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Investment for Society

The fabric of human society can be no stronger than the sum of all its stitches. This axiom applies to the home as well as to the neighborhood, the community, the state or the nation.

It is the less fortunate, the less sufficient of Society who weaken the whole, who present the "burden" for the more fortunate to shoulder.

In the case of children, for instance, who are the blameless victims of family maladjustments, the personal load that is piled upon them, too often leads into paths of waywardness and piles grief and sorrow upon their futures. Yet, Society draws much of each misfortune unto itself.

A special project of social workers deals with the salvage of young lives which circumstance has designed to disrupt. One of their activities, upon which much depends, is the placing of children into foster or adopted homes.

An adopted child, who again assumes a normal, healthy place in a foster home, is an outward symbol of an unlimited social virtue. Social workers usually feel a solid glow of warmth when they achieve such results with any of their wards. But the acclaim for successful adoptions is rightfully due foster parents who take homeless waifs into their families and into their hearts.

Foster parents, without argument, are the most crucial factor in child adoption. Beyond the first glow of novelty at idea of having a child in their home, they face long months of adjusting themselves with their young wards—as well as helping the youngster adjust himself.

Often unsung, foster parents deserve praise and commendation for every success in restoring Life's values to the youngsters they accept into their homes. For their contribution will prove an investment for Society's good, as well as one of humanity for the child.

W. K.

Not for Thanksgiving

This is the mellow season when, by scratching an editorial writer's chin, there will issue forth some neatly phrased essay on the wonders and splendors of Life—and the many things for which to be thankful. But a perhaps more poignant expression is to recount some of the things that do not provoke the balm of thanksgiving.

Gathered around an impressive dinner table, which will be dominated by a beautifully roasted turkey, goose or chicken, we will not feel thankful that, throughout our own nation as well as the various countries across the entire world, people are living in misery, hunger and want. Nor will the "Hosanna's" ring out for the thoughts we might have had or expressed, piously remarking the pitiable misfortune of the less fortunate.

There will be no urge to glow with warmth, either, at the threatening spiral of high prices that deny so many of personal acquaintance, the traditional Thanksgiving feast. Greed and waste are rampant, today, but deprivation skulks, like a shadowed ghost, in the households of the poor, and by present expectations will loom even larger and more threatening in the near future.

We are not thankful for the un-Christianlike pettiness and intolerance that crops up now and then among local contacts, as well as in national scenes. Such attitudes rob man of basic dignity and leaves him defenseless prey to predatory malice and bigotry.

At the perilous course our nation, and civilization in general pursue, we feel no elation. Dominated by recurring memories of what the nation had envisioned for a close-knit, postwar world of beneficent prosperity, we look with nostalgic regret to present world directions toward division, struggle and atomic warfare threats and counter-threats.

For the lost opportunities and the blind roads that have confused some, for the unyielding press of circumstance that has negated the social development of others, we somewhat soberly are unthankful, knowing that these influences have caused sorrow in the hearts of many and have robbed the nation of potential strength.

Yes, there are many things that are not for thanksgiving, on this day of summary.

On the other side of the ledger, of course, there are things for thankfulness. And perhaps the most healthy of reasons for thanksgiving is the hope and faith that by concern for conditions which bear unthankfulness some attention might be directed toward improvements that can be made.

That we are fortunate to live in a land which with all its faults, is blessed by material wealth and a pleasant degree of culture tends to impress us all with a blinding dream of smug complacency.

But let us not, on the day of Thanksgiving, forget the things not for thanksgiving.

W. K.

Babson Discusses the Russian Menace

The revival of the Third International should rouse every thinking American to action. Action of what kind? And against what and whom? This is the most important problem facing both employers and their workers today—far more important than prices or wages.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNISM

The Russian leaders are wiser than we want to admit. They have studied people, conflict and revolutions. Their moves are calculated like those of the expert chess player to make us use our own strength to destroy ourselves. The Communist know that the idea of a bridge is more important than the bridge. It may be easy to destroy the bridge and very difficult to rebuild the bridge if you lose the idea. Therefore, reason the communists, let us try to destroy the idea of democracy. Since ideas tend to be perpetuated by intellectuals, colleges, schools, the press, and the like, Communism has made a point of successful infiltration into these ranks.

