

Religion in the News



Lectures scheduled

The Sixth Annual Portland Christian Lectureship will be held April 25, 26, and 27 at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 S. W. Jefferson Street.

The purpose of the Christian Lectureship is to provide the clergy, the lay leadership, and the public of the Portland area with the opportunity to explore the ramifications of the Christian faith. The overall theme of this year's lectureship will be "Christ and Culture."

Great scholars are invited to Portland each year to dis-

cuss questions of paramount importance to members of many communions. It is hoped that intercommunal association and learning will take place as these questions are examined.

The prominent guest lecturers in this year's program are Father Gregory Baum, Professor of Theology at St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, and Dr. John C. Bennett, President Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary and Visiting Professor at Pacific School of Religion.



Mrs. Marie Smith eulogizes Pastor Edgar Jackson. Funeral was held April 7th at All Nation's Community Church.

King's dreams coming true

By Jesse L. Jackson

People too readily caught up in memorial services for Dr. King... or the memory of Dr. King rather than the meaning of his life need to remember too, that for a nation with so much capacity for good... grief is not enough. All of us can hurt in protest to the premature assassination of his body, how many of us help, however, in the ongoing realization and affirmation of his dreams.

Last Jan. 15, Rev. Otis Moss, one of Dr. King's friends and disciples who took the discipline of MLK seriously, recited the story of a great battle in ancient Greece in which vast energy was expended at the end of the battle, not making peace or seeking to heal wounds and rebuild... but in fighting over the body of the dead hero of the battle. Too much time is spent even now fighting over who was closest to, and who was nearest at point of death to Dr. King. There is a lesson to be gleaned from the story of the Apostle Paul, who never saw Jesus in flesh but whose knowledge of Jesus' mission was not only indisputable... but productive of building the church in the Gentile world.

As we near a date when guilt frequently may overtake us, but never shake us into realization of the unfinished business of Martin Luther King, it cannot be said enough that black people and the total nation have a fuller life by virtue of the fact that Dr. King died on the case. He was fighting for the right of garbage collectors to work in dignity, with a union representing their collective interests at the long table.

To see Mrs. King at the Black Political Convention in Gary, was to rehearse these facts. First, Mrs. Coretta King is more than the widow of a man who riveted the attention of the nation on the rights of man from Montgomery to Memphis.

Mrs. King has continued to be a spokesman for those to whom the nation broke its promise. Here and on foreign soil, whether in university convocations or at rallies for hospital workers, she has kept the nation's attention focused on the unfinished business of Dr. King.

Secondly, Mrs. King has lent her presence to the realization of unity of black people and of all people of good will toward

the goal of real peace and equality in the world, and in this nation.

Dr. King brought us from the back of the bus, to driving the bus... the President seeks now to take us off the bus because it is headed toward helping us to secure some measure of equality education. In doing this he not only frustrates our attempts to secure quality education but he snatches our options on a very critical issue away from us.

It was one of the great gifts of Dr. King, as we entered campaigns for public accommodations, for Voter Rights and for decent housing, to teach us the art of exercising the options with the power of numbers plus direct action. For the use of these options are the difference between intelligent participatory involvement in a democracy and blind allegiance about the ideology of Americanism.

At the time of his death, Dr. King was sculpting the Rainbow coalition, comprising black, brown, red, and white and in some instances some yellow people into a massive juggernaut to raise the issue of compelling the nation to deal with and reorder its priorities. It was he who reminded the nation that this particular round would cost it some money. But more than this, it was King who perceived the type of unity which would be necessary to move into America's second reconstruction.

Black people have access to the right to spend... but do not have resources for an organized and adequate disposal of our meagre incomes. At the same time, meagre as are our incomes, our aggregate monetary worth, at \$50 billion (this year) is greater than the Gross National Product of all but six nations. We are the margin of

profit of every major consumer industry - a fact corroborated by figures from the National Industrial Conference Board. But since we possess only 2 per cent of the Nation's wealth, and 1.8 per cent of its debt free assets; since our 36 banks claim only five-tenths of 1 per cent of the nation's banking assets, the issue is to organize our collective resources to work for us.

Operation PUSH sees the plan - scheme of Dr. King as being as crucial as the dream of Dr. King... for it fulfills the dream. People United to Serve and Save Humanity, constitute a wedge against injustice that is as relevant as, and often much more effective than any law. This force in fact can write new laws that are more inclusive of the needs of men.

When our fathers abandoned us, the Roy Wilkinses, the Mrs. Parks, Whimsey Youngs, A. Phillip Randolphs and Dr. King picked us up and reared us. They were our older brothers and sisters who refused to let us languish without guidance or hope.

