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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." -- Isa. 43: 2

"I am with thee to deliver thee." -- Jer. 1: 8.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with the thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
-- Anon.

O ----- O AN APPEAL TO ALL CAMPS FOR THE NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL.

The National Student Relocation Council, which serves all Niseis who go to college, is this year on a very precarious basis. When they first began, their job was to place students who were already of college age. Since then they have cared for new college prospects, out of all center high schools.

Last year, some \$15,000 were received from some foundation, but this year that foundation cannot do so, so the churches are asked to help out. They were just about to fold up and quit, but thinking of all new students, they have decided to go on, even though the funds aren't there. Some churches have already contributed their bit, but the monthly income is now only \$206.00, when \$400.00 is the absolute minimum.

At the central office in Philadelphia Trudy King is working for nothing, and Mr. Podine is working for \$80.00 a month, which is the best they can do now, even for such an able man.

The beneficiaries ought to know the situation, and if possible, contribute a little money for the support. If the Student Relocation Council has faith that they ought to continue, then we ought to help to continue their services for the Niseis. Money just doesn't flow in as some of us might think.

HOW ABOUT ALL THIRTY-RELOCATION CENTER churches contributing a generous sum for the minimum activity of the Student Relocation Council. It is entirely in the interest and benefit of the Niseis.

Let's have a heart for ourselves.

O ----- O YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP OFFICERS.

A short time ago an election was held for new officers, but it seems that the assent of a few officers is not confirmed so we will publish the officers when all are definite. We hope people will understand that this is the group to work out their own fellowship and initiative by young people themselves.

FROM THE BLEAK ISLAND OF ATTU, ALASKA.

Mr. Herbert Walther's father had this very interesting clipping.

Issued from American Bible Society, Bible House, Park Ave. and 57th St., New York, 22, N.Y.

Before the fighting had ceased on the little fog swept island of Attu in the Aleutians last summer, a mopping up party of United States Marines found in one of the Japanese soldier's huts a copy of the New Testament published by the American Bible Society in Tokyo. The boys were eager to possess this Testament. It changed hands five times, the best price paid being twenty-five dollars. This little book will become one of the priceless relics of the war.

Its story was briefly told on the fly-leaf. The book had been given to this son by a father, who had written in the book characters that might be translated, "My son, you may not come back. If you read this book and live according to its teachings, you will live forever."

(If such events can be multiplied in sufficient quantities, the boys did not have to kill each other.)

O ----- O ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

We acknowledge and express full thanks for the generous donation of \$5.00 to the Nisei Division by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sabu-zawa

O ----- O WORDS FROM THE GRIPSHOLM

Some letters from the Gripsholm, from friends who left for Japan.

One from Rev. T. Kamae, whose wife was here in camp, says that they were to reach Japan on Nov. 13th. After exchange at Goa, they were to pass through Singapore, Manila, etc. We hope everything is fine with them.

A letter from Ken and Mrs. I. Rikimaru to Mr. Lindley, says that they appreciated the staff here. They first went to Rio De Janeiro, then to Montevideo, Port Elizabeth, and then to Goa for the exchange. Few movies and the swimming pool were the only recreation on ship.

They said they will write when the war ends. Our best of luck to all of them.

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Yoshiko Arimatsu and Tom Uragami were married on Oct. 3rd, at Evanston, Ill., by Rev. John M. Yamazaki. We are happy to congratulate them on this happy occasion.

O ----- O SOUTHEAST COLORADO MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE INVITES AMACHE MINISTERS AND WIVES.

The Southwest Colo. Ministerial Alliance invited the Amache ministers and wives and workers at the First Methodist Church, Lamar, last Monday. After the meeting, dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Gabe Up-ton, the host pastor, was served.

Mrs. Aiko Hori, Miss Grace De Camp, Mrs. Mizukami, and Mrs. G. Yahiro and daughter also attended besides the ministers. The Amache Ministerial body was voted as members of the Southeast Colo. Ministerial Alliance. Rev. C. Kuzuhara is on the Program Committee.

