

Religion in the News

Jesse denounces HHH statement

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, national president of Operation PUSH, denounced statements by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D.-Minn.), that he would accept Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace as his running mate, and called on all minorities to "immediately vacate the Humphrey campaign."

Speaking for a group of concerned citizens meeting in Denver, Colo., Mr. Jackson said, "We want to make it crystal clear that George Wallace is not acceptable to us under any conditions."

Jackson also referred to Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty, Sen. Henry Jackson (D.-Wash.) and Gov. Wallace as "a group of neo-racists." Yorty and Jackson recently endorsed Humphrey's bid for

the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

Jackson said telegrams have been sent to other prominent black and Latin American leaders urging them to speak out on the Humphrey issue, including NAACP head Roy Wilkins, Dr. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC president; Mrs. Coretta Scott King; Vernon Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League; the Black Congressional Caucus; Caesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers and Corky Gonzalez.

"We today see Mr. Humphrey betraying the civil rights of advancement," Jackson said. "We formerly remember Mr. Humphrey in 1948 trying to help lead us into the 20th century. We today see Mr. Humphrey trying to

push us back into the 19th century."

"We can't believe that Humphrey has turned his back on the whole thing," he said. Humphrey reporters in Washington said that he had made the statement in answer to a specific question and had tried to underscore in his answer the dangers of encouraging Wallace and his convention delegates to form a third party.

Humphrey said that the possibility of Wallace accepting "a good liberal Democratic platform," a condition he made before he would accept the Alabama governor as his running mate is about as likely as "my flying to the moon."

Parks wins award

Noted author, film producer and photographer Gordon Parks will receive the 57th Spingarn Medal, awarded annually to "the man or woman of African descent and American citizenship who shall have made the highest achievement during the preceding year or years in any honorable field of human endeavor."

Hailed as a "20th century Renaissance man," Mr. Parks is cited for his "unique creativity as exemplified by his outstanding achievements as photographer, writer, filmmaker and composer." Also for his dedication and "the symbolic significance of his remarkable career as an inspiration for talented and aspiring Black artists."

Among his films are "The Learning Tree," based on his autobiography and "Shaft." He has composed works for piano and wind instruments and has authored two volumes of verse, besides numerous feature articles in Life magazine.

Instituted by the late NAACP board chairman J. E. Spingarn in 1914, the medal was awarded last year to Rev. Leon H. Sullivan of Philadelphia. Other recipients include the late Dr. Ralph J. Bunche; former HUD Secretary Robert C. Weaver; Jacob Lawrence, painter; Leontyne Price; Senator Edward Brooke; Sammy Davis, Jr.; and Langston Hughes.

Be true to thyself

By Reverend T. N. Noffa



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Pilate said unto Him, "What is truth?" But here truth is the complex solution, the divine plan for the creation of a heaven, of happy human beings. Every individual tooth is part and particle of this system which is employed in carrying out the Creator's purpose. Truth is a unit. It is a unit because its authority is one.

In Genesis we read, "In the beginning God created the heaven and earth." In the first chapter of John we read, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God." But there were not two beginnings; there were not two Creators or two creations. Jesus of the New Testament is the God of the Old Testament. Jesus said, "All power is given Me in Heaven and upon earth He is Almighty." There can be but one Almighty. He is the all and all, love, wisdom, truth, life, understanding, and mercy. He is Alfa and Omega, the Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Beginning and the Ending.

Oh, how love thou thy Lord? It is my meditation all the day. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. It is truth constant unchangeable. The works of His hands are verity and judgement. All His commandments are sure; they stand fast for ever and ever and done in truth and uprightness.

Thousands upon thousands of laws have been written. Some are attempts to interpret the Ten Commandments, but none of them can be said to be any improvement on this eternal code written upon the table of stone with the finger of God. If truth were unsuitable, the results would be chaos. We could make no plans for the future. All our lives' learning would be undone. Tomorrow sunshine would be uncertain. Fields planted to grain might yield only weeds. Nothing would endure and man's efforts would end in the worst chaos of all times.

