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PUBLIC SERVICE VS POLITICAL POWWOW

It is refreshing to note in public officials a disposition to cooperate with their associates in performing public duties, regardless of political lines. Wrangling, inspired by party jealousies and prejudices, has too often stood in the way of promotion of the public welfare.

The City of Louisville is now entering an era of administration wherein one party alone is responsible to the people. It is to be hoped that such responsibility will be appreciated and respected to the fullest. But the County government is still to have as its administrators men of two different party affiliations. For them to resort to the practice of buck-passing, to evade responsibility to the public, as has been the case in times past in some instances, would be disgraceful.

But there has been recent cause for encouragement. A gleam of hope has been reflected from the County's capital, brightening the eyes and reviving the spirits of taxpayers from Prospect to Kosmosdale, even to citizens of the County who reside within the bounds of the Metropolis. As the courthouse argument has progressed it has proved amusing and, at times, a bit disgusting, revealing, ever and anon, a spirit of County vs. City and Republican vs. Democrat.

On the eve of the induction of two Democrats into what has been a 100 per cent Republican Fiscal Court, there has been sounded a note of harmony; a spirit of willingness to cooperate in the interest of public economy and general welfare. In announcing that he will oppose further expenditures on a proposed new court house at this time, County Commissioner Miles Thacker shows the proper spirit and a just regard for the incoming commissioners who are of different political faith. It is to be hoped that all other members of that body will emulate his fair-minded example.

County City affairs of government, calling more and more for cooperative handling, have important angles requiring the consideration of all those administrators in whose hands they are to be entrusted for the next several years. Nothing in the public interest is to be gained through hasty conclusions or premature decisions at this time of shifting personnel within the official family.

Sparks and Sundries
By Samuel H. Stuart

What people need, today, is not more recreation or leisure—but more work! That is not my conclusion but the considered opinion of Prof. Harvey C. Lehman, Ohio University psychologist. Not that he stated it in just those terms, but that was the gist of his conclusions, namely, that because of labor-saving machines man may now be unable to find "work that permits him to develop intellectually and spiritually."

Surely that doesn't apply to the farmer, as he still has about twice as much work to do as he can accomplish comfortably. Many farm operations do not lend themselves readily to mechanization, so the farmer for some time to come will find plenty of the necessary element for developing "intellectually and spiritually."

The thing that amuses one is that the learned doctors have for years bemoaned the necessity of labor, as depriving man of time and strength to develop culturally. Now, having seen that leisure is not spent, usually, on activities that engender higher development, as the evolutionary hypothesis led them to expect, they wonder if, after all, Mr. Toil might not be a pretty good old Schoolmaster, as Daffydowndilly discovered.

Too much of anything, including labor, is not good, but the decay of civilizations of the past which had fattened on leisure, provided, not by machines, but by enslaving conquered peoples, was a historical proof of the fallacy of the give-them-leisure-and-culture-will-follow brand of logic.

Marxist-inspired wishful-thinking coupled with evolutionary day-dreaming led to this fantasy of idleness producing inspiration, instead of its usual rotten fruit, vice.

Unmarried young people and elderly ladies practically made up the constituency of one of the most enthusiastic congregations Father ever served, located in a Kansas coal-mining town. For

ing a lovely organ while Father was minister and making other improvements. They were constant in attendance, conscientious in contributing, and in many ways a model church group. It appeared, peculiar as it may seem, that the contest between the old ladies and the young folks actually sharpened the interest of all in the progress of the organization.

The American Way

WHAT'S THE SCORE?
By DeWitt Emery
(EDITOR'S NOTE: DeWitt Emery is president of the National Small Business Men's Association.)

President Truman's special session of Congress, before this is printed, will be under way and it's to be hoped that in opening it, the President did a better job of telling the people what the score is than he did in his radio talk explaining why a special session is necessary.

His radio talk was filled with inconsistencies. He started off by saying that everyone is employed at high wages and farmers and business men are doing fine. Then along about the middle he came up with "when so many people are not sharing prosperity the road is being paved for a recession or a depression." What I can't figure out is who these "so many people" are who "are not sharing" when "everyone is employed at high wages and farmers and business men are doing fine."

