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SLEEPING CONSCIENCE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Tomorrow is our national day of Thanksgiving. What have we to be thankful for? In these troubled days with active warfare in the Far East, a cold war throughout the rest of the world, political scandals at home, and an agitated and confused people, we might question whether we have reason for thankfulness. Some people will be thankful for what they describe as prosperity. We have national income of unprecedented proportion. We have high living standards. We have little unemployment. On the surface we should be able to give thanks for national prosperity. Yet we know, if we will but stop and think, that it is a false prosperity — a prosperity which exists only because we are living beyond our means, borrowing money against the future that we may spend it freely and extravagantly now. Normally we could give thanks for our national leadership. But it is questionable today whether such thanks are warranted, when we have a leadership fattening on graft and corruption, associating with crooks and gamblers, using political powers for private ends. Then, too, we have suspicion that certain elements are trafficking with subversive forces aiming at the destruction of the principles upon which our government is founded.

Thankful For Power To Change

If it is a dark and dreary picture we paint on this eve of Thanksgiving, it is only to bring into proper focus the one factor for which the American people should be extremely thankful. That is the fact that we still retain the power to bring about change — to direct our own destiny. Many people throughout the world today live in fear. Day and night their ears are attuned to the dread footsteps which herald approach of the secret police. It is not necessary that such people commit an offense against the state. They may be deprived of liberty or of life itself at the whim of political leaders, who may need a horrible example to intensify the fear in which the party is held by the masses. No man can claim rights or privileges. He lives only so long as his political dictators permit. He has no recourse to justice, for justice does not exist in a police state. So he is in constant fear of torture and death.

We can be thankful that, as Americans, we still have left certain freedoms denied to many millions of other peoples throughout today's troubled world. We also have it within our power to weed out the graft and corruption within our government, to change our leadership and to alter our policies. By the simple stroke of a pencil we can achieve a revolution which in many other countries could be produced only by bloody warfare.

Can Be Thankful For Ideals

We can be thankful that clean government still is an ideal in this great country of ours; that some people, even though they may prove to be in the minority, cling to the traditions upon which our nation was founded. We can be thankful that there are millions who will continue to cry out for political honesty, for constitutional government. These voices may be drowned in that clamor for special privilege and selfish personal gain, but they cannot be stifled so long as we avoid the police state. We can be thankful that we still champion the cause of freedom. That despite our national sins, we still cling to the Christian doctrine of the dignity of man, and that we are willing to risk our fortunes and our lives that we may carry the torch of liberty to oppressed people throughout the world.

We decry our loss of moral fiber. We are troubled by evils confronting us at home and abroad. But we can give thanks to Almighty God that we still are a people dedicated to the cause of humanity and that we have within our hands the power to change from sinfulness to righteousness, if, and when, our national conscience is awakened.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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answer our charge that they butchered thousands of our prisoners of war with a counter-charge that they butchered STILL MORE THOUSANDS of their prisoners of war the result will be to cause millions of people throughout the world to DISBELIEVE BOTH STORIES.

That's about the long and the short of it. Such is propaganda — and propaganda is an inseparable part of modern war.

Is that true only of modern war? Of course not. Propaganda has always been a part of war. The basic purpose of propaganda is trickery, and it has always been known that if you can trick your enemy you will have him at a disadvantage. That was the purpose of the Greeks when they left the wooden horse outside the walls of Troy.

Propaganda, if you can get it believed, is useful in gaining allies for yourself and in preventing your enemy from gaining allies. It always has been used in war and it always will be.

The point is that in earlier centuries communications were slow and inefficient. It took a long time for news (true or false) to travel by word of mouth. Modern communications are fantastically swift and well organized. Within a matter of minutes, statements (whether truth or lies) can travel ALL OVER THE EARTH. That is why propaganda is increasingly useful in war.

Propaganda, unfortunately, is also one of the mainstays of politics. If you can put out a discreditable story about your political opponent and get it believed you have him where the hair is short. In politics, as in war, the fabu-

lous speed and efficiency of modern communications makes propaganda THEORETICALLY more useful now than ever before.

Notice, please, the word "theoretically." I think perhaps propaganda may be defeating itself here in our country, and in other enlightened and sophisticated countries. Personally, I'm finding it practically impossible to believe ANY statement that has ANY political implications. I just put it down instinctively as propaganda and let it go in one ear and out of the other.

I imagine there are many, many people who feel as I do about it.