When we abandoned the old ideas based upon the apparent truth that the earth was the center of the universe and that

the sun, moon, and stars revolved around it and adopted the genuine truth that the sun is the center of our solar system, we did not change any truth, we merely exchanged our false understanding of truth for the real truth. Truth is the expression of God's wisdom and promoted by His eternal love governing the activity of the angels in Heaven and the devil in Hell, men and all the earth, and all creation down to the movement of the last particle in our atomic system.

Were we to attempt to answer Pilate's question, in my conclusion it could be in this simple answer: "Truth is the way. Honesty is the way. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways and keep His statute still. Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will. Oh, send Thy spirit down to write Thy laws upon my heart. Save me from falsehood and despair. Thy truth to me impart. Order my footsteps by Thy word and make my heart sincere. Let sin have no dimension, Lord, but keep my conscious clear. Make me to walk in Thy commandments, nor let my head, my heart, my hands offend against my God, for ever and ever, Amen."

"May God bless and keep you," will be my honest prayer. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13-10.

When we examine the 13th chapter of Corinthians it leaves so much in our heart because Paul put it so beautifully, "Love suffers long, does not behave itself unseemly, does us no evil, endureth hard, is not puffed up."

to believe my words; and do what I say to.

Christ both healed the lame and opened the eyes of the blind. He raised others from the dead; as He Himself was later raised; and He commanded His disciples also to "Heal the sick, cast out devils . . . and raise the dead." Matt. 10:8.

Jesus said, "There be some standing here, which shall never taste death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom." Matt. 16:28. Also, "If a man keeps my sayings he shall never see death." John 8:51.

"He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Rev. 2:26. Great rewards are offered to obedient and faithful overcomers. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." Rev. 2:7. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." Rev. 3:21.

College provides migrant housing

The State Land Board awarded Mt. Angel College \$3,068 to help the college provide housing for at least 150 migrant laborers and their families this summer.

Governor Tom McCall, chairman of the Land Board, said the Mt. Angel College Board of Trustees will make space available in Hede, Bernard and Marmon Halls and provide the use of a small dormitory. The total cost of the project will be \$8,268, of which \$3,440 will be paid in rent by the migrants living on the campus.

McCall said the other two members of the Land Board - Secretary of State Clay Myers and State Treasurer Robert Straub - concurred in the request by the college. The money comes from the Oregon Rural Rehabilitation

Fund, which has \$164,000 from finances administered by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.

McCall said similar proposals for other migrant housing projects at private colleges will be acceptable to the Land Board.

In addition, he has asked Roy Lueallen, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, to determine whether dormitories on public campuses could be made available, particularly at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth and Southern Oregon College at Ashland. Both areas have a high demand for migrant housing, the governor said.

McCall said the federal funds could be used for capital rehabilitation of camps for migrant labor. Requests from farmers for grants and loans will be considered, McCall said.

The state money going to Mt. Angel College will help assure that proper standards of health, safety, privacy and food service will be available, McCall said.

Father Christian Mondor, president of the college, said Mt. Angel College opened two dormitory buildings for use by migrant families last year in an effort to help alleviate the need for housing. Most of the costs were met by volunteer workers and donations from faculty and students.

The grant from the state this year will relieve other funds to help pay a small salary for a project director and two assistants, Father Mondor said.

McCall said that while college dormitories were intended for this purpose they can be adapted. He said this solution is far better than leaving migrants no choice but to live in tents or their autos,

as many have been forced to do in the past.

State Agriculture Director Irvin Mann, chairman of the Oregon Migrant Housing Task Force, estimated that housing for approximately 4,000 laborers and their families will be needed this summer in the Mid-Willamette Valley alone.

Foundation raises funds for liberation

Almost \$100,000 in funding to U.S. community organizations and African liberation movements was announced recently by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization.

Dr. Lucius Walker, Jr., executive director of IFCO, emphasized the unity in the common struggles of black Americans and the African people in announcing IFCO's first grants to Southern African liberation movements.

