

# From Where We Stand...

## A Subject Of Deep Feeling

U.S. Senator Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) released a statement that reiterated his support for a constitutional amendment allowing prayer in public school. Scott said:

"I have been very much aware that allowing prayer in our schools is the subject of deep feeling among the people of Pennsylvania. I too have been much concerned. I have received a great deal of mail in support of a Constitutional Amendment. I have supported this amendment in the past and intend to do so in the future.

"Proposals which I have introduced in the past would enable children who so desire to participate in prayer or Bible reading in their classrooms. Those who are opposed would not be compelled to participate. I have urged that Congress take action and I believe that such a deeply felt issue should come up for a vote.

At least two farm organizations will be glad to hear this. Both the Pennsylvania State Grange members and the Lancaster County Farmers' Association at their recent annual meetings adopted resolutions that seem to agree with the senator's thinking.

The Grange reported that in counter to a protest against the reading of the Bible by American astronauts in outer space, a letter was directed to be sent to NASA headquarters commending the spacemen for so doing, and another to legislators to inform them of the Grange stand. Individual citizens were urged to write letters expressing their views also.

The Lancaster County Farmers' Association simply stated, "We recommend that legislators enact the reinstatement of Bible reading in public schools."

The senator closed his statement very forcefully by saying, "I believe in separation of church and state, but I do not believe in separating children from God."

We would bow our heads and say, "Amen." Then on second thought, we wonder, can we really ask for an open Bible in the schools when the Good Book is so scantily used in the average American home. Reinstating the use of the Bible in the home would be the first step in bringing back its use in the public schools. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

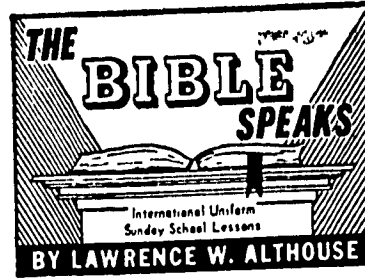
the blood shortage, which has become "a dangerous, growing national phenomenon." The article describes "component therapy" which involves separating blood into cellular and protein components and giving each patient only the part that he needs. The advantages of component therapy are many. The patient's system is not overloaded with what he doesn't need. Risks of hepatitis or mismatching are eliminated or greatly reduced. There is no blood wasted because of outdated, and as many as seven persons can be helped by a single unit. The American Association of Blood Banks is engaged in a three-year blood component workshop program designed to train physicians and technologists in techniques of component therapy.

All of which means that if you are in good health and between the ages of 21 and 66 you can help by giving blood regularly at your blood bank or collection center. Blood is needed more than ever before; and, under the new technology of component therapy, your single donation may help as many as seven persons.

## Words From Another Age

On a small island in the Potomac river at the virtual heart of the nation's capital stands the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial. The National Park Service maintains the island in its natural wooded state. The Memorial, dedicated two years ago, was recently the subject of a moving commentary by Mr. James J. Kilpatrick. Mr. Kilpatrick noted quotations of Teddy Roosevelt on the Memorial as words that belong to a different age — an age that many of our young today would call square and cornball. To youth Roosevelt said, "I want to see you game, boys. I want to see you brave and manly, and I also want to see you gentle and tender. Be practical as well as generous in your ideals. Keep your eyes on the stars, but remember to keep your feet on the ground. Courage, hard work, self-mastery, and intelligent effort are all essential to successful life. Alike for the Nation and the individual, the one indispensable requisite is character."

Concludes columnist Kilpatrick, "Teddy Roosevelt has been dead for fifty years. God knows we need his like today."



**THE LAST FREEDOM**  
Lesson for November 9, 1969

Background Scriptures: Lamentations 3:19-40; Ezekiel 18  
Deviational Reading: Isaiah 10:20-23.

"Assume that tomorrow an enemy of our country were to launch an unexpected nuclear missile attack on the major cities of the United States and Canada. Although millions are killed in the attack and the ensuing radioactive fallout, there are several million survivors and you and your family are among them.



The enemy quickly occupies the battered nation. Survivors are rounded-up and transported to the enemy's homeland for "slave labor." Your country is a wasteland; your home is in ruins; you are separated from your friends and neighbors. You are thousands of miles away from home in a strange, hostile land.

### The crisis of faith

What would be your state of mind in such a situation? Would you still believe in, worship, and serve God? Could you still sing your familiar hymns of faith and hope? Could you still "Keep the faith"?

