

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

Is It Realistic?

We have never had sufficient money to qualify us as experts on the subject of finance, but we believe that the simple arithmetic we learned in our primary school house does enable us to see some glaring inequities in the manner in which the present General Assembly is approaching the all-important subject of money.

In his first message to the Legislature, Gov. Hodges proposed a tax reduction of some 7 million dollars annually for the corporations doing business in this state. This reduction was and is being called for on the unproven theory that corporations have outside industries which will be so captivated by this offer that they will come running to this state in such a volume that many more jobs will be created and the 7 million annually lost in tax revenue will be regained many times over.

No time limit was set for the saving when these new industries would be appearing here and the state would begin to get back the 7 millions it seems now prepared to give away.

Apparently no thought has been given to the undeniable fact that if it must take ten years to attract enough industry that would be expected to pay taxes sufficient to compensate for the loss in the state, it is altogether conceivable that the loss that give away might never be regained. It is a gamble which if undertaken will cause this state to lose millions of dollars annually for a period no one can determine, unless that future returns can not be the realistic future compensate for.

This fantastic proposed change goes away is of itself unworkable and unrealistic, but when coupled with the fact that this same legislature is selling the public school teachers and other state employees that the state does not have money enough to give them a salary increase big enough to allow them to meet their daily needs and to begin to seriously wonder how the automatic he learned years ago suddenly understood a proposal to give 7 million dollars annually to attract new industry here but not to allow it to pay its own employees a decent living wage, it is not likely to ever go very far beyond the management of the business, the state begins to attract will be looking at something besides cheap taxes. It will be looking at cheap

schools, under paid and cheap school teachers, dissatisfied and disgruntled state employees who must provide the protection and maintenance of the many essential industry must have in order to operate and be prosperous.

While looking at the inconsistency of a multi-million dollar give away to buy business and the denial of adequate pay for public school teachers and state employees, you see staring you in the face the refusal of this corporation dominated legislature to allow the state's minimum wage scale to be raised from 40 cents an hour to the princely sum of 75 cents with all the how and cry heard on Capitol hill about raising the per capita income of this state's workers, with the cost of living rising daily, the House Committee to which this minimum pay boost was referred would not even allow it to be considered.

This minimum hourly pay increase, if allowed to pass, would of itself increase the purchasing power of some 70,000 workers by over one-half million dollars a year. Every dollar of this increase plus the amount these workers now spend would go toward strengthening state industry. It would mean one-half million dollars annually for this state's present enterprises without the loss of one dollar in give away tax reduction.

There are many things apparently wrong with the leadership and the thinking of this present general assembly, it is studying ways and means of cutting off the pitance the Federal government is now giving illegitimate children, it is proposing to curb the freedom of some of its citizens by forbidding them their inherent right to protect injustice, it granted a 20 percent pay boost to the already well paid members of the Council of State and it has considered many other undemocratic measures.

But by all odds, the proposal to reduce the taxes paid by big business to the tune of 7 million dollars yearly while at the same time refusing to grant adequate pay increases to the public school teachers and other state employees coupled with the refusal of the House of Representatives to even consider raising the minimum hourly wage from 40 to 75c, will certainly mark this general assembly as the most backward and unrealistic body ever to meet in the State Capitol.

Self-Imposed Retardation

Should you ask any sane person if he would knowingly march a decade in his own path the answer would be a resounding NO! The white man in the South who includes North Carolina, is supposed to be sane, experienced with the mounting cost of segregation and its attendant evils of discrimination and economic blockade perpetuated against the Negro, has proven beyond a reasonable doubt, a stumbling block in the path of every white man in the South.

John H. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers, Basic, speaking during a panel discussion at the 8th Annual North Carolina Editorial Writers Conference in Durham last week, employment and training barriers set in motion by segregated schools have retarded the development of man power skills of the Negro population. That statement is as uncontroverted as it is not even debatable. What Mr. Wheeler did not say, however, was that those same barriers have acted to retard the progress and development of all the population, both black and white.

A statement uttered by Booker T. Washington many years ago, a statement is even truer today than it was in Washington's day, that you cannot hold a man in a chain unless you stay there with him, should have long ago awakened the South to the folly and expense of segregation. The Governor and Father of all mankind has heeded it. His warmest smile on this fair section of the country.