Grants of \$4,000 each were designated for the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELMO) and the joint organization of the Zimbabwe (SZANU) and the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU). The grants express IFCO's commitment to strengthen the political process of liberation for African people, and to support community organizing activities.

On hand to present and receive the ZANU-ZAPU grant were Owusu Sadaukai, chairman of IFCO's International Task Force, and Maturu Hamadziripi, treasurer of the United Command of ZANU-ZAPU.

Sadaukai said "this small grant represents a beginning of our involvement with our African brothers and sisters. It is our hope that it will spur others to make similar grants."

Evidence of such support was acknowledged from five other groups: four Norfolk, Va. churches and the Brothers and Sisters of the Africans Research Studies Center

at Cornell University. Receiving the ZANU-ZAPU check, Hamadziripi stated that his American trip had been one of "deep joy."

"We have had fruitful discussions about our united struggle . . . and have strengthened ties with our brothers and sisters here."

Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

If adventuresome, idealistic, vigorous youth would walk in the way of the godly obedience of Christ they could accomplish grand and glorious heavenly feats scarcely imagined by men.

Eager young men by the billions have risked the lives of their bodies and souls in battles, in strange and hazardous adventures seeking gold and other wealth, or fame and fortune in business, entertainment, music or sports. Many have achieved fame, but fewer won fortunes.

Such great successes, no matter how wonderful or brilliant, no matter how great the fame or fortune they brought, have led only to old age, to ultimate defeat, disillusionment, disability, misery and death; proving that such great ventures and endeavors were vain and futile ambitions.

Of what use is all the wealth of a Howard Hughes to a man who is old, diseased, unhappy, sinful, decrepit, senile and dying?

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" asked Jesus.

What then is the greatest goal of all striving? What is the ultimate achievement of all idealistic adventure and ambitious striving? Is it not the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven? Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these (desirable) things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

It is the attainment of the masterly, heavenly, immortal life in the body in this world, with infinite freedom, joy unspeakable, full of glory; with immunity from aging, disease, accident, disaster, infirmity, disability and death that is worth any amount of striving to achieve. Such heavenly condition, which Christ said is to be achieved on this earth that

frees men from sickness, dangers, disasters, from the burdens and limitations of the physical earth, from the entangling web of circumstances; from injury by bomb, bullet, battle or catastrophe.

Where is the evidence and the promise of such unimagined attainments, the assurance of the success of such great ventures? It is in the words, the demonstrations, the miracles, and the eye-witness accounts of Christ's own triumphs over all the deprivations, the legal and religious restrictions, the prejudices, the hatreds and the evils in the hearts of "righteous" men who opposed Him from the day of His birth.

In the face of all these obstacles Jesus achieved mastery over the dominating influence of Judaism, over storms, hunger, the vengeance of mobs, the rage of the money-changers, the snares and vigilance of spies and armed soldiers. It was only when Christ willingly put off the immunity which perfect heavenly obedience gave Him, that He could be taken by the servants of the High Priest.

His most glorious achievement was that He submitted Himself to the cruel torture of a spectacular public execution, and submitted even to the evil power of death as a sacrifice for the sinfulness of others, and also to demonstrate that He had power to take up the same body and walk away fully alive, to show men what they also could do with the same faith and obedience.

Jesus said, "Every one that is perfect shall be as his Master." Luke 6:40. And, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do also; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12. "He that believeth in me," - enough



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Chicanos charge Church

"Show us you care!" is the cry of a Spanish-speaking group who feel the Catholic church has largely turned its back on its millions of American members of Hispanic background.

Workers in the United States Catholic Conference's division for the Spanish-speaking are making plans for a late June meeting to make the demands more specific and detailed.

"The church has been a white racist institution," Ruben Alfaro of Lansing, Mich., said. "We need to try to sensitize its bishops. The Catholic church (in the United States) has not been relevant to the Spanish-speaking."

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