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"PROVINCIAL" BUYING

Stamps are cancelled in British post offices by a machine which prints across the corner of the envelope a slogan to the effect that British Goods are Best, and should consequently be bought.

So far nothing of the kind has occurred in this country. But a buy-at-home movement is undoubtedly growing. It does not confine itself to "Buy American." It localizes itself to the point where you are told to buy in your own state, your own country, your own village. And it has a persuasive sound.

"Altogether, as to the person who has either dollars, francs, guilders, shillings, pesos or piastres to spend, the important point is not so much whether he shall 'Buy American' or 'Buy British' or 'Buy Ethiopian' as that he shall buy!"

In other words, if we spend a million dollars for foreign goods and the foreign sellers in turn spend as much for other goods in our market, the money we've spent has done precisely as much for our own people as if we had kept it all at home—and, in addition, it has aided in the immensely important task of stabilizing and increasing international trade. In normal times ten per cent of our products—that ten per cent which marks the difference between profit and loss in the average business—are sold abroad. The decline of foreign trade has closed thousands of factories and contributed to the unemployment of millions. We don't have our cake and eat it too—and if countries boycott each other, they cannot expect an interchange of trade which is essential to modern civilization.

TOO LATE

What a pity that we only learn when we get old the folly of helping ungrateful people. Nearly everyone that you benefit, becomes an enemy. Their vanity is hurt because of the realization that your superiority enabled you to do them favors that their inferiority rendered necessary and

POPULAR GOVERNMENT

(By E. D. Cannady)

Popular government is still pretty much of an experiment. Its success will ultimately depend not only upon the integrity but the intelligence of the electorate. This in turn hinges absolutely upon the ability of the voter to give a fair expression of his sentiments at the polls. Election results taken in their entirety do not adequately express the wishes of the electorate. Sometimes they do not even approximate the actual desire in the aggregate of all those voting with respect to the numerous amendments and issues and candidates involved in the election. The ticket ought not preclude his careful choice of a candidate for every other office contained on the ticket. Theoretically, it doesn't but it does in practice. The trouble lies with the multiplicity of issues involved in the average campaign. For instance it was beyond all reason to expect the average voter to intelligently acquaint himself with all the measures and issues involved in the recent election, perplexing at best, and the politicians persisted in making them more so by continually confusing the issues. Eventually it will become imperative to simplify the elections. It may even become necessary to hold elections more frequently in order that certain single issues may be put squarely up to the voters. It is against sound public policy to have state issues dependent upon or overshadowed by National issues and visa versa. State candidates and issues should be made to stand upon and be judged according to their own merits and the voters choice in this particular instant, should, in no way be colored or influenced by his position on the national issues. The selection of a president and the determination of national policies is a sufficient undertaking in itself to occupy the attention of the voter at one election. So with state officials and issues. Why not proceed at once to change the date of the State election so that hereafter

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many friends for their kindness, words of sympathy, and floral offerings in our late bereavement

Signed:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunne and family Lou Ferguson and Hugh

Vesper services will be in charge of Mrs. W. B. Brown, Sunday at 5 P. M. The following program has been arranged: Devotions, Miss Dolores Burdine; Readings, Miss Vivian Garnett; Vocal solo, Mrs. Robena Martin; speaker, Dr. DeNorval Unthank; piano selection, Miss Julia Mae Blanchard. Tea will be served after the services.

Kits Reid

(From a Bulletin of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America)

I am the Lord thy God, but thou shalt remember that I am also the God of all the Earth. I have no favorite children. The Negro and the Hindu, the Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Mexican are all by beloved children.

Thou shalt not measure a city's greatness by its population or its bank clearings alone, but also by its low infant mortality, its houses, playgrounds, libraries, schools and hospitals, and its low record for bootlegging, prostitution, robbery, and murder.

Thou shalt remember that no civilization can rise above the level of its respect for and its ideals of womanhood.

Thou shalt remember thine own sin and build no prisons for revenge and punishment, but make thy courts clinics for the soul, and thy jails hospitals for moral diseases.

