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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Charles V. Stanton

This week, which begins the Lenten season, will be featured by the observance Friday of World Day of Prayer, a religious activity showing remarkable growth in late years. World Day of Prayer was begun in 1887 by the Presbyterian Church. For many years the observance remained a denominational activity. In late years, however, it has become interdenominational and has grown to include all parts of the world. This year's program is expected to receive participation far in excess of any former record.

The prayers of Christians will follow the sun. At Tonga Island, at 1 p. m. Friday (which will be Thursday here in Oregon) Queen Salote will kneel with Christians among her remote island subjects, the first population group beyond the international date line.

In each succeeding time zone, the 1 o'clock hour will find Christians uniting in prayers of praise and of supplication for fellowship and good will among men.

The last service will be held in St. Lawrence Islands, Alaska.

Numerous programs will be held in Douglas County communities. In Roseburg church bells will signal a Call to Prayer, at which time a one-minute pause in all activity is urged, while everyone unites in silent prayer. Special services will be held in St. George's Episcopal Church.

Spiritual Revival Evident

The observance in Douglas County is sponsored by the Council of Church Women, an organization of Christian women representing evangelical and orthodox Protestant churches. Their efforts are directed toward a united and cooperative program for Christian missionary work throughout the entire world. They are hopeful that through expansion of the missionary fields it will be possible to solve many of the problems confronting a troubled world.

The growing interest in World Day of Prayer is but another evidence of a great spiritual revival which appears to be sweeping all the world.

People of all nations have been under extreme tension for many years. Political ideologies, the spread of aggression, the conflicts of power politics have disturbed many minds. The common man has become increasingly aware of the futility of war as a solution to problems and disagreements between nations and philosophies. Nor is the common man unaware of the potential disaster to civilization posed by the atomic weapons now in the hands of antagonistic nations. Mankind is searching for escape from the terrible danger which threatens.

In this search he is turning to the one and only salvation, the revival of spiritual values.

Beliefs Proclaimed

As we look for signs of this spiritual revival, we find evidence on every hand. One is found in the growing cooperation among religious denominations which until recent years maintained strong doctrinal competition. Barriers erected by dogma are crumbling rapidly. The power of the Gospel has been shown by the interest manifested all over the world, particularly as evidenced by the tremendous receptions given Evangelist Billy Graham, who has become known as the Christian Ambassador.

Another interesting evidence of the trend is seen in the current fashion for testimonials of religious faith and belief by world leaders. Radio and television carry a number of special programs of this character. Starting Wednesday in *The News-Review*, the men and women of great prominence throughout the United States will tell of their own personal experiences, as they testify to the power of the Christian faith.

We hear much talk of treaties, pacts, laws, rules and regulations to solve the problems of government. But there is one rule, The Golden Rule, which would, if observed in spirit, meet every problem which confronts mankind.

As we celebrate World Day of Prayer, we would do well to seek Divine guidance and strength that we might aid in making the Golden Rule the pattern of our own lives, while influencing others throughout the world to join with us in our resolution.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Typewriter fiddle: Would you like to know what it is that meadowlarks and robins sing about so early in the morning?

Well, there is a way to find out—if you go for superstitions. There was a belief in medieval times that anyone who ate the tongue of a white crow would understand the language of all birds.

There are two problems involved.

(1) The crow population of America has been estimated to be as high as three billions (that seems awfully high), but the Audubon Society is reported to have observed fewer than 100 albino crows in the last half century.

(2) There are even fewer cook books which contain recipes on how to dish-up crow tongues palatably.

However, Joe Pellegrino, a Boston magazine magnate, is now trying to popularize something he calls "non-skid spaghetti."

It tastes exactly like ordinary spaghetti, but the strands have been given a permanent wave and a state-of-the-art preservative which keeps them from getting soggy when you eat them.

Pellegrino got the idea from a certain form of spaghetti he first merchandised his product under the name of "foam."

What's in a name? As soon as he changed the name to "non-skid spaghetti," sales jumped 100 per cent.

The present residential building boom, big as it is, isn't a record.

To Wendell Philippi, Indiana news executive and National

Wisdom For Today



"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Abraham Lincoln, 1860.

