



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

Let's Re-Arm Them!

Screaming headlines of peace and war, world-wide tensions, and raw shows of public and individual emotions hurl us about. A good, solid adult mind can just barely keep abreast of life. But quick, we should grasp firmly the means whereby today's children may develop into stable adults capable of weathering the worst of storms. Homes that are strong, education that is in tune with present day duties, and a religion that is living are the bare framework for molding children into wide-awake and able citizens.

The slugging match the United States and the Reds are in all over the globe thumps our poor minds pitifully from pillar to post. When our citizens get angry enough to land a "haymaker," Stalin's law just isn't there. The picture imagined is that of a furious Paul Bunyan "lowerin' the boom" on a ghost tree. As Paul Bunyan's blow with his jet-propelled axe pull him in an arched path to the moon, so does our pent-up emotions put us on speaking terms with moonshine. "There is no use worrying. We are in the same boat, and will go down together." These simple words have a mint of meaning.

In these words there is positive proof that we shall all have our necks broken at once, not one by one. The family of the thirteen original colonies in North America felt this way and the United States of America was born. Hardworking families have earned, demanded, and got a wonderful way of life in these United States. Memories of the "Old Country," the "Commissars" of that day, spurred them to greater effort. The vigor and newness of this life in the United States of America bowled over the "Old Country."

Our greatest enemy today is the danger of being caught in the Red-stained whirlpool of confusion and heart-break swirling near our swimming-hole of life. Our strength lies in following the advice: "Fake it easy!" It is tough hitting a bear with a rifle bullet when astride a bucking horse.

This Nation of ours has shown what free people can do. The poverty-stricken peoples of this earth see this and demand the same. Uncle Joe is prodding them in the wrong direction and at the same time enforcing a vicious game of "ring 'round the rosey" with the United States and its upset citizens. More than at any time in our history, we of the United States must pay attention to home, family, work and religion. Such as this has made us great. Such as this will make us greater still. These are worthy ideals. The foreign movements of the Red Bear may puzzle, but they should not throw us into a panic. Our homes, families, and way of life will have the last word. Let's re-arm them!

Editorial Comments:

WANTED: BETTER INQUIRIES

One result of the MacArthur hearings on which there is wide agreement is that they again illustrated the need for better congressional inquiries. Despite the fair and statesmanlike way they were handled, the hearings exemplified weaknesses of the method.

They developed much information, but in a form not well suited to the shaping of judgments. Few citizens digested the 1,000,000 words. Committee members too often made speeches or asked repetitious questions. Too many were seeking to reap political hay rather than information. The average citizen was confused by reading a headline one day only to see it contradicted the next. The total effect was so inconclusive the committee is said to be making no report.

This hearing was only the latest in a series which have added to the evidence that one of the most urgent reforms in American government is better investigations. Even such excellent inquiries as those headed in the last few months by Senators Kefauver and Fulbright have pointed in the same direction. Several members of the crime investigation committee had to drop out to attend to other duties. And the inquiry into the RFC ran into quicksand when ques-

tions arose as to asking their relations with the big lending agency.

Too often such good investigations are in the minority. And even the best of them are affected by politics. Most of the congressional reputations made in the last few years have been built out of investigations, several of them on the demagogic and destructive side. Men who have given their whole careers to faithful and able legislation are forgotten by the public in the sensational blaze of publicity around some investigator. And the investigation which actually performs its supposed function of providing information on which Congress can legislate is the exception.

Investigations are a necessary and useful function of Congress. The real problem is how to retain the valuable uses of inquiries while getting rid of abuses. The basic abuse is political. This is tied up with sensational publicity. Various proposals have been made to remedy both faults. For years this newspaper has advocated non-partisan commissions composed of distinguished citizens. Senator Lodge has urged private hearings, at least in the preliminary stages.

One of the most fruitful investigations ever made was that of the

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Hoover commission on organization of the executive branch. This body included members of Congress, but they were in a minority. It was genuinely nonpartisan, and its personnel commanded the confidence of the nation. Its investigations were quiet, its information extremely useful, and its recommendations already largely effective in legislation.

Congress has been slow to accept reforms for three main reasons. One is that it properly feels Congress should do some investigating itself. Second is reluctance to let go the personal or partisan advantages of inquiries. Third is that most proposals for nonpartisan commissions have provided for presidential appointment. Congress should continue to study many subjects on which it must legislate. But it must for its own good restrain the tendency to political investigating. Finally, it can itself set up nonpartisan commissions and order them to report back to it. Whatever Congress does will depend for its success on an improved public attitude which restrains the appetite for sensation and values true information as the very breath of free government. —From the Christian Science Monitor.

