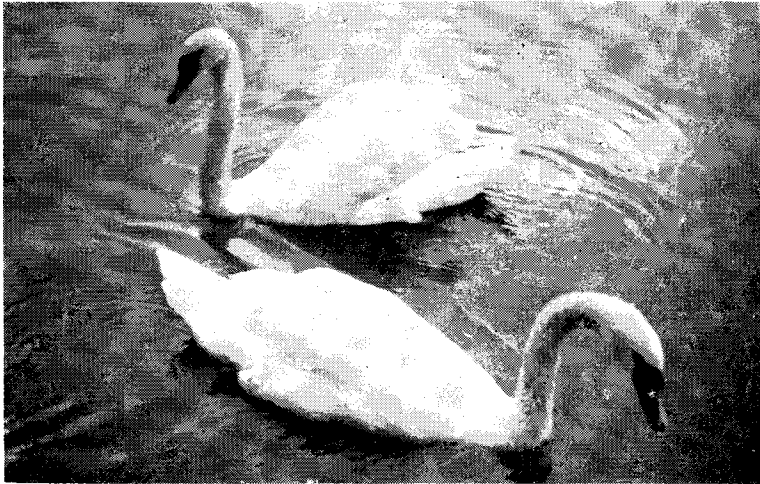


"Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he seeth."
—ISAIAH 21:6—

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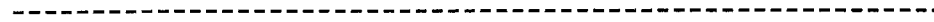
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There Is No Exemption

By the Rev. C. Harmon Dickerson,
Chairman of the Sabbath Promotion Committee
of the American Sabbath Tract Society

Early in January a Nashville, Tennessee, judge declared the city's new Sunday closing law unconstitutional. As passed by the city council, the ordinance provided exemption for any person observing the Sabbath on a day other than Sunday. "I don't think it is constitutional for a Jew or Seventh-day Adventist to be allowed to operate a day when a Methodist or Baptist cannot operate a business," said Judge Andrew Doyle.

Why this interpretative twist to the constitutionality of a Sunday ordinance? On first thought the reason for the judge's decision may appear absurd, but he was undoubtedly influenced by the 1961 Supreme Court decision affirming the constitutionality of Sunday laws but declaring the unconstitutionality of exemptions for Sabbathkeepers.

Are Sunday closing laws constitutional? The Supreme Court of the United States said "Yes" by a vote of 8 to 1. May Sabbathkeepers be exempt? The Court said "No" but with a less certain vote of 6 to 3.

The Supreme Court's decision strikes Sabbathkeepers a double blow. First, by declaring Sunday laws constitutional, the decision forces us to re-examine our contention that such laws are discriminatory and infringe upon the free exercise of the religious convictions of minority groups. Hav-

ing lost our case, the natural recourse would be to seek exemption for those who conscientiously keep the Sabbath on another day and consequently feel that it is their right to be able to operate their businesses on Sunday. But here the highest court of the land levels a counterblow, declaring that such exemptions create privileges for certain classes and are thus unconstitutional.

Of course the issue is not completely closed, nor is justice for the minority a lost hope. The court was not unanimous in its thinking and some of the dissenting opinions upheld the rights of minorities. Sunday laws are upheld primarily on the basis of their being secular rather than religious. As the religious nature of these laws becomes more clear, the constitutionality of "blue laws" will come more in question, and in time there may possibly be a reversal.

Let us examine the thinking of the members of the Supreme Court on the legality of Sunday laws, especially as it relates to the exemption of Sabbathkeepers.

its indirect burden upon religious observance." Thus the court concurred that a state could enforce blue laws against those who closed shop an extra day a week because of their religion.

The majority opinion also reflects the exemption provision on the assumption that it might provide greater economic advantage to Sabbatarians by having a larger market among fewer stores on Sunday. Little or no evidence was cited to indicate that such might be the case. One wonders how often in economic practice this is a serious factor. Would it not be likely that the average competitive gain from Sunday sales would be balanced by the economic disadvantage of being closed on the Sabbath?

