

# Religion in the News

# Be true to thyself

I was reading in a book a while back talking about how the Christians fight among themselves. We get the wrong idea about fight. We go around fighting one another. We have heard that a Christian must fight. So we pick up against our neighbor. But as Christians we are called to a ministry of reconciliation. This ministry is not simply to ourselves, as peace in the church, along way from that. As long as you are a child of God's there will be trouble in the church. Jesus has said "For my name sake, there will be trouble."



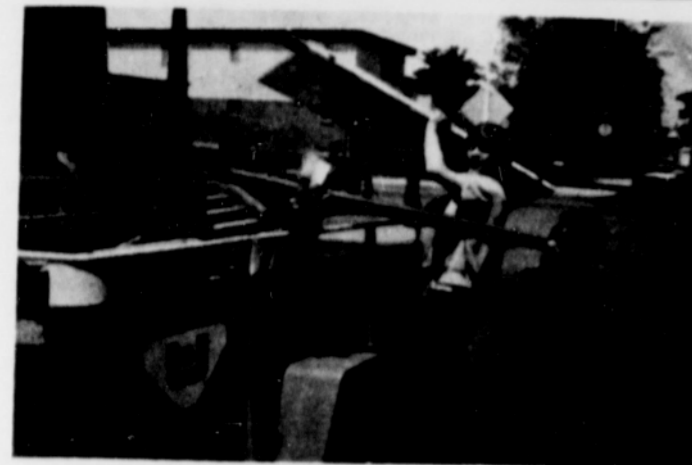
Rev. T. N. Noffa

But we must be toughened more for battle than most of us are today. We have learned how to avoid conflict and controversy. We must now learn to engage in it. Not simply for ourselves, but for toughening ourselves in places where we are so weak, so short, so wrong.

I refer to the wrestling and contending that goes on among us in church, and has from the beginning. Paul writes to the Corinthians Church (1 Cor. 11:18-19) about the divisions among the church.

Paul was not surprised to find divisions and factions. He was concerned that their coming together as a church was not for the better but for the worse. This teaches us that we are not made in the image of one another we don't see eye to eye all times. But we as Christians don't have to fall out and fight one another. When these differences come we get tougher and tougher. We can stand nose to nose for days and days and never see eye to eye. But in God's work, James states: "How can two walk together unless they agree?"

So as long as we travel, go off to college and military service, there will be more and more conflict. "Women's Lib" and "Generation gap" describe other developments that increase conflicts and confrontation. But as Christians when we pray continually, work hard, and fight hard; we will find ways of getting God's promise over to the unsaved not seeing eye to eye all the times, but being able to work with people and for people, living a life that you can show God in you; not fighting among one another but fighting Sin on all hands.



Steve Tuor and David Glenn assist with construction project.

Tony Sibley (left), Charles Evans, and Perry Pierson study Indian artifacts at the Oregon Historical Society Museum in preparation for trip to Canada.



Students of the St. Andrew's Summer Time Program earned money for a five-day trip to Canada by helping with community clean up, fix-up and paint-up projects.

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## Council of Churches names associate director

Richard Hughes, executive director of the Oregon and Greater Portland Council of Churches, announced today the appointment of the Reverend Rodney I. Page as Associate Director of the Greater Portland Council of Churches.

Prior to being named associate director, Mr. Page was for the past two years Director of the Center for Urban Encounter, a delegate agency of the GPCC, and prior to that, Mr. Page was Campus Minister at Koinonia House, located at Portland State University, for over seven years.

Mr. Page's responsibilities for the Council will include Continuing Education, Christian Education, Criminal Justice System, Communications, and Public Education.

Mr. Page attended Drake University, the University of Chicago, and Texas Christian University. He holds the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees. After graduating from T.C.U., Mr. Page came to Portland, Oregon to become the Associate Minister of First Christian Church and the Campus Minister at Portland State University for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mr. Page served in this position

until July of 1970, when he became Director of the Center for Urban Encounter. Mr. Page belongs to or is a member of the board of: Portland City Club, Portland Art Association, National Campus Ministers Association, National Association of Ecumenical Staff, National Association for Higher Education, American Civil Liberties Union, Portland Youth Advocates, Disciples Peace Fellowship, Fellowship of

Reconciliation and the Multi-nomadic Athletic Club. In 1967 Mr. Page married Sandra Freyer, a Portland girl, who teaches school in the business education department of Cleveland High School.

