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Tungsten at Stake

ONE REASON for the deadlock over the cease-fire line in Korea is that precious tungsten deposits are at stake in the juggling for position. For, without Korean tungsten, this country won't have enough tungsten to build jet engines, armor-piercing shells and, even more important, to supply atomic energy needs.

The pie-shaped slice of land, held by General Ridgway's forces above the 38th parallel, contains rich, untapped tungsten deposits. This is one reason Ridgway has been ordered to hold firm. Furthermore, the largest tungsten mine in the free world is located at Sangdon, less than 80 miles below the 38th parallel. This is another reason Ridgway wants to hang on to his stronger defense line above the 38th parallel, and keep the Communists as far from Sangdon as possible.

The shortage of tungsten is so desperate that we have rushed mining equipment to Korea, in order to step up production at the Sangdon mine and to re-open small mines above the 38th parallel.

It is no secret that this country is over two million pounds short of tungsten for civilian requirements alone. Normally the United States consumes about 14 million pounds a year, chiefly for metal-cutting tools. This doesn't count the critically needed tungsten for jet engines, armor-piercing shells and atomic energy. In fact, our anti-tank warfare depends on these armor-piercing shells, which can't be built without tungsten. Yet the Russians know that the most tungsten we can scrape up this year will be about 12 million pounds—unless the Korean mines can be rushed into full production.

Declaration of Independence

Two newspapers have now tried the experiment of asking Americans to sign a petition containing nothing but the Declaration of Independence and the original amendments of the U.S. constitution. First was the Capital Times of Madison, Wis., which had 111 out of 112 people refuse to sign. Second was the New Orleans Item which had 24 out of 38 refuse to sign.

The New Orleans petition was circulated after both President Truman and this commentator had publicized the shocking 111 to 1 refusal in Wisconsin. Nevertheless its results showed how many of the American people either have forgotten the inspiring precepts of the founding fathers or else become afraid of the expression of liberal ideas.

Here are some of the reactions received by reporter Allen Johnson when he circulated the New Orleans copy of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights:

"Three men," reported Johnson, "called me a Communist. One said, 'My family's with the government, it would get them in trouble. You know the FBI checks up on these things.'"

Another read Jefferson's stirring words: "Wherever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it. . . ."

"That," remarked the man approached by reporter Johnson, "sounds Russian to me."

A housewife didn't like the amendment to the constitution guaranteeing a free press and free speech.

"That part ought to be narrowed down," she said. "There's too much talk going on." She refused to sign. Maybe Senator Joe McCarthy, who has circulated thousands of copies of his speeches through the mails at the taxpayers' expense, should circulate free copies of the Declaration of Independence instead. It might counteract some of the fear he has instilled in peoples' minds.

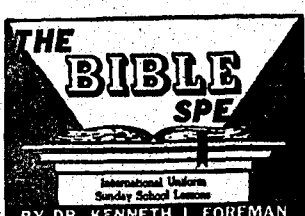
Crime Probe Stymied

Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona, one of the most conscientious and respected members of the senate has taken a strange stand regarding the crime committee. It puzzles his colleagues in the senate.

As chairman of the powerful senate rules committee, Hayden has flatly refused to authorize more money to be spent on the crime probe. This has caused the crime committee, now chaired by conscientious Herbert O'Connor of Maryland, to withdraw its investigators from New York and other areas. It also means that the committee will have to wind up its work around September.

Washington Pipeline

Senate crime investigators have reported undercover links between the big-time gambler, William Johnson, and the Jackson Construction Company, Jacksonville, Fla. Johnson donated \$100,000 to Gov. Fuller Warren's campaign, and now the Jackson Construction Company has received \$100,000 worth of state contracts. . . . Internal revenue department is reported to be probing the income taxes of Governor Fuller Warren.

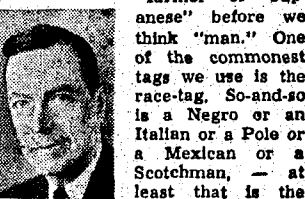


One World

Lesson for September 3, 1951

HOW rare it is to think of persons simply as persons, without any tags or labels! We think "policeman" or "lawyer" or "soldier" or "farmer" or "Japanese" before we think "man." One of the commonest tags we use is the race-tag. So-and-so is a Negro or an Italian or a Pole or a Mexican or a Scotchman, — at least that is the way he looks to us, even before he is Dan or Tony or Steve or whatever his name is.

We say off-hand, "All Negroes are like that" or "All Mexicans are that way" and we don't often take the trouble to see whether a particular Negro or Mexican is really "like that" or not. But from the Christian point of view, the first and most important fact about any person is that he is a person and not a thing.



Dr. Foreman

On top of all that, the particular woman with whom Jesus talked at Jacob's well was poor and with no good reputation even among her own people. The disciples were surprised that Jesus talked with her at all. But as we read the story, it is clear that while Jesus "spoke of her condition" as the old expression is, he was dealing with her all the time as a particular human being, not merely as "a Samaritan."

A Lower Race

THE story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman shows how Jesus treated a person of a "lower" race than his. We needn't argue the question whether the Samaritans were actually beneath the Jews. In any case, the Jews treated the Samaritans like dirt.

Evidently, to be sure, she was greatly inferior to Jesus, and admitted as much herself, yet this fact did not raise a barrier between them.

A Dominant Race

WE often talk of "race prejudice" as if it were prejudice of top-dog against under-dog. But prejudice runs in both directions. Of course all race prejudice includes a strain of contempt; but a citizen of a conquered nation may despise his conquerors, the weak may despise the strong quite as easily as the other way around.

