

'Lest We Forget' Wins Top Prize

(Editor's note: The Rev. Cox won a special patriotic award for this sermon, entitled, "Lest We Forget," from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. A condensation of the prize-winning sermon appears below.)

By PAUL C. COX Pastor, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Our father's God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing, Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

THESE WORDS ought to be on every lip and in every heart of every American enjoying the fruits of freedom today in this country. Freedom was won by our forefathers because they came to this country with the desire to establish freedom, and they established this freedom for all people and gave their lives to ensure the most precious gift ever known to man. Every patriotic American ought to enlist in gratitude and involvement to see that this freedom remains for us and our children and for those who will follow. Lest we forget; lest we forget.

America is in more serious trouble today than at any time in its history. Even, I believe, in more danger than when the British armies were marching on Lexington and Concord. We have allowed a minority to disrespect our laws and get away with it. We have allowed our college campuses to be torn asunder by co-called non-violent students who practice violence. We have allowed people to defy authority and have protected them in our courts. We have tied the hands of our police officers. We have encouraged our permissiveness in the home, so that what is right and wrong no longer exists.

The war in Viet Nam, I believe, is very crucial to our existence as a nation. While we look to Russia to help us out of the war in Viet Nam, we witness Russia at this very moment sending supplies to help kill our American boys. Double talk and duplicity confuse our people. What kind of message are we going to give to our men in Viet Nam? Are we supportive and helpful to them? This, I believe, is a major issue, and I would like to discuss this particular theme this morning.

THIS LAST week I heard a tape from a young man in our church — Warrant Officer Lanny Ropke. Lanny is a helicopter pilot in Viet Nam.

Lanny sent this tape to his family. He had no idea he was speaking for publication, but I asked to use his words because they have a message for all of us. This boy has his head on his shoulders. May God grant us more like him. I would like to read what he has to say. And I quote:

"This is really a startling place over here, and it wakes you up. I've seen a lot of horrible things, and I have 10 more months of looking at them. There are a lot of things I can't talk about right now, confidential things. However, when I get home, I will have a lot of experiences to share.

"I THINK what the United States ought to do is to take all of the honest people who really and sincerely believe that the United States is wrong for being over here, and not just the ones that are protesting and griping because they're going to have to come over here, because they're being drafted or their boyfriends are being drafted or their beatnik bed. Fellows are being drafted; not the people who are protesting because they're spoiled and they don't have anything else to do, and Daddy's always given them everything they wanted, or they're just bored and afraid they're going to have to fight in Viet Nam. They're not really concerned with the right or wrong of it, whether the people over here are dying. They're just concerned with themselves getting involved and having to accept some responsibility on their own.

"Forget them. If you send them over here and show them this war, it will just strengthen their opinion of not being over here, because they'll see that they would have to really sacrifice something if they came. They would realize that they would have to accept some type of responsibility and, in some cases, even die for this war and these people. So it would just strengthen their opinion of not being over here when they saw Viet Nam. It would only scare them all the more.

"BUT TAKE the people who really care — maybe the older generation, not the young kids. The older generation who has been through a war before and maybe in that war they weren't griping quite so much about America being in the war. But this time they feel America is really wrong. If they would send them over here for a three week tour of this country, if our country would take them on a couple of operations or observations of operations and let them see the aftermath of the Viet Cong and what they do and how they operate and the way they believe, if we would let them sit in on an interview of a captured prisoner or the interview of an American who has been lucky enough to have been brought back after being captured by the Viet Cong and listen to him, if they could see the whole operation — the political situation, the war situation, the economic situation, the poverty the people live in, how little the enemy offers them, which is ridiculous, and how much we can give them — I would say that 95 per cent of these people would go home with a new opinion, doing complete 180 degree turn in their thinking. It would almost be worth the cost of bringing one airliner a week over here full of 168 people who disagree with the government policy. It would be worth it paying the cost of keeping them here, feeding them and sending them home, just to convince them."

ALWAYS IN our history, Americans have responded and come forth. Can we do it again? I believe we can. It's going to take hard work and involvement. People need to be awakened and aroused. We have the tools and the form of government. We need to return to the Bible. We need to be mighty sure about our worship and our commitment and our stewardship. We need good people who study and vote. We need people who are willing to sacrifice. We need people who love this country. We need people who hate what communism does to people. We need to uphold law and order. We need to say to people who disrupt our society by violence. "We've had enough!" We need, above all, to be patriotic.

We can. Lest we forget. Lest we forget.

Visiting Minister To Talk

Rev. Walter M. Stanton, minister of Central Evangelical United Methodist Church, Marcelina and Arlington Avenues, announces special services to be held during the Lenten season starting Sunday at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. David Kelly, assistant minister of Grace Evangelical United Methodist Church of Los Angeles, as guest speaker.

