

WEEKLY MEDITATION

BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"Jehovah will be thy confidence"—Prov. 3:26.

No one of us should ever feel that he is a failure. It may be that we have not measured up to the standards or goals we previously set for ourselves or accomplished what we have seen someone else accomplish. But most certainly we have gained knowledge and spiritual stamina through our efforts and through our experiences. We have not failed!

No one achieves his heart's desire in one stride. But every step we take toward the achievement of our goal adds to our knowledge and understanding—and, therefore, every step is vitally important. It is the unfolding of and the using of our God-given gifts that give us the confidence that makes life a wonderful adventure.

Whenever you feel discouraged or inept in comparison with someone else, remember that God has equipped you with the material out

of which to create a life that will be satisfying and fulfilling to you. You must remember that your life need not be like someone else's life, for your part in God's great plan is not like anyone else's part.

Remember that, through prayer, you can discover your own powers and your own place in the world. If you are faced with some situation that seems hopeless or impossible of solution, remember that Jesus told us, "... with God all things are possible." Dare to believe that "in some way or other the Lord will provide," and courage and faith will fill your heart. It does not matter what other people tell you, it does not matter what the experiences of others have been, no situation is hopeless or beyond God's help. Take your needs and desires to the Lord in prayer.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—Matt. 7:7.



REWARDED EFFORTS — The above picture is that of Dr. E. Franklin Jackson, Washington, D. C. and Dr. J. W. McMurray, Birmingham, Alabama. They are president and executive secretary, respectively, of the Ministers' and Laymen's Association for the A. M. E. Zion Church, whose program is responsible for the reforms that took place at the recent general conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana, by the denomination.

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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NO LONGER AFRAID
While in St. Louis, I went to visit an old friend who was dying from cancer. His wife answered the door bell and said with tears in her eyes: "Oh, Mr. Stam, Carl is a very sick man."

As I entered the living room Carl himself walked in, weak and unsteady, looking like a skeleton of his former self. Weakly he said: "Brother Stam, I guess I'm on my last legs." "On your last legs in this world," I replied. "Oh, of course!" he exclaimed. "I'm ready to go at any time and I know it will be wonderful!"

And then, weak as he was, he told at length how he had come to know the Lord in a personal way and what a change it had made of his life.

And then we talked about the blessed prospect of believers in Christ; how we shall "be with Christ, which is far better" (Phil. 1:23), how "we shall all be changed" (1 Cor. 15:52), how "this corruptible shall put on incorruptibility and this mortal shall put on immortality" (Ver. 53), how "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Cor. 4:17) and how "this body of humiliation shall be fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body" (Phil. 3:20). Here was a man facing death without one iota of fear. In fact, he was hoping the Lord would take him soon.

As I left, I thought how true the Scripture passage is which says: "Forasmuch then as the children

Negro Church Hires White Minister, 30

BY DARCY DEMILLE

DETROIT (ANP) — The 1,250 member Friendship Baptist Church announced today that a white minister will join its staff beginning June 21.

He is the Rev. Warren Crain, a 30-year-old graduate of the Colgate - Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York. The Rev. Crain will not be a newcomer to Friendship Baptist, he worked one summer at the Friendship community center. He will be serving as assistant pastor with the Rev. Louis Johnson.

The young minister who graduated last month, is married to the former Miss Carolyn Cummings, daughter of Dr. Richard Cummings, who is a former executive director of the Detroit Association of American Baptist churches. Presently, Dr. Cummings is a public relations director for Baptist foreign missions.

New Friendship Baptist Church, a new 1-2 million dollar church located in the new Medical Center, is aligned with American (Northern) Baptist and National (Negro) Baptists as is the Second Baptist church, which has had a white associate minister, the Rev. Willard P. Macy.

Rev. Johnson commented in announcing that a white minister has been selected to head the church's youth and evangelism program:

"We feel integration is a two-way matter. Negro churches have to be integrated as white, and we are preparing also for a ministry to an integrated community."

Plan Bethune Birthday Fete For July 10-12

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An elaborate Mary McLeod Bethune Birthday Weekend has been organized by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and will be held July 10-12 at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida; the gravesite of Mrs. Bethune.

Miss Dorothy I. Height, National President, National Council of Negro Women, in a message to the members, said, "It is our duty as women and homemakers to concern ourselves with Civil and Human Rights." To do this, we must know what is happening on the national scene. Attend the Mary McLeod Bethune Birthday Weekend and learn firsthand what you can do to share in this tremendous surge for freedom and equality.