Objections to Exemption

Several difficulties are stated as possible objections for allowing an exemption to permit Sabbathkeepers to do business on Sunday, such as increased police duties, more Sunday noise, and complaint that non-Sunday observers were getting an unfair advantage. Justice Brennan expressed a dissenting opinion on the refusal to allow exemptions for religious objectors, and says that the foreseen difficulties "seem to me more fanciful than real." He states that in the 34 states which have general Sunday regulations, a majority, 21, have some kind of exemptions. Where exemptions are granted, those states are not significantly noisier, nor are their police significantly more burdened.

It was suggested that exemptions for Sabbathkeepers might

entail state-conducted inquiry into the sincerity of the individual's religious beliefs. Proof of religious sincerity was felt necessary to avoid a cause for cheating by those who would close their businesses on the least profitable day. It is pointed out that all the states providing exemption believe "conscientiously" in the sanctity of another day (as in Connecticut, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin). Five demand that we keep another day as "holy time." Three (including Kansas and Missouri) allow exemption only to members of a "religious" society observing another day. In addition, Rhode Island requires proof of membership by the certificate of a preacher or any three adherents. In Illinois the claimant must observe some day as a "Sabbath," and in New Jersey (although currently inoperative) one must prove that he devotes the day to religious exercises. Connecticut has a statute requiring one seeking exemption to file a notice of such belief with the prosecuting attorney. Such an inquiry as a religious test appears unconstitutional, as suggested in the concurring statement, and such fear recognizes the religious involvement of Sunday laws.

In his dissent, Justice Brennan wrote: "The court, in my opinion, has exalted administrative convenience to a constitutional level high enough to justify making one religious economically disadvantageous. The court would justify this result on the ground that the effect on religion, though substantial, is indirect. The court

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The CAM and God's Law

By Ole E. Flaskerud

The amendment to the United States Constitution proposed by the Christian Amendment Movement (804 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.) reads as follows:

1. *This Nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God.*

2. *This amendment shall not be interpreted so as to result in the establishment of any particular ecclesiastical organization, or in the abridgement of the rights of religious freedom, or freedom of speech and press, or of peaceful assemblage.*

3. *Congress shall have power, in such cases as it may deem proper, to provide a suitable oath or affirmation for citizens whose religious scruples prevent them from giving unqualified allegiance to the Constitution as herein amended.*

IN RESPONSE to an inquiry of February 21, 1962, relative to the intended meaning of the phrase “Law of Jesus Christ” as found in Section 1 of the proposed Christian Amendment, in the absence of Rev. T. C. McKnight, D. D., president of the Christian Amendment Movement, the following reply was received from Vice President Dr. R. C. Fullerton:

“By the expression ‘Law of Jesus Christ’ we mean the moral law of God. It is found in the Ten Commandments, but it is broader than that. It includes the whole law of God as that law is revealed in the Bible. It means the law of God for individuals and also for nations. It is our belief that the

kingdom and nation that will not serve God shall perish today, just as truly as in Bible times. We have seen many nations and civilizations perish. They perished because they broke the moral laws of God. We believe that this nation, the United States, shall perish unless our nation obeys the law of Christ for nations and for individuals.”

On the basis of this explanation it is contended that the Bible teaches what is designated as the “moral law of God.” Furthermore, the contention is held that this “moral law” supersedes the Ten Commandments of the Bible. This can be nothing more than a theological contention, for the

Bible contains *no mention* of any "moral law." Besides, the word "moral" is of purely human origin, being derived from the Latin word *moralis*, meaning "manners, habits and customs" of men—without the slightest connotation of Divine influence.

