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Spare Us — It is not even the season for bowling, yet the United States is being hit with the greatest rash of strikes in its history. All of them are major, all can be very, very harmful to the economy and to the general welfare of the public.

Air Controllers — Flight slowdowns of up to three hours and flight cancellations are not at all uncommon these days. While the government stews and storms and hurls threats, F. Lee Bailey's boys go on merrily phoning in "sick." While Patco's fingers may be doing the walking, many disgruntled travelers are stuck. Neither side wants to give in. Some simple advice is: ride the trains.

Postal Strike — The recent mail "slowdown" showed Americans just how dependent we are on the mails. Many large firms, such as Montgomery Ward, depend heavily on the mails for incoming cash and orders. Money lost in this strike can not be regained. The government wants to give postal workers a six percent increase to begin with. At the same time they want to increase first class postage to ten cents. We can see it now, 1970's, the decade of the dollar postcard.

Trucker's Stall — Wildcat walkouts are hitting many firms that employ members of the Teamster's Union. Union officials say that strikes will not be authorized unless a strike vote is called for.

Laos and Cambodia — These two areas threaten to become our second and third Viet-Nams. There are no clear cut answers as to when we became involved, why we became involved, or just how involved we are now. Nixon is playing Captain Ahab in pursuit of the great red whale, Moby Communism.

Denny J. Rogahn

Earthday Preview

FAKE IT or MAKE IT

It is no secret that a great wave of ecological or environmental concern is sweeping our country. In keeping with this growing concern all classes have been cancelled for April 22nd in order that we might focus our attention more sharply on some of the issues which are causing these concerns.

Some people in this country feel there already has been too much talk and not enough action. I wouldn't argue with the lack of action part of that statement, but concerning the too much talk part I can't quite agree. There certainly has been plenty of talk, some of it pointless, but I believe a bit more talk is necessary to properly bring into focus the major concerns.

Another point which illustrates the need to sharpen our sights is the fact that many businesses are quickly becoming ecological phony's. Two NSP commercials can serve as an example. One commercial states that NSP has spent X number of dollars to clean up pollution while a second NSP commercial says they must continue to build more polluting devices (they call them power plants) because soon our metropolitan area will have 4,000,000 instead of 2,000,000 people.

Now, I ask you, do you want this area to have twice as many people as we presently have? Can you imagine what this area will look like if we double our metropolitan population? Obviously NSP would like to see the population double because more people, people, people, means more power plants, power plants, power plants, which means more money, money, money.

Or take the case of the Standard Oil commercial saying how a product in their gasoline cuts down on pollutants so you'd better go out and buy Standard gasoline. Hogwash! This is one more example of the phony ecological pitches we must guard against.

These brief examples should point out that the battle has just begun. I also predict it will be a long, tiresome, energy-consuming struggle. Are you interested in joining the battle? It will make a difference in the type of world you and your children will have to live in. R. E. Holtz

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Corrections

The term, "We Want White Wifall" is a printer's error. The life this term has led, and it's been a big one, was illegitimate. The clarifications statement in which this term appeared was phoned in to the printers shortly before the Feb. 14th issue went to press. An error by their receptionist created this bastard child, "White."

But this article is not an apology, it is an editorial.

Unfortunately Herman Otten, editor of the "Christian News," did not recognize this obvious error and reprinted it at least three times in his paper. Mr. Otten, who is not famous for his high sense of ethics in "borrowing" stories from other papers, has been notified of this situation. Rev. Otten, please correct yourself.

By commonly accepted standards, the tone of Herman Otten's paper would be classified as "sensational." By this I do not mean it is unusual or amazing, (although it is often hard to believe) but rather it is an example of "yellow" journalism. The techniques are base and shopworn; quoting out of context, permission, capitalizing on others' errors, stories from other papers without their permission, and propaganda techniques, running arguments to believe (but rather it is an example of unusual or amazing, (although it is often hard to believe it is.)

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To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to an article recently written by Tom Will, in which he attempted to produce an argument against the idea of an "abiding truth." As a member of the CCS, and one who holds the concept of an "abiding truth" to be of utmost importance, I feel it necessary to point out the shallowness of this type of thinking and to demonstrate that the Bible is diametrically opposed to it. If Mr. Will said there are very very few "abiding truths," I would have had to agree, but it appears that he thinks there are none. (Hopefully this article will enlighten him.)

