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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. St. Matthew 11:28-30

Nixon Reaffirms

President Richard M. Nixon's Wednesday night address to the nation may be categorized as a speech of defense, explanation, and reaffirmation of the Cambodian operation.

The only newness thereof was the reaffirmation part, in which he promised anew that the operation, as far as U. S. troops are concerned, will be ended by June 30, with all United States armed forces withdrawn from Cambodia morder action.

Defense/explanation went along together.

The President the capture of small arms, mortars, ammunition and the all important rice would require a minimum of nine months for the Viet Cong to replace, which would, in turn, save the lives of Americans and her South Korean allies.

A labor union leader, the President said, had lost a son in Vietnam in February. Had the Cambodian operation been carried out previously, would the gun which killed his son have been put out of action?

The Cambodian action makes sense according to the normal rules of military combat and perhaps more sense than the much of the Viet Nam action which has been highly costly and apparently stalemated, both in the field of battle and at the Paris conference tables.

While the strategic withdrawal (sometimes expressed, lose the battle but win the war) is a common and aged principle, the strategy of the Viet Nam action in capturing real estate one day, give it back the next, has never been a winning military principle - if a principle at all.

Wars are won, abilities of the contestants being equal, by those contestants who boast superiority, preferably overwhelming, of men and material, and through which they gain control and hold the real estate.

Curt Flood Suit

The litigation now being tried in Federal court whereby baseball star Curt Flood is challenging the reserve clause long extant in professional baseball is interesting to baseball fans as to club owners and players.

Outfielder Flood was traded by the St. Louis Cardinals to the Philadelphia Phillies and refused to report. The fact that the trade didn't suit him reduced him to the status of a slave.

The owners, en masse, contend elimination of the reserve clause would ruin baseball, consign forever the poorer clubs to the nether regions of the cellar-dwellers.

Chub Feeney, president of the National League, elicited chuckles when he said he favored relaxation of the reserve clause by letting any player who attained the age of 55 be a free agent. Did even the name-age Satchmo Paige stay active until 55?

Those who attack the reserve clause as creating perpetuity in peonage may have done better to have someone other than Curt Flood bring the litigation.

Flood's salary is high in the five figure range, and the Phillies had no objection to paying it, and the salary itself undercuts Flood's plea of peonage.

A cordial welcome to Richard J. (Arch) Kern, newly-employed and newly-arrived director of the city recreation department. Recently retired from the Kern, a Viet Nam veteran, has accepted a position with much challenge, indeed as much challenge as a circus ringmaster. The growing and varied city recreation program is adding a considerable new several-ring dimension as the neighborhood facilities building goes into service. It will be Director Kern's job to keep a several-ring circus in operation there, from day care for children, to meetings, conventions, banquets, athletic events, etc., etc.

Needed: \$48,200

The city recreation department needs \$48,200 to equip the handsome neighborhood facilities building which the city accepted from the contractors last week.

Troubled brewed, money-wise when initial low bids totaled \$108,000 more than the total budget for this building and for which the federal government is supplying \$302,500.

Much paring was done, largely in equipment areas, in order to get the money-on-hand budget in balance and to get the building itself underway.

Now the time has come to equip it. It is the first time in modern times - if ever - that the city has asked donations to implement its programs, certainly in any major amount.

It is not unprecedented in the business of government agencies in Kings Mountain.

Principal examples are the cash subscriptions and pledges of over \$112,000 which supplemented tax funds for the building of John Gamble Memorial Stables and of some \$256,000 supplied by citizens to assure building of the addition to Kings Mountain Hospital. Technically, Kings Mountain Hospital is operated by a non-profit corporation. The corporation, however, leases the plant from Cleveland County for the nominal figure of \$1 per year. The addition now underway, like the prior plant, employed county bond money. The hospital folk had the same situation - and moroso - as the city with the neighborhood facilities building. The hospital folk found that \$500,000 would not do the job required.

The need and challenge are apparent and the community center program committee, it is quite predictable, will find a willing response when it begins the work of raising the needed funds come Tuesday.

Indeed, some donations are already in hand, including \$500 from the Women's Club to be applied to the kitchen equipment.

Pushing Water Deadline

Conserve water is the plea from City Hall to its customers.

The plea is not new, here nor in many other areas of the state and nation.

Kings Mountain was in trouble in the earlier twenties, thought it had its problems solved when the York Road reservoir was built. Then in the fifties water problems arose again and what proved to be half-way measures were again implemented.

Water is in questionable supply to day in two ways: 1) supply and 2) treatment, the latter the more pressing problem.

