

ALONG MY WAY

By Lawrence P. Lewis

A Wishful Christmas

As long as it is going to be cold anyway, I am hoping that white flakes of snow will soon fall, making this Christmas complete. As we thank our Saviour for the life that He has given us; for the blessings bestowed upon us, we can stop and pray for the less fortunate, that this year have only promises but that in future years all men and women on this earth will have much to be thankful for.

In the Assam Province at Replacement Depot No. 3 the men on their way home had far from an exciting Christmas last year. Christmas Eve was spent huddled around a fire because it was impossible for men to keep warm sleeping under two blankets. Some took the canvas from the sides of the tents and slept under them, but most of the men just stayed up all night, grouped around the fire, talking about their experiences in the China-India-Burma Theater.

"What would you like for Christmas?" I asked one of the fellows who was standing next to me around the fire.

"Right now if I had a quart of whiskey, I'd be satisfied, completely satisfied," he answered.

"I don't mean right now in this situation. If you could have your wish what would you want?" I inquired further.

"Well, that is different. I'd want to be home with my wife and baby. I'd want it to be snowing and with plenty of snow on the ground. The house would be warm and my wife would be cooking while the baby was playing with the toys under the Christmas Tree. I wouldn't need any whiskey then, just my wife; my baby, and a good meal coming up. Boy that would be something!" the soldier said.

"Now what would you like for Christmas?" I asked another soldier standing nearby.

"I would like to be surrounded by about ten beautiful girls. All of them in love with me, and all making over me. I would want to just lie with the girls, feel them and see if they were real. I would say to one of them 'bring me some of that chicken; and to another bring me another drink; and I would just relax; eating, drinking and looking.' That is what I would like for Christmas," said he.

"What would you like?" I then asked of another.

"I'm completely satisfied now," he answered. "I never thought I would see the United States again. I've had fever three times, and this rain and heat just about drove me crazy. God has been good to me."

I asked another soldier the same question and he answered, saying: "I would like to get my discharge as soon as I hit the states. I wish I didn't ever have to return to my home in the south. I have had enough of it. If I had my wish, I'd want them to discharge me and then I could get a job up north where Freedom is not just a word; where they try to practice what they preach. That would be what I want for Christmas."

A soldier touched me on my arm, drawing my attention. "You have been asking us what you could have what you wanted?"

The first thought that came to me was of course my home. The wife and baby that I had not seen in two years. The soft bed that I could rest in, all the comforts of home; all the love of my wife and baby. All of this I wanted for Christmas so dearly.

I looked about me and again saw all the poverty and filth that surrounded me. Yes, I knew what I wanted for Christmas.

I would like to see all the Indians in India have all they wanted to eat. I'd like to see them healthy and strong. I'd like to see them live as we Americans live. A chance for a little happiness. The children, I'd like to see them with clean clothes and with chance for a decent education. If I could have my wish that is what I would like for Christmas.

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"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN ACCORD WITH THE VIEWPOINT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER-I CONTENTEND THAT THE UN SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE UNIONS' DOMESTIC PROBLEMS!"

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WHY MUST IT BE?

THREAT OF MORE STRIKES

ECONOMIC DISASTER

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Germany and Italy today. Recognition of the Four Freedoms might do away with discrimination. The old scoundrel. That would start folks to thinking in a vein of brotherly love—including our good Christian white brothers and sisters.

Oh boy! The temperatures did some jiggling this week. Pretty bad time too. What with strikes and more strikes. I told you some months ago, the old coal bin might get hungry before the winter was over, or set in good. You remember? Well, John L. Lewis has just been convicted and what next? Say, the US representatives of the UN must often feel a keen sense of embarrassment during discussions of economic problems with other leaders of the world. I'll say it's pretty hard for you to lend any helping advice to other people when you are faced with problems almost as bad. You may be sincere all right, and your advice constructive, but somehow when your own backyard is not in a presentable condition, your advice seems to lose some of its effectiveness.

Hey, we are so scared of communism: If we let this coal strike go on long enough and all those folks in Europe who are depending on the coal fields here to keep their heaters hot, start to freezing. They may come to the conclusion that we are not so hot after all. Strange as it may sound we may be helping the world to go communist and don't know it.

What next?—I don't know. But don't let us wake up one morning and be surprised as the British when the Tory government flew out the window. Of course we are not going to call in State Socialism. We'll most likely call it name democracy. I mean the name. I like the name too; but I like what it stands for.

