

There Are Two Sides To A Question

What puzzles us is the fact that so many news reports play up the worst which may appear in American conduct of the war in Vietnam, and say so little about what North Vietnam is doing. Groups of college students and other groups, make vigorous protests over our killing of the North Vietnamese, and say nothing about the tortured, mutilations, and slaughter by the North Vietnamese. The Congress, and the American people got involved in this war. It is NOT a presidential war, either by Eisenhower, Kennedy, or Johnson. We have an idea that if the President and the

Congress decided to accept Hanoi's demands and bring all of our troops home, that the loudest squawkers would be those who now so bitterly condemn the President. The war in Vietnam involves much more than just Vietnam. If the freeworld permits Communism to take over South Asia, it could well be that Freedom will perish from the earth. It is too late now to argue about how we got in; the important thing is to view the situation unemotionally, and to take stock intelligently, as to how we are going to finish what we have begun. NCD

Will Man's Wisdom Ever Match His Intelligence?

The automobile is a wonderful work of man. To see an automobile destroyed is a terrible thing. Man is a wonderful work of God. To see a man destroyed by an automobile is an even more terrible thing. God creates man; man destroys himself. In war and in crime, man destroys other men in anger and cruelty. In the automobile, man destroys himself and other men without motive, without thought, in blind and brutal coincidence. God loaned man the gift of creativity; man used the gift to build a marvelous instrument of convenience and pleasure. And then with the perversity

of which only he is capable, man turns the marvelous instrument upon himself. He becomes the victim, rather than the master, of his creation. Millions of men and women have been deprived of their existences by the instrument intended for the enrichment of their lives. Millions of others have known lives of pain and anguish through misuse of the motor vehicle. Will man's wisdom ever match his intelligence? Will he ever learn to conserve as he has learned to build? Only then will man finally escape the mad self-destruction which he has brought upon himself with the automobile.

Mass Medicine Creates Problems

"A crisis in medical care, long predicted, now appears at hand in many parts of the United States." This is the opening sentence of a lengthy report on medical care problems that have arisen in over-burdened hospitals and medical facilities. In 1958, American hospitals handled 15.4 million outpatient visits, including emergency-room cases. By 1965, the total was 125.8 million, and so it goes. As one Michigan administrator puts it: "This is an awful combination of medicare, medical and basic economics." It is becoming apparent that the introduction of medicare and medicalaid-

first steps toward socialized medicine in the United States—has already resulted in some of the dreary symptoms that afflict state-controlled medical systems abroad. There are shortages of supplies and equipment, and staffs have been expanded to handle increased paper work. As congestion grows, care, inevitably, becomes more impersonal. The question now is how far are we going to go along the path toward state medicine. Of one thing we may be certain—the more government intervenes in the medical system, the more likely it is that standards will decline even as costs rise.

Religion In The Here And Now

By: Rev. Norvin C. Duncan
In the countryside where I grew up, they used to have revivals in the summer months at the Methodist Church near where we lived. I can still hear them singing: "There is free grace, and never dying love." It was the evangelical note of a redemptive love. The Wesleyan movement, along with Luther, had rediscovered God's work of redemption through Christ, and set it in faith as the means of receiving it. It was all God's doing, and it was marvelous in their eyes. They had moved out of the formal and sacramental concepts of winning God's favor and pardon by works,

gifts, worship—man's doing. They saw it all as God's doing, as He applied love, mercy, forgiveness, and strength to man's needs. The cross showed all that; God did it because of His love for us, and this was the basis for our love for Him, and our service for Him. The doctrine is still valid. It is by grace that we are saved, not by anything that we can do. Most professing Christians, both Catholic and Protestants have this doctrine at the heart of belief. But we are living in a world of thinking and action which sets it aside. Professing Christians have set it aside, by substituting the church as an institution for the truth embodied in the doctrine, and in their offering of buildings, liturgies, appointments, artistry, and alms for the poor. But, long ago, God declared through His prophets that all these would not be accepted unless righteousness and justice accompanied them. The only righteousness that we have is Christ's righteousness, and it is in Him alone that God can accept us.

