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I believe that instead of keeping this principle of Cross-embracing love as a theological theory in the pulpit, we must put it into the

whole social life of man. Right here lies the principle which demands that the essence of Christianity must become the essence of the economic movement. I regret that there are some who take the attitude that the spirit of Christianity must rely absolutely on God, not concerning itself in the practices of love.

They try to separate the religious movement entirely from economic practices. Absolute reliance on God is truly good. If, however, in our reliance on Him we refuse to move hand or foot, and still believe that He will help us, it becomes nothing more than superstition.

-Tsyohiko Kagawa

WAR WITHOUT GUNS

Can we say we are living above the spirit of war? What is war? Is it not murder, theft, and deceit allied together hoping to bring about a desired end of profit to oneself? We must be careful or we will indulge in the very thing we are trying to overcome. It has been maintained by some people that the way to settle injustices and disputes is by non-cooperation. If it is an injustice to humanity or command of God non-cooperation is the right way. Let us be careful that we don't try to defend our own injuries and say it is for humanity. St. Paul writes to Timothy that a leader in a church is no striker, a striker in this respect being one who refuses to cooperate in order that he may better himself with no view of helping someone else.

If we assume the striker's attitude we are likely to develop the war spirit. If it is only to protect our own rights, then we will begin to employ measures of war. For example: a position which we feel should by rights be ours may fall under another person's responsibility. The human reaction would be to feel ill will to that person and this reaction would be followed by magnifying his faults in an effort to steal his good name. This is the lowest type of theft, for "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Many times one's faults are brought out in over-emphasis by the person with envy or jealousy in his heart. Slander of this type which destroys reputation kills the living spirit, the personality. Such a living dead man has his usefulness to society destroyed; he is considered an outcast if slander continues to exist.

If this spirit is tolerated by our silent consent and allowed to spread it will eventually end in racial conflict. The greatest harm done to nations at war results from spreading distorted truth regarding opposing nations. It will take years to overcome this stigma, and a great deal of it will never be overcome. While nations war--and nations are only individuals on a larger scale--this grows in volume and gathers momentum like a snowball rolling down a mountain side until it becomes difficult to control. These attitudes are reflected in future generations, for today's actions shape tomorrow. In the post-war era it will be difficult to convince children that a Japanese is not really a "dirty Jap." We in camp have said at times, "All Japanese are

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CHORUS

The chorus gave a program
of sacred music at the evening
worship at the Calvary Evengel-
ical Free Church, February 27,
A quartet from the camp sang
two numbers. Gordon Engle
read the Scripture and led in
prayer. A talk on music as
the means of expression of a
people's religious life was
given by our director, Dave
Suderman. Alvin Buller dir-
ected the chorus. --RF

WAR WITHOUT GUNS, continued.

subtle and underhanded." Doesn't this remark indicate our desire
to keep these people--who are body and soul as we are--from real-
izing their fullest possibilities in society and to keep our "Am-
erican Way of Life" from them?

Let us not take on the war spirit. Let us practice a spirit
of good will. ---JM

NEW ARRIVALS

LEVI STUTZMAN, Amish Mennonite
from Hycro, Oklahoma, was work-
ing on a farm before coming to
camp.

JOHN WILLIAM KLIEWER, Mennon-
ite Brethren from Corn, Okla-
homa, was working on his fa-
ther's farm before coming to
camp.

BEN SCHMIDT, Church of God in
Christ Mennonite from Ringwood,
Oklahoma. Before coming to
camp he was doing farm work at
Montezuma, Kansas.

TRANSFERS

JAMES ASA MUNDALL, Methodist
from Rocky Ford, Colorado, was
transferred to a BSC hospital
unit at Norwich, Connecticut.

CHARENCE JOE UNRUH, Church of
God in Christ Mennonite from
Gypsum, Kansas, was transfer-
red to the Beltsville Relief
Training School at Beltsville,
Maryland. Joe has been here
in camp for 33 months. --EMS

FIRE!!

