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**WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION**

"The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."—St. Paul in Hebrews.

**BUT THIS IS NORTH CAROLINA**

Some of the good citizens of this city, in expressing their views on the anti-union amendments to state constitutions, express alarm over some things that are being done by labor. They favor such amendment for North Carolina, because of something labor has done or failed to do in some Northern or mid-Western state.

But let us consider things here at home. Does any one in Charlotte know of anything that has been done by union labor in North Carolina that would threaten the peace of the state?

Does any one in Charlotte know of any "labor racketeer" in the state of North Carolina?

One irate citizen said he was startled by the strike of long distance operators in Dayton, Cleveland, Memphis, and other cities. He did not know until we informed him that the telephone workers are members of a company union, and are not affiliated in any way with the trade union movement. The telephone company has fought the unions down through the years with every weapon at their command. The company fostered the independent union, which was nothing more than a company-dominated union, so found to be by the NLRB.

Now this company union, or independent union, which has no connection whatever with the organized labor movement, turned on the company. If the telephone workers had been members of a union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor it is reasonable to believe that a settlement of the disputes could have been reached without the strike.

It is very unfair to the organized labor movement to charge it with the misdeeds and strikes and strife of a company-dominated union. The least that any citizen can do is to inform himself as to the facts in the case before he undertakes to criticize any movement.

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?**

By RUTH TAYLOR

The other day I heard a friend whose judgment I value, say "Most of our troubles, at home as well as abroad, stem from the fact that we don't like anything that is different."

Take the prosaic question of food—though as one who prides herself on her cooking, I resent the imputation that food is prosaic. We are set in our tastes by what is familiar. My little assistant can't understand my fondness for frog legs—but doesn't see why anyone doubts that salt roe and scrambled eggs are the perfect breakfast dish. Remember the complaint of the British Tommy about caviar—"The bloody jam tastes of fish!"

So it is with people. For example, there is the famous story of the Englishman who lived in Paris for twenty years without learning a word of French—he "wasn't going to encourage them in speaking their silly language."

The poor man rails at the sins of the millionaire. The rich man looks at the poor as a weakling. Labor is suspicious of Capital. Capital fears the strength of Labor. You can carry this on indefinitely.

We are too apt to try to make ourselves big by belittling others. Instead of frankly and freely admitting that we have a lot to learn that other people might know, and remembering its correlative thought that maybe we know some things that it would do them good to learn, we shut ourselves up

in a mirror-lined room. We need to discard the mirrors, open the windows and see what is outside.

No group is perfect. No group has all the knowledge. This resentment of difference is not just a resentment by the majority. The minorities are just as quick to condemn or resent any difference on the part of the majority.

Let us face this problem of differences with some intelligence. None of us can know too much. None of us but who can learn from others. None of us but who has something to give in exchange.

How about it? The next time you run up against a "different" person, whether his difference be a difference of creed or class or color, can't you say "Here is my opportunity." You never can tell—maybe you'll teach him as much as he will teach you.

If you analyze the statement with which I started, you find it boils down to "We don't like what we don't know." In that lies the solution. Knowledge is the key to understanding. It's hard to dislike someone you know well.

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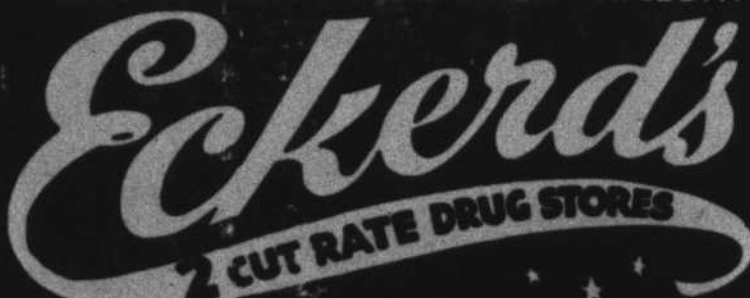
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