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PARENTS SHOULD PROPERLY SUPERVISE THEIR DAUGHTERS DURING A TIME LIKE THIS

During the last few months I have observed the social relationship of high school and teen age girls and boys in Armed service in public places. Some of these girls are from homes where parents put all their trust in and believe everything their children tell them. They do not allow their daughters to take their boy friends to their homes, due to the fact that they think they are too young and have not finished high school.

Here are some of the lies these young girls are telling and the parents believe them, and get angry if you tell them better and make you out a liar on every statement:

One night some few months ago, I saw a fifteen or sixteen-year-old girl in the arms of a soldier. Later I visited a neighbor next door, where this girl lives. About 11:30 o'clock, or later this girl came in excitedly and asserted "Mother! I don't want to ever work for that old woman any more".

Mother answered, "why daughter?"

"She went off about five o'clock this afternoon and left me there with her baby, and just got back — I mean I got her told. I told her my mother did not allow me out after dark for nobody. I think you mistreated me for making me stay here against my mother's will."

Mother, with a greeting smile. "Did you, daughter?"

"Yes, mother, that ain't all I told her. I told her she had better pay me extra for my time. Her old husband came in and handed me a \$1.50 and told me if I would come back, Saturday he was going to pay me my regular salary, too. They both begged my pardon and promised me that they would not keep me that late any more."

Mother said: "Well daughter since they treated you so nice in that respect, I would go back."

I saw that same young lady up town some few days ago, I said: "You are looking so beautiful, and getting so stout, what are you eating? The girl replied with a silly smile. "Mother said I had a tumor growing in my stomach, and she had to take me to the hospital for an operation."

"Are you married," I asked. She replied with another

silly smile: "no, but I can get married if I want to."

"To whom?" I asked.

"A soldier."

"How long have you been knowing him?"

"About four months."

"Where is he from?"

"I forgot where he said his home is."

"What is his name?"

"Henry."

"Henry what?"

"Henry something. I don't know what he said his last name was."

"What camp is he stationed in."

"I don't know — he was just passing through and stopped over with some friends on his furlough."

"Where is he now?"

"The last I heard from him he was in California, and he said in that letter that they were planning to send him across."

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
—WHEN GOOD MEN SIN

Golden Text: Be ye angry, and sin not.—Ephesians 4:26.

