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On Burning Bibles

Because the new revised edition of the Bible translates a word in Isaiah as "young woman" rather than "virgin", the Rev. Martin Luther Hux, at his service at Rocky Mount Sunday, ripped the page containing the passage from the Bible and burned it. He previously had announced that he would burn an entire Bible in protest, but when the time came, he confined his Bible-burning to the single sheet.

The incident suggests these observations:

1. Protestants (and this revised edition of the Bible is a Protestant project) are taught to "study" the Bible; that is, try to understand it. And surely understanding would include re-study of the translations from the original Hebrew and Greek.
2. Stupid as the reasoning of the Rocky Mount minister must seem to most of us, good Protestants must applaud his moral courage (assuming he is honest), and must stand ready to fight for his right to burn the Bible or any other book against which he wishes to protest. That is basic in Protestantism.
3. The minister's name almost certainly must have strongly influenced him. Had he been named "Ben" or "Tom", the incident probably never would have occurred. But a man named "Martin Luther" naturally would be looking for a chance to emulate his great predecessor.

'Dangerous Delusion'

"It would be a dangerous delusion were a confidence in the men of our choice to silence our fears for the safety of our rights. Confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism. Free government is founded in jealousy, and not in confidence; it is jealousy and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions to bind down those whom we are obligated to trust with power. Our Constitution has accordingly fixed the limits to which, and no further, our confidence may go. In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution."

Those words were written not yesterday, or last month, or last year.

Those are the words of Thomas Jefferson.

They are a reminder that this is a nation governed by laws, rather than men.

If the reminder were needed in Jefferson's day, it is needed far worse in this age of complexity, when confused and baffled citizens are inclined to assume that if our President or Congressman or Governor is a good man, then anything he does should meet with our approval.

That is a dangerous assumption.

Bouquet

After the big bouquet Macon's County Agent S. W. Mendenhall received this week from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, flowers from The Press may seem a bit like "carrying coals to Newcastle".

This newspaper would be doing less than its job of trying to tell all the truth, however, if it failed to point out something not mentioned by the association that has bestowed so high an honor on Mr. Mendenhall; something that makes his friends doubly glad to see his work given recognition.

That something is the Macon County agent's... Ever ready to cooperate, he always is

careful to see that his associates and others get full credit for what they do; is self-effacing about his own work. Usually, in fact, there seems to be just one thing in Sam Mendenhall's mind, a determination to get a job done; if somebody else does it, he is as happy as if he had done it himself.

Being that sort of person, he probably was more surprised than anyone else when his work was so signally recognized. And because he is that sort of person, those who know him best are doubly happy to see him honored.

Our American Civilization

Some modern American definitions:

Communistic—any new idea.

Backward Area—any place that is different.

The True Gospel—the way WE interpret the Scriptures.

A Failure—the man who accumulates something besides dollars.

Progress—changing things around to the way we would have fixed them if we had created the world.

Letters

THE GENERAL'S DILEMMA

Editor, The Press:

In regard to your editorial, "The General's Dilemma" (issue of November 20), and the college student's history paper it quoted, it seems to me a lot of people forget, first and foremost, that Dwight D. Eisenhower is a man of his word. Should a person running for the Presidency be, as you say, "remarkably naive in political matters" or go about as Truman did in 1948 promising everything but the kitchen sink?

Why should Ike have promised out and out to end the Korean war? He promised to go to Korea, and that is exactly what he is doing. And contrary to the college student, I do definitely believe he will do a lot of good by going there. Furthermore, most of your objective newsmen and congressmen of both parties believe he will do an infinite amount of good.

No one denies the real cause lies in Moscow, but that doesn't erase the mistakes that have been made by the State Department and the administration; our leadership certainly has been miserable throughout the whole Korean mess.

