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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. Proverbs 29:2

Independence or License?

The years since World War II have seen the emergence of many newly independent nations, most formerly colonial chattels of European nations.

Leaders of the United States have done much, in word and deed, to encourage the promotion of nationalistic freedom.

President Roosevelt, during World War II, angered his British allies by suggesting that the end of the war should result in freedom for India. It did.

China was a different story. Here two Chinese factions, both hardly fair-minded, honorable groups according to United States standards, were warring for control of the country. One was the Communist-flavored, and the other had been the Western ally, if one of questionable value, during the war. The United States post-war mission to China gave a report which damned both the factions. Here the Communist group won.

Korean nationalists, in an extension of the China play, were able to withstand the North Korean, China-aided inroads in a three-year war involving the United Nations. Today, few are informed would say that the Korean government is a model of democracy.

Today's headline-grabber is the Congo, where the "people" wanted freedom and where Belgium, the former colonial controller, left, if unwillingly. Immediately, fratricidal strife began. The United Nations sent a police force to assure order and, in effect, support the government if felt was the valid one.

But last weekend's reports related that the foreign policemen were being attacked, captured and killed by elements of the very same group the United Nations forces were supposed to be helping.

It is not inconceivable that the United Nations will have to be reminded of General MacArthur's famed statement out of the Korean crisis, when he recited the military truism, "There is no substitute for victory." It appears the United Nations will have to supply sufficient men and material to conquer this "independent" country, which means that the UN will replace Belgium as the ruler of the Congo state. The alternative, of course is for the UN to withdraw and let the dissident elements battle it out among themselves, with survival going to the strongest and, perhaps, Russian-aided.

The cry for independence has strong nationalistic appeal. But it has long been apparent that the powerful cliques in a nation frequently use their own people as support for their own ideas of democracy, which are translated customarily into autocratic governments which specialize in autocracy and brutality to opponents timorous enough to

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of Kings racterized le Kings in the light of the crowded conditions which have found many people waiting several days for hospital admission.

Growth of the hospital here has been little short of amazing, considering that it opened less than a decade ago with 22 beds. Today there are 75, plus a home for staff nurses.

Hospitals are more important today than formerly, when many families find both the parents working outside the home. Many not-too-serious illnesses nevertheless require care.

Sanford Runs, Passes

Governor Terry Sanford summarized his monetary recommendations for improving public education in the state Monday night, again demonstrating both courage and political dexterity.

The Governor wants the General Assembly to eliminate the bulk of the exemptions to the sales tax and boost the liquor tax to provide \$83 million in additional revenue during the next two years. Of this total, \$73 millions would be spent for schools, all but \$3 million for secondary education.

Missing from the Governor's address was any recommendation for school construction, which, it can be assumed, will be forthcoming soon, in the form of a recommendation for a state bond issue election.

Everybody will feel the new bite. There are many questions which the amendments to the revenue act will answer, though it is plain the big end of the proposed new revenues will be derived from sales of foods and drugs. Drugs have been historically exempt and Governor Broughton was able to deliver on a campaign promise to remove sales tax from the home table in 1941.

Under the present sales and use tax laws, there are many exemptions and exempt institutions.

In spite of the concentration on the sales tax to produce the avenues and an effort thereby to eliminate the harassment of legislators by hordes of lobbyists, there will still be pressures on the assemblymen. Many, as Cleveland's Robert Morgan, has reiterated already his long-term objections to taxing food in preference to the so-called luxuries or, at least, non-necessities.

But Governor Sanford, apparently, has shown football coaching gear-switching ability by running the ends and passing when the middle of the opposing line is especially strong. He admitted to forswearing a tobacco products tax for the simple reason he didn't think the East-dominated legislature would approve it. To make the tax increases more palatable at home, he suggested the legislature enact the revenue amendments for a biennium and make continuance subject to a vote of all North Carolina citizens.

True is Governor Sanford's contention that the referendum isn't a matter of passing the buck. But the state-wide voting does offer the assemblymen an escape hatch. One can hear the legislators telling their home folk, "If you don't like it, vote against it."

The Herald's guess is that there won't be as many votes against as for. The educational pull on parents in this state is especially strong and the professional school population a not-too-small segment of the population either.

The more conservative, who felt the increases for schools provided in the recommendations of the advisory budget commission close to sufficient, likely have been blitzkrieged.