Long-term relief, happily, is just around the corner, as Buffalo Creek is soon to be tapped and the new treatment plant with four-million gallon daily capacity is to go into service.

Meantime, the folk running the water business at City Hall pray for rain and for surcease from a major fire or other disaster that would necessitate curtailment of service.

Congratulations to Colonel William O. Ruddock on his recent promotion to that rank by the United States Air Force.

Best bows to scholarship winners Mike Blanton third winner of the Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, scholarship award, and to Miss Frances McGill, winner of a scholarship award to Erskine college.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

The late Hiden Ramsey, editor of the Asheville Citizen, once declared, "Nothing is as dead as yesterday's newspaper." He might have added, "... until forty or fifty years later."

Via the hands of Ricky Collins, grade 7 and Danny Lahmer, grade 8, I have in hand vintage copies of Kings Mountain newspapers which I had never seen before. One is the March 28, 1929 issue of the Kings Mountain Times, and the other is a March 13, 1930 issue of the Kings Mountain Herald.

More elder folk will remember the Kings Mountain Times, a partnership owned by E. E. Phillips, editor and W. Curtis Buss, business manager. Within a month after this issue, Curtis has related, the Times was no more. It was the season of bankrupting banks and when one of Kings Mountain's went says Curtis, "We were able to liquidate our machinery, pay our bills, and had enough left to get out of town."

The Times of this issue major-ed in the fly-by business. One Roy Ahearn spoke to the Civitan club and urged that the club and community move to acquire a landing strip. Mr. Ahearn was barnstorming in town during that week and Editor Phillips and Linotypist Alfred E. Felder went aloft with Pilot Ahearn on separate occasions, each dropping copies of the Times with free flight tickets enclosed. Felder got the better (or worse) of the flights. Ahearn gave Felder, on his first trip upstairs, "a few ocean waves and a loop-the-loop." The Imperial Theatre on the following Monday, was to show a special film showing Flyer Ahearn's exploits as a movie stunt pilot. Twice it was reported Ahearn had jumped planes in flight and parachuted to safety for the benefit of movie cameras.

The Times was keeping tabs, too, on Editor-Owner G. G. Page of the Herald competition with two front page items. The Essex coach of Mr. Page had been stolen and found in Abingdon, Va. The nice thieves had swapped Mr. Page a Chevrolet, but it was found to have been stolen from an Orangeburg, S. C., man.

The Times society editor was Mrs. A. H. Patterson, who in later years was to do the same work for the Herald.

By the time March 13, 1930, edition of the Herald appeared, Mr. Page had leased the paper to J. B. King. The streamer headline read "P & N Extension Work Begun," with grading start at both Gastonia and Spartanburg. History shows the venture ill-fated. Today the right-of-way acquired is occupied by the big Duke Power company transmission line. The nation was mourning the death of President William Howard Taft, and Mayor A. L. Bulwinkle was seeking to regain the House of Representatives seat he had lost two years before to Rep. Charles A. Jonas.

A Kings Mountain amateur basketball team had a game upcoming with Matthews for the Western North Carolina championship. The Kings Mountain roster: Bill Jenkins, Slim Rhyme, Skinny Jenkins, Skimp Stowe, Beteina Boone, Blonnie Kidd, and Buck Dillings.

The late Hinkle McGinnis was offering Philco radios (as little as \$12.50 without tubes) for (free trial and D. F. Hord was offering \$5 trade-in on a deluxe two-door ice refrigerator. Moffatt Wolfe's Dry Cleaning advertised special offers on dry cleaning dresses, a plain dress at a dollar, pleated dresses at \$1.50. This would indicate that dry cleaning is one item on which the 1970 price is less than that of 1930. Southern Railway was offering special reductions on short trips and Arthur Hay would sell you "Any Inheritance," 666 would relieve a headache, check a cold in a day, and malaria in three days.

Sad was aware ahead for the Herald, too, as the paper late went bankrupt.

Perhaps the sad days here were long-term good days for the owners of both papers. Curtis Russ, a highway commissioner during the Dan McInnis administration, was the proprietor of the Asheville Mountaineer. His partner, at last account, had done well in Washington D. C. The late Mr. King became the owner of the semi-weekly Aiken, S. C., Standard & Review, which, when the Atomic Energy Commission set up shop at Aiken, was quickly catapulted into a prosperous daily.

'Tis an ill wind that bloweth no good.

Some Things Haven't Changed (School's Out)



Viewpoints of Other Editors

WHOSE SOUTHEAST ASIA?

Kent State University, Interior Secretary Walter Hickel's critical letter, Student demonstrations. The resignation of the director of the U.S. Office of Students and Youth, The fluttering stock market. Bums.

