

Herald and News

Editorial Page

Socialism By Any Name

Of interest in the November issue of the American Legion Magazine is a discussion, pro and con, of "Should Veterans' Benefits Be Extended To Post-Korea GI's?"

Nobody asked our opinion in the discussion, but our answer would be a flat, unqualified NO.

The entire GI situation has become cluttered with the fuzzy thinking of a bunch of do-gooders who don't know when they have enough. We cannot conceive where anyone can logically say that those young men who give token service to the nation today are being imposed upon or unfairly used.

We think (as a veteran of five and one-half years in two active theatres of war) that there is too much coddling of our "servicemen." We think that every able-bodied man OWES it to the nation to serve a minimum required amount of time in the service. We are inclined to think, too, that these minimum requirements are too short.

If the do-gooders and bleeding hearts want to do something of a more socialistic nature than we now have, why not come right out and sponsor a plan to send every young

man to college, or to an on-the-job training program? Let's not cloud the issue by trying to support a claim that some young men deserve such special consideration simply because they have spent some little time in the service during peacetime (or, as some want to call it, "cold war service").

For our own part, we like the "con" part of the magazine discussion in which Sen. Goldwater says:

"... There is no comparison between peacetime and wartime service. Why then should we extend public funds to supply benefits to a person who is merely discharging his obligation without suffering any wartime risks such as family dislocation, disruption of a business or professional future, or death or injury in combat?"

"The period of peacetime service is generally of shorter duration and usually the veteran knows in advance how long his service will last. Peacetime veterans accordingly are afforded a better opportunity of anticipating the interruption of civilian life and are in a position to make the necessary arrangements for minimizing the transition from civilian to military life."

The Soul Of America

In his speech at the Republican national political convention in Chicago, former President Herbert Hoover rose above partisanship in making an eloquent expression of his deep concern for the apparent lack of pride in country and weakening in the forces of independence, morality and responsibility which gave our people the strength and will to build America. The following are excerpts from Mr. Hoover's address.

As I look back over my long years of concern with our national problems, I have come to believe that moral forces and certain forces embedded in the soul of America are more important than all other issues—for they lay at the base of their solution.

Today America is in the midst of a frightening moral slump. Beyond the terrifying warning of (crime) statistics, we can hardly believe that integrity and moral steadfastness are increasing when we witness the constant exposure of State and municipal corruption.

All wars, by their violence and disregard for individual rights, bring an aftermath of decline in morals. But some part of this decline in morals is an infection from Communist Russia. I do not need remind you that the doctrines of Karl Marx and of the Communists are a destroyer of all morals. They declare there is no God. They stigmatize religious faith as an opiate of the people. Lenin himself declared that their foreign policies must be based on dodges (tricks and untruths). And during the 14 years since the war, Communist conspiracies and their fronts have poured Marxist poisons into our people.

This nation (America) needs a rebirth of a great spiritual force which has been impaired by cynicism and weakened by foreign infections. Call it nationalism if you will. But there is an American kind of nationalism which is neither isolationism nor aggression; and embedded deep within it is compassion for distress both at home and overseas.

The spiritual force of which I speak is enshrined in the word America. We do not use that word merely as a geographical term. At one time, and even now, for millions of Americans, that word summons to mind the whole background of the nation.

The word America recalls that millions of people for over 300 years have sought our shores as a refuge from oppression. To those millions of people, the word America came to mean a civilization unique on earth by the fusion of the attainments of scores of nations.

For centuries the word America among the great masses of people over the world has been an emblem of hope, of more security in life, and more freedom.

The word America brings to our minds the great men and women, who won for us our independence and created a government unique among nations.

The word America means that our wars were not fought for the glory of war but for freedom in the world. The word America envisions rills of freedom springing from our mountains and plains, pouring like a mighty river which refreshes not only our own people but the whole of mankind.

Today, we alone among the nations have a multitude of citizens who have sunk to a posture of perpetual apology and seeming shame for ourselves. Yet today the fires of nationalism in its higher sense are burning brightly in almost every nation on earth. We have witnessed the spirit of nationalism give birth to the independence of a dozen nations in the last ten years.

I do not pretend that a rebirth of that spirit which lies within the word America will cure all moral ills. But with it, we might have a revision of some of our school-books.

The re-echo of the word America might resurrect conscience away from crime and back to manhood.

It might, by the recall of the rights and ideals of our people, tend to curb excessive demands of pressure groups.

It might stimulate anew the initiative and enterprise of tens of thousands of our youth, who from fear of the future seek refuge in bureaucracies of industry and government.

