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Negotiated Or Hitlerized Peace

Lindbergh, self-acclaimed expert on world affairs, urges a negotiated peace. The world is longing for peace, and no doubt each new day of conflict is dragging economy and civilization deeper into the mire of misery and want. But it is fairly apparent that a negotiated peace would be nothing more than surrender to Hitler and the acceptance of slave bonds for the many millions outside of Germany. Hitler has dreamed during these past few years for a great reward for his faithful followers. He has promised them glory and riches in return for their hardships and sufferings experienced that glory and riches might be gained.

What Mr. Lindbergh would have us accept is an uncertain fate, a fate that could possibly mean bodily slavery for years to come and certainly economic suicide would follow in the course of only a few months.

There can be no negotiated peace with a mad man, and when Lindbergh and others talk about that type of peace they must mean complete surrender to a mad man who has ravaged men's souls and rendered millions almost helpless. Those who would enjoy freedom and the ways of life as we know it prefer war and death to Mr. Lindbergh's negotiated peace.

A Rule For Success

"The longer I live the more I am convinced that there are just two kinds of people in this world—those who have a passion for improvement and those who have not," says Dr. Clarence Poe in an editorial in The Progressive Farmer. "Those without it are akin to dumb animals; those with it are akin to the gods. Those without it are walking corpses, virtually dead; those with it are thrillingly alive."

Dr. Poe goes on to quote the rule for success given long ago by James J. Hill—a rule which has given a hard jolt to many of the men who have read it:

"If you want to know whether you are destined to be a success or a failure in life, you can easily find out. The test is very simple and it is infallible: Are you able to save money? If not, drop out. You will lose. You may think not, but you will lose as sure as you live. The seed of success is not in you."

Paraphrasing these words to give his own rule for success, Dr. Poe adds:

"The one sure rule for success in life is very simple and it is infallible: Have you a passion for improvement—an unceasing zeal and will to improve yourself, your family, your farm, and your home? If not, drop out. You will fail. You may think not, but you will lose as sure as you live. The seed of success is not in you. Without this passion for improvement you will never succeed; but if you have it, you are a success already."

Per Capita Income

North Carolina's more than 3,000,000 souls had a combined income of one billion and seventeen million dollars in 1929. In 1939 the total income was one billion and sixty-eight million dollars, an increase of about fifty million dollars over the 1929 figure. In 1932, the income had dropped to five hundred and ninety-six million dollars.

Taken from a recent issue of the University of North Carolina News Letter, the figures are the foundation for an interesting study. Under the Hoover administration, the people of this State were gradually receiving less year after year, and in 1932 the income was \$421,000,000 less than it was in 1929. Four long years the people waited for a return of prosperity and it didn't come. The Hoover policies were proved worthless. Proceeding with Roosevelt in 1933, the people received an increase in income that year, and by 1939 the income was \$472,000,000 greater than it was in 1932. The opponents of the New Deal talk about taxation. Look at the cold figures and it is quite obvious that all of the new taxes can be paid and then there would still be millions left over and above the combined income figure for 1932. In other words the average person was in a better position to pay the added taxes in 1939 than he was in 1932 when taxes were relatively small

and income was low.

The interesting story in the News Letter figures are found in the distribution of income by sections. While nearly all of the Northern states and many of those in the West are receiving one and one-half times the average income, all of the Southern States are receiving less than half the average. Let no man claim that the Southern farmer is not entitled to parity payments for his products and that the Southern worker is not entitled to more for his labor. When the average man in North Carolina was receiving \$302 a year, the average man in Delaware was receiving \$848, the one in New York \$825, and so on.

Those figures partly account for the upward industrial trend in the South. And yet, there are those who yell communism when workers join together to promote their just claims through collective bargaining or even the strike.

There'll be no genuine prosperity in the South until we bolster prosperity at its foundation. And don't be misled when one declares that we were better off when the average one of us was receiving \$182 a year with no big tax bill than we are today with an average income of \$302 and increased taxes to pay.

Merely An Excuse

"There are so many things to contribute to, I find it impossible to participate and meet my own obligations," a citizen explained after being solicited in support of a good cause recently. Too often such an explanation is offered as an excuse, he explained by his own acts declaring to the world that he will not deny himself a single pleasure that some suffering soul may enjoy a brief respite from gnawing hunger or death-dealing disease. It is quite true that we can't maintain our present-day standards of living and our mad pleasure schedules and offer any valuable aid to the suffering here at home and abroad. Unfortunately, we have fallen into that rut where we sincerely believe our demands for mad pleasure must be met ahead of life for those whose appealing cries are being heard in greater numbers day by day.

Surely, solicitations for unworthy causes should be checked, and begging should be limited even in those causes where contributions would prove helpful. Just because there is an increasing need to extend aid to suffering humanity, there is absolutely no justification in developing a racket around charity.