In Dr. Ralph Abernathy, C. T. Vivian, Wyatt Tee Walker, Andy Young, Bernard Lee and Lafayette, Jim Bevel and Hosea Williams, Dr. King molded a team which paved the way, literally served as pathfinders, along with Bob Moses, Marionberry and John Lewis, in the long dark night when roadways from Selma's highway 80 to Memphis's Lorraine were lighted by an unbenign fire.

Operation PUSH charts a course which is not so much a (please turn to page 7, column 1)

Allen Temple discusses social problems

The Commission on Christian Social Concern of Allen Temple C.M.E. Church invites the churches of the city to come and let us reason together in our concern for mankind. Sunday, April 16th at 3 p.m. The public is invited to the meeting with nine churches of the city involved in a panel discussion of such vital topics as Housing, Family, Jobs, Family relations, Race Relations, voting and other topics and the Christians' attitude and concern in these areas. This is the first time such an event has been attempted on such a large scale with the Christian churches combining to do something about these areas of human livelihood as a combined group.

The Commission on Christian Social Concern feels that it is time for the church to come together and speak to

the issues and take direct action from a Christian viewpoint on those issues which confront all of us daily. These issues are being discussed loudly in areas outside the church and if there is to be positive Christian direction and concern the church must speak now or lose its voice.

Come to Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, Sunday, April 16th at 3 p.m. and join in such positive action taking dealing with issues of concern. Churches as far away as Tigard will be taking part in this event. Whatever your religious affiliation your church will most likely be represented or you may come and represent it.

A Period of fellowship with refreshments follows the 3 p.m. service. In order that you may know your fellowmen better you are encouraged to stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

The dramatic change in a man's life that can be brought about by Christ's dynamic power was illustrated in the person of Tom Skinner, a black man, formerly one of Harlem's biggest gang leaders. He was the featured speaker at the "Sunrise Easter Service" at the Memorial Coliseum. There was a robed choir of a thousand singers.

Skinner, who was formerly leader of the Harlem Lords, is author of a book, now in paperback, entitled, "Black and Free," of which 700,000 are now in print. It tells the amazing story of his changed life. At present Skinner heads the Tom Skinner Associates, a group of inspired evangelists who speak at college campuses, at churches and various organizations. He is also an official of a college, and a director of an industrial enterprise.

He told an inspiring story of how Christ reached all the way down from the Cross and up into Harlem to completely change his life. And he declared, "He can certainly do the same for you." Then he issued his invitation for converts.

In his sermon Skinner compared men to the latest design of the mechanical marvel, the refrigerator. He said most people are like new refrigerators with food owners till them with food, but for some reason neglect to plug them into the electric power source.

Skinner said men were designed somewhat like refrigerators, but they would not function unless they were

plugged into God. He said God is life, and men can have life only if they remained plugged into God and functioned according to instructions.

He said the eating of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil meant death, because it meant that men chose to go off independently of God to 'do their own thing.' And their own thing brings them only suffering and death.

Tom pointed out that by men choosing to do their own thing, and this includes many nominal Christians, it has resulted in conflict, and dividing the world into many different classes. Some of the classes he mentioned were the rich and the poor, the blacks and the whites, the employed and the unemployed, the Establishment and the militants.

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In Memoriam Ronald P. Coleman
I hurt, I hurt, I HURT...
Deep down inside,
I hurt from the pain
The pain from a loss too great to fathom.
The pains of friends and loved ones
The pains of my own consciousness
The pains of cringing, trying to evade
The reality of the loss.
I hurt so much, I cannot sleep
I hurt to think, to feel
But there is no escape
There is no place to hide from the ache.
I hurt, I hurt, I HURT...
There is no release
God help me to cope
Help those I love to bear.
God grant strength, a refuge
Oh, God! I HURT.
Ronnie, I hurt for you,
For your youth, for the agony of growing up Black
Growing up poor, for growing up...
Black, poor and alone.
I hurt for you, Ronnie, and yet,
You feel nothing of the agony.
Oh, Ronnie, I hurt for you,
I hurt for your deprivation.
I hurt for your assailant, Ronnie,
For his feelings to rob so many of your goodness,
Your young man-hood, your sincerity and devotion to life
I hurt for those who have both kindness and love I you,
I hurt for them all - and myself.
I hurt, Ronnie, for the days I did not understand you
And your needs, I hurt.
I hurt for the nation of Blackness who continues
To do violence upon its own.
I hurt for the world, Ronnie
I hurt for the wrongs of living - of dying
Of loving and hating - for knowing and forgetting
I hurt for us, Ronnie, and I hurt for the memory of you
And your life as I knew it
I hurt.
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