

The American Way-- By George Peck

A RIDDLE SOLVED

For quite some time something has puzzled me. To a degree I can understand the poor fellow who has nothing and no prospects of ever getting anything being willing to share his adversity by falling for the "everybody-share-and-share-alike" promises of Communism, or its twin-brother, Socialism. I can see how such a fellow figures he has everything to gain and nothing to lose; how his mouth waters at the prospect of getting something from others, while he has nothing to give in return.

But, the American citizen who has a job, some money in the savings bank, equity in life insurance, perhaps even some of his savings invested in corporate stocks and bonds, astounds me when he swallows the bunkum peddled by the salesmen of the Soviet Union. How can this possibly be?

Well, one of the readers of my column seems to have arrived at the answer to this paradox, and has written me expressing his views. His comment is as follows:

"Your release, 'Do We Want a Dictatorship?', raised the question why totalitarianism is so popular when the Free Enterprise System has been so successful in this country and totalitarianism has proved a dismal failure in so many places well within the memory of living people. It seems to me unfortunate that your article did not give the

answer to that question.

"Is not the real answer the peculiarity of human nature? Because of the tendency for all people to attribute their failures to someone other than themselves, it is very easy to sell them the idea that their failures are due to our economic system. Under the Free Enterprise System, there must be millions of failures occurring every day, and hundreds of millions that have taken place within the memories of individuals. Every new business that is started, every private undertaking by an individual, every man who seeks and secures a job is making

a venture under the Free Private Enterprise System.

"If a man finds his job unsatisfactory and quits it, or if he is laid off for lack of work, or if he is fired for cause—any of those events is a failure of his undertaking and he is very prone to attribute it to something other than his own failure, or a failure on the part of another individual. He will readily listen to the glib talker who assures him that the trouble in every case is with our economic system; and that if the Government supplied all the jobs and ran all businesses, he could not fail.

"Of all the hundreds of millions of people who have at some time in their lives suffered one of these economic failures, by far the greater number of them must have LATER succeeded. All the people who are out of work in a spell of hard times get some job back before they die. They remember their failures, their being let out, but they do not remember their successes in getting other jobs."

My correspondent friend has, I believe, solved the riddle of why seemingly otherwise intelligent people fall into the error of blaming "The American Way" for their fail-

ures. But what is the solution? What can be done to show these "disgruntled" the error and danger of their thinking?

It seems to me that the solution lies in constantly pointing out to them that for every failure under our Free Enterprise System, there are dozens and dozens of successes; that the exact opposite applies in totalitarian countries where failures greatly outnumber the successes.

"The American Way" is the best system that has yet been devised for the welfare of mankind. But, bearing in mind that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty", we

must ever be on guard. And to be on guard means, over and over again, with patience and fortitude, calmly and dispassionately, to enumerate the virtues of "The American Way" to all and sundry, and unthinkingly would cast it aside for some lesser system.

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LEW WALLACE, "I believe that a man who aspires to be governor of Oregon should be guided in his attitude by the will of the people, as repeatedly demonstrated at the polls."

On the man you elect rests the welfare of this state; this means your welfare, your family's welfare and the welfare of your business! Never before have the ISSUES in an election been so vital. In the cloud of campaign dust you hear words and words of promises and opinions by candidates and committees. It is to avoid confusion on the real issues and to help you to judge them on the basis of ACTUAL FACTS from Oregon state records that this committee supplies the "voting test" below; try it on yourself.

The Honorable Lew Wallace has served in the Oregon State Senate as has his principal opponent. Both candidates have ACTUAL RECORDS OF PERFORMANCE. The major issues that will affect the everyday life and welfare of all of us are shown below. The action of each candidate is described. A space is provided for your convenience in checking. See for yourself on a basis of the actual record how you stand on the men and their action records.



"There is nothing about being elected governor that changes the essential character of a man." (Excerpt from "McKay committee literature.")

HERE are the FACTS on BOTH candidates...check in the squares below...see how they stand with YOU!

LEW WALLACE:



ON THE SALES TAX:

Fought the general sales tax in the senate—voted against it in 1947 legislature. Will veto any general sales tax.

Check if you agree.



ON THE INCOME TAX:

Long legislative record fighting for lower income taxes. Voted against increasing income taxes. Will continue to fight for lower income taxes.

Check if you agree.



ON RESTRICTIVE LABOR LAWS:

Fought AGAINST and voted against both restrictive labor laws in the legislature.

Check if you agree.



ON ADDITIONAL GASOLINE TAX:

Is opposed to the proposed 2 cent per gallon increase in gasoline tax.

Check if you agree.



NOW — TOTAL YOUR OPINIONS AND VOTE FOR THE MAN YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT, REGARDLESS OF YOUR PARTY!

McKAY:



ON THE SALES TAX:

Voted FOR a general State 3% Sales Tax—contributed money for sales tax in special election—spoke on radio in an effort to pass it in last May's election.

Check if you agree.



ON THE INCOME TAX:

Voted FOR increased income taxes—lower exemptions so that old age pensioners now pay tax. Now reverses his stand in election literature promises — two weeks after Lew Wallace's lower tax platform was made public.

Check if you agree.



ON RESTRICTIVE LABOR LAWS:

Voted FOR both restrictive labor laws in the Senate.

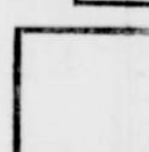
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ON ADDITIONAL GASOLINE TAX:

Advocates a 2 cent per gallon increase in gasoline tax.

Check if you agree.



NOW — TOTAL YOUR OPINIONS AND VOTE FOR THE MAN YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT, REGARDLESS OF YOUR PARTY!

TOTAL YOUR OPINIONS...THEN VOTE!

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