Typical of the Legislature

In the legislative halls last week, State senators and representatives unanimously endorsed National Peanut Week. The action was just so much more hot air popping out in the legislative chambers, for the concession operator in the capitol reported the sale of only six 5-cent bags of the goobers that day.

It is typical of the legislators to make laws for the other fellows and reserve partial immunity, at least, for themselves.

A Proper Answer

The Chapel Hill Weekly.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, whose main efforts are now directed toward getting the United States into a position where it would have no powerful friend among the nations of the earth—and where, itself only half armed, it would be faced by a combination of hostile dictators armed to the teeth—complains to Will Hays that the moving picture industry is carrying on "propaganda for war."

"What has happened," remarks Herbert Agar in the Louisville Courier-Journal, "is that the movies, overcoming a little of their normal timidity, have shown the American people a little of the dreadful truth of the world about them. But even this invalid's diet of truth is too much for Mr. Wheeler's mind and stomach."

After attending a preview of a March of Time film a few days ago, Senator Wheeler telegraphed to Louis de Rochemont, the producer, a demand that "my picture and utterances be deleted from the film." He declared the film was "war-mongering." The producer replied:

"Your intemperate and reckless charge of war-mongering by the March of Time obscures the fact that the principal portion of this picture deals not with the opinions of American political men and statesmen but with the tragic fate of the millions who have come under the tyranny of the Nazis either as a result of appeasement or as a result of easy conquest. Your remarks will not be removed from this issue of the March of Time. We consider it our duty, as journalists, to let the public see and hear the men who oppose the policies of those of our leaders who wish to keep the war away from this hemisphere by giving unstinted aid to the British."

This is a proper answer to Senator Wheeler. And, fortunately for this country, it reflects the opinion of the great majority of the people.

Speed

News and Observer.

The State Highway Commission and its advocates in the Legislature waited until the Legislature had been in session more than two weeks before they introduced the bill to permit the Commission to let road contracts without competitive bidding. Then they insisted there was no time for hearings or investigations such as are regular and customary.

Maybe if there was more speed in the Commission, there would be less need to throw safeguards, universally recognized as proper, overboard to make haste in road building.

A Spiritual Touchstone

By REV. JOHN L. GOFF
Pastor Christian Church

Jesus was praying at a certain place, and when He stopped, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say, Father, Thy name be revered, Thy reign begin; give us our bread for the morrow day by day, and forgive us our sins for we do forgive everyone who has offended us; and lead us not into temptation." And He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine traveling has come to my house and I have nothing to set before him.' And suppose he answers from the inside, 'Don't bother me, the door is locked by this time; and my children are in bed with me. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give you anything because you are a friend of his, he will at least rise and give you whatever you want, because you persist. So I tell you, ask and the gift will be yours, seek and you will find, knock and the door will open to you; for everyone who asks receives, the seeker finds, the door is opened to anyone who knocks. What father among you, if asked by his son for a loaf, will hand him a stone? Or, if asked for an egg, will he hand him a scorpion? Well, if for all of your evil you know to give your children what is good, how much more will your Father give the Holy Spirit from heaven to those who ask Him." **Luke 11-13. (Moffatt's Translation)**

Our world today, in spite of all its vaunted progress, has many needs. While it is true that we have made marked advance during the last century, it has been largely along scientific and intellectual lines. This has resulted in many improvements in our mode of living, travel and communication. While these indications of progress are evident they have also increased our needs, the need of understanding the problems of one's fellow-citizen and that larger group of peoples across the world.

All peoples have two basic needs. Namely, that which is physical and that which is spiritual. The church across the centuries in trying to follow her leader, Jesus Christ, has endeavored to teach both by precept and example that of the two basic needs, that man's spiritual need was paramount and his physical needs were secondary. While on the other hand there have been and are teachers who proclaim that one's physical security is the all important thing. To understand each of these needs and their inseparateness to a full-rounded life is worthy of our best thought and effort.

Jesus while He lived in our world, practiced both industry and worship. He recognized that men must work not only for his physical needs but that he must also work for his spiritual requirements. Today this picture is somewhat blurred. Even churchmen believe that a man's physical needs must be obtained through the process of industry, while some how his idea of spiritual things is such that they are to be conferred. In other words, that if a man is to maintain a home with all that it requires he must be engaged in some gainful occupation to procure these ends. While on the other hand, if he is to be a spiritual Christian, this possession of spiritual power will be conferred simply by either observing some "Thou shalt not" as commonly conceived as a form of discipline; or, correct respectability; or, even by simply praying for it. The teachings and experience of Jesus is wholly against such a procedure. For instance, the word seek, as used in our scripture, is a much stronger word than ask, it literally means, "going out to find." Some are induced when life presents its seamy side to do nothing more than pray about it. While prayer, is one of the highest forms of devotion and worship and probably should be engaged in while such situations obtain, it is also a fact that if one's car runs into the ditch and one sits there in his car and simply prays that his car be taken out, or while one's house is burning he prays that by some miraculous power the fire be extinguished, the car will remain in the ditch and the house will burn down. Now if one is faced by any such emergency and he prays to his Heavenly Father to give him strength to do his share in extricating the car or putting out the fire, the nearer he will approach the real solution of his difficulty. It would seem from the teaching and example of Jesus that every Christian should begin every important undertaking with the seeking of divine favor and the strength for the task; that each new day should be begun with prayer and the seeking of a right relation with God.