Because I lament the evils and dangers which beset us, I would not have you believe that our Nation is in its decline and fall. The American people have rallied many times in our history to meet even greater tasks. They can be rallied again.



"Mr. Lumumba, I Presume?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parties Fail

Tuesday another continuation of the inroads of communism and socialism into American government will be sanctioned by the voters, aided by the fear of both political parties in bringing the real issues of the times before the people.

To date, both parties have merely attempted to by-pass the real issues and the danger signals appearing in our inflated economy—by promising to "out-liberal" each other with our foreign aid, military programs, social security and countless other programs to aid one and all—at the expense of the farmer, the workingman, the business man, and every American who is able to produce—for the benefit of Big Government and our foreign friends we hope to buy.

Who has told the voters that: a. 67 countries of the free world now have a total national debt, combined, of 185 1/2 billion. b. 7 countries in the Soviet bloc have a combined debt of 51 billion. c. American's debt is \$290 billion, or nearly 50 billion greater than these 74 countries combined. Also, these countries produce 788 billion of combined national products as compared with our production of 441 billion of national product.

This astonishing fact comes from figures gathered by the Library of Congress, and were told Congress by Rep. Geo. Andrews (D-Ala.).

Now, the Harvard School of Business conference (mid-summer 1960) brought out the fact that our major industries from steel to plywood have already lost their foreign markets to other nations and are very rapidly losing the American markets—to cheap foreign labor backed by our financial assistance, and our outdated Breton Woods trade agreements which should be changed or scrapped immediately.

Both political parties have failed to point out the facts about how communism is now surely defeating us without a hot war, simply because the Russian ruble will be strongly backed with gold, while we stupidly cling to our commie sponsored gold policy of FDR, White, Hiss et al. and have done nothing to halt inflation and the devaluation of our own dollar to a low of 8 cents. When we abandoned the gold standard, the idea was at that time to jazz up the economy—this was some 28 years ago.

We now have an 8-cent paper dollar not payable in gold, deposited in banks or in our hands. Foreigners now have holdings which are cashable in U.S. gold, amounting to almost 23 billion dollars. On October 4th the U.S. held only 18 2/3 billion dollars worth of gold, with the foreign drain on our gold reserve averaging 13 million per day. Here is an alarming situation that needs urgent attention, as gold must be the basis of our monetary system—our gold must be revalued to halt the danger of operating with our cheap dollars at home and a solid gold dollar among foreigners. This would not add to the danger of inflation at home—the inflation has already taken place—it would be adjusting our cheap, depreciated



YOUR POCKETBOOK

Spending To Save On Taxes Not Feasible

Don't let your neighbors tell you that you:

Should buy a house just because the interest on a mortgage is tax deductible.

Should pile up medical expenses so that you can claim a larger tax deduction.

Can afford to go head over heels into debt because the interest on your loans will lower your tax bill.

Will actually save money by contributing to Aunt Jane's pet charity because all charitable contributions are tax deductible. These items are tax deductible and could mean some reduction in the tax bill for someone of considerable wealth. But if your annual income is \$10,000 or less, these deductions are really quite meaningless.

Take home ownership. Let's argue that you could find a rental unit at a monthly price equivalent

to what it would cost you to repay a mortgage and pay local taxes on your property. The argument might run that by owning you would amass a tax deductible item. This is true. But, the amount by which it would lower your tax bill is not a sufficient argument for owning.

The pro-home ownership argument has much, much more to offer than a mere tax deduction. When you own, you build an equity in your home; your property could easily appreciate over the years. In some areas, home ownership is an important status symbol.

When you rent, you build no such equity in your home; your status in the community might not be as great.

However, if you apply the capital that would have gone into owning a home in other investments, you might strike situations of greater or comparable capital growth. And, with wealth comes status.

Owning versus renting has been argued in the past and little doubt, the argument will continue. Owning merely to reap a tax benefit, unless it is a question of owning income-producing property, makes little sense to anyone in a low-middle income bracket.

When it comes to medical expenses, you can deduct only those medical and dental expenses which exceed 3 per cent of your adjusted gross income. Exceptions: Those over 65.

When it comes to deducting the interest on your loans, such as money borrowed from the bank or installment credit purchases, this won't amount to a row of beans so far as a tax savings is concerned for those whose income is middle range.

And when you in the low-middle income bracket contribute to charity, do so only because of your personal desire and with no other motive.

