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Gradually Waking Up

The most encouraging bit of news coming out of Washington in recent weeks was released just a few days ago by a Senate investigating committee. The news would indicate that we are waking up, that after slumbering for two long years and frothing at the mouth about labor, the dollar-a-year men are finding that they have been worshipping at the wrong shrine.

Following its investigation, the Senate committee said, "It is reasonable to conclude that the Aluminum Company of America had convinced the OPM of the adequacy of the supply in order to avoid the possibility that anyone else would go into a field which they had for so many years successfully monopolized."

The report of the Senate investigating committee explains to a great extent why Great Britain and the United States are having such a struggle in taming Hitler and his little country of a few million souls. It has been pointed out time and again why England was caught short when Hitler started his march two years ago. The dominated press did not carry the story, and those who would warn America against a similar fate were muffled by the profit-seekers. Just a few years before the war and while Hitler was running his mad war machine at full blast, English steel barons forced out competition by buying or otherwise confiscating small steel plants and closing them up. Tens of thousands of workers were run out of employment. Two years ago when the life and death cry was heard, those little steel mills had been dismantled, and the steel magnates were wallowing in profits. Fortunately, many of the steel leaders saw their mistake, labor was recognized and under the most adverse and trying conditions, industrial England plunged ahead and is leading the United States in the race against Hitlerism.

Now, two years later, we learn that there is an aluminum shortage, a shortage not caused by labor strikes, but a shortage caused by those who valued profits ahead of human life, ahead of country and ahead of freedom.

The allying man is deserving of nothing more than a fair chance and a square deal, and in this dire emergency industrial magnates are entitled to nothing more than a fair chance and a square deal.

The labor picture is pretty bad in some spots, but we have not had a true picture, and for some reason we, even as great lovers of democracy, have not tried to gain a true picture as it relates to the working man and his inherent rights. For one to gain a better picture of the strike situation and the resulting loss in time, he only has to learn that more time will have been lost while the country observes the Fourth of July than has been lost in all the labor strikes combined.

The Senate committee findings would indicate that we are waking up, but we have got to cast off our lethargy in its entirety before we can prepare and successfully meet the German threat, a threat that is pointing as surely to our shores as the bright ray of sunshine points to a particle in a peaceful dust bowl.

Reynolds Takes A Stand

Robert Rice Reynolds, the hypocritical jack-ass North Carolina sent to the United States Senate, has taken another stand. This time and irrespective of what the Congress does and indifferent to the wishes of his constituency, Reynolds, the four-flusher and cheap politician, tells he is unequivocally against any aid whatsoever to Russia. He dares say that communism is worse than Hitlerism, and however bad communism may be it would seem that one Bob Reynolds is still working for Hitler, indirectly and possibly unintentionally.

While Bob Reynolds has been leading the fight against communism, it is fairly apparent that he is creating contempt of the people for himself and a government that will tolerate him and his antics. Any man who would come into Martin County, mislead the people and do as he did has no place in governmental high places, and the sooner he steps out and joins a side show as an internationally-traveled barker the better off this country will be. Bob Reynolds

should know by now that he and other men of like calibre in the high places are doing more to advance the cause of communism in these United States than Stalin and all his henchmen have ever hoped or ever will hope to accomplish.

Much of the government that Bob Reynolds has contributed to the record since he has been in Washington is no more acceptable in the sight of humble followers of true democracy than are the worst features of communism.

Yet, There Are Those Who Still Believe Him

After Czechoslovakia had been gobbled up or sold down the river, Hitler in the most sincere words stated that Germany would seek no more territory, that it was satisfied. Some believed him. Other events followed in due course, and some who believed him at first began to doubt the truthfulness of his words. Still other events followed, and the man was considered truthful by some. Other events followed and still some believed him.

Compare Hitler's statements as he shouted them to the world two years ago. And still some have the audacity to believe him, and to challenge others who have recognized Hitler and his gang as a big bunch of contemptible liars, murderers, thieves and mad men.

Hitler went on record in 1939, as follows: "Germany does not intend to export its doctrines to Russia. I see no reason that we ever again will take stand against one another. We both realize this, that every fight of our peoples against one another would be advantageous only for others. We, therefore, agreed to conclude a pact which excludes for all the future any application of force between us. Any attempt of the West to alter this will fail. I would like to assure here that this political decision means a tremendous change for the future and that it will be conclusive." (Adolf Hitler before the Reichstag, Sept. 1, 1939.)

"The non-aggression consultation pact with Soviet Russia gives us assurance of a policy of peaceful agreement with this greatest empire of the East." (Hitler in a broadcast to the German people, Sept. 4, 1939.)

"We have the will to carry on and to represent our interests alone, but we have found that the two greatest peoples of the earth can do better if they cooperate. We shall be extremely happy to tell the British that there is no desire for Germany to extend itself to the Ural Mountains. Now, gentlemen of England, the German aims are very well defined and are limited. The nightmares of the British statesmen now can be calm because Germany has no intentions on the Ukrainian territory." (Hitler in an address at Danzig, Sept. 19, 1939.)

Played For Suckers

Strange as it may seem in an enlightened country, supposedly enlightened people glory in playing the role of "suckers." What seems a sure thing is spurned by so many of us for the uncertain things; for example, our gambling record, and the chances we take with our own lives on the highways.

We have heard much about the one dollar men in Washington at the head of the defense program. We pat ourselves on the back and think we are getting something for nothing. It is indeed silly to expect anyone to go to Washington and work for a dollar a year in this highly developed economic society of ours. So we allow them \$25 a day expenses, meaning that the dollar men are getting \$1 plus \$9.125, plus their regular salaries back home in most cases. The facts supplementing the story about the \$1 salary don't seem to register in our minds, and we go along kidding ourselves that we have found a great bargain in Messrs. Knudsen and company.

