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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

By Paul Hornbeck

A SUCCESSFUL FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION

We don't like the current federal administration about 100%. In order that somebody may not brand us as extremist, we will make it 99%. But like it or not, we frankly admit that it is a successful administration. No federal administration in the history of America has so successfully achieved substantial advances toward its objective. Its objective is to change America into a Great Society, powered and ruled and controlled in every detail from one central bureaucracy. The leaders of the bureaucracy are not hesitant to explain that the American people have proved themselves incapable of taking care of themselves in anything like a correct way; which links up with the further explanation that the self-constituted bureaucracy has secured to itself total competence for the job of nation-nursing they have condescendingly set for themselves.

Please do not misunderstand. We do not believe that these people, in appointing themselves to such a monumental task, ever dreamed of or intended to destroy America. They were born here, but their knowledge of Americanism is strictly intellectual—and they don't like it. It would have been different had they acquired a heart knowledge of Americanism. They love America; almost none of them would ever consent to move to Russia. But to them there is a vast difference between America and Americanism. Since their intellectual knowledge of Americanism leads them to dislike it, they have determined to save the America they love by changing it into The Great Society, never realizing that the accomplishment of their objective carries out the destruction of the Americanism which has made America great.

Of course, we cannot prove this hypothesis; we are just giving them the benefit of the doubt. For if the hypothesis is not correct, there could possibly be only two other motives for their erosion of Americanism. One of these we brush aside as unreasonable and altogether untenable; they have never harbored any slightest treasonable intentions against the United States. Which leaves only one feasible motive: Having proved to themselves that they are in possession of total and peculiar redemptive knowledge and destiny, they sense within themselves a consciousness of something akin to the age-old conception of divine right succession, from the responsibility of which they are unable and unwilling to escape.

A peculiar attribute is their liberalism. Since their number embraces every phase of American life, the theories of the business man may not have the approval of the politician; the theories of the architect may meet disapproval on the part of the educator and the theories of the religionist may not suit the economist. But as long as any of those theories point down the road that leads to their mutual objective, the spirit of tolerant liberalism is on display. Only when an "outsider" has the temerity to utter protesting conclusions do any of the elite veer from their dais of liberalism and cast aspersions of calumny against the "ignorant and uninformed" culprit. (A case in point was the Goldwater-Miller effort in 1964.)

A broad front of action against Americanism has been in motion for a number of years. Religion, constituted authority and private ownership have been adorned with all too many jagged scars. Currently the skirmishes of the last few years against private business have resolved into a consolidated putsch against our free economy. It is actually amazing that our republican government in this land of the free deliberately sets out to harass, debilitate, mutilate and eventually destroy our American free economy by the simple expedient of forcing it under the choking control of federal bureaucracy. But it is happening.

Americans, self-commissioned to permanently wear top rung epaulets, have definitely ruled out the spirit of '76. A hundred ninety years of that productive initiative have seen too much fruitage from the blossoms of individualism. Hard-working competitive effort has discriminated against the slothful and lazy citizen whose vote is just as elective as that of the ambitious producer, and much more easily swayed. A great society of voters who complacently recognize the merits of absolute control, comprise an atmosphere much more amenable to their graciously domineering purposes.

So great has been the success of the Americanism wrecking crew that the majority of official opposition has conceded ultimate victory to the changers, and has retreated into enclaves of nonviolent resistance, hopelessly awaiting the inevitable armistice of acquiescent capitulation to state servitude. Among the masses the great majority had grown up with a sense of faithfulness that could not conceive of such possibility that more than an occasional political oddball could defect from Americanism. To think that a whole generation of educational, religious and political leadership could have swerved from Americanism to the old, old socialistic devices was simple heresy; they were assured that only extremism could suggest such thoughts.