The reader who writes that he fails to see how he can save by spending a dollar to avoid paying 25 cents in taxes is completely right. He can't save.

More and more people are coming to realize this although more and more of them are itemizing their tax deductions instead of taking the optional standard deduction of 10 per cent of adjusted gross income with a top of \$1,000. Figures compiled by the Commerce Clearing House show that in 1957, 20.2 million taxpayers listed deductions item by item, 3.3 million more than those who itemized deductions in 1955. Average itemized total deductions for people in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year income bracket in 1957 averaged \$1,190; for those in the \$8,000 to \$9,000 a year bracket \$1,497, and for those with annual incomes of from \$10,000 to \$15,000, it amounted to \$1,979.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—What is absolute zero?

A—The point at which, theoretically, all molecular motion ceases to exist.

Q—When the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, England, what was its original destination? A—Virginia.



NOTHING SPECIAL

(W. B. S.)

It's hopeless I know. But every once in a while I can't resist the urge to cry out against the "organizers." We've got our kids organized from the time they leave the crib straight through to the grave. (Yes, even to the grave—we now have the cemetery organizations which permit us to pay our graveside expenses on the "easy payment plan.") Not that I object to organizations. Some people like them. But I object to the pressure that is put on the kids to belong to Scouts, Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls, etc. etc. through a long line into and past their school years. Schools, churches, fraternal organizations, et al, are responsible for this terrific pressure.

I could go for a "leave the kids alone" organization. Maybe it will be a stimulant for parents to get acquainted with their kids. I should temper this whole thing by saying that too many parents are only too glad to have little Johnny or Mary trotting off to somebody else's house or a lodge hall for a couple of hours or so each week.

A paternal puzzle: On the one hand, we are advised to be lenient with the child or we'll inhibit him. On the other hand, we are told to be strict with the child—or we'll spoil him. I still think a good wallop on the tail would straighten out many of these "warped" kids.

For bravery and calmness under fire, we cite our women's page editor. She has performed countless acts of heroism and soldier-like judiciousness that deserve reward.

For instance, the times she has dragged Mrs. Dullish up from the depths of obscurity when she was going down for the third time, and has placed her firmly on the social ladder.

Or, the time she kept the name of A. Philanderer out of the society column when the publicity department of the eastern hotel where he had registered with an "and wife" signature sent us the item. Mrs. Philanderer, our WPE knew, was not on the trip with the local playboy.

She has struggled, I don't know how many times (every Sunday, at least), not to put a more beautiful gown on Mrs. Flotsam when she did on Mrs. Jetsam when both were in the receiving line. She makes every effort to make Mrs. McMeekly's dreary little party sound as gay as the

one given by Mrs. Swankly. And as for brides, no person would have performed such yeoman service as that rendered by our beloved WPE.

She has made unattractive brides sound ravishing in the writeups; plain ones have been built into glamorous beauties; old ones are made young; questionable ones, almost virginal.

She has typed "I Love You Truly," and "At Dawning" so many times she doesn't even bother to read the script any more. She's described wedding gowns, bridal bouquets, wedding cakes, and what "the mother of the bride chose for the wedding" to the point where she's wearing slacks herself.

Every Sunday morning, armed with a cup of black strong coffee and steely determination, she scans the society pages for any possible boo-boos so that she can grab the phone and call to explain to an irate bride or mother-in-law how come the "bride" actually appeared in the story as the "bride" before a guffawing neighbor has that pleasure.

No, the heroes don't all come from the ranks of college footballers, on the field of battle, or the ranks of the police. We nominate our WPE for any type of award the field affords. Long may she wave.

One of the most misused words I know of is "entail." Right behind it comes "scantily." Another is "scan." And an often-used word that is not a word at all is "irregardless."

Well, the campaign is over, and what in heaven's name are we going to use for editorial material? There's the story around town about two politicians in an argument. One said: "There are hundreds of ways of making money, but only one honest way. Asked the other: "And what's that?" The quick response: "Ah, ha. I knew you wouldn't know."

I guess all this credit, and putting off the day of payment is all right. Just so we don't get like the drunk who didn't like hangovers, so he solved his problem by staying drunk all of the time.

I believe that when this election is all totaled up, the figures will show that if all of the national polls were laid end to end, they would still lie.



THE DOCTOR SAYS . . .

Tranquilizer Use Must Be Tempered

By HAROLD T. HYMAN, M.D. Written for Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

One in every seven Americans is taking tranquilizers as an escape from anxiety, according to Dr. E. M. Papper, professor of anesthesiology at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

In a recent conversation with several of my colleagues, I expressed the opinion that over-enthusiastic prescription of tranquilizers, especially without preliminary investigation into the cause for the individual's anxiety, constituted a serious indictment of current medical principles.