To start with, God Himself can be viewed as an "abiding truth." Surely no Christian will deny that truth is an attribute of God and God says of Himself, "For I the Lord do not change..." (Mal. 3:6). There we have a "changeless" or "abiding truth."

Not only God Himself, but the Word of God is an "abiding truth." The Bible states: "but the word of the Lord abides forever." (I Peter 1:25), and Christ Himself said, "...thy word is truth." (John 17:17). Hence we have the Word of God declared an "abiding truth" by God Himself. Anyone stating that what the Bible says is not an "abiding truth" is thereby declaring that the Bible is not the Word of God.

If, on the other hand, we turn our attention from the supernatural, from the infinite to the finite, we can also observe what rightly may be called an "abiding truth." This is the concept of "change." All things that have ever existed or that ever will exist have or will experience change. By the very natural admission that the finite is not infinite, one presupposes that change occurs. If change never occurred in something, it would be infinite. If, however, I have overlooked a possibility and one of you somehow discovers or demonstrates some object or concept to be changeless, thereby refuting my argument that the idea of change is an "abiding truth," I can only thank you for supporting my premise for by demonstrating something to be changeless, you yourself have found an "abiding truth."

Bob Norwick
CCS Member

In Answer....

Paul A. Bartz

Yes folks, here we are, the twentieth century, better known as the funhouse of history. Man now knows more than he ever did before. Yes, the church is colliding with the twentieth century right now; new approaches can be considered. But it must be remembered that Christ collided with the first century and God collided with Adam and Eve. God does not change, man must, but man without Christ cannot change.

So if a cry for "peace" is not motivated by Christ's love, what is it motivated by? Is it a cry to raise man in man's honor and esteem? Are all the Good man has done without Christ? What a fabulous world man has created today. Man is now closer to his Utopia than ever before?

Truth does not change. If a Red Chinese, or an American chooses not to accept Christ, God, Heaven, or Hell, does that mean he will not be judged by God to go to hell? Or are there maybe other ways to Heaven than Christ? Is it that there is no Heaven?

The truths which man establishes are changeable. If we choose to make "A" into "Z" who is to say no? But God does not change. God is always right. Since God created everything there is and has been running it all these years one would assume that He knows His business quite well. Man must accept God. Man must realize that man is not going to save Christianity.
Men Or Missiles

Washington, D. C. -- Voicing deep concern about the President's current set of national priorities which "place hardware above humans," certain Senators have said this country can no longer afford to let the Pentagon have a hammerlock on Federal revenues.

In testimony to the Committee on National Priorities of the Democratic Council, a Minnesota Democrat called for a shifting of our resources "from our current fascination with military gadgetry to high priority investments in human beings.

"Let us begin with young children," he said. "Of all areas of unmet human needs, our unwillingness to provide help to deprived children is perhaps our most tragic and costly mistake."

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He believes the evidence is indisputable that comprehensive early childhood programs must be made available, on a voluntary basis, to all impoverished families with young children - - beginning with medical and nutritional assistance to infants and pregnant women. The present failure to do so is causing human misery and wasting human ability.

The question was raised over current policy of requesting only half the amount for Head Start that is being requested for a hurried deployment of Phase II of an untested ABM system. "History warns us that a renewed arms race and its predictable cost overruns will both shake the delicate balance of terror in our nuclear world, and starve other government programs of needed funds."

C.R.E.E.P.

Do you have your CREEP button yet? Better yet, what's a CREEP?

A CREEP is a Christian Really Enraged about Environmental Pollution. This may be a catchy phrase, but it also is meant to be a very serious position statement.

Since some writers are saying the population problem stems largely from the Christian philosophy of multiply and subdue the earth plus some others saying the population problem is a hoax started by atheists it is imperative that we as Christians take a positive stand.

Another positive reason for being a CREEP is that too frequently the church is attacked for not taking a stand on important social issues. So, here's your chance! Be a CREEP.

With photos being taken at 6:30, dinner at 7:00, followed by a dance until the witching hour of midnight, the evening promises to be great fun for all who attend. The event will require formal attire.

Soon tickets will go on sale by the library and in the cafeteria. Costs are minimal, $1.50 per Concordia student, $5.00 per "outsider." This includes the cost of the dinner and the dance. All events are held at the Ambassador Motor Hotel. (Directions to the Ambassador are available when you purchase tickets.)