In another place in this radio talk the President said, "inflation must be stopped," and added, "The average buying power of our people is 40% higher than in 1929," and he continued, "We can prevent further loss and go on to new gains." It seems to me that stopping inflation with buying power already up 40% is quite a different matter from going "on to new gains."

Simply stated, inflation is caused by an oversupply of money and an undersupply of goods. The best way to lick inflation is to increase production so there won't be three or four dollars hanging around the market place to buy each dollar's worth of goods. As long as this condition exists, there will be inflation no matter what controls may be attempted. Controls in such a situation only serve to force a large volume of business outside regular, legitimate channels; into the black market.

But notwithstanding that increased production is a sure cure for inflation, the President said not one word in his radio talk about getting more goods to market. Mr. Truman evidently still clings to the theory his Administration adopted after V-J Day, that it is somehow possible to work less, to produce less and still have more, and at the same time carry a tremendously heavy load of foreign relief.

Sometimes I wonder if Mr. Truman and his advisors have ever come even close to knowing what the score is. Not long after V-J Day he was sold the idea that a serious depression was immediately ahead and the only way it could be headed off was to increase the buying power of the individual citizen. So the President came out in favor of greatly increased wages, which set off the greatest round of strikes this country has ever known, and these wage increases gave the inflation spiral, which hasn't yet stopped spiraling, a tremendous boost. He certainly was off base on this.

In January, 1946, Mr. Truman estimated federal expenditures for fiscal '47 at \$36 billion dollars and that federal income for fiscal '47 would be \$15 billion. Seven months later, in August, 1946, he changed his estimate of income for fiscal '47 to \$39.6 billion and his estimate of expenditures to \$41.25 billion, thereby predicting a deficit of more than a billion and a half. Actually, fiscal '47 wound up with a surplus of more than two billions. This doesn't come very close to knowing the score.

Here's a prediction: There will be a race between the President and Congress to see who can be first with proposals to reduce taxes effective January 1, 1948. I'm betting on Congress to win this race for no other reason than to bring home to the people that the sole responsibility for all individual taxpayers not getting relief on their 1947 income taxes rests right squarely on the shoulders of President Truman.

EVERYBODY'S JOB By MACKENZIE



become professional at it. Tragically, our approach to the idea of pulling together throughout this time has been weak, inept, bungling, and amateurish.

"I think you will agree that self-preservation is the strongest instinct in man. It must be perfectly obvious that the idea of pulling apart is detrimental to self-preservation, whereas the idea of pulling together is conducive to it.

"Isn't this, then, the most important question that we should ask of our Christian civilization: Why is it that in these 2,000 years, we have devoted most of our time, our thought and our care to the idea of pulling apart, when that idea is so inimical to self-preservation? Why have we done so little for the idea of pulling together, which alone can save our civilization?"

"I don't profess to have the answer, but I do have my answer. It is that in all these years, because of fear and of a sense of insecurity, we have enthroned mistrust, misunderstanding, and hate in our minds and in our hearts. Had we followed the eth-

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Revelation 3:7-13

Courageous Loyalty
Lesson for December 14, 1947

OPEN your Bible to Revelation, and read the first seven chapters. Then you will be ready for Acts 16:16-40, and 1 Peter 4:12-19, and 5:6, 7. These Scriptures form the basis of a study for Sunday on Loyalty Under Persecution. Christians are not promised an easy time, but they are assured sufficient grace for every time of need. This lesson, if carefully pondered, will fortify one's faith and send us forth renewed in courage and Christian poise for these days of discipleship.

Dr. Newton

How a Song Helped
"HUMBLE yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:6, 7. That is a splendid watchword for every boy and girl.

Now, turn to Acts 16:16-30, and see how Paul and Silas, locked in the inner dungeon at midnight, could pray and sing. That is what happens to the Christian who sincerely trusts in God—who acts on the promise that God really cares for his trusting children.

A memory verse suggested for Sunday is found in Proverbs 17:22, and it goes like this: "A cheerful heart is a good medicine."

Have you watched some Christian in affliction—how he or she could bless every passerby? It was because that person possessed the "cheerful heart." And each of us may have that precious possession, if we remember Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God."