The Biblical expression "Law of Jesus Christ," as you know, is found but once in the Bible, and its content clearly reveals the Scriptural meaning, which in no wise supersedes or abrogates any one of the Ten Commandments of God. Quite to the contrary, it represents the spiritual meaning of the Ten Commandment Law of God. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the *law of Christ*" (Gal. 6:2). In other words, the "Law of Jesus Christ" is the *Law of Love*. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore *love is the fulfilling of the law*" (Rom. 13:10)—*not* superseding or abrogating the Law of God. To the inquiry, "Which is the great commandment in the law," Jesus Christ replied: "Thou shalt *love* the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the *first* and *great* commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt *love* thy neighbour as thyself" (Matt. 22:35-39). To His disciples Jesus Christ said: "This is my commandment, That ye *love* one another, as I have *loved* you" (John 15:12). And to refresh the memory of the early Christians, the Apostle John wrote: "For this is the message [commandment, margin] that ye have heard from the beginning, that ye should *love* one another" (1 John 3:11). In

nowise whatsoever does the "Law of Christ" supersede the Ten Commandments, nor in any wise downgrade any of the Ten Commandments of God.

With regard to what "includes the whole law of God as that law is revealed in the Bible," we are reminded of the prophecy relative to Jesus Christ, which stated: "The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will *magnify* the *law*, and make it *honourable*" (Isa. 42:21). Instead of downgrading the Ten Commandments, Jesus Christ *magnified* the Law of Ten Commandments by revealing their *spiritual* content and meaning. An example of this is found in Matt. 5:21, 22, thus: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, That whosoever is *angry* with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." And the Apostle John brought the *spiritual* content of this particular commandment into even sharper focus when he declared: "Whosoever *hateth* his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:15). Another example is that found in Matt. 5:27, 28, and equally *magnifying*: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever *looketh*

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Let No Man Judge You

By I. C. Sultz

PAUL SAYS, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days" (Col. 2:16). I have been told by some who insist on substituting Sunday for God's seventh-day Sabbath that in the above Scripture lies the proof that we are not required to observe the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment and we can go on breaking the Sabbath and no man can judge us.

Read it again. Is that what Paul says? Dare we garble the Scriptures to make them protect us in our transgressions? Yet that is used by Sunday observing ministers to blind their members to the truth. I submit that the above Scripture, which they attempt to use as a shield, positively condemns them in their practices.

Notice it says, "Let no man judge you." The fact is there is only one way to keep men from judging you—and that is to live in harmony with all things that are lawful and right and in harmony with God's word. It is then that no man can judge you. And Paul stresses this fact in all his writings. If you live in a state of transgression, you are judged by the law and by men as a trans-

gressor. If you steal, they call you a thief.

Therefore, the above Scripture teaches the exact opposite of what these people attempt to make it teach to excuse them in their breaking of God's holy Sabbath Commandment.

They say Romans 14:5 says, in speaking of the observance of certain days, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Therefore, we do not have to observe the Sabbath. However, if you will read carefully, you will clearly see that, like the first Scripture mentioned above, it teaches the exact opposite of what they try to make it teach so they can use it for an excuse for their transgression of the Fourth Commandment. Remember you are fully persuaded only when you are convinced of the truth.

And where will you get that persuasion? Not from the church, your preacher, nor the Pope. But James says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not." And the persuasion of this point from the lips of Jesus says, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." And no one can keep the Com-

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Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church

James Edward Butler Memorial

THIS CHURCH had its beginning with a young Baptist minister, who lived in Fayette County, Georgia, in the 1890's. A tract, which related the trial of an Adventist minister who was arrested for working on Sunday on the first Seventh-day Adventist Church building in Atlanta, fell into his hands.

This minister had employed no lawyer to defend him, but used the Scriptures to plead his own case. He received a minimum fine, because there was a Georgia law prohibiting any labor on Sunday. The tract containing Scripture references was published by the Adventists and distributed over that section of the state.

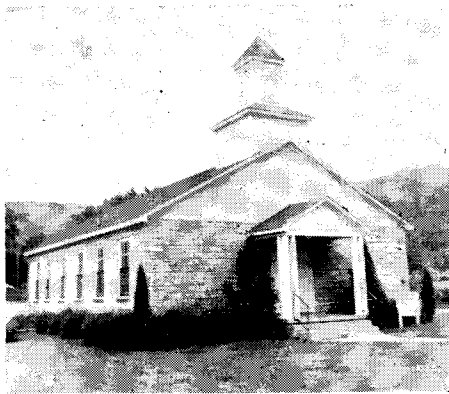
This Baptist minister, Thomas J. Bottoms, being a forthright, honest man, after reading this tract, studied the Scriptural references and immediately saw the truth of the seventh-day Sabbath.