Perhaps as you ponder those questions, even though hypothetically, you may be able to appreciate better the mood and context of the crisis of faith among the Jews in their Babylonian exile. Judah's armies had been smashed. The little nation of Judah lay in devastation. The great temple had been reduced to rubble and ten thousand Jews were carried captive six hundred miles to Babylon where they were to live and work in subjugation. Not only had Judah been defeated, it had been destroyed. It ceased to exist!

As we imagine what those people must have felt in their hearts, it may seem to us quite unlikely that the Jews would keep their faith. The circumstances — exile,

loneliness, captivity, humiliation — would seem to guarantee the erosion of their faith in God. How could the flame of faith, always slender at best, continue to burn after they had experienced all that?

### Freedom to choose

Yet, circumstances do not determine the durability of our faith. They may lead us, push us, tempt us, but they do not make up our minds for us. Only we can do that. Viktor Frankl, the Viennese psychiatrist, discovered this as a prisoner in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Though the Nazis had taken all else from them, Frankl discovered something which could not be taken away: the freedom to "choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances."

The conditions of the concentration camp were determined by their captors, but the prisoners still had the freedom to determine how they would respond to those conditions. As Frankl puts it: "... in the final analysis it becomes clear that the sort of person the prisoner became was the result of an inner decision, and not the result of camp influences alone" (Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search For Meaning*, Washington Square Press, Inc. N.Y., 1963).

### Great is thy faithfulness

So it was with the Jewish exiles. The Babylonians dictated the circumstances, but only the Jews themselves could decide how they would respond to those circumstances. They could choose despair and bitterness, or they could choose to continue in their trust in God. They felt both. On the one hand they could say, "Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the workwood and the gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me" (Lamentations 3:19,20).

Yet this same voice could go on to confess, "But this I call to mind and therefore I have a hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness" (22,23).

So it may be with us. In the midst of our sorrows and disappointments, our hurts and our hardships, we still retain the last freedom: to choose the response of despair or of faith.

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## Making Blood Go Further

When there is a disaster, one of the first needs is plasma to treat the injured. Disasters have dramatized the importance of blood and plasma, but growing use of these life-saving agents in illness and advanced surgery has resulted in a chronic blood shortage.

The October issue of *The Reader's Digest* contains an article on ways to relieve

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## Across The Fence Row

Echoes are o.k. — but they seldom contribute much new.

It may take years of effort to prove your intelligence but only a second to show your stupidity.

Some wait for their ship to come in — others row out to meet it.

Those who have never faced real danger cannot truly boast of courage.

A little boy said to his mother, "Say, Mom, do you remember that antique flowerpot in the living room that's been handed down from generation to generation?"

"Of course, dear," said his mother. "Well, this generation dropped it!"

Gentleman to Waiter: "Please bring me a chicken as young and tender as you have."  
Waiter: "Then, sir, you had better have an egg."

## Local Weather Forecast

(From the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Harrisburg State Airport)

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average near normal. Daytime temperatures are expected to average in to 50's and over night lows in the mid 30's to low 40's. Normal high-low for the period is 55-36.

Precipitation may total one-fourth inch or less on Saturday and again on Monday.

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**NOW IS THE TIME...**

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### To Protect Water Lines

Freezing weather may come at any time and water pipes exposed to the air will need some attention. If they cannot be buried at least 24 inches under the ground, then electric heating cable may be used to prevent the pipes from freezing. Special care should be used when applying the cable in order to prevent a fire hazard. Many automatic water devices may be purchased including a heating unit.

### To Install Windbreaks

Farm homesteads that have the problem of drifting snow into walks or driveways that are used frequently can be improved by placing a snow fence, or some other windbreak to collect the snow before it gets to the area. Corn fodder shocks may

be used for this purpose if they are available. The windbreak should be placed at least 60 to 70 feet into the prevailing winds (northwest) away from the area to allow space for the snow to pile up. For the future, evergreen trees may be planted for windbreaks around buildings or places of frequent drifts.

### To Exercise The Milking Herd

Successful dairymen follow the practice of permitting their herd outside daily exercise. This will improve the general health of the herd, help maintain stronger feet and legs, and permit improved breeding efficiencies. Cows that are turned out daily will not be bothered by normal cold weather and should be given from 15 minutes to a half hour to exercise, but not long enough to force them to lie down on the cold ground.

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