

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

(Christian Science Monitor)

Another Sunday morning rolls around. The United States enjoys the luxury of another hour or two of sleep. There are ominous issues a-brewed, but a good breakfast and a leisurely hour with the comic bring the comfortable assurance that "normal" American life will go on pretty much the same despite the little unpleasantness overseas.

On December 7, 1941, Sunday afternoon brought the news that blew American isolationism sky high.

Now, in 1947, the war is over... the family is doing its part in other peoples' crises by sending a food package every month to a European family. Nobody is isolationist any more—just a little reluctant, sometimes, to accept the high cost of all those worthy plans to help a bunch of floundering nations out of their mess.

Must the Sunday morning idler of 1947 drift into a black, atomic afternoon in order to discover the sort of world his own ingenuity has created?

Certainly not, if he will rub the sleep from eyes and look at the facts. From all sides they make demands: Billions for European reconstruction. A five-year program for developing American air power, costing more billions. A multibillion dollar project to secure the Panama Canal from attack. A huge program of expansion for atomic energy, demanding double the billions expended up to now.

How, in the face of these multiplying demands, is it possible to think in terms of yesterday's business, yes-

terday's politics, yesterday's taxes, even yesterday's Pearl Harbor? More than a war separates us from that other Sunday morning. Humanity's related discovery of the self-destructiveness of matter has intervened. There is no resting on easy assumptions of material security, material progress, material power, as in the past. A new order of thinking is called for.

It is not merely bigger and more expensive armaments we need. These are no more than a desperate precaution marking the failure to find as yet the positive assurance of peace. Though we must have them, we cannot rely on them. If the atomic age can force men to pay so stupendous a price for armed insecurity, how incalculably more important it is to be willing to pay the price of peace.

That includes vision—the vision that sees beyond the pleasant allurements of wage increases, tax reductions, easy credit, easy living; beyond cherished customs and partial sympathies; beyond yesterday's satisfactions and today's prejudices; beyond the insane delusion that you can toss an atom bomb into history and then do no more than tinker with a pre-atomic "normalcy."

The whole concept of what is normal may need revision. Materialism has too often set the norm in the past—dogmatically in Russia, unconsciously in the democracies. In an age almost Arcadian by contrast with the present, Lincoln said:

The dogmas of a quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. As our case is new, we must think a few, and act anew.

How much more is this true today!

Press reports from Geneva, where a United Nations commission is drawing up a World Bill of Rights, tell of the "overwhelming confidence" of the Soviet delegates in attacking racial discrimination and other shortcomings in the United States. The Russians, says one correspondent, appear to be thinking not merely about the propaganda effect of their remarks in the present crisis but of crises 30 or 50 years hence. Those crises will never arise in the form they count on if democracy discovers and attacks the root cause—which is not Russia, but material-mindedness.

These are thoughts for a Sunday morning. They should turn us to the infinite riches of the divine Spirit, on which we can draw for the courage, intelligence, love, and bold adventurousness to face the future. When men come to themselves, the fission of matter can herald the spiritual dawn of a new age.

Church Directory

CHRISTIAN

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Minister
Sunday: 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, Sam D. Bundy, supt. 11 a. m.—Sermon. 6:30 p. m.—Youth Fellowship, Mrs. Jalma Bynum, counsellor.

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL

Rev. J. R. Rountree, Rector
Sunday: 10 a. m.—Sunday School, Ed. Nash Warren, supt. 11 a. m.—first Sunday, sermon and communion; third Sunday, morning prayers and sermon.

METHODIST

Rev. E. R. Clegg, Minister
Sunday: 10 a. m.—Sunday School, T. Eli Joyner, Jr., supt. 11 a. m.—Sermon. 6:30 p. m.—Youth Fellowship, Miss Edna Boone, counsellor. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Rev. E. W. Holmes, Minister
Sunday: 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, R. N. Freeman, supt. 11 a. m.—Sermon. 6:30 p. m.—Training Union, Mrs. J. W. Miller, director. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon. Wednesday: 7:30 p. m.—Prayer service.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Rev. Godwin, Minister
Sunday: 10 a. m.—Sunday School, Mrs. Curtis Massey, supt. 11 a. m.—Sermon. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon. Thursday: 7:30 p. m.—Prayer service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. E. S. Costes, Minister
Sunday: 10 a. m.—Sunday School, Bernice Turnage, supt. 11 a. m.—Sermon. 2 p. m.—Youth Fellowship, Mrs. W. P. Easley, adviser.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

Elder J. B. Roberts, Minister
Second Saturday and Sunday: 11 a. m.—Sermon.

SAINT ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC

Father Loyola O'Leary, Priest
Daily: 7:30 a. m.—Mass. Sunday: 9:30 a. m.—Mass. Thursday: 7:30 p. m.—Discussion group.



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"Hide thy face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God: And renew a right spirit within me."—Ps. 51:9,10.

"O Lord, open Thou my lips; And my mouth shall show forth thy praise."—Ps. 51:15.

"God, be Thou merciful to me a sinner."—Luke 18:13.

"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. But now, O Lord, Thou art our Father, we are the clay, and Thou our potter. Be not wroth, O Lord, neither remember our iniquities for ever."—Isa. 64:5,7,8.

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it be not to my sorrow!"—1 Chron. 4:10.

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