The three-day Conference will include: business meetings, speeches, workshops and recreation on Bethune Volusia Beach. The National Council will be joined by groups of organizations in what is expected to be the biggest council reunion of current times.

During the three day Conference, a time will be set aside for visiting members and guest to stand in silent reverence around the gravesite of Mary McLeod Bethune, the beloved founder of NCNW.

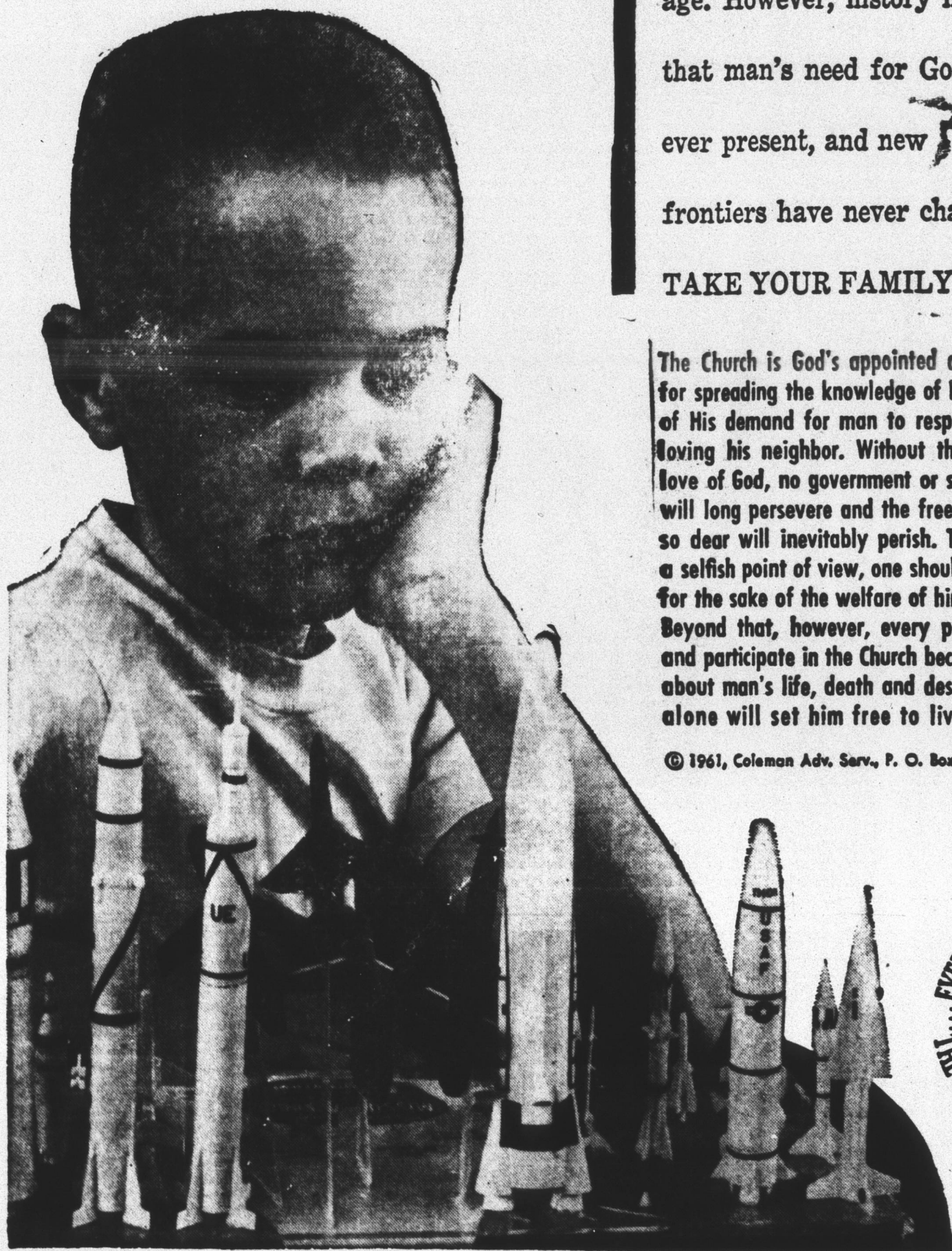
(of Adam) are partakers of flesh and blood, Christ also Himself likewise took part of the same, that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver those who through fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14).

How many people are afraid of death because they are afraid of judgment to follow. If only they would believe that Christ was judged for our sins at Calvary so that we might be justified and have everlasting life.

"To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (Rom. 4:5).

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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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