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Azalea Festival At Wilmington Set For April 6-9

WILMINGTON, N. C. —The North Carolina Azalea Festival at Wilmington celebrates its 20th anniversary April 6-9, with the promise of becoming one of springtime's brightest spectacles. A floral display of unmatched color and brilliance is in prospect, with millions of flame-sparked azaleas in bloom, as a backdrop for four days of festivities which attract thousands of visitors annually from many parts of the state and nation. In addition to the floral appeal, many top names in the entertainment and show business worlds will headline a series of variety programs, pageants, and parades. There will be garden and historical tours, ships' tours, art shows, horse shows, special guests and teenage activities. Reigning over the entire extravaganza will be Queen Azalea XX, as yet unnamed, but one who will follow the tradition of loveliness and charm established over the years by beauties of stage, screen, and television who have borne the crown and title of Azalea Queen. The Azalea Festival's format for success has proved popular in the previous 19 years,

and the 1967 event will follow the same pattern. John Vann B. Metts, president of the Azalea Festival this year, says "We have all the ingredients for another outstanding program. The Festival seems to get bigger every year, and we hope this year will measure up to past performances." He described the upcoming 20th anniversary as "a significant milestone" in the history of the Azalea Festival. Preparation for the Azalea Festival is a year-round task for many volunteer workers, and the planning begins to take shape in the month or two before the Festival begins. Already several hundred volunteer workers under the direction of division leaders and Festival officers are arranging the 1967 spectacle. The 1967 Festival begins Thursday morning, April 6th, with the arrival of many celebrities, special guests, political and military leaders, and the vanguard of countless thousands of spectators and visitors. Highlights of opening day are the fireworks show and variety program at Legion Stadium, the opening of the art show, and the appearance of most of the top entertainers at the public events. The second day features a full schedule for dignitaries and celebrities as they officiate at garden tour ceremonies, trips to nearby Orton Plantation, the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial, and other appearances. The second night brings the first of two Coronation Pageants at which Queen Azalea XX is crowned amid the splendor and trappings of regal appeal. On the third day, Saturday, the mammoth downtown parade which takes most of the morning is the chief attraction. Hundreds of bands and floats, headed by the Parade Marshal take part, with the feature being the Queen's float. A parade of music comes first, featuring hundreds of bands and marching units. Then comes the Queen's parade, featuring many celebrities, elaborately decorated floats, more bands and marching units, clowns and other entertainers, and then the main attraction -- the Queen and her court aboard the Queen's float. Sunday is still another busy day, highlighted by religious services, and offering continued tours of gardens, the art show, open house on visiting ships, and the departure of the celebrities and special guests. Altogether, there is something for all members of the family at the annual Azalea

Behind The Headlines

Maybe it's just a coincidence, maybe something more. Of the two prime health problems that have been commanding most headline space for some time, both are in the same general area—RD, or respiratory disease. The two problems are, of course, cigarette smoking and fact that they are being treated as such urgent public issues indicates that at last, however belatedly, recognition is being given to the importance of the breathing organs as a major battleground in the fight against disease. But right now, as the hows, whys and wherefores of air pollution and cigarette smoking are debated in terms of high policy, their practical significance to the ordinary citizen may tend to get lost. The really pertinent question remains, "How does all this effect me personally, and what do I do about it?" Fortunately, there are answers available -- and good ones. Several years ago a voluntary health organization launched a vigorous program to educate the public about the rudimentary symptoms of chronic respiratory disease. The watchword was (and still is): "Cough too much? Short of breath? You may have a respiratory disease. Don't take chances -- see your doctor." This simple warning is still being sounded the year round

by the National Tuberculosis Association, which devotes its energies to the struggle against all respiratory diseases including TB. Only a doctor can tell for certain whether cigarette smoke or polluted air is having a discernible effect on your breathing apparatus. But the obvious danger signs are those noted above: a cough that won't go away or keeps coming back; and shortness of breath that isn't due to unusual exertion. If you have either symptom, you owe it to yourself to consult a doctor.

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RACES

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