Rev. Kelly and his wife Marge, who is an accomplished pianist, sponsored the Christian Endeavor Youth group of Central church before being transferred to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Irene Hoy, choir director, will lead congregational singing and provide special music for the meetings.



EVENING CONCERT . . . Mildred Kammeyer, organist, will present a concert recital at the Riviera United Methodist Church Sunday at 7:30 p.m. An offering will be received to help finance the new 30-rank pipe organ installed late last fall. Mrs. Kammeyer, who currently serves as organist-choir director of Grace Lutheran Church in Culver City, will play works of Bach, Dunstable, Pepping, Peeters, and others. The Riviera church is located at 375 Palos Verdes Blvd.

Church Drama Slated

Chancel drama will be the medium of the Sunday message at the Riviera United Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach, at the regular 10:10 a.m. worship.

Instead of preaching the usual sermon, the Rev. Hans Holbronn, pastor of the church, will be joined in the chancel by members of the Wesley Players, the church's regular drama group.

The play, entitled "The Human Condition," takes the form of a hearing in which different representatives of our society are heard commenting on the subject. The chancel drama, by James Brock, will be presented in the context of the normal worship service.

Other participants in the drama are director Pat Davoli, Ted Singley, Don Larson, Harley Cunningham, Alfred Lynch, Betty Love, Darold Kusch, Marjorie George, Richard Cass, Robert Gorham, and Jim Conroy.

Rev. Durbin Will Attend Conference

The Rev. V.W. Durbin, pastor Keystone Assembly of God Church, 21916 Moneta St., and chairman of the roster committee for the Southern California District of Assemblies of God, will participate in the 50th anniversary events of the district during its annual five-day council starting Monday in Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

The Rev. E. W. Odell of 22729 Nadine Circle, chairman of the district's Spiritual Life committee, will present a report at the conference.

Lesson on 'Man' Set By 'Scientist' Church

"It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect."

These words from Psalms will be read this Sunday as part of the Christian Science Bible Lesson-Sermon titled "Man." The service at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 218th and Manuel Avenues, begins at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Cantata Program Planned

The Sanctuary Choir of Pacific View Baptist Church, 1610 Acacia Ave., will present the missionary cantata, "Let the Earth Hear His Voice," at the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday.

The cantata was composed and arranged by Eugene L. Clark. It is divided into three themes: God's Voice in Redemption, His Voice in Commission, and Our Response to His Voice.

The choir sings under the leadership of Mrs. Shirley Lind-say. Mrs. JoAnn Kabeilush, pianist, and Mrs. Kathy Klaisch, organist, will accompany the group.

Immediately following the 7 p.m. missionary address, a reception honoring Pastor and Mrs. Ronald Bolt will be held in the church social hall. Pastor Bolt is celebrating his second anniversary with the church.

Among related passages to be read from the denominational textbook is the following: "God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis. Mind manifests all that exists in the infinitude of Truth. We know no more of man as the true divine image and likeness, than we know of God" ("Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy).

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History of L.A. Jews Scheduled

Temple Menorah and Congregation Ner Tamid, in cooperation with the University of Judaism, announces the second meeting in its adult education series, "The Saga of Los Angeles Jewry," presented by Dr. Max Vorspan, at Temple Menorah, 1181 Camino Real, Redondo Beach at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Vorspan joined the University of Judaism in 1954, serving variously as registrar, executive dean, and now provost. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and has served as Rabbi in several congregations, as a chaplain in the United States Army during World War II, and completed his doctoral dissertation on the History of the Jews of Los Angeles which is expected to be published in 1969.

Baptist Men Participate In Program

On March 18 and 19, the American Baptist men of the Torrance area, will participate in the largest layman-sponsored evangelistic program ever attempted in Southern California. The program, called "Project Winsome," is devoted to visitation evangelism. It is under the local leadership of Harry Hillier, visitation pastor of Torrance First Baptist Church.

Dr. John Allan Lavender, pastor from Bakersfield, and executive director of Project Winsome, Internationale, will speak at an area rally of American Baptist men to be held at Long Beach First Baptist, on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Biblical Flowers Are Topic

Flowers of the Bible that grow during Holy Week will be the program topic of the Women's Society of Christian Service at their general meeting Thursday.

Mrs. Francis Cook of the Santa Ana United Methodist Church will show the live flowers in an interesting presentation.

The women's group of the Torrance First United Methodist Church will begin the day at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer service.

Richelieu's Talk Topic Announced

"The World Within" will be this Sunday's sermon topic by Dr. Frank E. Richelieu, pastor of the Redondo-Torrance Church of Religious Science, 907 Knob Hill Ave. Services will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Plans for the new sanctuary were unanimously approved by the membership at the annual meeting in February. A floor plan and a colored rendering of the proposed church will be on display in the foyer of the church for the next few weeks.

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