He was a courageous man, so he began observing the true Sabbath regardless of the opinions of his friends and the turmoil that it brought to his church.

Thomas Bottoms later moved to Alabama because of this Georgia Sunday law. When a Seventh Day Baptist minister visited his community a few years later, a church was established. This was in Cullman County. The group later moved to Limestone County near Athens, where the church was officially organized as an accredited Seventh Day Baptist Church. The "meeting house" was one improvised from a tenant house on the farm of A. T. Bottoms, son of Thomas J. Bottoms, who later became a minister. During depression years, financial problems caused the church to be without a pastor for a number of years.

Following the death of Thomas J. Bottoms and his companion, the group moved to Jackson County where the present church building was constructed in 1952 as a memorial to a grandson of Thomas Bottoms, James Edward Butler, who gave his life in World War II.

An open invitation is extended to everyone to attend services. Elder Leroy C. Bass is the present pastor. Sabbath school is at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. every Sabbath. Some members living sixty-five miles away are regular attenders.



Is America a Christian Nation ?

By A. L. Dennison

AMERICA believes that it is a Christian nation, that democracy is a product of our Christian heritage. But we do not inherit Christianity any more than we inherit education. We must work for it, and be eternally vigilant.

True, we boast of having *more* churches . . . *more* Bibles . . . we print *more* religious literature . . . send *more* missionaries to foreign fields. Yes, our country is the last citadel of Christianity . . . But just how religious are we?

More people in America belong to some church . . . Our *more* liberal Christianity has produced *more* different beliefs . . . *more* differing denominations and sects and *more* confusion than can be found *anywhere* on earth today.

Indeed, because of our "liberal Christianity" our country is dotted with a strange conglomeration of shrines, temples, mosques, with their strange customs, beliefs and worship, from all over the world. Is this true Christianity?

The late Mrs. Walter Ferguson, in her article "Miracles on Main Street," says, "In America church spires of many denominations are etched against the sky . . . I pass Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian Science, Morman, Quaker, Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Unitarian, Assembly of God, Jewish, and many other religious groups . . . they live and worship side by side . . . as they should. The faithful followers of Allah

worship under the shadow and protection of our Capitol dome." Further she says, "All people have a right to worship the god of their choice, and in whatever way they please . . ." This great progress and undertaking, she says, "would have been incomprehensible to the medieval minds of our Pilgrim Fathers . . . This . . . that we have achieved . . ." If this be achievement, may we not truly say, The world is getting better and better . . . especially America?

Let's face the facts . . . we do have *more* . . . broken homes . . . murder . . . divorce . . . alcoholics . . . wrecked lives . . . sex crimes . . . mental illness . . . delinquency . . . wickedness in high places. But why? Yes, why, with all our religion . . . our great achievement . . . our understanding. WHY?

The facts are, the American people assume that they are Christians . . . they belong to some church, but they haven't the slightest idea what a Christian IS or should be, or could they care less. They suppose that the Bible is the word of God, but they don't know what it says . . . After all,

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From the
Mailbag



against it and I do not want my children taught against it. . . .”

—Beatrice Greer,
Box 12, Kress, Texas

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“I have just received the Echoes from Eden Newsletter and I like it. . . .

“I have enjoyed the tracts and things you sent me very much. . . .

“The Lord has been good to me and helped me to get hold of enough help without money, without price, to show me the way. Oh bless His wonderful name. I am so happy to know that we are supposed to keep His Sabbath. I always knew that we were to keep the Commandments but I couldn’t understand why the day had been changed from the keeping of the Sabbath. Thank God for folks who are concerned enough about others to bring this light on the seventh-day Sabbath. I am praying for the Lord to lay it on the heart of some wealthy man or woman to give enough for me and them both to help dear people spread the good news. . . .

