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Defending America

The United States, in building a defense against Hitlerism, continues to center all if not a greater part of its attention on machines and numbers, overlooking almost entirely the urgency and great need for mobilizing our Nation spiritually. The ways of our forefathers in recognizing the need for things spiritual have been relegated into the background by this modern age, but a little leaflet, "You Can Defend America", just recently issued, cites the need for moral rearmament in this country.

Offering a unique program, the booklet calls for sound homes, homes that still value a mother's touch upon a child's tender head and homes where the needle touch has been displaced by a card touch. The booklet demands as a second line of defense teamwork in industry, and as the third line, a united Nation.

Succinctly the booklet points out that "once China built a wall," that "yesterday France built a wall," and that "today America builds a wall, a ring of steel, ships and planes and guns." The walls of China and of France proved of no avail against invading enemies—not because they were not stout walls. There had been neglect of essential morale and unity among the people back of those walls. Obviously if America should lack—or does lack—what China and France lacked, its "walls" will go the way of their walls.

The cardinal weakness among peoples who have proved unable to defend themselves has been selfishness of the individual, which inevitably results in "softness," an unwillingness to go the route. That kind of selfishness too often communicates itself unhesitatingly to groups of people who believe they have a common bond.

So "you can defend America" starts with the American family, the home, to pound more "guts" into the people as a whole. It is there they must find the courage needed, if anywhere. "Why don't the nations get along like one big family?" the booklet asks, and rather cynically it answers, "The trouble is they do." Too many Americans, it says, like to sing "Home Sweet Home"—when they are away from home. It urges, then, that homes pull together, as the first line of defense.

"If we perspired more in time of peace, we would bleed less in time of war," the booklet quotes from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to help make its point that teamwork in American industry today is vital to national defense.

The country, through Congress and the President, is engaged at present in an effort to make the country strong by law. Laws are being framed and passed to raise the needed money, to expend that money, to keep industrial plants engaged in national defense production constantly at work, to weed out "fifth columnists." Back of any law, however, must be the will and the belief of the people, or the law becomes a mere nothing, a matter of no substance. It is obvious that a law which merely keeps men in industrial plants will be of little avail if the men themselves have no heart in their work.

Strikes in this country in the last year have been extremely costly to national defense. Anyone who believes that all the strikes which have occurred have been unjustified—or that all of them have been justified—is foolish. The arguments advanced in "You Can Defend America" for adjustment are appealing. They go back to the selfishness of all groups, capital and labor. They are the kind of thing that should make the work of conciliators and mediators much easier and more effective.

Philip Murray, president of the C. I. O., commenting on the booklet, said, "It brings us back to fundamentals. It charts in brief compelling outline a practical program for home, industry, and Nation."

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said, "It should do much to lift our people to a sustained level of self-giving patriotism. It will, in my opinion, help toward that teamwork in industry and general morale which are essential if our armed forces are to have the backing they deserve, and if the spirit of our Nation is to be united in support of what we hold dear."

The group which prepared the booklet is the same which has supported moral rearmament in this country and in England.

"Human nature is the bottleneck in the production of national morale," it wrote, and then proceeded with its formula for the eradication of the bottleneck, which, boiled down, means that the people as a whole must return not only to a belief in God, but to His guidance.

Investigations

Following the killing of two school children in its own back yard, the State School Commission has named a committee to "study improved safety measures." That's fine, but such action proximates the absurd. It would seem that the School Commission, educated as it is, should know the facts without an investigation. Obsolete busses and incompetent drivers are costing the lives of a few tots each year. But new busses cost money and regular bus drivers are not to be had for \$9 a month.

Briefly stated, an investigation will be made and that will cost money. The purchase of new busses will be recommended and it is possible that the committee will suggest the hiring of seasoned drivers. But busses and regular drivers cost money and since they cost money, the thousands of little tots will have to take their chances in old busses and at the hands of drivers getting \$9 a month.

There are too everlastingly many investigations and not enough done after the investigations are made.

Labor Got a Little Candy Sucker

As a part of a nation-wide push to belittle labor, a writer recently stated that the working man got \$1,808,320 more than was estimated for labor's share in the construction of Fort Meade in Maryland. The writer did not say that the first estimates placed the cost of the camp at \$9,053,187, and that the finished cost was \$23,117,000. Briefly told, the camp cost \$14,063,813 more than the amount originally estimated by engineers. Labor got \$1,808,320, but what became of the other \$12,255,493?