Capital Punishment

A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly which, if passed, would tend to eliminate capital punishment in this state.

Particular point is made of the fact that, in effect, capital punishment has diminished to the vanishing point already.

Morally, it would seem, the proponents are on firm ground.

As one local citizen expressed it some years ago, "Taking of a man's life is removing something from him that the takers don't have the power to restore."

The more conservative argue that removal of capital punishment will tend to encourage the more heinous crimes and, in effect, give license to the armed bandit, the rapist, and the cold-blooded hoodlum.

Statistics in other states do not support this contention.

Many citizens are quite sure they will never serve on a murder jury, due to an exemptive condition which removes those who have firm convictions against the death penalty.

Some of these feel sure any person who takes the life of another is, indeed, temporarily insane.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

Karl Whitener favored me recently with a copy of a feature story on a brother, who lives in High Point, and including an item of historical interest to Kings Mountain.

Karl's several - times' great grandfather, the story relates, migrated to this country about 1746, arriving at Philadelphia, a popular port of entry for many families of German origin. Later he returned to Philadelphia on a trip made by the then-popular mode of transportation, foot - power. In Philadelphia, he purchased a rifle. Later, a son used the rifle at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Parenthetically, its owner at the battle was one of several claiming his rifle fired the shot which felled Col. Patrick Ferguson, the British commander.

Karl's brother owns the rifle and regards it as one of his most prized possessions.

The current spelling of the family name is American variety. It was originally Weiden-er.

Karl, himself, is proud of an heirloom once his grandfather's. It is a grandfather clock, which had been imported from England, had wooden movements, and cost his grandfather \$8. The wooden parts wore out and the clock later reposed for 26 years in the shop of a Hickory watchmaker, before a member of the family remembered it and pressured the watchmaker to produce the corpus.

Karl acquired the clock through a trade with a sister for another family heirloom, refinished it, installed new works painted the face himself. Today the clock keeps near-perfect time and he has declined a \$2,000 offer for the clock.

Many folks belong to the antiquing cult and search out old items of furniture and furnishings. There are good reasons, of course. Furniture once was almost exclusively handmade and the items are not only of exceptional quality but works of art. They are consequently often of exceptional value.

I confess, however, to on-membership in this cult, except where the articles have family or personal connection.

The telephone rang Sunday night and it was my mother-in-law on the other end of the wire. Normally, there is nothing particularly unusual about a call of this kind, as the telephone companies would be quick to agree that if all mothers and children lived in the same community their long lines business would take an unhealthy drop.

This time, however, there was an unusual bit of news.

My mother-in-law had returned from Sunday night church services to find the dining room silverware spread in disorder on the living room couch and the front door she had locked before leaving standing open. Thieves, or vandals or both quite obviously had made a visit.

Careful search revealed no losses. A purse, initially empty of cash, still remained on the bed where she'd left it. The silver was intact and she could find nothing missing. Apparently her early return had flushed the culprits into quick flight. Typically feminine, she had left the house cash in one of the numerous bureau drawers. The police had been informed.

It was really no laughing matter, but I couldn't help guffawing over the comments from the Kings Mountain end of the telephone wire.

"Mother, maybe they're still there! Have you looked under your bed and the bed in my old room?"

She had,

'See What a Beautiful Couple We Are'



Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE LITTLE OLD LADY AND THE KITTEN

Once upon a time, there was a little old lady who lived in a big house all alone. For many months, she had been in poor health and unable to leave her house. None of her neighbors visited her. The neighbors had their own problems.

One day, a pretty white kitten climbed a tree in front of the sick old lady's house. The kitten climbed to the very top of the tall tree. It became afraid and would not climb down from the tree. A boy passing the tree saw the pretty kitty and he told his mother about it.

Soon all the old lady's neighbors were excited about the poor little kitty. They formed a committee to ask help from the fire department. The big fire truck, with long ladders and ropes, soon came to the tree in front of the old lady's house. Amid much applause from the many people gathered around the tree, the kitty was rescued and returned to its mother.

The little old lady did not see the gallant rescue. She was sick in bed.

The moral of this parable is not that people like kittens better than they like other people; it is that people must have a cause — an emotional spark that is appealing, but not related to their own problems.