“I believe in keeping the Commandments, of which one is the seventh-day Sabbath, and the Lord is able to give me a place to worship where they will accept it. No one has any right to teach or preach anything contrary to the Word of God. I am disturbed and worried about folks not teaching or believing the very thing that they must do to be able to be saved. I am also in a state of confusion as to what to do about going to church. I should go and my little boy should by all means be in church somewhere, but I don’t know where to go because none of these churches teach the seventh-day Sabbath. They teach

“In the February, 1962, SENTINEL you put ads titled ‘Let Your Local Newspaper Do It.’ I would like to try to raise enough money somehow to pay for this and have them put in the paper here. I wonder if you could send me the printed lessons or ads as you had them printed in THE SENTINEL, but each on a separate paper so that I could hand them in to the office, one each week. . . .

“I am for trying to turn people to the Sabbath but most of them do not want to be turned. I thank God that my eyes were opened in time, and I thank Him also for organizations like the Sabbath Association.

“Thanking you much for past favors and I can continue to pray for you if I cannot do more.”

—Mrs. Hazel Miller,
P. O. Box 84, Ebensburg, Pa.

(An extra copy of the February SENTINEL was sent to Mrs. Miller, from headquarters. R.C.B.)

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“Concerning the explanation of the Lord’s Day of Rev. 1:10, we must go to the Greek for the complete explanation. John had a vision on the Isle of Patmos. He was taken in his vision INTO the soon coming awful day of God’s judgment on our world. The Lord’s Day is neither the seventh day or the first in this Scripture, rather it is simply a soon-coming era.

How could John be in a day yet to come? I ask you, how was it possible for Father to place the sins of mankind on His Son? By faith we believe it, and not by human reason. . . .”

—John Carl Sprowles,
1366 Gillingham,
Philadelphia 24, Pa.

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“Please send me three dozen of the little books called ‘Let’s Go Back to the Sabbath.’ I’m back to the Sabbath already, and would like many more people to do so, because this is the real truth. I agree with the writings in these books because they are according to the Bible. . . .”

—Peter K. Neufeld,
377 McKay Ave.,
Winnipeg 16, Man.

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“I have been corresponding with Dolly Renfro of 422 West Strang St., Rockwood, Tenn., and she told me that since the people of their church took the Sabbath, half of the people quit coming, and left them with a debt on their building of about \$600, and quite a few men had been out of work since.

“Now, dear ones, let us all send them a dollar or two and help them out. We can surely spare that much for such a good cause. Dolly Renfro is one of our new members, so let us make her welcome by sending a small offering on their building. May the dear Lord bless you all.”

—Dovella Morrison
Box 601, Hopland, Calif.

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“I hope and pray that the radio work will accomplish much good and many souls will surrender

to the true Sabbath light. I pray for you every day that God will bless you all in every way possible, also all of the brothers and sisters everywhere. Your prayers and nice letters are a great comfort to me in my old days.”

—J. H. Foster,
General Delivery, Bradford, Ark.

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“I got my SENTINEL yesterday. I always read it from cover to cover and am so glad to be able to help a little with this work for the Lord.

“Thank you so much for the calendar and nice birthday card. Please find enclosed a small offering for the radio program. I will try to send more soon. God bless you.”

—Alice Pierce,
Ravenden Spring, Ark.

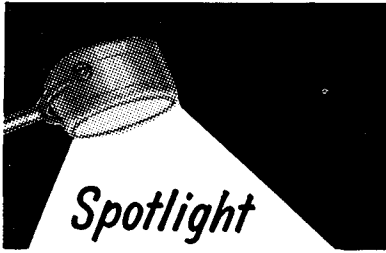
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“I had a letter about a month ago from Mr. Frank Walker about a radio broadcast he wants to start. I was to send the check to you [BSA Headquarters]. So here is a starter and I will send — each month as long as I am able to get it to you. I am sick most of the time in bed but will do my best.”

—Mrs. Gertrude Cooper,
Nanty Glo, Pa.