It is richly endowed with a wealth of natural resources, an accessible climate, sea-coasts and mountains and all the business man could hope for. With so rich an endowment, unequalled anywhere in the land, would it be supposed that the South would at the same time be the poorest, the least productive and the most backward section in the United States?

No, that would be unbelievable if it were not so painfully true. And it is true because of the simple fact that the Southern white man has not been willing to accept the truth of Booker T. Washington's statement. In the futile attempt to keep the Negro segregated and held in a ditch he is continuing and will continue to keep himself in the same ditch with the Negro.

We said that no sane person would know...

Indy block his own pathway. The question naturally arises is the Southern white man sane? Well, is he? After travelling the same backward, down grade path for nearly one hundred years, seeing other sections of the country, sections much younger in development, catch up and speedily surpass the South in progress and achievement, what do we still find? We find we have a governor in North Carolina who has let it be known in no uncertain manners that he feels that segregation must be continued even if it means the closing of the state's poorly ranked schools. We find that we have a Senator in the Congress of the United States who has made this state the laughing stock of the nation through his lumbering attempts to block a proposed civil rights measure that would afford Negroes relief from violence, intimidation and the denial of their voting privileges.

In all seriousness, we repeat the question, is the Southern white man sane. What can be said he has achieved by his stubborn, unyielding, useless and costly practice of prejudice and intolerance. Does he ever try to balance his books, if he does, what does he credit and what does he debit. Does he try to make positives out of negatives.

We think he must because there is no other way he could ever arrive at even a false balance. When he peeps out from beneath his armour of prejudice and sees himself standing still or rather going backward, how does he explain this depressing fact to himself and to his family and children.

Yes, as Mr. Wheeler so ably pointed out in his Durham panel discussion, the barriers of segregation have tended to retard the development of Negroes in this state but we feel that as bad as that is the fact that these same barriers have also blocked the development of all the citizens in this state. Negro and white to pray earnestly and often that this curse of retardation, this prejudice nurtured blockade of the freedom, progress and development of this state be removed and that under the guidance of God, this state take its rightful place in this great union.

"Speak Up And Let The World Know, Mr. President."



SENTENCE SERMONS

By REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY For ANP

1 The implications of this fine little word are enough to keep any real soul stirred. For its faith little twin is known as 'LOSS', and if not watched carefully he will step in as your BOSS.

2 He is very cunning and hard to defeat for he moves about cautiously up and down Easy Street, persuading easy-loving pedestrians not to move too fast along, saying there will be a plenty left here to do when you are gone.

3 But ambitious men and women turn a deaf ear to this, for they have learned that wholehearted service is the real secret to bliss, and that everything to the contrary all men should resist.

4 Thus HAPPINESS they believe is earth's greatest charm, and towards this noble end they strive to achieve, that many sad headaches they may help to relieve.

5 But on the other hand, there are those careless and indifferent folk who slumber by and take life as somewhat of a joke, and think they are making real progress and gain, but sooner or later discover it is just in name.

6 Some men never seem to learn their lesson, but give most careful thought to matters of possession, and even if others must suffer by their deeds, they think only in terms of their own selfish needs.

7 But thanks to God, there are a precious few who are thinking straight, who will sacrifice to help others though their rest comes later and even when all seems in vain, they are his each day to render some good.

8 There is gain with no secrets, no hidden traps, as sets the kind that registers in heaven's real living virtues that spread strength like well ripened leaven.

9 People who go around trying to do good, whose acts are not condescension upon wealthy conditions of need, but long-suffering and patient folk who work not under strain, but do things for God's sake thinking only of Heaven's GAIN.

10 Earth is no place just to be gainfully employed, not unless you want your earnings to be eternally destroyed, there is too much to do after you fill your selfish DINNER PAIL, and you will find yourself wanting when placed on HEAVEN'S SCALE.

11 Christ tried to admonish men to follow His course arranged by Grace, and never be tempted by Satan to wear a false face here they are. His words in days of old, 'For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? TRUE OR FALSE?