Peter Edson

In The Day's News

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—The gable, the think pieces and the thumb suckings on whether President Eisenhower will run again drool on and on in an endless river of words.

Nobody knows for sure from nothing. But political speculation in the national sport—everybody does it at every juke box and bus stop. But the day isn't far off when all this uncertainty will come to an end. And then you will be subjected to another spasm of gumbelings on either of the two following varieties:

IF THE PRESIDENT decides that his health will enable him to stick out the White House for another five years, you can expect this kind of day-after reaction:

"Republicans today counted the 1956 election in the bag, following President Eisenhower's dramatic announcement to the nation that he would be a candidate for re-election."

"It was generally assumed that Vice President Richard M. Nixon would again be the President's running mate."

"From his office in the Capitol (or from Timbuctu or wherever he happens to be on good-will mission) Nixon greeted reporters warmly and said (fill in whatever he says):

"All over the Capitol today, it was possible to tell Republicans from Democrats by their expressions. The Republicans were the ones who were smiling broadly."

"Meanwhile, from Chicago, ex-Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, likeliest Democratic candidate to oppose the President in November issued a cautiously worded statement:

"I believe, and so forth, etc. **BUT IF HE SAYS** simply, in the words of Silent Cal Coolidge: 'I do not seek to run,' you will be subjected to both barrels of something like this:

"The Republican party was thrown into complete consternation (chaos, confusion, panic or choose your own word) today by President Eisenhower's dramatic announcement that he would not be a candidate for re-election."

"GOP National Chairman L. E. N. Hall, looking serious, told reporters as he left the White House that the party would now close ranks and, united, sweep on to victory."

"Vice President Richard M. Nixon appeared to be in a favored position as the President's successor to head the GOP ticket in the November elections."

"It was immediately apparent, however, that Nixon would not have a smooth sailing for the nomination."

"Republican Senate Leader William R. Knowland, also of California, appeared to be a strong contender. Already entered in Illinois, Alaska (and maybe a few other state) primaries, Knowland, as a conceded to have a head start."

"MEANWHILE, there was considerable talk in Republican circles of possible dark-horse candidates."

"Capitol corridors buzzed with excitement."

"Among the names prominently mentioned were ex-Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California and (fill in your own favorite)."

"What looms ahead is a bitter (hard, knockdown, long and/or dragout) fight for the nomination at the Republican convention in San Francisco's Cow Palace next August."

"And so on, far into the night, and days ahead."

Federal Judge Rules Windfalls Were Improper

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan ruled Saturday that alleged "windfall" profits from government-backed apartment projects in Ohio and Virginia were improper.

Bryan's decision paved the way for the government to proceed with legal steps to recover some 2½ million dollars it contends was paid in profits from the Beverley Manor project at Columbus, Ohio, and the Shirley Duke project in Alexandria.

The judge ordered dismissal of a suit by the project developers to prevent the government from taking them over.

Government attorneys had looked for the decision as a test in their efforts to recapture what they label excessive profits from rental housing projects backed by government-insured loans.

Federal Housing Administration last year launched a drive to get back possibly many millions of dollars reaped by builders in the government's postwar housing program.

Senate investigators earlier had reported fortunes were harvested by developers who obtained government-backed mortgages for amounts considerably in excess of building costs. Sen. Caperton (R-Ind.) charged that builders pocketed from 500 million to a billion dollars in resulting "windfalls."

McMinimee In Contest For Senate Presidency

PORTLAND (AP)—Warren A. McMinimee, Republican state senator from Tillamook, is in the contest for presidency of the next session of the state Senate.

Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, announced earlier that he would seek the position. He said he had 15 pledges. Sixteen votes would give him the position.

McMinimee, who announced his candidacy this week, did not say how many pledges he has.

Another Republican, Sen. Howard C. Belton, Canby, has been mentioned as a candidate, but he said, "that honor was mine in the 1945 legislative session and I am not an active candidate at this time."

East Side Promoter May Seek Council Seat

PORTLAND (AP)—Joe Dobbins, who is leading the initiative drive to force location of Portland's proposed eighth million-dollar sports center on the East Side, may run for city commissioner.

He said he was considering filing for the post now held by Councilman Stanley Earl.

Dobbins' group seeks to overturn a decision to locate the center in Portland's downtown, West Side district.

