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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

AND YOU CALL THIS CHRISTIANITY

Southern tradition is no longer a shock to me, but merely a senseless ingrained fear to be tolerated. I "comply" with it, but NEVER "accept" it.

Sunday, October 30, is a day Bennett students won't forget. Invited to attend the second annual Family Life conference at the West Market Street Baptist Church here, they arrived to find that separate seats had been reserved for them. In order to cooperate with this service, our own college vespers were foregone. And that's the "christian fellowship"

The policy of the south is quite evident, but doesn't segregation in a "laugh", because it was evident the church of Jesus Christ seem to be carrying "tradition" a trifle bit that in view of the discourtesy shown too far? It only reveals the existing inconsistency and discrepancy in religion, which seems to be no more than a "spoken" practice.

Further ,to my point of view, the family is the basis of society, or at least that's what I am prone to believe after reading the works of some great sociologists. The establishment and maintenance of all families HOOD can possibly be attained. I is the same, regardless of race, and "color" certainly seems to be no wonder how we, as a nation, can intelligent criteria for judging importance. All families are important because they comprise the world we live in. The same inner drives and human instructs that motivate a "white" child also motivate a "black" child. Just as the "white" child's mother pushes him into the limelight, does not the "black" mother do the same? Because it is from these very families that our world leaders and educators come, it is so important that the understanding of all individuals and appreciation of racial differences be a fundamental objective.

If you separate the family how can you have even the faintest hope of bringing about "world unity." Mr. Duvall The Family Institute Speaker emphasized this fact when he said, "Our hope for a better world lies in the hands of the homemakers."

Until people understand that real democracy is more than a spoken word and that the four freedoms are not simply nonsensical utterings, there can be no world unity. Wherever you go, north, south, east, or west, you'll always hear people talking about brotherhood. But all this talk about brotherhood doesn't amount to a hill of beans. Talk is they wish to "voice" I will be only cheap and actions deceiving. America is built upon a culture of differences and the only sensible approach to encompass this breach is through a friendly spirit of inter-relationship and intellect. How easy it is to live within the limits of one's own group because the language, ideals and other social factors are so familar. But social and intellectual intercourse with others is quite a different matter. However, the breach can be spanned if the desire be strong enough.

Race relations in the south, for instance Greensboro, may well be "thought of" as good, because my people have been inhibited and repressed for so long they have eventually come to "accept" the "white man's" condescending "kindness." Ever since the days of servitude the "white" man has attempted to hold the Negro in check - socially, economically, and even religously. Everything has been too good for the "black" man. Despite all the many handicaps to impede his progress. the Negro has made remarkable gains in practically every walk of life mentionable. But his has been a hard struggle to win his place in this "white man's world."

In truth, what is wrong with interracial meetings? After they are over, are we not faced with the self-same problems of segregation, illmannered salesgirls, objectionable ticket agents in the railroad and valuable service when you lead the and justice. bus stations, separate drinking fountains, back seats on buses, side entrances to theatres and discriminating stores?

Sometimes you wonder what's the use. Some "white" people are at Bennett College we have students so hopelessly bitten with "tradition," and if over half a century hasn't taught them that people, regardless of race or color, are HUMAN BE INGS, why continue to appeal to their innate intelligence. The heart is out of the question; I often wonder what they live by. Perhaps some

day some great "mind" might be able to enlighten me. A century of progress and we might as well have been at a standstill in regard to race relations. If ever the barriers of racial fear need ed to be broken down the time is now. It is high time that interrracial intercourse ceased to be a one-sided arrangement. The time is ripe for races to sow grains of social equality. Those "white" people who desire to defy sentiment and dare not because of public criticism are so pathetic. All "we" desire to gain from interracial-relations is mutual respect and regard - nothing more. A famous Negro author said, "Whenever possible we seek to bring about the good-will of "white America" through conciliation; but there are times when firm opposition proves the only effective means." From the pen of James Weldon Johnson comes the pledge, "I will not allow one prejudiced person or one million or one hundred million to blight my life. I will not let prejudice or any of its attendant humiliations and injustices bear me down to spiritual defeat. My inner life is mine, and I shall defend and maintain its integrity against all the powers of hell."

Last Sunday I and a group of fellow students attended the opening session of the 2nd Annual Family Life Conference at the West Market Street First Baptist Church.

Our college deemed this meeting sufficiently important to forego its regular vesper service. Upon our arrival we found that we were being segregated, much to our disgust, especially, since we had been personally invited, and our college was the only one represented in any speakable number.

I fully realize that there are segregation laws in the state of North Carolina, but it seems to me that the church, above all, should be ruled by only one law — the law of Jesus Christ, which certainly does not advocate the segregation of races. If there be any such law in the Bible, wish someone would show it to me.

