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LIFTING UP ALL OUR PEOPLE

Today, it is generally agreed that Negroes in America have more freedom than ever before. It is also charged that many double standards exist today. Added to this, it is said that Black leaders can do much to help the Rights cause.

To a great degree, all of these statements are truthful. However, during a time when money, income, material goods, individual opportunity, etc., are so common with men, women and youths, it is extremely difficult to convey wisdom, understanding, experience, morals, ethics, and reason during this type of era, which is not normal.

The following statement was published in a local daily: "Nor is the black his own best friend, when his growing boys break liquor store windows, pack guns and set fire to his slums, they kill rats, not people."

Today, in proportion to their affluence, Negroes invest less money in their areas in any kind of civil rights, educational or community movements, therefore, it is hard to point an accusing finger when so many lack confidence in each other, lack cohesion, community pride, planning, desires and conceptions.

In order to accomplish the "lifting up of our people," it is going to require interest, desire, voluntary work and a bringing together in the thinking of our group. Since most integration is actually done on a quota basis, except for monetary reasons, it tends to promote separatism, as do the establishments of more and more civil rights groups which usually receive the largest amount of financial support from the whites.

"If our 22,000,000 Negroes are ever to become "equal" in our snobbish society, they are going to have to do it by lifting all from the quick sands of neglect, and make everyone responsible spiritually, mentally and physically as the whites. In many cases, that's not a long haul," according to the daily's column.

In the case of the previous quotation of "break liquor store windows, this was true several years ago and this type of business was the first to fix guards to their store windows, and doors, followed by clothing establishments.

Today, windows of every type business owned by Negroes and whites, are smashed. This is an up-dated fact.

Moreover, today the trend of emphasis seems to be placed on integrated education and housing and this takes away the concentration from the solution of the problems required to "do it by lifting all our people from the quick sands of neglect."

Unless the last phrase becomes the real goal of our race, the present pattern keeps the race question in an exploitive situation, and plays right into the hands of several so-called "big brother" movements that use the race issue to further their own purposes and goals. Expreienced race leaders were always aware

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LIVING UNDER LAW

TARDY TAX RETURNS

Early one April, leaving home on an extended business trip, a man handed his wife their income tax returns. "Remember to mail these before the 15th" he said.

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She did remember — two months later. When the government added a penalty for tardiness, the man protested that it had been "just an innocent mistake." But in a court test, the penalty was upheld. The court said tax returns are too important a duty to be so lightly overlooked.

There is good reason for the annual scramble by taxpayers to get their returns in before the deadline. The penalty can be stiff—5 percent per month, up to 25 percent of the total tax.

To be sure, some excuses are good enough to ward off a penalty. You will be forgiven if your tardiness was due to what the law calls "reasonable cause."

In one case, the tax collector had no record of having received a man's return at all. Yet, evidence proved that it had been deposited in the post office on time, in a properly stamped, properly addressed envelope. A court held that no penalty for tardiness could be imposed.

"This would not be the first time," observed the judge, "that a collector had lost a return."

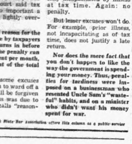
In another case, both the taxpayer and his attorney—the only other party familiar with the situation—were totally incapacitated by illness at tax time. Again: no penalty.

But lesser excuses won't do. For example, prior illness, not incapacitating as of tax time, does not justify a late return.

Nor does the mere fact that you don't happen to like the way the government is spending your money. Thus, penalties for tardiness were imposed on a businessman who resented Uncle Sam's "wasteful" habits, and on a minister who didn't want his money spent for war.

Note: The New York State Bar Association offers this column as a public service

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Underground railroad
7. Wander
13. Satisfy
14. Venerator
15. Bread ingredient
16. Trenches
17. Pert girl
19. Color
20. Tree
22. Fix again
24. Aural organ
27. Mother
28. Average
29. Accomplish
30. Those in power
32. Doctor: slang
34. Margin
35. Academic title
37. Find the place
39. Possesses
40. Hebrew tribe
41. Woman's hat
44. Easily remembered
47. Gaze
48. Automobile
50. Thou
51. Island: poet.
52. Hasten
53. Not fat
54. Nuisance
55. Poem
56. Goes astray

DOWN
1. Enemy agent
2. Rubber tree
3. Sandy seashore
4. Lave
5. In motion
6. You
7. Sun god
8. Allow to enter
9. Satellite
10. Device for stopping
11. Permit
12. Bitter vetch
18. Indian tent
19. Danger
20. Among
21. Sound
23. Unhappy
25. Entrance
26. Italian city
31. Places of instruction
32. Network
33. End passage: music
34. Cattleman
36. Loud noise
38. Ranch animals
41. Metal clasp
42. Fail to keep
43. Reverberate
44. Indian tribe
45. Listen
46. Desires
49. Help

Answer to Puzzle

EDITOR'S MAIL

"The opinions expressed in Letters sent to the Editor, are those of the writer, and they do not necessarily reflect the views of this paper. Senders are requested to write on the issues, avoiding undue personal attacks.

Dear Editor:

The National Petition Committee has originated to fulfill a very important need in the United States.

We feel it our patriotic duty to further the aims of representative democracy. In line with this we are trying to do something peaceful and sensible about the war.

