn't hurt to get wet, so losing your umbrella wouldn't be much of a tragedy. But when you're caught in one of the other types of storms life deals out... a storm that buffets at your inner sense of security... or your idea of right or wrong... a storm that tries to undermine your marriage, or your career... or a storm of sickness or strife... then it's a very different matter.

How fortunate that in those more difficult moments, you don't have to rely upon something as flimsy as an umbrella. How fortunate that you can turn to the Church and find in it solace, protection, courage, and the faith to keep going. You will find that the Church is a shelter that will always protect you.

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his children and nation. (3) For the sake of his community and neighbor. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

| Day       | Book     | Chapter | Verse |
|-----------|----------|---------|-------|
| Sunday    | Psalm    | 107     | 23-32 |
| Monday    | 1 Samuel | 16      | 28-36 |
| Tuesday   | Luke     | 11      | 23-24 |
| Wednesday | Romans   | 12      | 9-21  |
| Thursday  | Matthew  | 2       | 24-27 |
| Friday    | Mark     | 3       | 23-27 |
| Saturday  | Luke     | 8       | 18-24 |

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 Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

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 Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.  
 Second Sunday:  
 Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
 Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.  
 Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
 Third Sunday:  
 Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.  
 New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
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 Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
 Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
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**ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
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 Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
 Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
 Second and fourth Sundays.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Charles Sinclair, Pastor  
 Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
 First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.  
 Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.  
**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
 Orval Dillon, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
 Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.  
 Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.  
 Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Philip Quidley, Pastor  
 Sunday School 10 A. M.  
 Morning worship 11 A. M.  
 Evening services 8 P. M.

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 Church School 10 A. M.  
 Morning worship 11 A. M.  
 Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

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 Morning Worship 11 o'clock  
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 Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
 Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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 Morning Worship weekly at 11:00 A. M.  
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 Fifth Sunday Services and Holy Days as announced.

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 Neal Puckett, Minister  
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 Communion is served each Lord's Day morning.

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