Without a dissenting voice, my colleagues insisted that practical considerations compelled them to act in a manner contrary to their better judgment.

According to their joint defense of themselves personally and of the profession in general, they asserted they were virtually compelled to prescribe each new drug that was glowingly reported in popular magazines.

If they protested that the drug was insufficiently tested or that it occasionally and unpredictably exhibited unpleasant or even toxic side effects, they came to be regarded as "old fogies."

If they suggested a preliminary inquiry into the cause for the anxiety, they were accused of trying to "psycho-analyze" and were assured that there was no need to pry into the private affairs of the patient.

Indeed, the purpose of the visit might be baldly stated to be a request for a prescription to obtain a drug that the local pharmacist would not sell over the counter. And, if that prescription were not forthcoming, the "customer" knew where one could be obtained.

Before you follow this unwise course, perhaps you'll be interested in the following list of some

toxic side effects produced by certain tranquilizers, as reported in reputable medical journals:

Sleepiness, dizziness and uncertainty in gait (ataxia). Lack of muscular control, making it unsafe to operate a motor vehicle.

Shaking palsy (like paralysis agitans or Parkinson's disease).

Severe depression, occasionally to the point of suicide attempts. Rash, occasionally covering the entire body.

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation or abdominal pain; the last with occasional stomach ulceration and perforation.

Liver damage, sometimes incapacitating and occasionally fatal.

Addiction to some types with withdrawal symptoms such as occur when the morphinist attempts to "kick the habit."

Destruction of white or red cells, with occasional fatality.

Unless the stakes are higher than the mere quieting of anxiety, I am unwilling to accept these risks.

And if you agree with me, you'll cooperate with your doctor when he seeks to discover and eliminate the causes for your anxieties.

For a copy of Dr. Hyman's leaflet "Anticipating Retirement," send 10 cents to Dr. Hyman, care of Herald and News, Box 489, Dept. B, Radio City Station, New York 19, N.Y.

Thoughts

Give something to others each day of your life. Help those who are timid to stand in the strife. Go faithfully onward, o'erflowing with love.

Then, smiling, the Master will greet you above. —James Rowe.

THEY SAY . . .

A cancer on the body politic of America.

—Nobel Prize-winning chemist Linus Pauling, on the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which is investigating anti-nuclear bomb scientists.

There are four things a woman needs to know . . . How to look like a girl, act like a lady, think like a man and work like a dog.

—Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, secretary of the State of New York.

BARBS

Some bathing suits this past summer were good for laughs, maybe because brevity is the soul of wit.

Six overnight guests escaped from a golf club fire in the south. Wonder if they went around the course in nothing.

Students are not allowed to have autos at an Ohio college. Gas and midnight oil don't mix very well.

Newsman

A crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and a list of clues. The clues include: Across: 17. Veteran newsman; 18. Breathe in; 19. Indian heroine; 20. Liar; 21. Makes amends; 22. Craft; 23. Feminine; 24. Appellation; 25. Knights (ab.); 26. Model; 27. Den; 28. Pronoun; 29. Congress; 30. Tapestry; 31. He can be heard on; 32. The; 33. Tumult; 34. Western cattle; 35. City in Pennsylvania; 36. Employ; 37. Gaelic; 38. Colonizer; 39. South by east (ab.); 40. Extrapates; 41. Drinking vessel; 42. Fur; 43. Indolent; 44. Table attendant; 45. Marvel; 46. Emphasis; 47. Lances; 48. Italian coin; 49. Heavy blow; 50. Pronominal word; 51. Dine; 52. Peruvian animal; 6. Constellation; 7. Scorpion star; 8. Barterer; 9. Detester; 10. Shoulder (comb. form); 11. Monastery; 12. Inhabitant; 13. Talk back (coll.); 14. Shoshonean; 15. Habbles; 16. Tidier; 17. Bird; 18. Operatic solo; 19. Press; 20. German river; 21. Falsehoods; 22. Painful; 32. Steamship; 33. Right side (ab.); 34. Prince (ab.); 35. Speaks; 36. Masculine; 37. Nickname; 38. Arm joints; 39. Theives; 40. Bar legally; 41. Stitches; 42. Unruly child; 43. Prince; 44. Concluding passage; 45. Employer; 46. Personal (ab.); 47. Follower; 48. Chemical suffix.