Now whether some people are willing to admit it or not, most people in this country believe that Ike's trip to Korea will (1) boost the morale of the boys over there (and I have a brother in that area); (2) help Van Fleet get the training of the South Koreans going full swing—and these ROKs are darn good fighting men, if given the chance to prove it; and (3) let the Kremlin know that the United States is going to have a leader who isn't afraid to personally look into all the details first-hand.

For the life of me, I can't see why Ike won't do good, I can't see where he will lose an ounce of confidence from the American people if he doesn't end the war the day after he arrives, and I can't see where it is a one-man assignment."

In closing, I would like to say that dilemmas aren't things that just happen and if Ike is in a dilemma over saying, "I shall go to Korea", then the true meaning of the word isn't exemplified by your editorial in my thinking. He may be in a dilemma in the minds of some American citizens, but he certainly is not in the minds of the majority of the people of the USA. He will make a good President. It is our duty to help.

BOB CARPENTER

Kokomo, Ind.

THE HISS CASE

Editor, The Press:

I was certainly surprised and rather shocked at what appeared in Bob Sloan's column, on the editorial page of last week's issue of The Franklin Press.

He stated, in effect, that any American who had, the unmitigated gall to write a letter to "the judge who is to consider the parole of Alger Hiss" and protest against any parole for him, is guilty of aiding and abetting "a very un-American activity".

Apparently Mr. Sloan was a little confused on just what he was writing about, as he refers to "the judge who is to consider the parole" and, that "this parole should be considered on its own merits by a judge who has the facts at hand."

As a matter of widely known fact, no court or judge had anything whatever to do with arriving at a decision on the Hiss parole application. This decision was the sole prerogative and responsibility of the five members of the U. S. Parole Board, of which Dr. George C. Killinger is chairman. (The Board, on Nov. 24, 1952, voted unanimously against the Hiss parole application).

If, writing a letter of protest against paroling a known Communist and traitor is "encouraging a very un-American activity"—then by the same line of reasoning, we are "encouraging a very un-American activity" when we write our congressmen, senators, governor or state legislators to urge passage of, or protest against pending legislation; and also—if we talk to any members of our county commission, town board of aldermen or school board (including its chairman), in an effort to influence their decision on some matter that was before them.

DIM YOUR LIGHTS

SAFE DRIVERS DO



The Public School

The public school makes our people one. No other institution touches the life of every citizen. The public school binds us together in common ideals and purposes.

The public school is shaped to the needs of the community it serves. The resulting diversity in education contributes to the infinite variety of ideals, talents, ambitions, and achievements which characterize the American people.

The public school keeps alive the spirit of American enterprise. It emphasizes those robust qualities of initiative, self-dependence, and imagination which have produced the wealthiest, the most powerful nation in the history of mankind.

The prosperity of the American people owes much to public schools which have produced a general high level of education. Educated people want more and produce more. Ignorance and prosperity have never been teammates at any time in the history of the world.

Free public education contributes to the sound health, the deep education contributes to the sound health, the deep loyalties, and the courageous spirit of the men and women who constitute the forces of our defense. In the classrooms and laboratories of our schools and colleges are developed the technical knowledge and skill which contribute to national security.

The public school is a bright light in a world shadowed by the catastrophes of war and the uncertainties of peace. The boundless confidence and idealism of the children and young people in our public schools—their faith in freedom and justice—are the hope of the future.—Final report of Willard Givens, former executive secretary of the National Education Association.

Others' Opinions

'LEST WE FORGET'

(Bertie Ledger-Advance)

Rudyard Kipling wrote his famous "Recessional" many years ago, when the British Empire was at its height of power, its armies and its navies triumphant on all the seas and its world influence at its peak. Its statesmen spoke for the world in international matters. Its sovereign, Queen Victoria, was nearing the end of the longest and most prosperous reign in British history. But Kipling, looking both to the past and into the future, put into immortal poetry the warning that is the "Recessional."

To Britain's past he gave credit for having undertaken its course in that past with "a humble and a contrite heart." Her world domination of that day was founded on her desire for a wider and better world, but time had added ambitions of empire for its own sake and for the sake of the material gain that came with empire. At the time of the writing of the "Recessional," Britain was proud, ambitious, grasping. It was these things that Kipling brought out in his poem. But his verses closed with the admonition, "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget."