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ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

In America, especially, difference of opinions and expressions of opinions, on any matter is common and free. Criticisms, suggestions, improvements are cordially welcome to lift up the Granada Christian Church News. Presidents, newspapers, leaders of all variety, very frequently receive anonymous letters (mostly critical and accusatory), but they always want men and women brave and big enough to sign their names. Let's be brave enough to sign our names to our opinions or convictions. The worldly style ought to be eliminated from church circles as far as possible.

As Voltaire says, "I may not agree with a thing you say, but I will fight with all my might for your right to say it".

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NEWS ON THE RUN.

Bobbie Obi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Obi, is leaving for Detroit on Monday. We wish him the best of luck. He has done a great deal for the camp during his stay as interne in our Amache hospital.

Rev. Masao Hirata is leaving tomorrow for Princeton Theological Seminary to do more graduate work. We shall miss his hearty greetings and warm hand-shakes. May the Lord richly bless him in his new undertaking. He is one of the few men who is able to preach good English sermons, especially for a man who has been in America only a few years. We will miss his learned sermons and gracious spirit.

The Cortez Presbyterian Church had their farewell and general session for him on Thur. night. The Ministerial group had theirs on Wed.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Toriumi are also at Princeton Seminary, we are told. Best of luck to our young Nisei ministers

Sambo Sameshima is at present working in Cleveland, Ohio. Drop him a line at 11265 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

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IT ISN'T THE CHURCH -- IT'S YOU.
(contributed by a layman)

If you want to have the kind of a church
Like the kind of a church you like
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing really new,
It's a knock at yourself when you knock
your church.
It isn't the church -- it's you.

When everything seems to be going wrong,
And trouble seems everywhere brewing;
When prayer meeting, young people's meeting,
and all,

Seem simmering slowly-- stowing,
Just take a look at yourself and say,
"Whar's the use of being blue?"
Are you doing your "bit" to make things
"hit"?
It isn't the church -- it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,

That things go as well as they do,
When we think of the little--the very
small mite--

We add to the work of the few.
We sit, and stand around, and complain
of what's done,

And do very little but fuss,
Are we bearing our share of the burdens
to bear?

It isn't the church -- it's us.

So, if you want to have the kind of a
church

Like the kind of a church you like,
Put off your guile, and put on your best
smile

And hike, brother, just hike,
To the work at hand that has to be done--
The work of saving a few.

It isn't the church that is wrong, my boy:

It isn't the church -- IT'S YOU.

-- Anon.

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JESUS THE MASTER PSYCHOLOGIST.
(contributed by a layman.)

Psychologists say that our strongest urge is the desire for self-preservation. We will go to any length to stay alive. We find that nature has generously given us all that we need for our survival. The South Sea Islanders have their coconuts and bananas, while the Eskimos hunt and fish for their living. The rest of us manage to get along somehow in spite of rationing and scarcity of many products due to the present emergency.

The material things in life are quite important. Without them we would not have the life abundant that Christ came to bring us. He recognizes that we have need of such things for He tells us "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you".

With this far seeing mind Jesus the Master Psychologist knew that unless man enters into the higher life of the kingdom of God he cannot receive the blessing of a full life. The struggle for existence will always be a hard and disagreeable one until mankind learns to live by the Golden Rule and practice love and cooperation one with another.

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You have all heard the expression "Time is short". But, did you know that it originated from the Bible. The apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 7:29 says "But this I say brethren, the time is short.

"I yam what I yam, I'm Popeye the sailorman" also comes from the Bible, 1 Cor. 15: 10 "But by the grace of God, I am what I am."
(contributed.)

Rev. K. Unoura, formerly of the Los Angeles Japanese Christian Church, and now of Rocky Ford, Colo., is scheduled to be in camp to discuss about the big conference in Dhe Spring. He is general chairman of the affair. All the pastors from all the camps are expected to be there.

Imperialism in the Pacific for next issue.