

## Take No Action On Respect Sunday Law

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—A legislative committee studying municipal problems decided late Thursday to take no action on a proposed "Respect Sunday" law.

State Sen. Wendell Martin (R-Indianapolis), Senate majority leader and chairman of the committee, said the proposal might discriminate against minority groups.

"It is not so much a question of constitutionality," Martin explained. "The Indiana Supreme Court's upholding of the auto sales law seems to cover that."

He referred to a law which prohibits auto sales on Sunday.

"But it is more a feeling that the rights of minorities are being disregarded since Sunday is not a day of significance to all groups," he said.

Martin said his committee reached its decision after listening to proponents of the measure at a public hearing earlier in the day.

"Our action does not mean that someone else cannot introduce such a bill," Martin said. "But the committee felt it was required to take a position on the subject of Sunday closing, after having been appointed to review it."

Proponents of the bill may introduce it in the 1961 General Assembly on their own. Testifying before the committee in favor of the proposal were James G. Glavin, executive vice president of L.S. Ayres & Co., Indianapolis, and Roger Kahn, president of the National Furniture Co., Indianapolis. Both are leaders in an organization known as "Respect Sunday, Inc."



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## Avert Major Fire At Bluffton Jail

A welding spark and a prisoner's desire to clean up possibly prevented a major fire at the Wells county jail four nights after two prisoners escaped via the same passageway.

The fire started in the until recently unused dumb waiter shaft and caused only minor damage by charring woodwork in the shaft. Police believe that the fire was caused by welding sparks from workmen who welded shut the two metal doors on the device.

Sheriff Ray Durr said the workmen discontinued welding about 4 p.m., and the fire was not discovered until about 7:15 p.m. when Donnie D. Sturgill, 24, the brother of one of the escapees, requested a bar of soap from Mrs. Durr, jail matron.

She noticed the smoke within the conveyance, and heard the crackle of flames. Immediately, she called the firemen.

The same dumb waiter had been used by the other Sturgill and William Ray Chadwick, 22, of Wallins Creek, Ky. Both are still at large and are suspected to be in their home towns, or whereabouts. The Sturgill boy is believed to be hiding in the Cumberland Mountains of Virginia, near Pennington Gap, his home.

The Sturgills lived in Decatur previous to their arrest in connection with a shooting of Howard Vaughn, formerly of route 4, Bluffton.

## John Lewis Honored On His Retirement

L. Lewis had a gold watch, a new title and a lifetime of memories today.

The watch was presented Thursday night by the United Mine Workers to honor him for "quiet heroism and flaming sacrifice."

The title — president emeritus of the union he dominated for 40 years — was bestowed earlier in the day by the miners' executive board.

The memories were served up Thursday night, along with an inch-thick beefsteak, to 600 banquet guests by the triumvirate now leading the half-million UMW members.

**Misty-Eyed Warrior**  
Lewis, a weary and misty-eyed warrior at the twilight of his career, spoke off-the-cuff for 40 minutes. His mood ranged from jest to gloom.

"There hasn't been very much for me to do these many years except be around when an agreement is signed and get my picture in the papers," he joked.

He left it to others — new UMW President Thomas A. Kennedy and Secretary-Treasurer John Owens — to tell of the glory days when factory workers scrambled to join Lewis-created unions during the dark Depression.

But Lewis broke down and cried before the crusty miners when they made him the first "emeritus" president they ever had.

**Audience Hushed**  
At the banquet, he gloomily predicted that the nation might go to the poorhouse by giving millions to foreign countries to compete with American goods in the world market.

The audience hushed as he spoke. W. A. (Tony) Boyle, hand-picked by Lewis as his apparent successor, appeared glum.

Lewis glanced at his new watch and declared "I'll detain you no longer." A rap of the gavel ended the evening.

Diners converged on the check-room. John L., retired for less than eight hours, waited 25 minutes to get his coat. Then he walked slowly into the night.

**Miss Barbara Fiechter Is Associate Editor**  
Miss Barbara Fiechter, of Adams county, has been named an associate editor of the Indiana Daily Student for the first half of the second semester.

Miss Fiechter, a graduate of Adams Central, has assisted with editorial work at the Decatur Daily Democrat during the past two summers and also at the holiday vacation period.

Joseph K. Abrel, Spencer, has been appointed editor-in-chief. William T. Joyce, Indianapolis, was named managing editor, and other associate editors are Bonnie K. Flowers, Indianapolis; Howard C. Clark, Wanamaker, and James R. Polk, Oaktown.

**Steel Union Head Taking Vacation**  
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UPI)—David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America, arrived here Thursday for a vacation. McDonald, accompanied by his wife, Rosemary, said the length of his visit was indefinite.