Tuesday, February 12, is the day it started. That afternoon the boys were called to a grass fire in the Austin Bluffs area. The area was just outside the Palmer Park grounds. Wednesday afternoon the fire was near the Pike View Coal Mine. This fire is said to have been started by a train. The saying is that the second time is a coincidence and the third time is habit, so when the fire gong sounded Thursday afternoon the boys were thinking this was getting to be a habit. This time it was the horse pasture at the San Luis Ranch School that was on fire, which is an exclusive girls' school.

Even Ray Firestone, our ace KP, went out on the first fire, but for some reason or other he was unable to go the second day. When the call came Thursday and the word spread that the fire was at the girls school he was one of the first ones to be ready to go.

Wednesday afternoon, March 1, the fire bell sounded again and a crew went to a prairie fire 29 miles east of Colo. Springs. It was said that about 1,200 acres were burned.

PEEKS FROM THE PEAK

Since this column is not in the hands of its originator; and since the current journalist has never been on top of or behind Pike's Peak, how can said journalist be expected to speak of peaks when he has never been in position to peek?

Oh did you hear: CIS Camp 5 has turned into an auctioneer training school? Could it be that the foremen on those SCS crews don't have enough orders to give to keep their mouths shut? At least they sell at auction everything from their tools to the very trucks that brought them to the field. Even an extra sandwich left from dinner is sold to the highest bidder.

Oh did you hear: On butcher day that beta Waldo Wedel and Elmer Milder decided that some of the hogs must be shot twice? Could the gunners be out of practice or were the cartridges just too weak?

Oh did you hear: Edwin J. Schmidt was exceedingly embarrassed on butcher day when he found one of those nice hog's tails pinned to his coat?

Now I shall peek once more--- don't think that I didn't see anything; but we shall save it for the next issue. Peek again next week.

--GE

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

Most of us here in CPS are naturally looking forward to the time when we will be going back to a pre-war natural way of living. Some are already making post-war plans; others probably haven't thought much about it.

I feel that our way of living will be radically different from what it was before we came here. Our time here is all marked by certain hours. The tools we work with belong to someone else. We eat by the clock, we work by the clock, we rest by the clock. In short, we do things a fixed way and when that time is up we feel the remainder of the time is our own. Sometime our heart is not in our work because we have the feeling that we're not helping ourselves any by doing this work. This is one attitude that we should change. After we are back on our own we will want to strive for efficiency in our work. This can not be done without practicing it now.

Another tendency we have here is camp is to feel sorry for ourselves. We see others making huge sums of money. Some of our pals back home are getting a good start in life in the material way. But have you ever stopped to think how many privileges, opportunities, and joys are ours? We are a mixed group here. Various churches are represented here. Where in this whole world can we find a better place to go out and to practice our principles of peace and brotherhood? We can interchange new ideas, learn new trades, and find out how other people live in their daily life. Foremost of all, I believe, is the privilege we have of showing to the world our way of peace and our convictions.

Let us then remain alert and open minded toward the many things in life that are changing our ways of life. We should always be ready and willing to adopt new and different ways of doing things if we find our method insufficient. Let us develop a way of thinking unselfishly which will take into consideration those around about us. Let us be prepared to take our convictions into our life after the war so that the way of peace will go on and reach all mankind.

--WW

SCS OFFICE

The bell has rung and sixty some men come strolling into the Soil Conservation Service Office. Each brings with him his lunch. Upon entering the office each rushes over to the distribution board to see where he goes for the day. Today 15 men go to five different farms to do Emergency Farm Labor; 30 men are divided into 3 crews for their respective projects; 4 go to work with the Forest Service and the rest are distributed in repair shops, offices, and on tractor crews.

By 8 o'clock all the men have gone. If you were entering the office now you would find yourself facing the Camp Superintendent's desk. Behind it Mr. Caton is busy looking over the morning mail. Beside him, to your right, is Alvin-- office clerk, pecking away at the typewriter or doing other office routine work.