THE PULPIT VOICE

By REV. HAMILTON T. BOSWELL

The troubled little man spoke dimly to the Rev. Mr. Very Good. "See here Reverend, you've got to help me out of this spot. Why I bought tickets for your church service and I've contributed to your church. Why I bet I've given more to your church than some of your members. I know I've given at least \$100 or more. Well almost that much anyway. Why won't you give me a statement? You can help me get that Income Tax money off my back. He insists that I get statements. You are supposed to help people aren't you?"

The Rev. Mr. Very Good silently closed the door after the distraught little man left in obvious anger. And the unhappy man's words still rung in his ears. I've never given a dime to this church. Here was a man who Rev. Mr. Very Good thought to himself, who would exploit the church to cover up his own sins. What a disgrace it is for people to literally steal in this method of pretending to have given what in fact they did not. And the nerve of him, trying to make me a party to his theft!

The custom of giving to charitable causes is as old as human society. And wherever men have lived they have always given a portion of their harvest, flocks, spoils of war and other possessions to their gods and for the welfare of the less fortunate of their kin. Behind this is the belief that these gifts are the due of the gods as the supreme owner of the land and all it brings forth. If the supreme owner does not receive his due, men have reasoned their gods blessings will be withheld the next year. These gifts are given, therefore, in recognition of what the Giver of all things has accorded his worshippers.

From this primitive beginning, has developed the principle of Christian Stewardship, and the expected practice of citizens of a society to be contributors to the common needs and causes of the group. It is upon this fact, that the Income Tax law justly allows exemptions for such contributions.

It bothered the Rev. Mr. Very Good, that this man had not only misrepresented himself to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, but he had had about his stewardship to God. To be sure, reasoned the Rev. Mr. Very Good, the latter crime was much worse than the first. For ever if the bureau had not discovered the effort of fraud, the attempt to defraud his sense of God is ever present, and the cause of greater harm to his well being as a person.

The Rev. Mr. Very Good sat down behind his desk, reached for his Bible and read from the 12th chapter of Mark. And Jesus said, once against the treasury and behold how the people cast money in the treasury. And there came a certain widow, and she threw in 2 mites. And he called to his disciples, and said unto them, That this widow hath cast more in... she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living! It was a fruitful meditation which he had as he compared such persons as this woman whose example Jesus lauded as against the troubled little man who lied about what he had contributed.

This widow had given not only what her religious faith required of her, which was one tenth of her possession, she had some the second mite and given even her living! She gave not only God's due, but hers as well. If a parallel could be drawn between an income tax of that day, the widow could not receive credit for all that she gave. But she gave it guided by a faith in her God, rather than any credit anxious man for her giving.

How small this man appears beside such people as this widow and others like her, up through the years, who are more concerned with others than themselves. They stand out among us as the foundation of worthy causes and the service to humanity which charitable institutions so gratefully offer. And the depravity of such persons who believe good will in this way, yet would pose as benefactors of men, it speaks to their own misery and unhappiness.

The Rev. Mr. Very Good closed the Bible vividly refreshed as he remembered the gifts to God which made his own church such a force for good in the community. Yet somehow he could not take his mind off of his visitor who came in a state of agitation, and left with a growing fretting of spirit. And where was he now? Where else had his crime led him? To whom else had he exposed his wicked desire. The Rev. Mr. Very Good answered his prayer, though mattering to himself, It would have been cheaper if the nut had paid it in the first place."

Earl J. Morris' NOTES FROM MEXICO

GUADALAJARA (ANP) — "The Novel" I retired in Greener Pastures, which you Pastures, which you wrote and will be published by the Mexican Tourist Department of the State of Jalisco, reveals many advantages, which the American Negro of low income as well as other Americans may find beneficial."

Thus spoke the ambitious young Guadalajara dentist, Dr. Cecilio Alvarez Hernandez. His father is an Army doctor with the rank of Lt. Colonel. While the family is composed of professional men they are also farmers and their ranch of 600 acres is the pride of the little town of La Valle de Guadalupe. Young Alvarez father as a soldier doctor served in the Mexican Revolution of 1910 which lasted ten years and every scrap which Mexico has had since that time.