But as history has always done, it has produced in America some of those rare individuals possessed of moral responsibility and dignity, willing to put themselves on the auction block of freedom. Some have suffered martyrdom, but in the process the sleeping giant is being stirred. The masses are beginning to throw off the virus of naivete. Balloting majorities more than here-and-there are beginning to discredit the liberal cries of anguish against that bulwark they have labeled conservatism. The giant begins to sense the fact that the consensus definition of conservatism fits comfortably into his intuitive and unalienable understanding of Americanism.

Americanism never promised and never gave the American something for nothing. Freedom is not free; it is costly. Submission to control for the surrender of responsibility is also costly, for control is possession. Intelligent Americans are beginning to realize that governmental paternalism makes plunder of individual freedom.

What is needed is a renaissance of those righteous ideals

WASHINGTON AND

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Never before in its 18 years has this column recommended a book be bought and read, but there is a first time for everything, hence it is recommended that the book "Hoffa and the Teamsters: a Study of Union Power," written by Ralph and Estelle James and published by Van Nostrand be read.



This is a most remarkable publication. When Dr. James was teaching at M.I.T. Jim C.W. Harder my Hoffa, boss of the teamsters, challenged him to travel with him for six months disguised as Hoffa's assistant to learn how the teamster union operates. Dr. James' wife worked with him.

When the manuscript was finished, Hoffa was permitted to read it and while he did not insist on changing even one word, he did complain "you make me look like a bum."

This Hoffa protest is quite mild when it is considered the book tells about listening to a phone conversation during which Hoffa ordered his boys in a distant city to beat up a protester against his regime.

It is even more remarkable in the passages detailing Hoffa's handling of loans from the teamster pension funds, detailing many of the loans that went "sour."

The book also details how Hoffa can paralyze nationwide highway shipping by merely stopping trucks in any one of six different key cities.

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There are also passages in the book that literally stagger the imagination. For example, Hoffa will gamble union welfare and pension funds on many wildcat loans to resorts, motels, and similar investments of a highly speculative nature. But he will not allow these funds to be invested in U.S. government securities on the basis he does not believe that the government will be able to pay off.

One could perhaps be amazed that Hoffa would permit the information gathered while sitting in his conferences and phone discussions and from the files of the teamsters to be published in such a manner. The revelations are so deep that if the majority of the American people read it, there would be a drive to outlaw unions.

Yet Hoffa does not seem in the least concerned on this point. But on the other hand, Hitler wrote what he intended to do, the Imperial Japanese government wrote what it intended to do, and the communists are on record as to what they intend to do. Apparently if something is monstrous enough, the best strategy is to publish the plans and nobody will believe it.

However, it is most difficult to understand how anybody reading this book would not be heartily in favor of the bill by Rep. David Martin of Nebraska which would make nationwide labor contracts affecting transport illegal. Independent businessmen voting through the National Federation of Independent Business are strongly in favor of such a preventative measure.

that welded early Americans into a free society of progressive Americanism. The goal of individual responsibility and obligation to moral justice is the same yesterday, today and forever. Its product is freedom; its neglect is fatal to the liberty of Americanism.

The people still have the liberty of choice. They will choose individual responsibility or they will accept servitude in the guise of womb-to-tomb security.

INTERNATIONALIST RUSK RULES OUT WAR

Isn't he a wonderful man! Too bad he didn't come along a long time ago.

Knowing that Moscow would hear, Secretary Rusk made a speech one day last month in which he informed the Communists that as soon as he has successfully convinced the American people, we will lay down our arms and make no resistance when they wage war against us. He said, "It's too late in history to settle things by war." We gotta educate ourselves into world peace.

Except for the words in quotation marks, we didn't give you his exact words. But what we reported him as saying is assuredly what the Communists could well read between the lines. And most diplomatic communications are couched like that, you know.

Few Americans have ever liked war, and we are not among that few. But we do know that the day will never come when wars between undefeated opponents can be ended by one side saying "We quit; and we expect and demand that our opponents do the same." The worst wars in history have been the recent wars between history's most civilized and best educated peoples.