Thou shalt remember that the and product of industry is not goods or dividends, but the kind of men and women whose lives are molded by that industry.

Thou shalt press on from political democracy towards industrial democracy, remembering that no man is good enough or wise enough to govern another man without his consent, and that, in addition to a living wage, every man craves a reasonable share in determining the conditions under which he labors.

Thou shalt outlaw war and make no threatening gestures either with great navies or vast military preparations against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt honor men for character and service alone and dishonor none because of race, color or previous conditions of servitude.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor by malicious propaganda or colored news, or by calling him contemptuous names such as Dago Chink, Jap, Wap, Nigger or Sheeny.

Thou shalt remember that when thine own ancestors were savages and barbarians, other men brought to them the saving and civilizing Christian Gospel. Now that thou art rich and prosperous, beware lest thou export to Asia and Africa only thy science and efficiency, thy war ships, goods and moving picture films, and forget to export the Christian message and Christian spirit also.

CLUB URGES RACE PATRONAGE

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 22-- To the Editor:

We are writing you to see if you would care to have some news each week from the Booker T. Washington Trade Association and Housewives League of this city.

This Association was organized by Dr. and Mrs. Peck of the Bethel A. M. E. Church. Has about 15,000 members comprising Business Professional and Laymen.

The object is to encourage Negro Proprietorship and urges the patronage of our race with one another. This Association has been quite an education and all business has profited thereby.

Mrs. Peck has been chosen National President of the Housewives League. She has over 5,000 women in her Detroit League.

If this message could be given all over the Country among our group, it would stimulate Negro business and answer the question, After College WHAT?

Yours truly, Eva Ralden Jackson Sec.

Mrs. Mattie Washington, of 217 Weidner Street entertained at dinner on last Sunday evening for the pleasure of Messrs. C. E. Bigsby, Bruce Locke, Isa Triplett and James Bruce. Mr. Bigsby will leave soon for an indefinite sojourn in Great Falls, Mont.

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ENTRANCE SOUGHT TO NORTH CAROLINA LAW SCHOOL

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 22--A legal battle to secure the entrance of Negro students to the law school of the University of North Carolina will be launched here soon. Plans are all laid and await only the refusal of the university to accept application from a qualified Negro student who already has an application blank to be filled out and returned to the dean of admissions.

The attorneys who are handling the case are Conrad O. Pearson and Cecil A. McCoy of this city. They have the advice and assistance of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The attorneys are basing their claim on the United States Constitution and upon the fact that the North Carolina laws do not forbid education of both races at colleges and universities, but only at elementary and high schools.

The plan to have Negroes seek entrance was given wide publicity in the Greensboro, N. C. Daily News and the paper's correspondent called the young colored lawyers "radical members of their race who are, of course members of the N. A. A. C. P." The paper states: "The N.A.A.C.P. has turned some pretty spectacular tricks in its time. It undoubtedly caused the defeat of Judge John Parker--they brought down some of the biggest Republicans in the country." The article gives the opinion that while the Negroes may have a good case and may have the advice of the best lawyers in the country, they can't win in state courts. It admits that North Carolina may be forced to provide tuition in other states for Negroes who wish to secure professional training not available with in the state.

Whatever may be said about technocracy, it has put a high hat on the hobo. These itinerant members of society, who so long have blithely ambled past their industrious fellow men, have been generally the cause for raised eyebrows. Their unceasing indifference to factory whistles, to the civic responsibilities and to any meanness of wardrobe, and their inclination to masquerade as freight to

get from point to point on schedule have not met with unanimous approval. And there is no indication that sentiment has changed in their favor--certainly the United States has no desire to see their example emulated by thousands of young wanderers--but the hobo claims at least one feather in his limp hat. Seasoned and contemplative drones, traveling without benefit of Baedekers, whether slapping their spatulate boots in the dust of the open road or furtively unloading themselves from box cars, assert that events have gilded their tattered garments with the aura of scholarshipism, of a sort.