Today the United States is in a similar position to that occupied by Britain fifty years ago. We hold the dominant place

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STRICTLY

PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

I always reserve the right to question anything and everything—even my right to question.

—SP—

Appointment by President-elect Eisenhower of women to two important posts in the government no doubt has been hailed by many women's groups as another step in the "emancipation" of women.

To me, these appointments raise some questions that have little to do with women's freedom. Mrs. Ovetta Culp Hobby, named administrator of the

mother of two children, a son, aged 20, and a daughter, aged 15.

Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, appointed treasurer of the United States, is the mother of three children, a daughter of 16, another daughter of 11, and a son of 10.

These women's new responsibilities necessarily will take them to Washington to live. Their husbands presumably have businesses that will keep THEM at home.

Where, then, will be "home" for these teen-age (and younger) children? With

Demonstration Club Meetings For Week Are Announced

Meetings of home demonstration clubs in the county for the coming week have been announced by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent. They are as follows:

Today (Thursday): Otto club at the home of Mrs. L. M. Henson at 10:30 a. m.; Union-Maple Springs club at the school at 2 p. m.

Friday: Cullasaja club at the home of Mrs. C. T. Bryson at 10:30 a. m.

Monday: Hickory Knoll with Mrs. Charlie Rogers at 1:30 p. m.

Tuesday: Travelers at the home of Mrs. Robert Parrish at 10:30 a. m.; Carson Chapel with Mrs. Frank Reece at 10:30 a. m.; Mrs. Carroll Gibson hostess to the Liberty club at 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday: Watauga club with Mrs. Jesse Thompson at 10:30 a. m.; Iotla club at the school at 2 p. m.; Nantahala club at the home of Mrs. Ralph Solesbee at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday: Clark's Chapel with Mrs. Otis Franklin at 10:30 a. m.; Mrs. Paul Ammons and Mrs. Parker Gregory hostesses to the Holly Springs club at 1:30 p. m.

Allen, Veteran Of Korea, Sent To Camp Chaffee

Sfc. John R. Allen, a veteran of the Korean War, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Allen, of Franklin, has been assigned to the 5th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Ark. The camp public information office has announced.

He will be a mess steward for a training company, the announcement said. Sergeant Allen, who recently returned from Korea where he served with the 1st Cavalry Division for five months, was with occupation forces in Germany before receiving assignment to the Far East.

COMPLETING BASIC

Daniel L. Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Henson, of Otto, is completing his air force basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., the base public information office has announced.

Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

What good does it do a man to find the "key to success" if he is unable to find the key-hole?

Rev. E. L. Bain and family are expected to arrive at the parsonage here today. They will be given a cordial reception on their arrival.

Mr. A. L. Welch, of Anderson, S. C., after a week spent in visiting relatives here, left for his home last Saturday, taking Mrs. T. P. Shepherd, his sister, with him to spend the winter in "God's Country".

Mrs. Ira Erwin and children left yesterday morning for their new home in Greensboro.

25 YEARS AGO

Up to the present time only one fire has occurred on the North Carolina end of the Nantahala Forest this season. This fire was in Clay County on the Olmstead land and originated on private land.

In the next national election a split in the Solid South would be a mighty fine thing for this section of the country—and this paper is not a Republican organ at that.

From July 1 to October 15, 1927, state records show that Macon County stands fifth among the counties of the state in the number of pounds of poultry sold cooperatively.

Misses Freda Siler, Ruth Benjamin and Messrs. Phil McCollum and Red Stewart attended the Carolina-Virginia football game at Chapel Hill Thanksgiving.

10 YEARS AGO

Clayborn Patton, of the U. S. Navy, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carry Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller and family have returned to Franklin after spending several months in Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Miller has been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Thompson and son, Charles, of Knoxville, were visitors in