**Reinhardt Nominated As U.S. Ambassador**  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Eisenhower Thursday nominated G. Frederick Reinhardt, of San Francisco, a career foreign service officer, to be U. S. ambassador to the United Arab Republic.

**Funeral Held Today For Vile W. Ditto**  
Funeral services were held at Van Wert, O., this afternoon for Vile W. Ditto, 49, of near Middle Point, O., who died Tuesday in a Lima, O., hospital from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Charles Hite of this city.

**Rural Churches**  
**PLEASANT MILLS BAPTIST**  
Allison Van Wormer, pastor  
9:45 a.m., Sunday school. Lowell Noll, S. S. Supt.  
Furnace trouble to be discussed. Read Genesis in January.

**U. B. RIVARRE CIRCUIT**  
Huber Balkner, pastor  
Mt. Zion  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., class meeting.  
7 p.m., Christian Endeavor.  
1:30 p.m., Thursday, the Ladies Aid will meet in the home of Mrs. Hazel Chronister.

**Mt. Victory**  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., class meeting.  
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, mid-week prayer service with administrative board meeting following prayer service.

**Pleasant Grove**  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., special services with



Bible Material: Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2:1-10.  
Devotional Reading: Psalm 40:1-10.

**Are We Free?**  
Lesson for January 17, 1960

**HEADLINE** writing is tricky business. You have only so much room, and so cannot always say clearly what you mean. That "Are We Free?" up there in the headline could mean some things it doesn't. The question does not mean, Are Americans free? or, Are readers of this column free? The question is about Christians.

That still is not clear enough. Free from what? Christians are certainly free from terror in the presence of God.

We are free from the burden of guilt. We are free (or have a right to be) from anxiety and worry, and especially from the fear of death. But that is not the question we mean. To get down to brass tacks, our question is this: Is a Christian free from the law of God, especially from God's law as made known to us in the Ten Commandments?

**The Question Is An Old One**  
The first Christians held their first great convention or conference to decide on this question. The way the problem came up with them was this: The first Christian churches, you remember, were made up almost exclusively of Jews. They were brought up on their Scriptures, our Old Testament, and they took it seriously as the Word of God. They found in it not a mere Ten Commandments, but at least Six Hundred Thirteen Commandments. It may have been a chore to try to abide by all these laws spread out over pages and pages of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. But there the laws were, and conscientious ex-Jews who became Christians brought these laws right along with them.

Now when Paul and Barnabas went out on their evangelistic tours, the churches they started were made up, for the most part, of non-Jews, and most of those people knew nothing whatever about the Old Testament.

The Jerusalem Christians kept sending messengers to these new Gentile Christian groups, telling them they really were not Christians at all, they hadn't been saved because they hadn't kept the law of God in every detail. The Gentile Christians said, Oh, but we are free from the law. The Jewish Christians said, No man is ever free from the law. So there at last had to be a great church meeting to decide who was right. There was a high debate, and finally an agreement. Scholars do not fully understand the terms of the agreement, which was sent out as a decree to all churches. But one thing is clear: the decision went against the Jerusalem church. The question really was: What do you have to do to be a Christian? What do you have to do to be saved? The Jerusalem church had been saying, You have to do a great deal to be saved. You have to be an avowed keeper of the Law before God will even consider saving you. But the apostles had a higher view. Essentially it was this: Every one who is saved, is saved by grace—that is, by a free act of God's loving will.

**Free From Slavery; Freed To Serve**  
The question was settled there in that great Council. But it kept coming up, and Paul had to write to the Romans and to the Galatians explaining it all over again. It comes up in our time in many ways. What do I have to do before God will come to my rescue (for that is what "save" means)? There are two common wrong answers. One is that every single law in the Old Testament is binding on each Christian. It is keeping these laws that saves us, really. In short, God saves us provided we are good enough. The other wrong answer is that God saves us regardless, and then since he has saved us we can go do as we please. We can't possibly go wrong. If we have been saved, the right answer is always this: God saves us because he is good, not because we are; and having been saved, keeping his laws is then a joyous token of our gratitude. Freed from slavery, we are set free to serve. God's grace can never be earned, it can only be

dedication and baptismal service of infants.  
7:30 p.m., closing night of evangelistic service with Holy Communion service.  
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, mid-week prayer service.  
You are welcome to any of these services.

**ST. PAUL MISSIONARY**  
2 mi. east & 2 mi. north Monroe  
Robert K. Welch, pastor  
9:15 a.m., morning worship.  
10:15 a.m., Sunday school.  
7 p.m., evening service.  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., choir practice. 7 p.m., prayer and Bible study. 7 p.m., M.Y.F. & childrens Bible hour.