Mr. Page is the moderator of the weekly television program entitled "Collision Course" which can be seen each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on KGW-TV (Channel 8).

In making the announce-

ment, Mr. Hughes stated that the Council of Churches has been involved in a six-month process of developing priorities and that Mr. Page's responsibilities reflect the outcome of that process. Also, as we move ahead to the creation of a new ecumenical instrument of the bringing together of the state council and metropolitan Council of Churches, Mr. Page will be assigned additional responsibilities.

## Liberation grants awarded

The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizations has made grants of nearly \$100,000 to community organizations in the United States and African liberation movements.

Director Dr. Luic Walker said the grants "emphasize the unity in the common struggles of Black Americans and the African people." Grants of \$4,000 each went to the Mozambique Liberation Fund and the joint organization of the Zimbabwe African National Union and the Zimbabwe African People's Union. Other recipients included: Committee for a United

Newark; Boston Black United Fund; Institute of the Black World; Malcolm X University, Greensboro, N.C.; League to Improve the Com-

munity, Chicago; American Indian Movement Center, Minneapolis; Mexican-American Unity Council, San Antonio.

## Politics

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the convergence of these forces that makes it possible for us to deploy our forces in such a way that forces that picked cotton can pick Presidents."

But the other issue is that they will also pick the Chairmen of Congressional Committees and will decide who runs the party of their choice from day to day when the calls come in from the court house and often the White House, clearing some contract or some project for some Congressman's district; or giving sanction to a judicial appointment or redlining some disapproved federal hire.

In other words they have a say about running the party too. As I have stated time and again... there are 500,000 (one half million) unregistered black voters in Chicago. In fifty crucial cities blacks comprise more than 30 per cent of the population and in 16 of these cities over 50 per cent.

We have estimated 6 million blacks are unregistered. If Gary, and the Black Political Convention had any meaning at all it was again, that hands which once picked cotton can now pick Presidents.

The challenge, if upheld (and we have reason to believe that it will be upheld in substance) will determine that those previously "left out" in the selection and slating process, will be brought in. Perhaps it is the one clear mandate from a national party that as Democrats, it is most interested in democracy, not the Democratic party label.

"And he took butter and milk and the calf, which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat..."

"And the Lord said unto Abraham, 'Wherefore didst Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?'"

"Is there anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return to thee, according to the time of life,

## Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

Does God have a body? Well, think about it for a while. In the beginning God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion." Gen. 1:26.

"And the Lord appeared unto him (Abraham) in the plains of Mamre; and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

"And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them..."

"My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant."

"Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree."

"I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on; for ye are ye come to your servant."

"And they said, 'So do, as thou hast said...'"

"And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it to a young man; and he hastened to dress it."

"And he took butter and milk and the calf, which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat..."

"And the Lord said unto Abraham, 'Wherefore didst Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?'"

and Sarah shall have a son." Gen. 18:1-5, 7-8, 13-14. Bible history attests to the truth of this account.

The Apostle Paul wrote of Jesus, "In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." Col. 2:9.

And Jesus Himself said, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me. The words I speak unto you, I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works."

"Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe for the very works sake." John 14:10-11.

"I and my Father are one." John 10:30.

One might say, God has a body because He has Christ's body!

It is very logical that a man who builds an automobile factory and produces millions of automobiles will also have an automobile of his own; even though he owns airplanes, yachts and other conveniences.

As Rev. M. J. Divine sometimes said, "God is just as effective with a body as without a body." Yet God owns all bodies.

And what about our own bodies? God did not sell the bodies of men to Satan; but Satan stole them away by theft and stealth and by deception. But Christ sacrificed His body as a ransom, to redeem the bodies of men; if they will accept His words; and they will, by obeying Him.

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in

your body and your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

But he who obeys not Christ's words is not a servant of Christ, but a servant of Satan; for he that serves not God's will serves Satan.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey." Rom. 6:16.

"Wherefore when He saith, 'Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared for me.'" Heb. 10:5.

"Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body." 1 Cor. 6:13.

"We look for the Savior... who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." Phil. 3:21.

Give thy body to God, that it may be said, "God has a body, for He has my body."

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