That brings up another point. I think it is probably true that propaganda is effective or ineffective according to the ignorance or the sophistication of those to whom it is addressed. If that is true, propaganda is more useful to the Reds than to us, for in the main their propaganda is addressed to the ignorant, the unsophisticated and the prejudiced. In our case, I'm pretty sure, plain, ruggedly simple TRUTH is our best weapon in the war of words.

Pfc. John Bishop Home On 15-Day Furlough

Pfc. John Bishop is home on a 15 day furlough before reporting to Fort Lawton, Wash., for overseas assignment. Bishop was graduated Oct. 29 from the teletype and telephone equipment repair school at Fort Monmouth, N. J. He is among the first nine to be graduated in this course in the U. S. He traveled from New York to San Francisco, and then took South-west airlines to Roseburg.

Thanksgiving Dinner Guests in Every Home



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — In his reply to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Henry Luce, the owner of Time magazine, says both Time and the senator must try harder than ever before to put "principles of fairness into practice."

Luce can say that again. Since March of 1950, Time has used more than three-score snide and deriding adjectives in describing the senator's fight against communism in the government. There are probably more, but I only kept score anyway just to give you a sample of Time's "fairness." Here are some of them:

"Rash-talking Joseph R. McCarthy; pugnaeous Senator Joe McCarthy; loud-mouthed; wretched burlesque; scorching publicity; desperate gambler; a fool or a knave; weasel-worded statement; vituperative smear; half truths; wild charges."

As I say, these are only a few of the words used by Time to describe the senator's efforts. In another paragraph of his letter to McCarthy, Luce said:

"You conclude your letter by a reference to those principles of fairness which must be the basis of a free America. You feel Time has not lived up to those principles in its treatment of you. Time feels you haven't lived up to those principles in your campaign against communism."

It may be noted here that in in-fighting with the Reds in Washington and elsewhere there is little time or opportunity for sparring in lace cuffs. The Communists use every dirty trick in the book, with such rapidity and such agility that it's almost impossible to keep up with them. Yet Time, instead of saving its nasty adjectives for the Communists, uses them all up on McCarthy.

Luce wrote that Time, after examining the available evidence in the case of Gustavo Duran, came to the conclusion that there was not sufficient documentation to support the charge that Duran was a Communist agent. Maybe so, but Time did not say so. It stated flatly that "Duran was clearly anti-Communist." There is a difference. If in Time's opinion McCarthy's evidence is insufficient to prove Duran's affiliations with Reds, then Time could have said so. Time said, instead, that Duran has been a fighter against communism. There is no visible evidence of this fact. If Time has it, let's see it. We've seen McCarthy's to the contrary, and there is considerable of it.

Apparently on the theory that Luce is too important to get in a bare knuckled brawl with the Wisconsin senator, Time fired a double-barrelled reply to McCarthy, leaving the dirty work up to James A. Lisen, publisher of Time. Lisen accused McCarthy of pilfering Time's files to secure the Time memorandum that has reproved the slanted fiction that goes under the name of Luce journalism.

McCarthy has promised to make public the Time memorandum that calls Duran everything but "clearly anti-Communist." Lisen wired the senator:

"You say you have such files and intend to publish them. My only answer to your threat, then, is to say that if that is your intention, I cannot prevent you from carrying it out. Because I am sure you will not quote the files in their entirety, I reserve only the privilege of carrying on the quotations as you make them to restore them to their proper context and meaning. Let's make a three-way stretch

to two years in the state penitentiary after jury conviction on a fornication charge. The sentence was passed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

PARENTAGE AT ISSUE
 Eugene Perotti, 23, Eureka, Calif., was arrested by Myrtle Creek police to face Douglas county parentage proceedings, the sheriff's office reported.
 District Judge A. J. Geddes fixed bail at \$1,000 and Perotti was given time to secure legal advice.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
LA MAR-CANNON — Billy Richard La Mar and Carol Ann Cannon, both Oakland.
KING-LEWIS — Herman Eugene King and Veryl Lee Lewis, both of Sutherlin.
KEESAMAN - AUGUSTSON — Clifford H. Keesaman and Margaret Louise Augustson, both Cottage Grove.
THOMPSON - STOPPLEWORTH — Thomas John Thompson and Mamie Margurite Stoppleworth, both of Woodworth, N. D.
GIBSON-HIATT — Roy Lee Gibson and Mary Evelyn Hiatt, both of Myrtle Creek.

TWO DRUNKS FINED

Fines of \$50 each were levied in district court against two persons who pleaded guilty Monday to drunk charges, according to Judge A. J. Geddes.
 They are Robert Lee Roy, 36, Drain, and Wilbur White, 20, Sutherlin.



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