When such trivial matters are cleared up, the labor front will take on a far brighter outlook. While labor got about one-fourteenth of the increased amount, some one else received thirteen-fourteenths. But to read the "controlled" press of this country one would think labor got thirteen-fourteenths and some one else got a mere one-fourteenth.

When it came to candy, labor got a little sucker, but when it came to unfavorable publicity it got the works.

Learning from Greece

The news from Greece should harden rather than dishearten the Anglo-American defense effort. It clarifies many aspects of the task ahead. It should not be glossed over. It is a serious defeat. British prestige is weakened. The position of Turkey becomes precarious. And the Nazis have come hundreds of miles closer to Suez.

The result might have been very different if, when the Nazis clearly threatened Greece by moving into Bulgaria, Britain had been able to move into Greece even 100,000 men adequately protected in the air and adequately supported by sea. Had America's growing Navy been doing some of the dozen things the overstretched British Navy has had to do, had American supplies been going for three months to the Red Sea in American merchant ships, had American planes been delivered in Greece and Britain in the quantities now being produced, the Nazis might have faced a real two-front war.

Th Yugoslavs might have been saved, Turkey and Russia might have been stiffened, the whole outlook changed from desperate defense to hopeful attack. If—if—if this hadn't been another case of "too little, too late."

The only point of emphasizing this sad "might have been" is to bring out the "might be." Greece was not the main show. The key to this war is the British Isles as a base for British-American sea, air and industrial supremacy. And if the lesson of the Greek failure is learned there will be success in the vital struggle to hold Britain as a base. The question as to whether the too little, too late mistake is repeated in defending this last and greatest European outpost of democracy may soon be decided by the American people.

The failure in Greece was primarily one of too little concentration of available power on the battle front. It was first of all a shortage of air power and of protected sea communications necessary to deliver men and machines. That is the danger that hangs over the gallant defenders of the British Isles. It is the lack that must be made up before the Nazis can be tackled on the Continent with much hope of success. It comes down to American sea and air power taking an active part in hostilities or relieving British sea and air power of convoy and guard duty so it can be centered on front-line defense.

According to the latest Gallup poll 50 per cent of Americans oppose convoys. Yet 71 per cent favor convoys "if British defeat seems certain without them." How much chance will Americans take of defeat becoming certain? Is not the Greek defeat and the developing threat to Britain an alarm clock? This poll shows the basic position of Americans. Then how far can they risk being too late with too little in defense of a base much more important to them than Greece was to Britain?

The fellow who most often cries out for government economy is the one who sees no more direct benefit for himself from increased spending.

The Union Bible School

By REV. JAMES H. SMITH
Pastor, Williamston Memorial Baptist Church.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Before real hot weather sets in and while you are still in the routine habit of going to school every morning, we are having our Daily Vacation Bible School. It begins this coming Monday morning, May 5th, at nine o'clock. I believe your parents want you to learn more from the Holy Bible, a Book Divine. When they see the topics for your studies they will say, "We want our children to attend every day of this school; we do not aim for them to miss a single lesson." And those of you who are on time and present each day for ten days will be put on the honor roll. You will deserve special recognition at the commencement program on Friday night, May 16th.

The Beginners (ages 4-5) will meet at the Episcopal Church and they will study about God's Love for us and why we ought to love each other. The Primaries (ages 6, 7, 8) will meet in the Methodist Church and they will study about God's Love for us and why we ought to love each other.

The Juniors (ages 9-12) will meet in the Baptist Church and their themes for the first and second weeks will be: Jesus in the Midst of His Great Work and Jesus' Last Days on Earth. The four Gospels will be used for these themes.

The Intermediates (ages 13-17) will meet in the Christian Church and use as their text book the Gospel of Mark.

Consecrated teachers have promised to give you two weeks of their time. Let us show them that we appreciate their interest in and love for us. Of course you would like to know who the teachers are, wouldn't you? Here they are:

Superintendent of the Beginners, Mrs. Carroll Jones; Helpers, Mrs. W. H. Everett, Mrs. Alton Daniels, Miss Mary Charles Godwin and Miss Mary Warren.

Superintendent of the Primaries, Mrs. W. H. Coburn; Helpers, Mrs. R. L. Carver, Mrs. J. H. Ward, Mrs. W. G. Waters and Miss Dorothy Hurley.

Superintendent of the Juniors, Mrs. Wheeler Manning; Helpers, Mrs. Ruth Ward, Miss Elizabeth Parker, Mrs. W. B. Nash and Mrs. Shelton Hall.