Happy Behind Prison Bars
PAUL and Silas are pictured as happy in that dark dungeon. There is a statement to challenge every cynic, every doubting Thomas. Only the grace of God can make men happy under persecution. Paul declares in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." Aye, he was not ashamed to preach the Gospel to the little damsel on the streets of Jerusalem, nor was he ashamed to go to the prison for the sake of the Gospel.

Best of all, Paul and Silas were sustained in their sorrowful plight by the consciousness that God was with them—that he always keeps his word.

I venture the prediction that the fortitude of Paul and Silas in that night of persecution did more to impress the Christian religion upon Jerusalem than any sermon even the eloquent Paul ever uttered. We, too, can witness for Christ as we face difficult situations.

Courageous Loyalty
LOOK now at Revelation 2:8-11, and 3:14-22, for the example of the church at Smyrna, burdened by tribulation and poverty, but "rich" in the promise that a crown of life awaited them.

It was far more difficult to be a Christian in the first century than it is in the twentieth century. By which I mean that the early Christians were few in number and without any backing of public opinion. They were despised as the lowly followers of the crucified carpenter of Nazareth. Today, Christians are acknowledged as the best citizens in every community.

Even so, there are tests for us—tests that will be too much for human courage and loyalty. If we are true to the teachings of Jesus as they relate to everyday life, we shall need that same endurance which the Christians at Smyrna possessed, else our discipleship will shame the name of our Lord.

The Blood of the Lamb
THE lesson concludes with that dramatic passage in Revelation 7:9-17, in which we behold the great white-robed throng about the throne of God, singing, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever. Amen."

Who were they? "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Loyalty under persecution is dependent absolutely upon the life-giving power of the blood of the Lamb.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed. For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid."

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Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore
By Jordan Wilson, Ph.D.
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MAKING PROGRESS
Last week I reflected, rather silyly, on the superstitions that are hard to kill, coming to the conclusion that no especial harm is done in merely believing in marvels. This week I want to take another tack, I am about to start another college year as I write this article. In a few days I am to enroll several hundred freshmen, boys and girls from every kind of home in Kentucky and its neighboring states. Some of these children will come from homes where there is little education but where Father and Mother have longed for more than they were ever able to obtain. In general, these students will be easy to teach, for I will be teaching eager minds, minds that realize how vast is the field of knowledge and how little of it they have as yet acquired. Some will come from homes that feel that education is largely perfunctory, a sort of brushing down of the race horse before the big day. It will not be easy to teach such minds as these children will bring; they will probably lack intellectual curiosity and might easily accept any old superstition about life so long as it required only the minimum of effort and change from a placid life. It will be a joy to me to throw out baits to both kinds and see whether the human race desires to be static or is still eager to find new ways.

One of the advantages of having taught for forty years is that I can look back and see thousands of changes for the better in most of the people whom I have taught. For every static person, satisfied with what Father believed or knew or with what comes most easily, there are dozens who have made more progress in their individual lives than their families made in ten generations behind them. Many of my most successful students came from homes of poverty and ignorance but got something under their skins and "went places" in their chosen work. Thousands whom I taught came from homes where the education of the parents was only that of the one-roomed school; hundreds of these people have graduated from college and from technical schools. That accomplishment in

And so, as I enter my classroom this fall, I will be hopeful for the next generation, much more hopeful than I am for the one that I represent. I do not mean that all the puzzling things will be solved by these boys and girls, but I know that they, encouraged by us older ones and allowed to work out as much as possible their own ways, will add something good to human achievement that we have often failed to add. And the best feature of it all is the fact that most of them are already ages ahead of you and me in their ability to get along with each other, to endure, or to sympathize with, the slight queerness that we all have.

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KENTUCKY ON THE MARCH
By Corney Gallows

ON PULLING APART
Once in a long while somebody comes along with material for this column, and I don't have to do the writing myself. This time it is Harry W. Schacter, President of the Committee for Kentucky. The paragraphs are lifted from his 44-page history of the Committee.

"To me, the profoundest tragedy of our Christian civilization is that throughout these 2,000 years, we have spent the greater part of our effort, our thought, and our care to the idea of pulling apart. We have made of it an art and a science. We have become expert at it. We have

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