American businessmen, on the other hand, have too often forgotten the school, church, press, and radio in their plans. They have sometimes failed to realize as the Russians have realized, that the idea of their very freedom of enterprise is in a great measure intrusted to be imparted in classrooms, on the screen, and through radio. The newspapers have their feet on the ground and can be trusted; but some of the other groups are now going wild in their race for votes, money or circulation.

LET US NOT KID OURSELVES

Communism most certainly has the dual goals of (a) building up a strong defense within, thru the cultivation and development of natural resources and (b) building a subtly strong offensive of party members in the western hemisphere who, like termites, bore away under cover.

Let's stop kidding ourselves. There can be no peace between democracy and dictatorship. Sooner or later the one or the other will be annihilated. The course of the world might have been different had we acted when Japan walked into Manchuria or when Mussolini raped Ethiopia. The world will be markedly different if we do not soon awaken to history's object lessons.

DEMOCRACY MUST RECAPTURE ITS YOUTH

Communism is fired with a highly combustible and destructive fanaticism. Has democracy, on the other hand, become too passive and too contented? There seems to be no longer the

Flood Took All

WATER GRAVE—In Noah's day, men quit God and decency to give themselves over to sins unpardonable. At length God called time and let loose his wrath in the flood that cleaned the earth. And again, at the close of this present age, the world will accept Satan's Man of Sin and again God's wrath is to let loose. And except those awful days should be shortened, no man will be left alive on the earth, said Jesus.

ON THE SKIDS—Man is not to overcome his sinful ways by the road of education and science. Nor can he blot out one sin of yesterday by copying Christ's holy life. Then what? It is that now for 2000 years since Christ, God has been calling out a people to be his own, his riches. Name yourself to have sinned and to have earned B I B L E DEATH—eternal separation from God. Now turn and believe God, that he put your sins on Christ who died for you. Believe God and he gives you eternal life and lifts you out of death into life with himself right now. He makes you his own on whom to spend his love in the ages to come.

HIS RICHES—Forty or so Chinese lads meet at the school each evening for Bible study with 26 baptized to date. These are God's riches. What are yours?

Stan Taylor

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urge to win souls. Where, today, in this country of ours is there real enthusiasm for democracy? It just does not seem to exist.

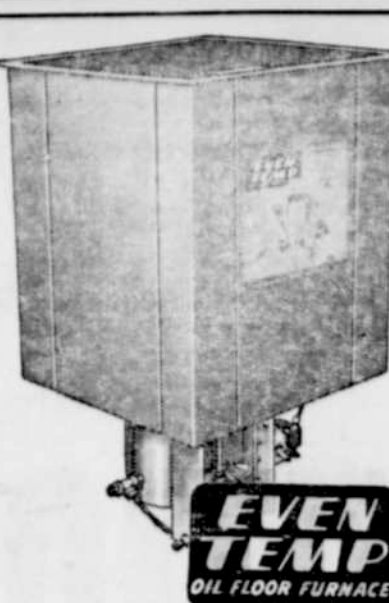
Our democratic way of life, purchased and hallowed for us by sweat and blood, was once also fired with passion and enthusiasm. Today, too often our way of life is taken for granted. It, therefore, now must become the obvious challenge to every businessman to rekindle that spirit and enthusiasm. This especially applies to members of school committees, of boards of directors, and those on the production line, at home, and in the church.

CONCLUSION

I am reminded of Jesus parable of the talents. Democracy is a sacred talent. "To him that hath, it shall be given. To him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away."

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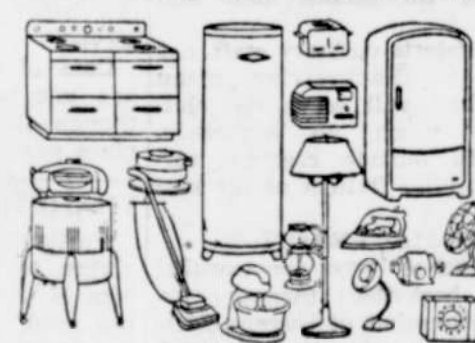
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