Long before society realized the itinerant one's excursions were anything more profound than a desire to refresh himself with a new scene, he was, he claims, practicing technocracy. He had emancipated himself from the machine, had installed a shorter working week and day and had given himself over to the cultural influence of unrestricted leisure. What he had done with his leisure remains a mystery. If not an evidence that more than spare time is needed for achievement of culture.

At all events, the Ancient and Honorable Society of Hoboes meeting recently in Chicago did not hesitate to claim that its "body politic," for all its inattentive manner, had stolen a march on the scholars. As a flock of primers on technocracy appeared in said, moved to institute an advance course in this subject. They rebelled at any dallying with a theory they have developed to its conclusions.

The thousands of machines that respond with robot precision to a push of a button are not regarded as a menace or a difficult problem in technocracy. But the button! There is the menace. All the training and predications of the "hobocrats" doubtless will be directed toward developing a button to push the button--that is on the days they "work."

One flaw thus haunts the pretensions of the hobocrat. There may be some subtle kinship between the prospectus unfolded by technocrats and that elysian existence of which the hobo sings "in the big Red Candy Mountains." But technocracy, it may be recalled, began as an "emergency survey." And if either of these utopias is to be consummated, to say nothing of the plans of many who love their comfort enough to work for it, there must be some energy to be surveyed--human energy included. (C. S. Monitor)

HIST, THE HOBOCRAT



Richard B. Harrison, as "The Lawd" denied admission to witness the performance of the famous Pulitzer Prize Play, "The Green Pastures" who appeared capital.

recently at Howard University with Green Pastures was in Portland other outstanding members of the last year and played to large houses cast, after colored people had been at the civic auditorium.

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The Goal of a New World Order

(By Shoghi Effendi)

Although this communication is addressed to the adherents of the Baha'i Faith in Europe and America, and was written in order to deepen their understanding of the Providential forces released in this age, nevertheless its analysis of the causes of the present world depression has so vital an interest, its assertion of the true outcome is so firm, its regeneration so vital, that the administrative body of the American Baha'is is deem it not only a privilege, but a high religious obligation, to make the letter available to all who sincerely seek light and guidance in these days of direst trouble ever experienced by mankind.

THE IMPOTENCE OF STATESMANSHIP

Dearly-beloved friends! Humanity, whether viewed in the light of man's individual conduct or in the existing relationships between organized communities and nations, has, alas, strayed too far and suffered too great a decline to be redeemed through the unaided efforts of the best among its recognized rulers and statesmen--however disinterested their motives, however concerted--their action, however unsparring in their zeal and devotion to its cause. No scheme which the calculations of the highest statesmanship may yet devise; no doctrine which the most distinguished exponents of economic theory may hope to advance; no principle which the most ardent of moralists may strive to inculcate, can provide, in the last resort, adequate foundations upon which the future of a distracted world can be built.

unification of the world--a principle that has been increasingly advocated in recent times--provide in itself the antidote against the poison that is steadily undermining the vigor of organized peoples and nations.

What else, might we not confidently affirm, but the unreserved acceptance of the Divine Program enunciated, with such simplicity and force as far back as sixty years ago, by Baha'u'llah, embodying in its essentials God's divine appointment scheme for the unification of mankind in this age, coupled with an indomitable conviction in the unflinching efficacy of each and all of its provisions, is eventually capable of withstanding the forces of internal disintegration which, if unchecked, must continue to eat into the vitals of a despairing society. It is towards this goal--the goal of a new World Order, Divine in origin, all-embracing in scope, equitable in principle, challenging in its features--that a harassed humanity must strive.

To claim to have grasped all the implications of Baha'u'llah's prodigious scheme for world-wide human solidarity, or to have fathomed its import, would be presumptuous on the part of even the declared supporters of His Faith. To attempt to visualize it in all its possibilities, to estimate its future benefits, to picture its glory, would be premature at even so advanced a stage in the evolution of mankind.

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