In the Bible we have an excellent example of a Christian coming into contact with a dominant, that is, a conquering, race: the story of St. Peter and the Roman officer Cornelius.

Peter at first did not want to have anything to do with Cornelius. God had to shake him into it, so to speak. But once Peter saw the point, he saw it plainly: God made no difference between Cornelius and Peter's own people, the Jews.

It was not for Peter to call any man, even an officer of the foreign army that occupied his little nation and held the Jews severely down, common or unclean.

Which is harder: for a Jew to treat a Samaritan like a human being, or to treat a Roman the same way? Which is harder, for a white man to treat a Negro like a human being, or for a Negro to treat a white man like one? It may be hard either way, but it is Christian.

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

An old Scotch elder tells this story. "My church had invited the youth fellowship of all the denominations in the state to meet in our church, and the officers of our church were to serve the communion on the last afternoon. It had never occurred to me that some of the delegates would be Negroes, but when I stood up to pass the bread and wine, there sat some Negro young people right beside the white ones.

For a minute I thought I couldn't do it. In forty years as an elder in the church, I had never passed the communion plate to any but white persons. But then I thought, after all, I am not passing the bread and wine to Negroes and white people, but only to Christians. So I went ahead with it and I never felt such a blessing as I had that afternoon."

The elder had discovered that what Paul wrote is true: in the "new creature" in Christ there is neither Greek nor Jew, slave nor free man; that in Christ's presence the stone walls that divide the human race melt like snow.

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

Michigan's outstate legislators declined to appropriate funds for Southeastern Michigan TB sanatoriums, and went home from the Special Session with the hot breath of reappointment fanning their necks.

Detroit's Herman Keifer hospital was granted \$3000,000. (It asked for \$2,000,000). Oakland county hospital receiving nothing. (Requested \$230,000). Wayne County delegation cried it was "sold down the river", and the drive for reappointment received added impetus.

Senator George N. Higgins (R-Ferndale) sounded the warning when he shouted: "You men (outstaters) are bringing about a constitutional amendment re-appointing the legislature—then the shoe will be on the other foot."

Outstate lawmakers, who control both houses, continually have blocked reappointment for fear of losing control to the heavily populated Southeastern area.

However, state lawmakers did boost old age assistance. The state will double any amount given by the federal government (not to exceed \$70). It now is \$30, but a bill before Congress would increase it to \$35 monthly, making a total of \$66. Gov. Williams, who had asked a \$70 guarantee, expressed his disgust at the "Rube Goldberg arrangement". He also was disgruntled when \$5,000 was not appropriated for state flags to be sent to Korea.

School enrollment padding investigation continues. The North Adams board of education has admitted receiving \$2,012 in overpayment on the school lunch program and has returned a check in that amount to the state.

Crop progress in the state looks good despite heavy damage in Berrien county from hail. The loss was localized and will not affect the overall picture.

A bumper crop of Michigan babies is expected this year. Already 80,795 babies have been registered in the first six months—an increase of 1,904 over 1947, previous high year. Births for the same period last year, 72,348.

Michigan's Prohibition party this year has started a rehabilitation program. Plans underway would finance the party with from one to five-cents-per day contributions from party members. Party's executive committee this fall will open a drive for 9,627 petitioners to put the party back on the state ballot.

A small chuckle was heard in Lansing when the Michigan Table Top Licensees Association (tavern owners association) received by error the bank statement of the Michigan Temperance Foundation. The Foundation, of course, was sent the Table Top accountings. It wasn't pleased.

Consumers Power Company has asked permission to add 10,000 new gas space heating customers. Request arrived one day before federation restrictions froze space heating. Consumers vice president, M. W. Arthur, said the timing was purely coincidental. "We filed the petition when we thought we were ready to add customers," he said.

Charles Figy, director of the state department of agricultural, was a bit crushed when he was criticized for not spending state money. The Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners condemned him for sending only two (not four) men to a recent meeting. Says Figy: "Governor has asked us to cut down on all unessential travel." He saved the state \$200.

Labor Day no longer marks the end of Michigan's tourist season. Recent surveys shows some 70 percent of the resorts in Western Michigan will remain open through September and some even in October.

Vitriolic, Red-hunting Joseph R. McCarthy will come before a Michigan crowd Sept. 14 when he speaks at the Branch county 4-H Club fair in Coldwater. His speech will highlight "Republican Day", an event of no mean importance in Southern Michigan.

A huge display of military might at the National Air Races gave a Russian army officer a belly ache. After a quick inspection, Major Leonid Fivnev said: "I have a stomach ache. I think it's appendicitis. I am going back to Washington right away."

The Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs plans a campaign to establish a Girl's Town similar to Nebraska's Boys' Town. The state's 30,000 federal club-women will be asked to raise \$150,000. Land in the Western part of the Upper Peninsula is being considered.

A Detroit official urges prospective home owners not to be stampeded into buying by "wild talk" about "drastic shortages" of essential metals and its effect on future home building.

Twentieth Century Youth For Christ Crusade



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There they are — two little girls and a boy — just like your children or your neighbors. Not a worry do they have. Happy faces and winsome smiles bespeak something of the joy that bubbles in their hearts. They live in the present without a thought of what may lie ahead.

But with their parents — with you, with me — it is different. Since our children are too young to plan for themselves, we must plan for them — and for their generation. What will their future be?

All depends upon whether we learn — as individuals and as a world — to build foundations that abide. It depends upon whether we put God uppermost in our lives, and make righteousness and truth the goal of every day living.

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