Mexico is probably one of the most progressive countries in the world, despite what the Hollywood movies depict. A little over 20 years ago there were not many, if any of the fine paved highways that one finds everywhere in the country.

Mexico is pictured in the movies as the land of manana, meaning that Mexicans put off until tomorrow, but that manana will never come." Said Dr. Alvarez.

"They are right! Mexico is the land of tomorrow! Not in the lazy sense but rather from a progressive standpoint. Mexico needs more and more schools, more highways, more dams and reforestation. Mexico knows what she needs and is slowly, but surely solving her problems."

Hollywood delights in picturing Mexicans and Negroes as inferiors. This is one side of the picture. It is true that one can find farmers using oxen, but you will also find the tractor.

"Americans run here and there snapping pictures of farmers with the oxen, but never the one who has managed to save enough pesos to buy a tractor from the United States. We know that in many places of the United States that there are farmers who still use mules and horses to work the farms."

"Mexicans and American should be much closer together, because Mexico is the backdoor to the United States. There should be more friendship, more cooperation between the two countries. Also, many Mexicans have migrated to the United States and many are citizens. The same thing has happened here. Many Americans are living here and many have become citizens."

"Regardless of what some Americans may think of Mexico, this country is bound to the United States by virtue of its geographical closeness by blood and for the mutual security of both countries."

IT'S A FACT

The first skyscraper built on the American continent was built in Mexico many, many years before the first Spaniard set foot on American soil. It was a tower of 10 stories. On the tenth floor lived the Indian priests, where instead of kneeling they snuggled to pray to the Creator of the Universe. It was constructed in Teococo by Prince Netzahualcoyotl, who was a poet, philosopher, architect, Engineer and Warrior without peer on the American continent before the coming of the Spanish Conquerors.

In the state has refused the request of a group of Parents who sought to have it declare unlawful the integration of Negro and White students in the Howard County Public Schools. Dr. Frank P. Graham's plea that all law abiding citizens accept the Supreme Court ruling on integration in the public schools has been met with considerable concern and interest.

Rev. Perry's 220-mile hike to Washington is to call attention to Prayer Pilgrimage for freedom.

DR. BUNCHE BACK IN MANHATTAN

Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche has just returned from an extended trip to Rome, Geneva and Israel, ground he has covered on former diplomatic visits. Dr. Bunche did not go into details to the press on his trip but it was discerned that talks held with officials of these respective countries had been gratifying.

A salute to Israel Festival was held at Ebbets Field in celebration of the ninth anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel. Senator Ives told some 25,000 persons gathered that the United States had an overriding concern for the preservation of peace in the Middle East.

Manhattan Borough President Hulan Jack has reported that some thirty-one new schools have been built in Manhattan since he took office some three years ago as the first Negro in the history of City Government elected to his high public office. Mr. Jack credited Mayor Wagner and the various planning boards for the success of his administration due to cooperative spirit.

URBAN LEAGUE TO BENEFIT FROM DESK SET

The Urban League is set to benefit from "Desk Set" Twentieth Century Fox adaptation of the Broadway comedy by William Marchant and starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn at the Romy Theatre Wednesday. Artists who have given their bit for the League are Eartha Kitt and Pearl Bailey two-some on Channel Four guest hour.

A precedent has been set by members of the New York Bar. Their Committee on Civil Rights has urged Congress to adopt the President's Civil rights program.

Several persons here have been invited to attend a dinner for the distinguished Virginian who was dropped because she was a Negro. Ella P. Stewart, still have an interracial testimonial. The event is given by friends of the past president of the National Association of Colored Women.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham arrived here to begin Rev. Graham's Crusade at Madison Square Garden which is to continue until June 30. The series will be televised each Saturday night. The Crusader is credited with speaking with more foreign and American listeners at home and abroad than any of his contemporaries.

St. James Protestant Episcopal Church on Madison Avenue is exhibiting work of Haitian artists.

COLLEGE FUND GETS PULITZER PRIZE MONEY

The United Negro College Fund was the recipient of a \$300 check from the Pulitzer prize money received by Senator John F. Kennedy for his winning biography "Profiles in Courage." The Fund with national offices in New York gives scholarships in thirty-one Negro schools of higher learning.



"He Is Not Always Fun to the Other Fellow."

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