Reader Opinions

Social Order At Fault, Claims Oakland Resident

OAKLAND — It is quite evident that we are committing the same grave error in attempting to effect a remedy of the ills of the social body, as we are in the case of ills of the physical body. We are attempting to effect a cure by treating the symptoms instead of finding the cause, and then remedying it, which is the only way to genuinely remedy any ill or evil. Our error arises from giving our social problems a superficial consideration rather than a fundamental consideration. I wish here specifically to refer to delinquency, not just juvenile delinquency, but any and all delinquency, and in fact all criminality, for fundamentally the only difference is the degree of seriousness of the offense, all the other factors are the same.

If we are to give the subject a fundamental consideration we must start with an exhaustive inquiry as to just what causes an individual to behave as he does. When we do this we find that every human individual thinks, speaks and acts exactly as he is impelled to by his own peculiar mental and physical makeup, and the factors of the environment in which he is cast. We find that changes in the individual's behavior can be made only as changes are made in these factors. We find that human character is very largely the product of the environment in which it develops. It is clearly indicated that today the character and behavior of the people of any community, state or nation is very largely determined and induced by the reaction of the individuals to the social, economic and cultural practices which prevail.

Since these prevailing social, economic and cultural practices are established and maintained by the whole people, the social body, and, since the individual's conduct is determined by his strength or weakness and consequent reaction to the environment, it follows that the responsibility and accountability for the individual's behavior falls upon society as a whole, and not upon the individual. What sense then, is there in condemning and punishing the weak, helpless delinquent, while we persist in establishing and maintaining social-economic and cultural conditions which are conducive of his delinquency? Doubtless, the most commendable feature of all is the fact that in our social-economic system the individual is encouraged, induced and required to promote his own interests to the full extent of his ability and opportunities, almost regardless of how this may reflect upon the welfare of more than a few others.

Before we can deal successfully with the problem of crime and delinquency we must first establish that type of character which can be done only by establishing and maintaining a social order all the factors of which are conducive to righteous human character.

We must teach ourselves, and realize, that the interests of the individual are best promoted by first promoting the interests of the whole people, by giving our first consideration to the welfare of others. We must establish a social order in which the incentive to commit both conscious and uncon-

Grown-Up Delinquency Vs. Juvenile Delinquency

MYRTLE CREEK — I have been reading with interest, the letters written on the "juvenile delinquent" problem, and now would like to express my opinion on the age-old problem.

I disagree with Mr. Morgan in this respect—that we should print the names to guard against these juveniles but they should be something done to help them. I liked the solution by the lady with the praise for the work the young people did in the recent polo drive. You know, in a lot of instances, the trouble begins with the older people rather than the young ones.

Let me sight an instance. Not long ago a prominent citizen was given a ticket for being under the influence of liquor on a public road but due to the technicality of the law, he was dismissed, since it was at the side of the road.

Now this fellow got loose scot free even though he destroyed property and disturbed the peace and quiet of the early morning hours with his loud yells and the horn of his car. His name wasn't even put in the paper.

Now then, the young people see such going on—what are they to think when they get a ticket for something of a much lesser offense and have to pay a fine, etc? That to me, is where a lot of our delinquency begins, when the older set such a poor example for the young people. Now if they couldn't put his name in the paper, should they put in the names of juveniles? And why is it that they put in part of the juveniles and leave out the rest? That is another part that doesn't seem fair to them either.

Also, what about these mother's and father's that you find in the papers, who haven't the slightest idea where their children are? I think when you solve the problem of grown-up delinquency, you will solve a lot of your juvenile problems.

Marjorie King, Orge.
Myrtle Creek, Ore.

conscious robbery is reduced to the absolute minimum. Failure to do this, and the continued application of mere palliatives will only serve to perpetuate a deplorable situation.

A. Louis Eggleston
Oakland, Ore.

SEEKS SOLUTION

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Pennsylvania has joined 10 other states and Hawaii in an interstate compact seeking a cooperative approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency.

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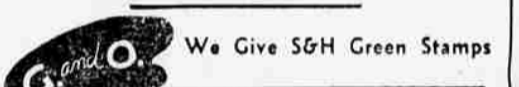
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