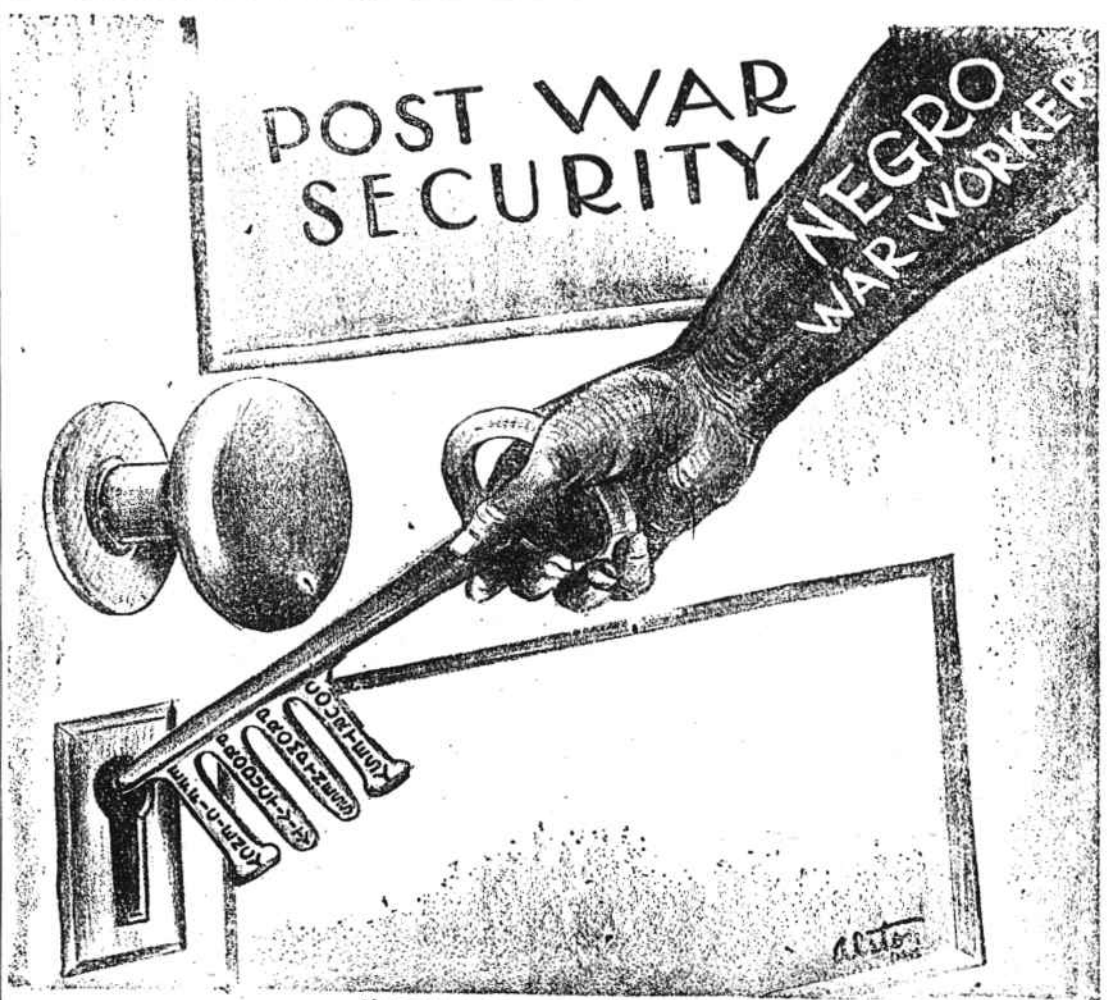
WHEN GOOD MEN FAIL

Even the best of leaders make mistakes. No one is perfect either in judgment or execution. Moses and Aaron had plenty of provocation for their impatience and loss of temper. The complaining mood of the people must have been a constant drag upon the faith and courage of their leaders. In spite of repeated evidences of divine care and guidance the Hebrews protested at the slightest discomfort. They had short memories and were easily discouraged.

The weakness of Moses and Aaron in this crisis appears in the fact that, instead of leading, they were led by the people. They allowed the general mood of despair and protest to dominate their own thinking. This is a common fault, and it is likely to influence the wisest of leaders. Mere physical weariness may sometimes cause such a letdown in leadership that the ideas of the mob, rather than the man, master the situation. Moses and Aaron "went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tent of meeting and fell upon their faces." This prostration of themselves was a symbol both of their sense of failure and their need of help. Once again Jehovah did not fail them. They were given power to meet the emergency.

The character of men is often tested by the way in which they use power. Too much authority is not good for any leader. Many are completely ruined by it. They lose their heads and become conceited and arbitrary, thus forfeiting the respect and adherence of their followers. Collapse and failure are the frequent results. It did not go as far as that with Moses and Aaron, but arrogance and ill temper are apparent in their words: "Hear now, ye rebels; shall we bring you forth water out of this rock?" Instead of giving the credit to Jehovah for this unusual deliverance Moses seemed to wish the people to understand that he and Aaron were responsible.

It may seem that rather severe punishment was meted out to those two leaders for their momentary loss of faith and



"THE KEY!!"

self-control. It was decreed that neither of them should witness the triumphant ending of their enterprise. Younger men would reap the fruit of their labors and carry on Jehovah's purpose to its fulfillment. But it must be remembered that those who carry great responsibilities also have great obligations. This momentary failure doubtless indicated that the two venerable leaders had reached the crest of their usefulness. It was time for them to pass the torch to younger and stronger hands.

"Water out of the rock," is a significant symbol. It suggests the frequent issue of good out of evil, which is one of the amazing features of our human experience. From many a flinty and forbidding situation renewal and hope break forth like an abundant supply of water. Obstacles that appear insurmountable become blessings in disguise. This is another indication of the divine intention that works through human experience, controlling destiny, shaping outcomes, fashioning character, making even the wrath of men contribute to its purpose, and using our mistakes and failures to achieve the ultimate goal of good.

ALL HER PAY BUYS BONDS FOR WIFE AT ARMY CAMP

Others can equal, but no one can top the bond buying record of Mrs. Willard White, who works in the refrigeration section of post engineers at Camp Shelby, Miss.

"No ten-per center," Mrs. White puts 100 per cent of her salary into war bonds. Each month she receives three \$50 bonds and two checks for slightly more than three dollars balance. These checks she saves until they are enough to buy more bonds.

Her explanation is: "My husband, a captain in the combat engineers, is doing his part, so I'm trying to do mine too."

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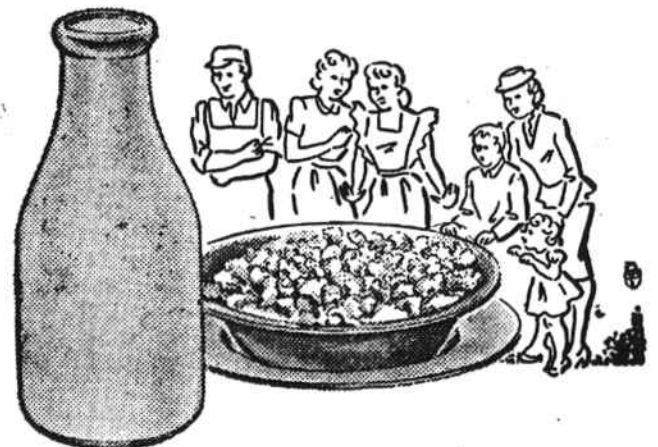
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