This meeting was sadly ironical. On the platform stood the speaker, addressing a segregated audience, admonishing that in order to build a better world, parents must teach their children the principles of Justice and Understanding. This was to us many parents have obviously tailed in this respect.

if this was democracy in action, I fail to see how WORLD BROTHERever hope to influence countries like Germany and Japan toward these ideals, when we, ourselves, don't even practice them.

> Sincerely. BETTY ANN ARTIS, '46.

Dear Miss Artis:

The Banner appreciated your stand on the situation.

In the editorial column you will find the first in a series of articles to be devoted to this question of racial discrimination vs. world peace.

If you or any of our other readers have any suggestions or opinions too glad to hear from you.

Is there really any possible means of breaking down this age-old barrier?

> Very truly yours, THE EDITOR.

OUR PRESIDENT WRITES TO WASHINGTON

(Below is a copy of the letter sent to Rep. Dewey Short in regard to military conscription).

November 19, 1945 The Honorable Dewey Short House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

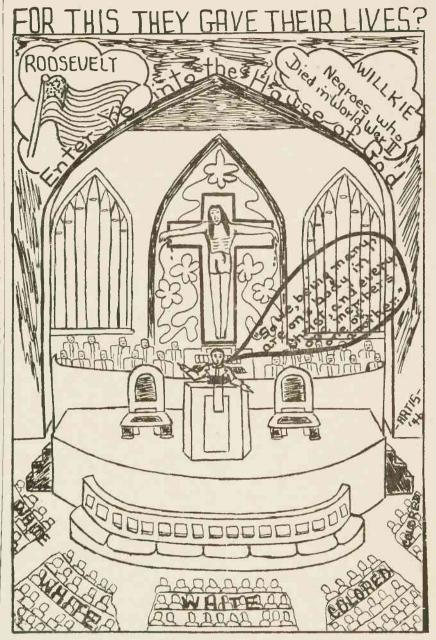
opposition to the peace-time compulsory military training bill. Here from twenty-seven states, so that forms a rather comprehensive national cross-section of opinion among our people. This opinion seems to be solidly against further conscription. We sincerely hope that you will mainain your stand against the militarists who are in reality Fascists at heart.

Thanking you for your splendid service, I am,

> Yours very truly, DAVID D. JONES, President.

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Reader's Retreat

A LION IS IN THE STREETS ADRIA LOCKE LANGLEY

This is the story of Hank, an unbackwoodsman from the Magnolia state; of his lust for power and his rise to fame from a lowly pedler, with a pack on his back, to Governor of his state; and of his career called) of one of the worst political machines ever to run rampant in these United States.

It is the story of Verity, Hank's 'gentle, sweet-faced" wife, who because of her intense love for her Mrs. Le Pourtel long before she husband, stuck by him through thick married, so it was only natural that and thin; who, in spite of his crooked his son, William was immediately and selfish ways, was strong enough to cling to her own ideals of goodness, truth, and justice through it The children grow up together and

And this is the heart warming story of plain humble American people of the backwoods and the marshes; of their willingness and anxiousness to follow those whom they feel are one of them; and of You are rendering a patriotic and their never-ending fight for freedom

> Adria Locke Langley, the author, is a graduate of Fremont College and Northwestern University. She is inbackwoods for she has not only trav- tralia. eled among them and studied their way of life, but has actually lived with them. Her friends characterize all types of Americans—the rich and the poor, factory workers, sharecroppers, miners and cow hands. It was the belief of these plain Americans, along with the authors own great faith in America that inspired A Lion Is In The Streets.

Here is a story of America, unbelievably thrilling and different in its scope and in its subject matter. It is a story that every one should read, for it is a book of faith in America as well as a book of warning to America.

ELIZABETH GOUDGE

Green Dolphin Street is the story lettered but exceptionally ambitious of the Le Pourtel family and the island on which they live. It depicts the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Le Pourtel and their two daughters; shy, but brilliant Marianne and beautiful, as boss (or "lion", as he was often laughing Marguerite and of how the coming of William Ozone and his father to the island alters the lives of both girls.

> Dr. Ozone had been in love with welcomed into the Le Pourtel family. William joins the Navy. In the meantime both girls fall in love with him but it is Marguerite whom he loves. Through an error on his part it is Marianne who finally wins him and travels to Australia to marry him. Heartbroken, Marguerite then becomes a nun and goes to France. Later in the story both girls return to their native island and are recon-

This book is very well-written and deed qualified to write such a book one, after reading it, has a fair idea about these American people of the about the early colonization of Aus-

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