To your right are two desks. At the first is Mr. Spaulding-- Conservation Aide, and at the second is Mr. Schwartz-- Engineer, looking over some "plans" for future projects.

All this time Leslie Schultz and Elmer Quiring-- Property clerks, have been busy checking out tools and attend-

Our guests in the last two weeks are as follows:

REV. W. H. REGIER, pastor of the Friedenstahl General Conference Mennonite Church at Durham, Kansas preached for us one Sunday.

MR. and MRS. PETE DOERKSON and PAUL HARDER, Moate, Kansas came with a truck load of home canned fruits and vegetables one day last week.

MISS MARY EMMA SHOWALTER, traveling dietitian for the Mennonite Central Committee, was here for four days. She has been visiting the Eastern MCC camps; this was her first Western camp. From here she went to Ft. Collins.

For our morning worship last Sunday morning REV. J. S. BROWNELL, pastor of the Roswell Union Church, preached for us.

REV. ABE FRIESEN was with us for a couple of days. He is the pastor of the General Conference Church at Henderson, Nebraska. He went to Denver from here.

We are always very happy to have our friends visit us, for in that way we can become better acquainted. --RF

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ing to some other miscellaneous duties.

WHO'S WHO IN DORM 3

Dorm Three is composed of men from four states, viz., 4 from Kansas, 8 from Oklahoma, 2 from Nebraska, and 1 from Texas. Following are the members:

Noah Miller is our Amish farmer from Kansas, but he expects to live in Iowa after the war. He's a veteran in camp from "swayback". He is married.

Amos Yoder, another Amish man from Oklahoma. He's a real friend and always willing to help.

Rahlon Unrau is the head mechanic in the SCS shop. He's from Oklahoma, too. He can usually be seen with Walt Krohbiel and Elmer Gaeddert.

Clark Porter, from Oklahoma, is the super-duper truck driver. He is sometimes called "Red".

Paul Koehn is from the Lone Star State. Don't talk girls to him, they don't interest him.

Walter "Sold Out" Unruh is from Oklahoma. He was a welder before coming to camp. He likes to go to Manitou. Wonder why?

Art Dick hails from Nebraska. He's tall, dark, and handsome. There's something about the name Phyllis! Art is our

dorm chairman.

Calvin Wiens is also an "Okie", and was a student at O.B.A. He must believe in the old adage, "Silence is golden."

Harvey Jantz is a farmer from Kansas. He seems quite contented in camp.

Galen Becker, the woman's man. Galen is a farmer from the "Jayhawk" state. He seems to be a different man since a certain girl visited camp.

Orlando Schmidt, from Kansas, was a printer before coming to camp. He is married.

Paul Buller will soon join the rank of married men in camp. Anyway the prospects are good. He is another farmer from Oklahoma.

Elmer Miller, better known as "Whing-Ding", is the man who DUZ the laundry. In his spare time he does some barbering. He is a typical "Okie".

Ezra Stauffer, "Zeke" to you, doesn't hang around camp much anymore in the evenings. But he has a good reason. His "big boy" seems to attract him. He is from Nebraska.

John Kliever, Corn, Okla., arrived Tuesday evening. He farmed before coming to camp.

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SPORTS IN C.P.S. 5

The tie changed hands time and time again during the basketball game last Monday nite between Teams III and IV, captained by Gordon Kaufman and Ed Schmidt respectively, when they played their game to break the tie for the basketball championship of the round of games just finished. Team IV finally emerged victor by the score of 33 to 27. The game was close all the way.

A new organization of teams is now in process with the following new captains chosen from the group: Walter Grundman, Eugene Mathies, Roland Duerksen, and Ed Schmidt. Next Monday nite we plan to start another round of games.

With spring and nice weather slowly coming on campers are beginning to get "outside sports" minded. Tennis promises to play a leading part in recreation for the next several months. Horseshoe, volleyball, croquet, touch football, and softball, are being talked about and no doubt will swing into action soon. Final plans are now being completed for claying and levelling the camp tennis court and boxes are being built for the horseshoe courts. EJS



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