WHERE DOES THAT PUT THE COUNTRY?

Government coalition is admittedly difficult. Opposition by coalition can be frantic.

Sponsored as often by southern Democrats as by Republicans and backed by a shifting antiadministration coalition, the House, sitting as a committee of the whole, voted:

To continue the OPS's authority (with some restrictions on farm products) to adjust prices downward ("rollbacks") as well as upward.

To require that no ceilings be set on any product which would deny any producer or distributor a profit less than 85 per cent of his best of three years, 1946-49.

To require that all ceilings permit any producer or distributor to pass on to the consumer the state income and gross receipts taxes he may pay.

To freeze all prices (except for rents and farm products selling under parity) and wages or our months at the July 7 level.

Which adds up to a legislative crazy quilt which, were it to be enacted into law, would seem utterly impossible of administration.

What Americans were witnessing on

Teen Talk of the Canyon Kids

By GARY PETERSON

Members of the Canyon Teen-Age club will welcome this week's meeting, for it will give a chance to elect me out as chief knothead in charge of "writing" about adolescents. Yes, it's true. This week's meeting is election time again, so all members are urged to be present to elect officers. You don't have to be a registered voter. As a matter of fact, if you are a registered voter, you are too old to be a member of the Teen Canteen. By the way, even if I am elected to strategically resign, the readers of this journalistic mayhem will not be entirely rid of typewriter antics, since school begins in a little over a month and I was elected to write school news. Ya can't win!

The men can take hope from a recent article in the Journal which introduced a new term, "femanist." This word allegedly means a woman who is for the emancipation of the male population. Seems a business woman took it upon herself to become an idealist, berated womankind in a restaurant, and earned the tearful applause of the poor males. All we men have to do is get the support of some women who can out-talk the women who are against said "emancipation" of the male population from the yolk of woman-rule. "Women have gained an unfair advantage through fighting for and winning equal rights with men, yet have not given up their feminine rights, she says. As Karl Marx once said, "Workingmen unite!" Men must assert their superiority, or lose their beloved independence. Married men will flock to the colours when they think of the good old times they had out with the "boys" without endangering their lives when they came home.

"When are we going to get a swimming pool?" seems a leading question these days. It's time something was done about it so that next summer that question will not be bouncing around the canyon. Bob Hill is doing something about this need, but he needs help. The upperclassmen of Mill City high will donate the labor of the frosh for hole digging or rock crushing when work is started. This is partly a mercenary offer as such work would build some monsters for future football teams, but it is one to be carefully considered.

Hail and farewell, cruel world! The cannery beckons . . .

Capitol Hill was a composite of gestures toward insistent producer groups and of political irresponsibility.

Even were there no coalition, a good deal of the former would go on at this stage of hammering out a law. Congressman A must do something for dominant interest X in his district or risk defeat at the polls; Congressman B must do something for interest Y for the same reason. Each helps the other out.

But a coalition in opposition carries its own peculiar sand for the gears of effective government. The administration—any administration—cannot escape responsibility for what it does or fails to do. A hostile coalition, hopeful of gaining power for a party or an action, need only see to it that the administration fails in some important manner. A coalition need not offer a program of its own. It represents only a transient alliance of expediency, not a permanent party likely to carry a program out.

Fortunately there is hope now that the new Defense Mobilization Act will turn out somewhat better than the conglomeration of self-contradictions it appeared Friday. Up to then voting had been by voice or teller without recording of names. When the bill came up for roll-call vote the worst features—the price freeze and the guaranteed profits—were squeezed out by the sobering demand to stand up and be counted. And the conference committee may yet put together the more workable sections of the Senate and House bills.

But political irresponsibility is dangerous stuff to have around. It may please people who don't admire the administration (and there are many) to see it squirm in a strait jacket put upon it by poor legislation. But on a matter as important as inflation, where does that put the country? —From the Christian Science Monitor.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

What's So Funny?

Just finished reading a magazine article that "proves" you and I don't know what's funny.

A bunch of psychologists came to this sad conclusion after telling jokes to college students. Very often they would give out with what they considered a side-splitter—and not get even a chuckle in response. Other times the students would laugh their heads off at stories that weren't considered really funny.

Maybe I'm wrong, but what makes a psychologist such a better judge of humor than the rest of us? If a man gets a kick out of a joke that proves it was funny to him—doesn't it?

From where I sit, when psychologists try to set up a standard for a sense of humor they're getting too serious for me. Stands to reason that different people laugh at different things, just as they have different tastes for most everything. I'm partial to a glass of beer with meals myself—but I promise not to make any "wise-cracks" if you prefer tea.

Joe Marsh

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