

The clergy speak out . .

Starting with this issue, The Free Press will publish a weekly column written by the various ministers and priests belonging to the Acton Clergy Association. At a time when the clergy of all faiths are being subjected to pressures from many sides, this column will give the clergy an opportunity to speak out on the moral and social issues of our times. First column is written by Rev. Harry Dawson of St. Alban's Anglican Church. Next week the Rev. Stanley Gammon of Acton Baptist Church will write and he'll be followed by the other members of the Association in turn.

Rev. Henry Dawson
St. Alban's Church



THE VOICE OF DEMONSTRATIONS

What has the waving of palm branches and the noise of demonstrations in the streets of Jerusalem some twenty centuries ago have to say to us today?

In some ways it all seems a part of ancient history. Yet it seems to me that much of our life today is preoccupied with this very thing.

Demonstration today is as common as our local news broadcaster.

In every venue of life there is someone waving a slogan or a flag. Slouting their slogans of Mao Tse-Tung and waving their colorful banners ushering in a new era. Chinese youth demonstrate by the millions in the streets of Peking. They arouse a response of fear in a world where the forces of revolution are so contagious.

A million dollar computer smashed by a group of militant students demonstrating at one of our Canadian Universities drives the message of revolution home. Buffoon children disguised by malnutrition, portrayed the conscience of us all. Demonstrations are heard and do speak to us.

The demonstrations of Palm Sunday now may not seem so remote. There are many people in our world who are busy waving their palms and their concerns at us. Each one of us in turn is asked to wave many flags in the course of our lives. We seek publicity for those considered noble and virtuous. These are only a part of us, however, in so far as we share the responsibility for them.

There are other flags we fly which are not so publicized, perhaps because they are not so virtuous. These are the flags unlearned with prejudices and injustices. And although we may be the first to deny their existence, our response to some of these demonstrations more than reveals them.

There are many causes and we are asked to fly many flags, but the most meaningful, and in the long run most determinative, is the flag of understanding and respect for one another. A flag with a constructive message of concern and love in a world where there is no much evidence of hate and violence cannot but turn the tide.

Let us begin now to view the message of "The Palm" through the eyes of Him who patented the way to fulfillment through love.

Report from Ottawa

by rud whitling

Recently in Parliament we have been discussing Bill C-173. This Bill relates to many Government Departments—some new and some long established. This is a very lengthy and complex Bill. Bill C-173 will create five new Departments and it will abolish five old Departments. Its purpose is not to make the Government itself larger, or more unwieldy but to eliminate duplication and overlapping and to provide better service to the Canadian people.

The reorganization proposed in this Bill will in many cases enable the Government to deal more efficiently and effectively with problems which are not new but which unfortunately could not be solved satisfactorily or adequately within the present structures.

Previously regional development programs were the responsibility of five Ministers, plus several Departments of Government and various agencies. With the formation of the new Department of Regional Economic Expansion, all the various programs dealing with regional economic disparities will be consolidated under this one new Department in the hope of achieving better co-ordination and centralization of its operations. The new Department is at the present time in the process of revising and implementing new policies of regional expansion.

This Bill establishes the Medical Research Council as a separate Corporation, responsible to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. This was done to provide a better co-ordination of the Federal Government's activities in the field of health. In the last eight years the Federal Government's contribution to medical research has increased from \$2.3 million to \$26.9 million.

The whole field of communications will be of growing importance to Canada and will require increasing Federal Government involvement. This responsibility will be assigned to the Postmaster General, the Hon. Eric Kierans. New types of communication have, and will be explored such as man-made satellites and new techniques of information storage and transmission.

Bill C-173 also establishes the Science Council of Canada as a separate corporation. Previously



IAN WALMSLEY, "Timmy" for 1969 from Ottawa, is optimistic and confident that the people of this province will push the 1969 Easter Seal Campaign target of \$1,500,000, right over the top for the first time in three years. Support your local Rotary Club appeal by sending a generous gift today.

Urge health unit continue working on plumbing here

Although Halton County Health Unit has decided to quit making local plumbing inspections in the fall due to a staff shortage, members of North Halton Urban Board recently urged the Health Unit continue the service in the face of impending regional government.