MORE GOOD NEWS!

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Production charts, that have been swooping downward so fast and so far, are beginning to veer upward to indicate the status of several bad news consumer articles. The latest reports show that sewing

machines are being produced in a 42 per cent higher quantity than has been the case for some time; and that heating stoves are up 37 per cent. Cooking appliances are up 20 per cent and water heaters show a 19 per cent gain.

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Eugene Kinckle Jones General Secretary National Urban League

CARAWAY DEFENSE CLAIMS INSANITY Mineola (CNS). James D. C. Murray, noted criminal lawyer, who has never lost a client to the electric chair, opened the defense of Ward Beecher Caraway on trial for the murder of Mrs. William Logan, by declaring that his client did not know what he was doing at the time since he was under the influence of a narcotic. Attempts to introduce remarks concerning the attack on the slain woman's daughter were blocked by the trial judge who ruled that the shooting of Mrs. Logan could be introduced but that no mention of the alleged rape could be made. The trial is expected to result in the committing of Caraway to a mental institution.

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Are We One People?

By Ruth Taylor

In the past month I have been traveling through big towns, little towns and villages. And wherever I have spoken I have been asked one question... is there a difference between the people in the various sections of this land of ours?

If there is, I have not found it... for the one thing which impressed me most was the unity of the purpose on basic questions. The difference lies in the methods that purpose is to be achieved.

Fundamentally the desires are the same... a home, a family, honest work at fair recompense, leisure time and friends to enjoy life with. But these desires imply other things as well... a home safe from fear; a family growing together with common ideals and aspirations; honest work at some constructive task, at a recompense

that will enable a family to live decently, honestly and with enough margin to save for the future; good friends who are free to be loyal and kind; leisure in which to learn and in which to take part in community life, to serve as a citizen for the betterment of all.

These are the basic aspirations. But they require peace and prosperity to work them out. Not just a peace within our ranks. Not a peace of appeasement nor a prosperity of wild speculation, but a peace based on justice toward all and a prosperity with a sound economic footing.

We can achieve this goal in our time... for our children's time... if we act as a nation. We are the greatest single force in the world today, if we act as ONE, not in slavish obedience, but in willing cooperation. We have the natural resources and the productive ability to make us the strongest power in the world. We have the potential brain power to achieve economic stability. We have the moral force to determine peace and to achieve justice for all mankind.

But we can't do it by sitting back on the sidelines criticizing. The people of this country want the same things, no matter for which party they vote, or to which church they go. Let us, the people of the United States, act together now. Let us not be misled by agitators, alien or domestic... or publicly seeking disunity into our thinking there is disunity. Let us weld the bonds of unity stronger than ever to prove to the world that by virtue of our common ideal we are ONE PEOPLE.

Women of Merit

By Bessie F. Bell

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She Tills The Soil (Global)—Mrs. Effie Moreadith lives below the Mason and Dixon line with her husband Dr. Jessie Van Moreadith, who is not only a farmer but an expert veterinarian.

Their farm is on the Green Road fourteen miles from New Bern, N. Carolina, which happens to be the nearest town.

A small brunette Mrs. Moreadith a small brunette with only a gray hair or two showing here and there, looking not at all like a 60 year old farm woman but instead she is still quite pretty with eyes that look at one in that warm soft manner, and a southern drawl to match.

I was shown around the place which proved to be most interesting with acre after acre of farm land, and various things growing. It was a vast sea of green as far

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likes number "40"

The Moreadiths seem to attach a particular significance to the number "40". They have 40 bee hives, 40 guinea hens and about 40 pigs. In a barnyard of chickens; other signs of the Moreadith self sufficiency were in evidence. They have a cow, two horses and a car, married forty years.

Farm and garden products are not the only things that Effie has raised on her 250 acres of land. She had twelve children; there were five boys and seven girls... two of her sons are deceased.

In the forty years that Effie has tilled the soil, she has helped America's wheels of industry turn in many ways, and she is symbolic of the women who have made America great.

DAV Honeymoon

CINCINNATI — Married day before groom was graduated from American University as member of eighth class of national service officer trainees of the Disabled American Veterans, Mr. and Mrs. William McConnell spend first week of honeymoon at DAV national headquarters in Cincinnati where class took part in week of special training. The bride is a former Athens, Wis., girl and the groom, injured in the German campaign, is from Brooklyn. National service officers of DAV and their disabled comrades obtain compensation, hospitalization and medical care.

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