Mr. Rusk's doctrine of world peace sounds beautiful. If the doctrine had the least sensible germ of peace in it, we would agree 100%. But in fact it is altogether idealistic and totally devoid of factual practicality. Why? For the very simple reason that it presumes that all people on the face of the earth are amenable to the doctrine. If there are those who actually believe such a universal attitude is possible today or tomorrow or ever, we refer them quickly to a good psychiatrist.

But the doctrine does fit precisely into the pattern of unhealthy policy exuded from every pore of our one-world State Department. The policy is dedicated to the assurance that the Communist line is mellowing. The Communists declare that they, too, want peace. And, like Mr. Rusk, we everlastingly believe they mean it. Only difference is a slight variance in the definition of the term "peace". To us peace means a living neighborliness, based upon a ready recognition of the other fellow's rights, and a willingness to exchange goods and culture and knowledge in the interests of mutual benefits.

To the Communist peace means the quiescent servitude of all peoples of the earth under the Communist heel. Trotsky and Lenin declared it, and the Communist of today has not altered such peace aspirations one iota. A stark realization of this cold fact is the education which Mr. Rusk needs, but fast, along with his whole retinue of Fulbrights, Morges, Kennedys, et al.

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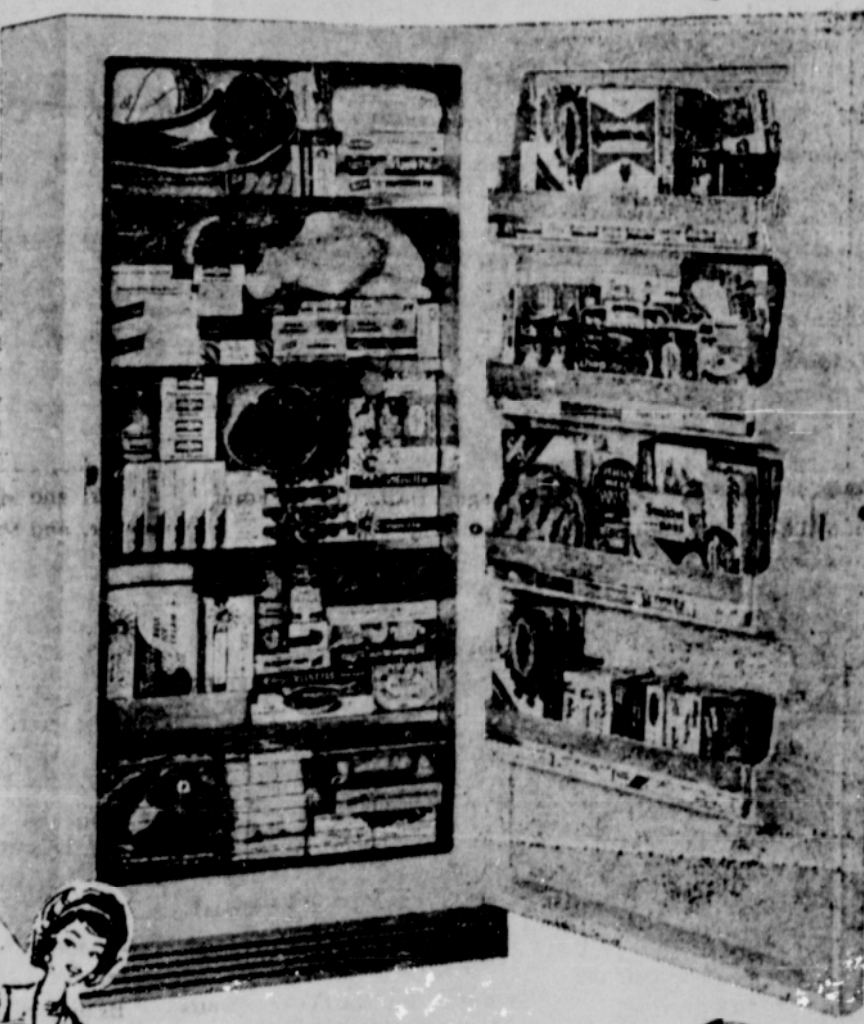
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