In Harmony last week, American Legionnaires barbecued about 200 rabbits that had been a "cause" for various individuals and groups about the country. The rabbit-eating program featured much gaiety and speech-making.

The simple fact is that American Legion "causes" do not run along the lines of deciding the most polite way to kill a rabbit.

The husband of the Queen of England created a "cause" recently when he climbed a 23-foot tower and shot a tiger. The idea here was that it is not very sporting to kill a tiger while denying the beast the opportunity to kill you.

Prince Phillip simply was behaving the way most of us do. We pick our "causes" carefully so we can shoot without being shot at. We might do well to reevaluate our causes — determine just what we stand for, and why. — The Mooresville Tribune.

THE AGE OF EXCUSE

It is interesting to note that a surprising number of leading figures in America think of their country as fundamentally undisciplined today.

One of the latest to voice this view was Orlando Wilson, Chicago's police chief and an academic specialist in police and crime matters. Called to his post to clean up a bad situation in that city's police force, Wilson brought his thoughtful outlook to the task. He has some definite notions on how to bring discipline into some aspects of our life.

Naturally enough he is deeply concerned over the unruly tendencies found among the nation's youngsters. Many who deal with this problem urge stronger punishment as the best antidote for delinquent behavior. Wilson doubts that severity is the decisive factor.

In his own judgment there are two crucial elements in effective punishment. One is promptness in applying it. The longer it is delayed, the less positive seems the connection between the offense and the consequences.

The other vital need is that the punishment be inescapable. As Wilson sees it, the sure knowledge that some kind of penalty will flow from a misdeed is a vastly more useful deterrent than the prospect that a severe penalty might result under certain circumstances.

The police and court records of our major cities testify to the fact that a very great percentage of our delinquent youngsters either escape punishment altogether or find its effectiveness minimized by delays and other tempering.

Wilson appears to be on sound ground. Certainly those who argue against the "strong punish-

GIVING VALUE TO MONEY

With all this talk about the price of gold, revaluation, devaluation and the rest of it, one can easily forget whose responsibility it is to fix the value of money. Basically it is ours. In the final analysis no government can do it for us. It is up to us, the people.

For we all know by now that the actual "value of money" simply is what money will buy. So the "value of money" is prices. And who wants the government to fix prices? We set the price level by the amount of money we get for our work and the value of the work we give for the money; and we ought to give three cheers every day that this is so, for it is a part of freedom.

Governments, of course, can rig market price of anything through tariffs and subsidies. They can add a bit to the prices of things with taxes. They can even make money "dearer" through raising interest rates or "cheaper" by printing it in truck loads. But about basic costs a government in a free country can never do as much as the citizen.

So, if it now is important what price governments agree to pay for gold, what we the people decide to do about our costs, and prices is even more important. The formula for avoiding inflation whatever the price of gold is well understood, perfectly simple and applicable to governments as well as to individuals: if we give value for money — *The Christian Science Monitor*.

CHANGING POCKETS

Labor Secretary Goldberg, defending the Administration's plan to boost the minimum wage the other day that such action from \$1 to \$1.25, told Congress would add \$1,700,000,000 in purchasing power to the economy.

Well, putting aside for the moment the many other questions this measure raises, it's clear the money for the wage hike would have to come from somewhere. Some people, in fact, doubt whether taking money from A and giving it to B does indeed increase the nation's total purchasing power. And one of these people seems to be President Kennedy.

In his recent highway message the Chief Executive declared: "We are not better able to pay our bills as a nation by merely shifting money from one pocket to another." — *The Wall Street Journal*.

ment" school of thought cannot complain. Nor is he taking a "soft" approach.

Probably most psychologists would agree that what makes for good discipline is the steady, inevitable application of authority. Not only children but most adults respond best when they know exactly what is expected of them, what they may do and what they may not do without reaping unhappy consequences. — *Shelby Star*.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1951 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain's 1951 Red Cross fund campaign got underway Tuesday morning, following a kick-off breakfast at the Country Club, with 48 committeemen present.

Some 100 Kings Mountain area farmers have been invited as guests for the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, to be held next Thursday evening.

Social and Personal A reception was given by the Junior Woman's Club Friday night honoring their past presidents for the past 10 years.

Circle 3 of the Presbyterian church met Monday night with Mrs. Hilton Rut.

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