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“I think that ‘Open Letter’ to Chief Justice Warren is very good and I hope the man reads it. If it were possible I would like to add a postscript. I would like to say: ‘Yes, Justice Warren, it was the Sabbatarians who helped in a very definite way to send you to the governorship of California both times; at that time you declared yourself as being opposed to Sun-



Spotlight on the Sabbath

A bulletin board in front of one of the larger Marion, Ind., churches announced: "If America Loses Her Sabbath, She Loses Her Soul." All Sabbathkeepers can agree with this statement; and yet

day laws, and I was one of many thousands of Sabbathkeepers who helped to boost for you. Now that you 'have arrived,' you would help to hand down a decision which in time will work a hardship on all Sabbathkeepers. Could you come back to California and face us?"

—C. C. Morlan,
11848 Revens St.,
Arlington, Calif.

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"I thank you for your kind remembrances and all good wishes on my birthday.

"I enjoy reading the SENTINEL with its timely articles and am very glad the interest is growing. . .

"May we all live near to the source of 'All Power.'

"Glad we can pray for one another. The Lord bless you in the good work you are doing."

—Albertus Brandt,
3113 Elizabeth Ave.,
Zion, Ill.

when proclaimed by a Sunday-observing church, we wonder whether the true Sabbath is meant.

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The "Faith For Today" television group of the Seventh-day Adventists may operate their printing plant on Sunday, a New York court decided when the case came before it in May. One of the employees had been arrested on Jan. 7 for operating a printing press on Sunday. The court decreed that the case came under the statute permitting a person to work on Sunday provided he has kept another day of the week.

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The forthcoming Ecumenical Council called by Pope John will be asked to fix the date of Easter and thus pave the way for a universal and perpetual "blank day" calendar, according to informed Vatican sources. The advantage of this week-destroying plan, they say, would be that Easter would always fall on Sunday, April 8.

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Mrs. Clyde Saunders, a Bible Sabbath Association member, reports that Sabbathkeepers in Richmond, Va., are forming a group to protest Sunday closing laws in that city, and so far the group has succeeded.

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The Lord's Day Alliance asked the Canadian Government to modernize that country's 1906 Lord's Day Act, and to regulate radio and television advertising on Sunday.

Who Follows in His Train?

A FEW HOURS AGO big army guns were thundering, tanks lumbering through fields, and soldiers fighting a mile or so south of our home. Overhead were airplanes and helicopters rushing to and from the battlefield. Even at this distance, one could hear plainly the noise of battle. On the radio the short-wave bands were crowded with messages of commanders to armed units in the field.

A big dream, you say.

No, it was very real. In perhaps the first experiment of its kind ever tried, the National Guard unit stationed here had invited several hundred leading men of the community to don uniforms and join them in a practice mock battle. This was done to better public relations between the two groups. And while movie and television cameras went to work, the battle was staged, with thousands of spectators lined up along the boundaries to watch the event.

And after it was over, and the dust and smoke settled, we caught ourselves singing this song under our breath:

*The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?*

We thought of the battle ahead for those who "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." Truly it

will be a battle to place oneself in that select group. The pseudo-religious awakening which is moving the world today is the enemy which all true Christians must face. To go against what the world calls "right" has always brought down the wrath of rulers and religious leaders, and the present nature of man is no different from that of Herod, Pilate, and those who served on the Inquisition.

To live the Sabbath truth before men of the world is to prick their consciences for forgetting the Creator and his day and changing "the truth of God into a lie." It will bring persecution and hardship in the days soon to come.

Are we spiritually prepared? If so, we look forward to prevailing, not in our own strength, but in the strength and under the protection of our Saviour.

"Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. . . . Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD" (Psalm 31:19, 20, 24).

Yes, that is the promise given to those who follow our Lord of the Sabbath.

*A glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came:
Twelve valiant saints, their hope
they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame. . . .
O God! May grace to us be given
To follow in their train!*

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forgets, I think, a warning uttered during the congressional discussion of the First Amendment itself: '...the rights of conscience are, in their nature, of peculiar delicacy, and will little bear the gentlest touch of governmental hand...'