**ST. LUKE**  
Evangelical and Reformed  
Honduras  
L. C. Minsterman, minister  
9 a.m., church service. Sermon by the pastor.  
10 a.m., Sunday school.  
2 p.m., consistory meeting.  
Thursday, all-day women's guild meeting. Leader, Mrs. Mabel Lingner; Hostess, Mrs. Gorman Erhart.

**ST. JOHN**  
Evangelical and Reformed  
Vera Cruz  
L. C. Minsterman, minister  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., church service. Sermon by the pastor.  
Thursday, 7 p.m., junior chorus practice. 7:45 p.m., senior chorus practice.

**ANTIOCH UNITED MISSIONARY**  
C. W. Wilson, pastor  
Homer Brubaker, S. S. Supt.  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship hour, 10:20 a.m.  
Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, meeting of Women's Missionary Society, fellowship house, 10 a.m.  
Youth rally, Feb. 6.  
Missionary convention, Feb. 24-28.

**SALEM**  
Evangelical and Reformed  
H. E. Setlage, minister  
9 a.m., Sunday school. Classes for all age groups.  
10 a.m., worship service. International Missions Day.  
7:30 p.m., churchmen's brotherhood meeting.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer meeting.  
Saturday, 9 and 10 a.m., confirmation classes meet. 10 to 10:45 a.m., children's choir rehearsal.

**WREN CIRCUIT E. U. B.**  
A. N. Straley, pastor  
Bethel  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school. Lesson: "The Gospel versus Legalism."  
10:30 a.m., morning worship. Sermon: "What God Says is Most Important."  
7:30 p.m., revival services begin. Each night through January 31. 7:30 p.m., revival services. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hoffman will be in charge of the music. Rev. Straley will preach.

**WOOD CHAPEL**  
9:15 a.m., morning worship. Sermon: "What God Says is Most Important."  
10:15 a.m., Sunday school.  
Thursday, 8 p.m., prayer meeting and youth fellowship.

**MONROE METHODIST**  
Willis Gierhart, minister  
9:30 a.m., morning worship.  
10:30 a.m., church school.  
7 p.m., M.Y.F.  
7 p.m., fellowship night program.  
Monday, 7:30 p.m., youth council meeting.  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., trustees meeting. 7:30 p.m., commission on education.  
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m., teen hour of prayer and power. 7 p.m., adult choir. 7:30 p.m., midweek service, study of the gospel of Luke.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., official board meeting. 8:30 p.m., church basketball game.

**PLEASANT DALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
John D. Mishler, Pastor  
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School with Mr. Loren Liechty as superintendent and Mrs. Floyd Roth as children's director. Bring your entire family for these study periods and for the worship hour.  
10:30 a.m.—Morning worship with the pastor bringing the message.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening services.  
Wednesday evening bible study and prayer service at 7:30 p.m.  
An offering will be received this Sunday morning for the Building Fund.

**UNION CHAPEL CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN**  
Emmett L. Anderson, Pastor  
Warren Nidlinger, S. S. Supt.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
This Sunday is Pioneer Sunday. It is a time when we are reminded of the retired ministers and their wives and our responsibility to them. There will be information handed out to help us know how our church makes provisions for ministerial retirement.  
The trustees will meet Monday evening at 7:30.  
There will be prayer meetings for adults and children Wednesday evening at 7:30.  
The E.U.B. Men's organization will meet Thursday evening at 7:30.

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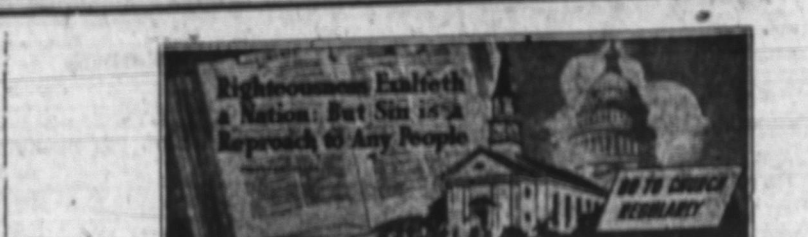
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It is good to be alone with God. In the quiet of our little private corner let us listen often to His voice as He speaks through His word. There are so many distractions around us, so much to occupy our attention and turn us away from God. Many are so busy that they haven't time to be with God. These folks, I believe, are busier than God intended them to be. I love to think of the converted Saul in that home in Damascus, of whom the Lord spoke to Ananias, "For behold he prayeth." All those who have accomplished truly

**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE VERSE**  
"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls, but the said, we will not walk therein."—Jeremiah 6:16.

Men do not stumble over mountains—but over hills.—Confucius.

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