Councillors from Milton, Georgetown and Acton who met Wednesday for an Urban Board meeting agreed it would be quite costly for each town to hire its own plumbing inspectors. With regional government reforms on the horizon, they asked each council to petition the Health Unit to continue the service until a decision is reached on the Peel-Halton "super metro" area. Minister of Municipal Affairs minister Percy McKeough has proposed.

Water is heaviest at four degrees Centigrade. This is why ice forms at the top of lakes and rivers and why fish can survive in Canadian winters.

Inter-Denominational Lenten Services

GUEST SPEAKER
The Rev. Morris N. Greidanus,
Campus Chaplain of the Christian Reformed Church for the University of Toronto and McMaster University, Hamilton.

Services to be held at 8:00 p.m. o'clock on
SUNDAY, MARCH 30
TUESDAY, APRIL 1 - THURSDAY, APRIL 3
IN TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
EVERYONE IS MOST CORDIALLY INVITED!
THE ACTON CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Legion Ladies donate \$300 for Sunnybrook

The ladies' auxiliary of the Canadian Legion Branch 197, held their regular monthly meeting March 6 at 8 p.m. with president Comrade Lois Gordon in the chair. Over 30 members were present.

Medals were presented to past president Comrade Kay James and President Comrade Lois Gordon.

A cheque for \$300, was sent to Sunnybrook Hospital to provide more entertainment for the veterans this coming year. Also a cheque for \$50, was sent to the Cancer Fund.

The Auxiliary has been invited to an anniversary party in Cooksville on April 16. Anyone wishing to go is asked to get in

Hi Niners take tours

Wednesday of last week was a full day for the Hi Niners of Trinity United Church. They had a tour of the garment industry on Spadina Ave. in Toronto. Then they assisted with meals-on-wheels at St. Luke's United Church, which is a community endeavor.

The next two hours were spent on a conducted tour of the Metro Police headquarters.

On Saturday they were taken on a tour of the church's Berkeley Studios on Queen St. by the Rev. Anson Moorehouse.

The green berets worn by the United States special service forces are made in Toronto.

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Church Notices

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister: Mr. Robert G. W. Hyde, B.A. Phone 853-2299
SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School.
All are Welcome at the Church on the Hill

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D. Acton, Ontario
SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
11.10 a.m.—Sunday School.
2.30 p.m.—Alternating Dutch and English Service.
Everyone Welcome

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.
Thursday, March 27, 8 p.m. at Trinity United Church, a Lenten study program for Anglican and United churches.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tilde Ave., Phone 853-1615.
SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969
Palm Sunday
9.45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Jesus Comes to Our Town."
Wednesday — 6.30. Explorers;
Friday, 7.00 p.m. — B.H.F.
All Welcome

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister: The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D. Director of Music: Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
Thursday, March 27, 8 p.m. — Anglican United study discussion group in Room 5 of Trinity Church.
SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969
Palm Sunday
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10.30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays
Mattins
2nd and 4th Sundays

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.
SUNDAY, MARCH 29th, 1969
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8.00 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 6.45 p.m. — Crusaders.
Rev. 22: 17 — "And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes
SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6665

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master
Friday, March 28, 8 p.m. — Pre-Communion Preparatory service.
Palm
SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
9.45 a.m.—Minister's Class for Teenagers withdrawn.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Holy Communion. Communion meditation "Behold, Thy King Cometh Unto Thee!"
Everyone Most Welcome

The Bible today

By the Canadian Bible Society

Gyana Deep means "Light of Knowledge" but the name was a mockery to the aged Indian widow who bore it; she was poor and illiterate. But she worked in a women's hostel where she saw other women and girls reading. She began to dream of the day when she herself could do the same. She dared not tell any of her superiors, but she confided in another servant woman—"More than anything else I want to learn to read."

Her friend told her that there were people connected with the hospital who taught people to read. Gyana was so excited that she took hold of her friend and literally ran with her to the house where the teachers lived. Serious illness struck her but she recovered, and was able to join a literacy workshop being organized at Kotagiri. She worked hard and long at the task, doggedly attacking letters, syllables and words until she had mastered them.

Why was she so persistent? While she had been ill in hospital she had had a dream in which an angel had come to her, carrying a Bible and saying, "You will get better, and you will have your heart's desire. It is God's will that you should learn to read His Word."

On the last night of the literacy workshop the new literates stood up to read, to demonstrate their skill. Gyana went forward and stood on the platform and read, "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear?"

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