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One Continent--- No Islands

"No man is an island . . . Any man's death diminishes me, for I am involved in mankind," said John Donne in the seventeenth century. He spoke words of truth and like all truths this statement remains credible in the twentieth century.

The world in 1950 saw the violent death of a number of people of different nationalities, Arab, Israeli, Egyptian, British, French, Polish and Hungarian. These people all died fighting for a cause they believed in and were, therefore, willing to die. Some fought for a cause which we in America did not support, but the fact remains that they all died to help their respective countries realize a desired goal. Although the United States did not send troops to any war areas in 1956, our president has realized that in the future we may need to send military aid to weak countries in the Middle East in order to protect them from Communist attack. He realizes fully how "involved" every man is in the fate of mankind and he would have all of us be conscious of the needs of other countries and be ready to help them. For this reason he also advocates that we make economic aid available to Middle East countries so that they may strengthen their economy and raise their living standards, becoming less and less susceptible to the promises of Communism.

We are involved in the fate of these countries because we wish to support freedom and democracy and because we believe in using our strength to help those who are weak; but, more practically we cannot afford to stand idly by and watch as people massacre each other in desert no-man's lands, or starve to death in refugee camps, or starve their souls and minds through years of forced labor. If we do not offer them a helping hand they may turn in desperation to a Communist offer, and we will have lost one more skirmish in the great cold war in which the world is engaged.

We are involved in mankind and the death of every foreign soldier is our death—mine and yours.

Brotherhood Ahead?

This is brotherhood week. The National Conference of Christians and Jews has since its founding in 1928 sought to promote better relations among racial and religious groups in our country. Beginning with the idea that God is the father of all mankind, regardless of the color of skin or accent of voice, brotherhood demands a concern for one's fellow man equaling the concern for one's own blood relations.

On this same principle the Negro, the Jew, the Italian, and all others must be admitted without discrimination to all areas of human circulation. The creation of boundaries and off limits against certain groups works to the detriment of both the one excluded and the one who excludes. Limited association and friendships deprive individuals of the knowledge and appreciation of culture patterns and approaches to life unlike their own.

Prejudice often breeds under cover of so-called good humor. The undermining phrase or the stabbing word spoken in ridicule of a member of another race not present to defend himself is such an example. In the interest of promoting brotherhood, such remarks should be eliminated from casual conversation. By challenging the basis for unkind remarks aimed at the discrediting of another individual, misconceptions and erroneous beliefs may be erased from the mind. Constructive thinking and positive attitudes may then replace the former unhealthy viewpoint.

Although the forces of organized bigotry are being combatted in America, much yet remains to be done. Racial and religious discrimination is still present. As Bernard M. Baruch has said, "Nothing is more destructive of unity than the hate, discord, suspicion and bitterness which prejudice breeds." For a strong nation, for a prosperous nation, brotherhood is essential. It is ignorant to bear prejudices; intelligent to bury them.

San Martin Due Salute Glen Clanton Gets Grant At Baylor

Jose de San Martin, whose birthday will be celebrated Monday, February 25, was a South American patriot. A very versatile person, he was a general as well as a statesman.

The Spaniards had been occupying parts of South America for many years. De San Martin, a Creole by birth and sympathetic to the cause of the South Americans, resigned a colonelcy in the Spanish army in 1812 to go to Mendoza to recruit soldiers. His plan was to cross the Andes into Lima, Peru, to capture the city from Spain. In three years he recruited 4,000 men and whipped them into topnotch condition. In 1817 he began his expedition which was soon to become one of the most famous in military history. The Spanish suffered their first defeat February 12, 1817. He pushed on and proclaimed Peruvian independence in 1821.

Numerous honors and offices were offered him. He refused to accept any of them, but conceded these favors to the prominent liberator, Simon Bolivar. He left for France, where he died in self-imposed exile and poverty in 1850, at the age of 72.

No one knows why this great and talented man was so seemingly shy and retiring. His life has long been the subject of scrutiny by many leading historians.