May 9, will dawn on the all-school picnic at Como Park. With the faculty serving supper and an informal dance Saturday night, Spring Banquet weekend will draw to a close.

Incidentally, Willie, special guest speaker for the banquet, is a foreign exchange student with many tales to tell of his native Chile.

Students and faculty are urged to get together at both events in this common spirit of fellowship, accomplishment and relaxation. Be happy - - come!

Chairmen:
Gwen Reinke
Betty Carlson
Mary Mueller

grant

Concordia College, St. Paul, received a $1,200 unrestricted grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), fraternal life insurance society with headquarters in Appleton, Wis.

The grant is based on the number of AAL All-College Scholarship winners attending the school. AAL provides a $600 unrestricted grant to Lutheran schools and a $300 grant to non-Lutheran, private schools for each All-College Scholarship winner attending.

AAL distributed more than $106,000 in unrestricted grants to 83 private schools during this academic year through the society's fraternal benevolence program.

The unrestricted grants are another way the 265,000 AAL members express their common concern for human worth.
Lines Found Near
The Garden of Gethsemane

My mind was disillusioned
As she touched me on my shoulder,
And she asked me what was wrong
Before I cried out and I told her
That there taking 'way my Savior,
"Can't you see them there behind you?"
Then she whisper'd, "They can't take
For your faith shall always bind you."

When some men went running past us,
We knew what we were seeing,
When my trembling hands stopped
And I knew that I had seen it
That is seen by ev'ry Christian,
As she told me of a lantern
And I turned to her to listen
The sixth hour brought a darkness
And I sighed.

The sixth hour brought a darkness
And I turned to her to listen
As she told me of a lantern
That is seen by ev'ry Christian,
And I knew that I had seen it
When my trembling hands stopped shaking,
As we watched with calmness others
Crying as the earth was quaking.
And we wept.

And when the night was over
And I'd begged her to stay longer,
And I told her that I loved her
And that she had made me stronger,
We walked along the waters
In the silence of some river,
And she told me she'd stay longer
Only if it were forever.
And it was.

And we lived to praise our Savior
And we lived to teach our children,
And I wrote these lines for others,
Those who shall not be as certain
That there really was a Jesus
Who once lived among the people
And that he was more than just a
Feeling housed beneath a steeple.
And he is.

Rodney Toupson
THE GIFT OF A FRIEND

The Lord hath bestowed on me a friend
A gift t'will not be matched;
A gem beyond the reach of tongue
No heart can beat the throb;

For me to contend leaves no space-
A brotherly knot tied by Him
Who is the friend of all friends-
A knot that swings not to and fro
But stationed stands through storm or fee

Behold the riches of that friend,
A brother with none to go or come
His beams affixed, on not just one-
Inspire our closer bonds
However not by whim or chance,
A partnership by a mastermind
Planned through ages of eternity
Stamped with His blood line;
The pattern 'pon which all knots are tied
Not a mere sentimental whim
But looms whatever phase is nigh
Brotherly love by Him who loved,
Ascends the throne, we undertake
As these next syllables recite, yea priceless
"What's mine is his also - symmetry:
What's his also to me
in work, in play
in sorrow, in joy;
Sharing in intellect, blemishless
time spent; precious time spent
breezing without grip; not recalled
priceless more; curtailed sensation!
Stagnant roots hewed in absentia"

As the days no pass along,
Uncertain are the times thereof
There now the fondness of friendship reigns.
Such virtue is yearned these days
When mortal's hearts are waxing cold;
Thank God, such beams are mine!

Time, an everflowing stream,
Remoulds, remoulds, the ones to us dear-
Traits change, stature, may e'en the heart also;
Never to change is the gift of friend;
"A partnership by a mastermind
Planned through ages of eternity - - - through
- - - - - - ages - - - of eternity, ETERNAL."

Lloyd A. Kupka
1967

A GRAYNESS OVER CHICAGO
by Thomas E. Will

The day has nearly ended but
the pigeon lady still walks
those final rounds to feed
her homeless friends, the
dried and rotten crumbs.

They wait huddled in groups
beneath a forgotten oak, that
long ago was young, and yearn
to hear her step upon a cold-
cracked stone.

But, those feet are silenced
now as the pigeons swirl high
into the graying sky to search
for one whose endless days are
done