The rapid sequence of events in the United States since President Richard Nixon's television speech on April 29 has made the controversial Cambodia offensive seem almost an exclusively American affair.

But while attention is naturally focused on Washington and the embattled President, an international political game is still being played in Southeast Asia where the Soviet Union and China are delicately trying to outmaneuver each other.

Both assume it is only a matter of time before the United States withdraws from the area, leaving a vacuum of power. The question is: who will occupy it? Japan, the third most important country in the world economically, seems unwilling to discard its Second World War hair-shirt and become actively involved in international politics. China has no such hesitation, despite its international political and economic problems; Peking regards Southeast Asia as its legitimate sphere of influence.

The Soviet Union, however, considers itself very much an Asian nation, and for ideological as well as political reasons is unwilling to let the Chinese bid for preeminence in the region go unchallenged.

Meanwhile, Russia's attempts to make political inroads in Southeast Asia have met with little success. Relations with India have been good, but not as sound as the friendship between China and Pakistan.

Last year the Soviet Union came up with the ill-conceived proposal of an Asian Collective Security pact, apparently designed against China. As could have been anticipated, it met with a negative response; even countries who were opposed to China would hardly jump at the prospect of joining the Soviet camp.

Peking has also taken political advantage of the cooperation between the Soviet Union and Japan in trade and development.

The Chinese play on the fears in Asia of a new Japanese army on the march - united with Russia's "new czars" or the U.S. "aggressors," as the propaganda session demands. Chou En-lai's major diplomatic coup - at least in the Communist world - was the engineering of a meeting between Prince Nordom Sihanouk and representatives of North Vietnam the Viet Cong, and the Cambodian and Laotian Communists. Chou En-lai was in attendance, but the Russians were not.

Premier Alexei Kosygin, apparently trying to salvage Soviet prestige, recently called his first conference to condemn the United States and to urge "all the people of the world to stop aggression in Cambodia." He also hinted that the Soviet Union might withdraw from Strategic Arms Limitation Talks with the United States an acknowledgment of the frequent Chinese accusation that Moscow and Washington are cooperating to the detriment of the Communist world.

To try to maintain whatever influence it has in Hanoi, the Soviet Union will have to continue sending weapons to North

EDGE OF A WEDGE?

In recent days two of the financial world's most colorful and innovative entrepreneurs have been shaken from the thrones of their empires. Bernard Cornfeld was displaced from Investors Overseas Services Ltd., a Geneva-based mutual fund complex which featured sales of fund shares to the little man in Europe and elsewhere. And James J. Ling yielded the chairmanship of LTV, Inc., a Dallas banker and took the lesser role of president.

The temptation of course is to look at the stepdowns as dramatic chapters in the history of high finance. Certainly they are this. But they should also prompt a more sober and thoughtful response.

With falling stock prices (a 30 percent falloff on Wall Street in the past 17 months, with similar declines in Tokyo and elsewhere); signs of continued recession, inflation, and tight money; unease over the wars in Indo-China and the Middle East; and evidence that brokerage houses are sorely weakened by the decline in stock sales and that many of their overextended customers may not be able to survive the calls of banks to pay up on loans - all this suggests that the Cornfeld-Ling comedowns may be only the leading edge of a wider wedge of change.

The Cornfeld and Ling empires were vulnerable to the squeeze put on by the bear market, narrow profit margins, and tight money. With the world as a whole taking a dimmer view of the worth of stocks, redemptions of Investors Overseas Services funds rose and sales fell, putting the high-flying company at the mercy of lenders to meet current expenses. Likewise LTV has been troubled by the inability of earnings to meet payments on the enormous borrowings it took on while amassing its empire. In both cases, the newest lenders have demanded a say in managing the companies - the highest price a company can pay for money.

The Nixon Administration has been saying that the American economy will take a firmer footing again in a few months. The stock market, however, seems to be saying it doesn't believe it.

Some are arguing that only a dramatic gesture of positive change - such as a peace breakthrough in Vietnam - may be needed to snap the economy out of its doldrums. No doubt President Nixon is aware he may soon face businessmen as well as youths and the college community in the peace-now coalition.

Christian Science Monitor

DIM VIEW

That ageless troubadour, Libera, is coming out with a cookbook which will permit others to share his culinary secrets. Before putting fork to his roast Cornish game hen, however, it will be advisable to adopt his use of candleabra. Sometimes food tastes better if you can't see it clearly.

Vietnam. But its credibility as an Asian power seems to be on the wane while China, through some adroit diplomatic moves, seems to be rising as the dominant Communist influence in Indo-China. The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

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