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A LAMENT PARAPHRASED BY AMOS

The words of Amos who was among the textile workers of J.W. Stevens, which he saw concerning America in the days of King Jimmy, the "Prosegarden" President of the United States, in the year of the great shadows of Iran and Russia, 1980 A.D. And he said, "The Lord will roar from Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the pleasure palaces of Studio 54 will mourn and the top of Camp David will wither.

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Russia, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have threshed Afghanistan with their weapons of steel and chemical agents. So I have sent a fire down upon the Kremlin of Brezhnev, and it shall devour the strongholds of Gromyko."

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Iran, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have ignored world diplomacy and acted as bandits upon the land, holding hostages, and killing their fellow brothers and sisters with whom they disagree. So I have sent a fire down upon the walls of the false lover of truth and justice and the people who follow the totalitarian rule of Ayatullah Khomeini."

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Viet Nam, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they trample across the lands, killing the innocents, destroying the lives of millions through war, famine and plague. So I have sent a fire down upon the jungles and hamlets, to destroy the walls of Hanoi and their intent to commit genocide throughout the lands of Southeast Asia."

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of the Philippines, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they revoke the rights of the people and enslave those into prisons who seek justice, liberty and the rights of conscience, and kill many for daring to speak out against oppression. So I have sent a fire down upon the palaces and military machinery of Marcos, Dictator of the island called Philippines."

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Guatemala, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they brutally suppress the poor and educated of their own land, in order to fill their pockets with riches from foreign lands. So I have sent a fire down upon them and their military government in the great palaces of Guatemala City."

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Korea, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they kill their

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NORT'S SPEWS

FROM THE GARDEN

Bigtime basketaball aack at Lancaster Theological Siminary! Yes, you heard me right. The LTS'ers are really scrambling all over the hardwood this year. Although the Sixers have declined our invitation (embarassment is the excuse I heard) we have (and will) meet and defeat all challengers. Thus far we have wiped out six opponents in the F&M intramural league by an average victory margin of 20 points, we have hung on to win a squeaker at Bethany Home (156-77) and we have been tentatively challenged to play the LTS alumni. We still have two more games to play, Monday and Friday evenings next week at 8 p.m. Games are in Mayser Gym, and frankly basketball fever has captured everyone here, with capacity crowds of three and five at each of our last tow games.

Mrs. Englert--don't worry, we made sure tht Dr. Englert stayed off the court and didn't run at all when he refereed our game Thursday evening. His presence was greatly appreciated, even though he did make some contraversial decisions.

More sports are just around the corner--keep your eye out for this column.

NORT

AMOS (cont'd)

own peoples, torture and punish those who seek justice and freedom and deny any democratic rights following the death of the dictator Park. So I have sent a fire down upon them and their oppressive regime, destroying the walls of Seoul."

Thus says the Lord: "For three trangressions of the United States and for four, I will not refoke the punishemtn....."

To Be Continued...

Marc A. Wessels

STAFF

Staff for this week's issue are Judy White, Don Mason, and Mike Vaughan.

Recyclers: last week was our best so far. There were numerous bags of bottles delivered to the Recycling Center and, for the first time, we filled a bag with aluminu, cans. All our steel and tin cans will be taken to the Harrisburg center this Saturday.

Most of the apartments are now participating, though not all. Two of seven Pine Street houses regrlarly leave bags on their back stepss. Several staff people are now faithful participants. Don't know of more than one or two faculty yet contributing, though many may already be taking their things straight to the center. All of which is to say that we're doing well, but there is still a lot of area that can be covered. Encourage neighbors and friends to get in the habit. Remind each other what those boxes are there for.

One additional request--with all steel and tin cans, please cut the ends off and then flatten the can out. These have to be stored for ~~up to four~~ weeks and it's a lot easier to do when they don't take up so much space. Also, please be sure everything is thoroughly wash out.

If you have any questions, or suggestions, please direct them to a member of the Committee; Haas, Korpik, Ringer, Zellers, Shopf, Swartz.

Thanks!

SECOND STRAIGHT WEEKLY APPEAL

For contributions!! We know you people out there have a lot to say so let's get it on paper, take just about anything; jokes, riddles, poems, stories, cartoons, complaints, any words of wisdom you might care to share. Our dead line is noon Thursday. We also ne **HELP!!!!** As you can tell by this issue, any typists out there who would care to contribute their time are more than welcome.

YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES...

This is it. Your big chance. You've sat at a hundred counters, sipped on a thousand sodas, and not one, not one Hollywood director has walked through the door. You've been waiting years to be discovered. Well, it seems we've got our own talent scout right here at LTS. If you sing, dance, act or play any kind of instrument, Bob Fogal wants to see you. He feels there is a place in ministry for talent like yours and he has drawn up a proposal for the creation of an ongoing arts performance group. He's having a meeting of interested people Wednesday, February 27 at 3:30 p.m. in A-202. You can leave your tap shoes at home though as this is just a meeting to talk about the idea and explore the possibilities. Auditions may come later. Hmmm..

"Raindrops keep falling on my head...."

THE VALENTINE

It was like-
the snap, crackle, pop
in the cereal this morning-
a cruious event.
Unexpected sweetness
to a musty, dry old mouth
coated with cigarette tar.
Coaxed the saliva, a dream
from the dream buds
of a tired mind,
filling the emptiness
of a hunger,
the cost of a long night.
laying dormant, alone.
It was refreshing,
the cool swallows of love-
as I drank in the lines
of a lone valentine.

RMV

THANKS

To Barry. Your generous gift meant so much to us. We know you know but just wanted to say it again. Judy and Don

Attention;

THE ARTS FESTIVAL

This year we've scheduled the arts festival before internal and/or external conflicts come our way. The dates are April 14-17. Start thinking of ideas and share them with the Committee (Fennel, Rossman, Cunningham, Roan). The talent show is set for April 17 (Thurs.). Get your act together. Watch for up-coming details and announcements.

Todd Fennell

REV. SIDNEY SPELLING
SUPER PASTOR

It was a normal Febuary morn, cool enough to cause the hairs on my thin legs to stand up. I had arose at four that morning, snuffed down my usual breakfast of strawberry yogurt and low fat milk, topped off with a granola bar and a toothpick. After careful deliberation and proper consultation with the Holy Spirit, I chose my off grey shirt and the blue clerical collar to match, along with my usual black dress shoes. I felt radical that morning and chose the copy of the living bible to carry with me.

I was late. It was four thirt the usual time at which I would normally be at my desk at the church. But this season is always one to be full of surprises.

I had been out to two in the morning counselling a broken hearted teenager who threatened suicide on valentines day. That was only the topping off of a day that started with my usual study hours in the morning, at which I polished off my sermon for sunday, started and finished the March Newsletter and folded and stuffed over three thousand envelopes, made thrity-five home visitations, and directed the committee on worship. I raced for my car.....Will Sidney Spelling be late. Tune in next week and see