The purpose for this National Petition Committee is to provide American citizens to express their concern with an opportunity not only about the enlarged war in Indo-China, but also to bring the case against the war into the homes of the American people via a national campaign through the popular media.

The goal of the petition committee is to gather at least twenty million signatures and $10,000,000.

Since we are not affiliated with any political organizations, we hope to raise these funds through door to door canvassing. We will be contacting all the homes in the City of Buffalo, and its surrounding area, shortly.

If anyone desires to help us in this cause, please contact the temporary headquarters in D'Youville College Center.

THE NATIONAL PETITION COMMITTEE

QUOTATIONS With A Meaning

From Various Authors
By ALMA BROOKS

"The path to apostasy is easy, slippery and treacherous. God's children have no business putting one foot there."

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God's people today cannot rest in smug self-satisfaction for there is much to repent of. Terrible judgement is in store for us if we do not get out of our selfishness into the dying world that needs the good news of the Saviour."

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"God teaches us by "little voices" oftener than we think, and ministers to us by little hands, that we seldom associate with the almightiness of God."

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..."Obedience is the pathway to clearer light, to the highest truths, and to the holiest experiences."

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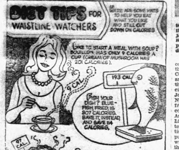
"He is never weary of the prayers of the upright, but soon weary of the costly sacrifices of the wicked."



BANQUET HELD IN SYRACUSE, N. Y.

The Church Of God In Christ State Sunday School Banquet sponsored by the State Courtesy Group of Jurisdiction, No. 1, was held Saturday April 25th at 5 p. m. in the Lemoyne College Dining Hall, South Spring Road, Syracuse, N. Y. Rev. L. R. Anderson is bishop, Mrs. D. Bradley, chairman. Many from Buffalo and Rochester attended.

Managing Your Money

by Edward M. Donohue
New York State Bankers Association

Get Rid of the Financial Smog

If you have saved 6.5% of your take home pay, you can consider yourself to be an average person.

In effect, that's what the National Council of Economic Advisers said in a recent announcement.

They expressed it in more impressive terms but it means the same thing.

Their announcement said that average personal savings rose to 6.5% of disposable income: That personal savings stood at an average level of $42.8 billion out of disposable personal income of $659.9 billion.

The figures, though staggering are not as important as the trend. The rate of personal savings for last year was 6.0%. If people continue to save and defer unnecessary spending—and bring the level of savings to 7% or better, we will be blowing away the financial smog that is choking the economy. Then all of us would be able to breathe easier.

That's not an impossible goal to achieve. We have been there before. As a matter of fact, when people were talking about the "Soaring Sixties"—when they felt that the economy couldn't go anyplace but up, the average personal savings rate was over 7%.

Of course, it would not be true to say that a reduction in the rate of personal savings was the sole cause of inflation. Other factors helped considerably. But you can be certain that the dollars, normally saved, which people spent on unnecessary or frivilous purchases—at increasingly higher prices added considerable fuel to the fire.

Many people, caught up in an inflation hysteria, are prone to say "What you say makes sense—but it doesn't apply to me."

Let's stop kidding ourselves. Stop and think for a minute. Has every sizable purchase made within the last year—or eighteen months a necessary purchase—something you could not have done without?

If you are honest with yourself, you will realize that many items were bought on impulse.

Add up, mentally, the amount of money spent in that fashion. Think of what that sum on deposit in your savings account could have earned for you. Think also of how much more those dollars will buy for you when prices stabilize.

Kids Fight Prayer Ban; Need Money

SUPPRESSED PRAYER — High school students meet in a tent across the street for prayer, reacting to the prohibition of their voluntary pre-school prayer period by the State of New Jersey. Chaplain's prayers only are read from the Congressional Record daily. Funds for the students' appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court are being raised by Liberty Lobby, 300 Independence Ave., Washington, D.C. 20003.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An organization which lobbies for the "Great Silent Majority" in Congress has agreed to guarantee the cost of an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court a decision by the State of New Jersey to prohibit students in Netcong, N. J. high school from freedom of worship, according to Rev. Stanley M. Andrews, an executive with Liberty Lobby, the only registered Congressional, non-partisan, non-profit lobby for the public. He said Liberty Lobby will campaign for funds for the students nationally.

Pleading for funds to carry on the battle for the students' "Freedom to Pray," Palmer Stracco, Netcong Board of Education, said, "We have heard from the silent majority. All we need now is some silent money."

Rev. Andrews said Gen. Clyde Watts, famous Oklahoma City, Okla., attorney who successfully defended Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, has been employed by Liberty Lobby to assist local counsel. He said briefs were nearly complete for the appeal. To avoid delay, Andrews said, Liberty Lobby guarantees attorneys' fees and costs in addition to raising the money for the school children.

Rev. Andrews said the prayers were the students' idea alone, the students had requested facilities voluntarily of officials and student attendance averaged 90 per cent of the school. Miss Virginia Annich, N. J. deputy state attorney, admitted prayers were only from Congressional Record, but were unconstitutional, that "immediate and irreparable harm was being done to the students by flaunting state authority, that the school board's action is poor moral training and that school boards elsewhere have allowed school prayer following their example." Over 200 students signed a Student Council petition requesting the school board file an appeal. Contributions should be mailed to Rev. Andrews, 300 Independence SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Things You Should Know