Prayer is not a short-cut to victory that would save ourselves from doing our share in the obtaining of worthy needs. Jesus in the parable of "The Good Merchant," who sold all his pearls in order that he might get the one desired, would teach us that with fidelity, persistence and energy, we continue our effort toward the goal if we hope for success. We are not promised by prayer to become a success in our chosen field of labor. We are promised that if we persist in a right endeavor that we will be blessed in the undertaking of the labor, not that we will be blessed necessarily with riches or acclaim.

In the realm of social dissipation that involves morality, the individual who is an habitual user of alcoholic liquors, or gambles, or is profane, or steals, and wishes to

CHURCH NEWS

CEDAR BRANCH

Regular services will be held at the Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. It is hoped that the members will attend these services, and the public is invited to attend.

HOLINESS

Services Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

master them, cannot hope according to the scriptures, to merely ask the Lord that he be done with such things and just to sit down and wait for the miracle to happen. It would be very much like a man sitting in a boat with a pair of oars in his hands and is fast being carried by the current towards the falls, and he merely prays that he be saved from such a catastrophe. He may rightly pray for the strength to enable him to use the oars to save himself. The man then who indulges in such debasing habits and merely prays, while he moves along with the same crowd who do such things, and makes no effort to align himself with the resources of God, that would enable him to become a conqueror; such a one is merely drifting toward an abyss and is deluded with wistful wishing. The scriptures says, "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate."

The man who prays that all men may be honest and he, himself, is dishonest, can't hope for a righteous God to answer that prayer as made. This applies to every area of life. Christianity has at its heart a Cross—that Cross is the symbol of suffering, bloodshed, the sneers of the rabble, and ultimately death. Surely no right thinking man would expect society's emoluments and God's commendation, if he only indicated that he wanted to be such and such and never gave himself not put himself in a position where these blessings could be conferred. For instance, Moses agonized with God for the forgiveness of Israel's sin and said, "If Thou wilt not forgive them, blot my name out of Thy book." Jacob wrestled all night with an unknown adversary at the brook Jabbok and refused to let his antagonist go lest he be blessed. Jesus sweats as it were great drops of blood in Gethsemane. It cost them something to pray and the results were obtained because they made themselves amenable to the will and purpose of God. Paul admonishes us to pray without ceasing, to live each moment with the high purpose that is one's when we are at our praying best. Let us not pray less, but more. Let us help our Heavenly Father answer our own prayers in the lives we live and the attitudes we assume. May we earnestly pray, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in me as it is done among the angels." Then we will "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (things of the spirit) and all these things (temporal things) shall be added unto you."

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

The Purification.

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that as Thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet with Miss Marina Whitley on Monday afternoon at 3:30 p. m.

St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. C. C. Parker on Monday afternoon at 3:30.

The vestry will meet at the rectory on Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m.

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Magnetism of Example."

Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Christian Endeavor's Sixtieth Birthday."

Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Are We Trying Something?"

Monday afternoon at 3:30 the Woman's Council meets at the Church.

The Junior Choir meets at 7:15, and the Senior Choir meets at 8.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 the second study in the Book of Acts, Chapter Two.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship, 11 a. m.

B. T. U., 6:30 p. m.

Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

The morning sermon will be from the third chapter of John's Gospel. The evening sermon will be on "Jesus Blessing a Greek Woman."

If you have no special place in mind to worship Sunday listen to our church bells and find your way to one of the six houses of worship in our town. We welcome you all. You can find a blessing by going to church.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

PRESBYTERIAN

The regular services of the Presbyterian Church will be held at all points this Sunday with the exception of the Williamston church service at 11 a. m., which will not be held.

The Rev. C. A. Lawrence, of Falkland, will be in charge of the services at Poplar Point and Bear Grass. Elder John H. Roberson will be at Roberson's Chapel. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff will be in Richmond, Va.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Young People's League, 6:45 p. m.

Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

The woman's circle will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Hattie Harrison.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Thursday night at 7:30 with Miss Dorothy Hurley in the Methodist Parsonage.

Mid-week prayer service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30.

NO SERVICES

No services will be held in the Everetts Baptist Church Sunday, February 2. The pastor, Rev. E. C. Shoe, will be out of the county.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Dora Clark, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them for payment on or before January 8, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 8th day of January, 1941.

C. B. CLARK and GEO. KEEL,
Executors of the estate of Mrs. Dora Clark, deceased.

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