P. M.

By PATRICIA HILL

Night lay down . . .
Spread
And became a
Stain,
An oil droplet on
Water.
Rainbow-flecked darkness
Smudged reality
Fondled steel, concrete, glass . . .
Glazed the steady drizzle
And slept . . .
Smiling.

Glen F. Clanton, associate professor of mathematics at Baylor University, has been named as a recipient of the Danforth Teacher Study Grants for a year of graduate study and research. A graduate of Mars Hill College, Clanton received a B.S. degree from Baylor and has completed work for the Ph. D. in math at Brown University. Professor Clanton plans to continue his study at the University of Minnesota with the internationally known Scandinavian scholar and professor of mathematics, Bjarni Jonsen and do research in abstract algebra.

Janet Lett, a 1956 graduate of Mars Hill, now attending Baylor, has had calculus with Dr. Clanton, making the only A in his class the first quarter. Janet, a math major, will take Modern Algebra with him next quarter. She comments, "I hate to see him go. He is a brilliant teacher and Baylor is losing something."

Hetty Corey, Mars Hill student 1954-56, is one of four Carson-Newman students chosen to serve as Summer Missionaries under the State Baptist Student Union. Hetty will travel to the West to work with language groups in California.

Students at the University of Mexico took things into their own hands after one of their members suffered a broken leg when he was struck by a bus. They seized several buses and refused to return them until the bus company had paid damages to the unlucky student.

Dennis the Menace has nothing on young Steve Hocsak, Jr., son of a Hungarian refugee family which has been adopted by Davison College. Not only does Steve resemble Dennis in appearance, but his mischievous antics and inexhaustible energy are also similar to Hank Ketchum's proverbial prankster.



By FRANCES GILLESPIE

Hi,

Have you noticed the literary expressions lately on the faces of MHC students? These lofty-looking results of having to write creative papers for the literary edition of *The Hilltop*. One lamented that he had no ideas would have to write on the spot at the moment. "What a wonderful subject!" was the answer received.

Another student worried that "not only had to write the thing but punctuate it too!"

In complimenting the basketball team for a fine season, let's not forget to give fifteen raps for cheerleaders who have been faithful in attending the game and leading our cheering. "Pop corn" girls also deserve recognition.

Song Appropriate

During a French test, there was much biting of nails over the questions asked. Penetrating the silence of the room, a voice was heard from the boiler room singing, "Farther Along." Was it just a coincidence that the singer sang more loudly the lines, "We know more about it all by and by"?

Overheard: He is a wonderful teacher; at the close of every lecture, there is a great awakening.

Miss Hopkins has asked me to clarify a little matter for her. There has not been a great tragedy in her life; no, she has not been dyeing it; no, it did not turn gray overnight. She has merely parted her hair a different way.

Ruby Hickman, Sandra Brothers and Joann Massingill are recently displaying "sparklers" on their fingers as well as stars on their eyes.

Coed Defined

What is a coed? Of course we all know it is a candidate for a Mrs. degree, but the ACP has a more complete definition, saying, "Between the innocence of bobble-socks and the sophistication of miniskirts there lies a curious, carefree creature called a coed. Coeds come equipped with assorted pedal pushers and hairdos, but they all uphold the same creed; to enjoy every minute of every hour of every college day.

"A coed is a curious mixture. She has the eating habits of a canary and displays the energy of a mountain trout. To her admirer she has the mind of Einstein, the looks of Kim, the personality of Grace, and the figure of Marilyn. To the other coeds, she has the personality of a wet mackerel, and the mind of a beetle. She leads a martyr's life. No one else could stand time limits on telephone calls, the frustration of stolen bobbypins, and the pain of waiting for a date."

Who knows when it will happen again? "Shorter" showers have been the rule lately in some of the girls' dorms since the water supply can't quite make the height of the hill.

As *The OBU Bison* says, "Breathes there a man with soot so dead who never to himself hath said"—Guess I'll cut and go to bed.

NO BETTER WORDS TO DESCRIBE "BROTHERHOOD"