Religious-Economic Choice

Justice Stewart, agreeing with Brennan's dissent, wrote: "Pennsylvania has passed a law which compels an Orthodox Jew to choose between his religious faith and his economical survival. That is a cruel choice. It is a choice which I think no state can constitutionally demand. For me this is not something that can be swept under the rug and forgotten in the interest of enforced Sunday togetherness. I think the impact of the law upon these appellants grossly violates their constitutional right to the free exercise of their religion."

Justice Douglas, the only one to dissent in all four cases, said in his opening comments, "I do not see how a State can make protesting citizens refrain from doing innocent acts on Sunday because the doing of those acts offends sentiments of their Christian neighbors."

He continues, "The institutions of our society are founded on the belief that there is an authority higher than the authority of the state; that there is a moral law which the state is powerless to alter; that the individual possesses rights, conferred by the Crea-

tor, which government must respect."

Are Sunday Laws Religious?

There seems to be no doubt that they are in Douglas's mind. "The court picks and chooses languages from various decisions to bolster its conclusion that these Sunday laws in the modern setting are 'civil regulations.' No matter how much is written, no matter what is said, the parentage of these laws is the Fourth Commandment; and they serve and satisfy the religious predispositions of our Christian communities."

A prime question in the whole consideration of the constitutionality of Sunday laws is the effect upon the "free exercise" of the individual's rights guaranteed by the Constitution. On this Douglas remarked, "These laws are sustained because, it is said, the First Amendment is concerned with religious convictions or opinion, not with conduct. But it is a strange Bill of Rights that makes it possible for the dominant religious group to bring the minority to heel because the minority, in the doing of acts which intrinsically are wholesome and not anti-social, does not defer to the majority's religious beliefs. The special protection which Sunday laws give the dominant religious groups and the penalty they place on minorities whose holy day is Saturday constitute in my view state interference with the 'free exercise' of religion."

Seventh Day Baptists Mentioned

It was startling to see on the last page of the Supreme Court de-

cision a reference by Douglas to the Sabbath scruples and convictions of Seventh Day Baptists. He quotes Allan C. Parker, Jr., pastor of the South Park Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington, who referred to a small Seventh Day Baptist church around the corner. "I disagree with the Seventh Day Baptists on many points of doctrine. Among the tenets of their faith with which I disagree is the seventh day worship. But they are good neighbors and fellow Christians, and while we disagree, we respect one another. The good people of my congregation set aside their jobs on the first day of the week and gather in God's house for worship. Of course, it is easy for them to set aside their jobs since Sunday closing laws—inspired by church—keep them from their work. At the Seventh Day Baptist church the people set aside their jobs on Saturday to worship God. This takes real sacrifice because Saturday is a good day for business. But that is not all—they are required by law to set aside their jobs on Sunday while more orthodox Christians worship. . . . I do not believe that because I have set aside Sunday as a holy day I have the right to force all men to set aside that day also. Why should my faith be favored by the State over any other man's faith?"

Following the above quote, Douglas closed his dissenting opinion stating, "With all deference none of the opinions filed today in support of the Sunday laws have answered that question."

The court was divided 6 to 3 on this issue and as is seen from the

above dissenting comments, there were some widely divergent opinions on the exemption of Sabbathkeepers. It may be that the absurdity of not allowing exemptions may have the effect of helping the general public to see the fallacy of Sunday laws and their threat to the free exercises of religious rights.—*The Sabbath Recorder*

Too many people substitute speech for thought.

The CAM and God's Law

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on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." In nowise can this *magnifying* and *honoring* the authority of the Ten Commandments be classified as "moral" or human—it definitely represents divine classification, divine requirements.

So far as I can detect, the principal purpose of the phrase, "Law of Jesus Christ," as applied to the proposed Amendment, is to include the name "Jesus Christ" in the content of the United States Constitution. Therefore, may I suggest that the Scriptural application, that of *love*, be accorded to the "Law of Jesus Christ" in the proposed Constitutional Amendment.