Superintendent of the Intermediates, Mrs. A. R. White; Helpers, Miss Millie Biggs, Mrs. L. E. Rudisill, Mrs. Hoke Roberson. Superintendent of the Girls' Handicraft Work, Miss Madge Glazner; Assistants, Miss Evelyn Griffin, Miss Madelyn Taylor, Miss Mary Truliah Peck, Miss Lenoir Nelson and Miss Jane Goff.

Mrs. Phillip Keel is secretary for the school.

The first meeting of the faculty will be held this coming Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in the Baptist Church.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship and Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Epworth league, 7 p. m. Evening service, 8 p. m. The Woman's Circle will meet with Mrs. B. F. Britton and Mrs. James Ward at their home on Main Street, Monday, 3:30 p. m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 8 p. m. The Union Daily Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, May 5th, at 9 a. m. All the children from the Beginners through the Intermediates, are urged to attend regularly each day.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. T. U., 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m.

Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, will be with us Sunday morning. He will talk to the boys and girls in the Sunday school and will preach at 11 o'clock, giving us first-hand information about the joint work to be done by the Wake Forest Medical School and the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. Your pastor and Sunday school superintendent will work together Sunday in distributing special envelopes to everybody in order that each one will have an opportunity to make a special Mother's Day offering on the following Sunday.

Mr. Parker will speak at Everetts Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and at the First Baptist Church in Wilson Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

3rd Sunday after Easter. Church school, 9:45 a. m.

A corporate communion for the women of the church, the presentation of the United Thank Offering, and sermon, 11 a. m.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Monday afternoon, 4 p. m. St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary will meet Monday afternoon at 4 p. m. with Mrs. C. B. Clark, Jr.

A meeting of the vestry at the rectory on Tuesday night at 8 p. m.

The Union Daily Vacation Bible School begins Monday morning and all the children of the Sunday school are expected to attend.

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Local Presbyterians and interested friends are to have the unusual privilege of hearing the Rev. J. Gray McAllister, D.D., LL.D., next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. in the local Presbyterian Church.

Dr. McAllister is the father of our own Dr. Russell G. McAllister. Dr. McAllister is a widely known religious leader of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. He is a man of many gifts. As professor, lecturer, traveler and author he has made a distinct contribution to the religious life of the Nation. Williamston is fortunate indeed to have such a man in her midst and we are happy to invite you to hear the word of God as it falls from the lips of this Prince among men.

Rev. C. A. Lawrence, of Falkland, whom we all well know and who has assisted us so unselfishly during recent months will be in charge of all the other services throughout the county.

CEDAR BRANCH

Regular services will be held at the Cedar Branch Baptist Church on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subjects: Sunday morning service, God is Love, 1 John, 4, 16. Sunday night, Phil. 4, 13. It is hoped that all members will try and be present. And the public is invited.

HOLLY SPRINGS METHODIST

Church school, 2:30 p. m. Preaching service, 3:30 p. m. The community is cordially invited to attend these services.

NOTICE OF SALE
North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court,
County of Martin vs. M. O. Fouts.

Annual Meeting Of Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of the Martin County Building and Loan Association will be held in the county courthouse in the town of Williamston at 11 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, May 6, 1941.

This April 17, 1941.

Wheeler Martin

Secretary.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale and judgment made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941, the undersigned commissioner will, on Friday, the 9th day of May, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

A tract of land in Jamesville Township, Martin County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. H. Mizelle and Geo. W. Martin on the North, Jamesville Road and W. E. and Sarah Wallace on the East, and Eagle Branch on the South and A. T. McDonald on the West, and containing 44 acres, more or less, and being part of same tract of land conveyed to L. E. Corey by J. H. Saunders and Leslie Fowden, by deed dated January 31, 1914, and of record in Book E-1 at page 456.

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Adjoining the J. & W. Land Co. and formerly the Roanoke Railroad & Lumber Co., and known as the Fisher land, and lying and being in the N.W. side of the old Jamesville and Washington Company's right of way, containing 200 acres, more or less, and being the land conveyed to M. O. Fouts by A. T. McDonald and wife recorded in Book V-2 at page 504.

This the 7th day of April, 1941.
ELBERT S. PEEL,
Commissioner.

Reita Theatre—Washington

Sunday-Monday May 4-5
"SIX LESSONS FROM MADAME LAZONGA"
with Lupe Velez and Leon Errol

Tuesday May 6
DOUBLE FEATURE
"Footlight Fever," Alan Mowbray, Carol Hughes
"The Boss of Bullion City," Johnny Mack Brown

Wednesday-Thursday May 7-8
"THE SAINT IN PALM SPRINGS"
with George Sanders and Wendy Barrie

Friday-Saturday May 9-10
"BEYOND THE SACRAMENTS"
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