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EDITORIAL

By Chesley E. Corbett

WE LEAP—BUT WHERE?

In a moment of folly, yes, in one brief moment which at the time we thought we were realizing the fulfillment of our dreams, we leap into space, leaving loved ones, with whom we have been for years, friends of long standing, and start on a journey on an unknown and uncharted course in an untried bark, drifting down the treacherous "Sea of Life". We see new faces, have new associates, have new environments. Notwithstanding all of this, there still is the lingering thoughts—and we ask ourselves the question what have we accomplished? We leaped, but where have we fallen? We satisfy the whims of the present moment and our then urging moods, but when left alone, and when the shadows gather there comes to our minds Duke Ellington's song "SOLITUDE". Yes, in our solitude our consciences prick us and we wonder if we have grasped the substance or the shadow. Then, regret, sometimes remorse and contrition overcome us and we realize that our leap had not given us the means to satisfy the cravings of our heart; then in the shadows memories of the past arise—panorama like, scenes of the past come vividly to our mind and we live over the scenes of yesterday.

We know that for the past four years of upheavels, discontent, strife, confusion and war and uncertainty more people have leaped than ever before in the history of the world. People who have lived together, seemingly blissfully contented, separated; many divorced and others just disappeared; there was no peace, no domestic harmony.

Now that the war is over and our boys, husbands and sweethearts are returning home from foreign lands let us hope that the frenzy to leap has passed and that love, happiness and harmony may reign supreme in our land; that those who have made mistakes and leaped, and those who stand on the brink of the chasm looking down, will Stop: Look and Listen and let reason and sound judgment govern their actions.

After all life is short and the doing of lovers are but passing dreams, fearful night mares to those who grasp unrequited love.

We can appreciate the writer of the song "Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall".

Yes, I am sure that he had made a leap, because he sums it up as follows.

"Some folks can drive the blues from their heart,
But when I think of you another storm will start."

Yes, those who have leaped can sing their song "Stormy Weather"—Their storm will start because of a hasty, uncalled for leap in the past.

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A WORD TO THE PASTORS AND CHURCH WORKERS

Your editor in addressing this message to the pastors and church workers is in the dark. He seeks advice and thus is addressing this letter to you.

It has been my experience for years both directly and indirectly to be closely connected and associated with pastors, and church and church workers. In all other places but Portland the columns of the papers are filled with the activities of the various auxiliaries of the churches—the pastor's sermons—topics and the like. They would announce the coming events; in short the church and the other agencies were active.

In the Portland Inquirer for months we have carried a Church Directory and that is practically all the church news that has been sent in and that wasn't sent. How can you expect young people to come to your meetings when you do not let them know about them?

Another thing. I was at a certain place of business the other day when one of the managers was looking through the telephone directory to locate the various colored churches, and found out, to her surprise, that only one was listed in the book. Is this not a shame? With the young men coming back from overseas, and young girls coming to town, if the various churches were listed they could easily get in touch with the pastors or other officials and know how to get into the better homes, and environments, and not be left to drift into the haunts of the underworld.

In my opinion the pastors should be more active along this line.

I asked one of the most prominent ministers about church news and he stated that he was so busy that he could not read papers, but when I gave him a free copy I found out that he had plenty of time and did read it.

If you expect to have the young people visit your different services you must be up and alert, be militant, advertise your activities. It is time for some one to wake up. Let every church have a telephone and its name listed in the book. Tell through the columns of your papers what your various auxiliaries are doing. What delegates went to your district, state and national conventions; what special topic the minister touched upon; what distinguished visitors were present and the like. In short, be active, not passive—please. What is your answer pastors and church workers? I am leaving and checking it back to you.

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SHAME . . . GI's SHAME!

Under date of January 9th, there appeared in daily papers the following article:

"GIs SHOOT OUT 3-HOUR FRAY"

MANILA, Jan. 9 (UP)—The Manila morning newspaper Daily Courier reported Wednesday that American Negro and white soldiers engaged in a three-hour shooting fray in the suburbs of Manila Monday night.

The paper said that machine guns, carbines, pistols and hand grenades were used in the battle, but that there were no casualties.

According to the paper's account, the fight was precipitated when Sergeant Russell Brian, a guard at a quartermaster depot in Quezon City in the suburbs of Manila, shot and killed a Negro soldier he saw carrying away a bundle of army issue clothing.

When Negro soldiers at a nearby camp heard of the shooting they armed themselves and invaded the depot compound, it was reported. The Negroes fired and were answered by fire from white guards inside the compound which stopped their advance.

Lights in the compound were put out and sniping continued until midnight, the paper said, ceasing only with the arrival of military police.

It is a crying shame that such occasions as these should exist. We regret that some cooler heads didn't intervene and stop the unnecessary "Race Riot".

Just a few days ago, it seems, these boys, of both races were "buddies", fighting for a common cause; sleeping in the same fox hole, friendly. All was serene.

And now, because of a seemingly infringement of rights and a desire to retaliate because of an alleged wrong—they, buddies a few weeks ago, are engaged in bloody conflict. One killed—and friends of yesterday are now enemies, seeking revenge.

We have had enough bloodshed—dissent—discord. It's time for peace, quietude, harmony. We cannot condone wrong—no matter when and where we find it and in this case someone is wrong. The sergeant may have thought that he was doing his duty to shoot the man carrying away army issue goods, yet was he justifiable in taking human life? Could he not have fired a warning shot? Was it necessary to kill in this particular instance? It is not war time and, at most, petty or grand larceny were the only charge that could have been charged.

On the other hand colored soldiers, hearing that one of their companions were killed, and they, according to the Manila papers, armed themselves and invaded the territory where the sergeant was, who had killed their comrade, were not justified.

The army has stern, strict and drastic laws that will govern and control violations of its regulations. The army should have had an opportunity to function in this case.

No, members of both races, in a moment of folly, failed to let the army take charge—they forgot the former friendly relations that had existed; they failed to think of the great price we have paid to achieve the victory over violence and greed and brutality.

Yes, it's a shame. If such exists over there what must or will we expect when all have returned home, many to southern communities, and instances as are related in the news article mentioned above occur?

We must curb violence in its incipency.

Here in Portland we have had uprisings among the military forces that was unwarranted and which could have resulted in much bloodshed, and resulting in just what happened in Manila; and in each case, the soldiers and sailors were wrong.