It has been with pride that I have observed how, since 1933, our government has led the way in social reform, Social Security, equal and civil rights, and now in eliminating segregation. Instead of our Christian theologians lighting the way, they have remained on

the sidelines until virtually forced to acquiesce. Undoubtedly, the same pattern will prevail with regard to delinquency, parental, adult and juvenile. Our Federal Government will again have to *lead the way*, while the clergy argues about "moral" priority and preeminence. It remains a lamentable fact that our churches are not teaching the Ten Commandments of God, but instead are teaching the "moral" commandments of the respective churches. Small wonder that our land has become filled with lawlessness and violence. The clergy speaks of sin—yet even our faithful church folks have no coherent concept of what sin is, or what the Scriptural definition for sin is. It is, indeed, a sad commentary on our Christian land and government that our public schools cannot so much as teach the literal Ten Commandments of God, all because our Christian clergy are opposed to so basic a requirement for a Christian-centered government. In this Christian land of ours there are multitudes upon multitudes who have not so much as heard of the Ten Commandments of God; how can it be expected that such shall be able to know what is right and what is wrong?

With our country virtually filled with printed Bibles, with the horrors and heartaches of two world wars, and now the threat of atomic destruction, all within the limits of one generation, still the clergy will not give heed; there seems but little prospect that our destruction can much longer linger.

Unless we quickly return to the

Ten Commandments of God and the Bible, we can expect nothing more favorable than the warning recorded in Psalm 50:22: "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver."

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3).

May the Almighty have mercy upon our people, our government and our land; but let us no longer continue to scorn and despise the authority and commandments of God, His Ten Commandments whereby we might learn to know right from wrong and God's expressed will for our conduct.

LET NO MAN JUDGE YOU

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mandments without keeping the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment and being fully persuaded in his own mind. It says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work. . . . the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Ex. 20:8-11).

We will close our short discussion by quoting from Isaiah 56: 6, 7: "Every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain."

No matter what the cost, let's be honest and God will save us. It is a pleasure to obey His commandments.

IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION?

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aren't the preachers supposed to know? Yes, they are; but *do* they? You had better check. **IT'S YOUR LIFE.**

It's evident that our "liberal church-i-anity" is a miserable failure.

I suggest we go back to the Bible. Don't depend on your preacher . . . if you can read, "*Do it yourself.*" Leave off building great edifices, and begin building the Church of God (1 Cor. 3:9. Eph. 2:20). Try spending the next so-called "Lord's Day" reading your Bible. This is a challenge. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the *word of truth*" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Yes, back to the Bible, The Word of God. Back to His Law, the Ten Commandments—All TEN of them, including His holy Sabbath (which is not Sunday).

"The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Ex. 20:8, 9, 10, Ex. 31:13-18).

"The sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27).

"The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day . . ." (Matt.

12:8; see also Mark 2:28 and Luke 6:5).

With creation finished, God rested on the seventh day. "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it" (Gen. 2:3).

MANIFOLD MESSAGE

*In countless ways
God speaks to me—
In waterfall
And budding tree.*

*I hear proclaimed
His power and love
From earth beneath
And sky above.*

*Sometimes from just
A drop of dew
I plainly hear
His voice. Do you?*

—EUGENE LINCOLN

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appeal,
And drive away all dread and fear
With hope that fills the heart with
cheer;
Because each life love comes
within
Will gain the victory over sin.
It's not enough to sing and pray,
And go to church on Sabbath Day,
And pay your tithes and offerings,
too,
Unless His love abides in you:
For love of Truth we surely need,
If Truth to others we would feed;
And how can one be saved from
sin
Without the Love of Truth within?
How can one be without a flaw,
While transgressing a perfect
Law?
Or how can one just set aside
The Law for which our Saviour
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THIS MONTH'S COVER PICTURE

A few feet from where these swans were floating serenely on the quiet water, cars were rushing by on a busy highway. A short distance in another direction were hundreds of persons working in a plastics factory. Yet this did not bother the swans; they were at peace with the world, and their peace was not dependent upon the externals of life, but was far deeper. Isn't there a lesson there for us? "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Psalm 119:165).