It is about time that the people of this country were waking up to the fact that they get just about what they pay for, no more and often times less.

Getting Them Confused

There's no doubt but what the Communist Party in the United States has had to do an about-face during the past few days, and there's also little doubt that the public has been misled to some extent about the activities of the party members. That they have been acting contrary to public policies in some if not many instances is not to be denied. But it is apparent that the general public is confused about the part the party members have played.

Glaring headlines just a week ago shouted the prophecy now that Russia is in the war strikes will cease. It is true that strikes now involve less than 2,000 workers. But we should remember that the German and Italian consulates were closed a short time before Russia was invaded, and that the forced withdrawal of German spies and troublemakers had a quietening effect on the labor front. While we have gone out of our way to talk about Red Russian spies in this country, the Federal Bureau of Investigation last week rounded up 29 spies, most of whom were born and trained in Germany. It would seem that the German spies have operated under the Russian title, and a fickle America fell for the ruse. And we'll just go on believing that because Russia entered the war, strikes will end, that the Germans who had more to gain from a strike, had nothing to do with labor stoppages.

It's just the little homely things, the unobtrusive friendly things, the "won't-you-let-me-help-you" things that make our pathway light. —Grace Haines.

The Source Of Power . . .

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

This month we will have a series of articles on "The Source of Power," which are well worth reading. They are part of the Forward in Service program.

IN THE BEGINNING—GOD

"The Christian life and calling begin with God. We cannot go anywhere until we know where we are. We do not know where we are until we know that we are standing before God, that we are in God's world."

In all life we start with what is given, with what is presented to us. The seeing of a star does not begin with the seeing eye. It starts with the flaming star and the light traveling to us through the years. Our duties and vocations spring out of the situation in which we are placed. They are shaped by the needs and the goods that stand before us and by our given powers. So it is in our life with God.

The prophets had no word to give to men save the word that God first gave them. We have nothing to offer to God that God has not first given to us. "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." We can not create good motives in ourselves. We can only use the good motives that are given to us. That is the meaning of Grace. We cannot serve one whom we do not love. We cannot love one in whom we do not wholeheartedly believe. We cannot believe in one who has not disclosed himself to us. Faith and the love that issues from it are the creation of God in us.

The first word that scripture brings to us is always that God is and what He is. God was in the beginning and always is in the beginning. Until God gave the word nothing else was. Until He gives the word nothing else ever will be. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine." "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

The first acknowledgment that we are asked to make is that we stand in the presence of Another Who is our God. To acknowledge Another to be our God is to recognize freely that there is a Holy One Who is absolutely first and before Whom every one of us and everything else are second. It is not that God was once upon a time the starting point. He is always the first.

Every true prayer starts with the recognition of God. "Our Father, Who art in heaven. . . ." Without that recognition nothing that follows is prayer. Whether or not the words be spoken, every act of worship starts with the declaration, "The Lord is in His holy temple."

The Christian life does not start with man. It is man's answer or response to God. As an act of heroism calls out our admiration or a game well played calls out our applause, so God when He makes Himself known to us calls out our worship and service. A child's love is the answer to his mother's love. Likewise with God, "We love Him because He first loved us."

All this means that we cannot make the Christian Church go forward by pushing or urging people to do more or to give more. The doing and the giving will not be Christian unless they spring from a fresh hearing of God or a new vision of God. Because God is in the beginning, we must always start with Him if we are to go forward with Him and end with Him.

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CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

4th Sunday after Trinity.

The Collect

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our guide and ruler, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.
St. Elizabeth's Auxiliaries will meet on Monday afternoon, 4 p. m.

ST. MARTIN'S, Hamilton
Evening prayer and sermon, 8:00 p. m.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Ministry of God in Nature."
Young People's meeting, 7 p. m. Subject, "Church Today—In the Orient."
Evening service 8 p. m. Subject, "Transforming Companionship."
Monday, 7:30 p. m., Junior and Senior Philathea Bible Class meets Tuesday, 8 p. m., with Mrs. W. O. Griffin.
Study of 17th chapter of Acts on Thursday, 8 p. m.

CEDAR BRANCH

Regular services will be held at Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday. Subject for the morning worship, "Things Which Cannot Be Shaken." It is hoped that the membership will make a special effort to be at these services. And the public is invited.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship and the Lord's Supper, 11 a. m.
Epworth League, 7 p. m.
Evening service, 8 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 8 p. m.
Woman's circle will meet Monday, 4 p. m., at the church.
Board of Stewards will meet on Wednesday evening after prayer meeting. All the members of the board are urged to be present.

Holly Springs Methodist

Worship and preaching service, 3:30 p. m.
All the members of the church who can sing and are interested in better music for the church and Sunday school services are asked to meet at the church Sunday at 2:45 p. m. for practice. Mr. John Lilley has kindly consented to be present and lend his help.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Baptist Training Union, 7 p. m.
There will be no evening worship service because the pastor is leaving Sunday afternoon with six young people to attend the Baptist Training Union conference at Ridgecrest. There will be eight young people from Williamston in attendance upon these helpful conferences.
The regular biennial business meeting of the church will be held immediately following the 11 o'clock hour. All church members are urged to attend.

NOTICE OF SALE
North Carolina, Martin County.
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Sheppard Rice, and wife, on the 14th day of May, 1937, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book P-3, at page 305, the undersigned trustee will on Monday, the 21st day of July, 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 real estate, to wit:
A certain tract or parcel of land

beginning at a ditch on Church Street; thence a line about fifty-seven feet to a tree; thence a line southward about 210 feet; thence Eastward along the back line of Henry Reddick's house and lot about 57 feet; thence a line along Knight property about 210 feet to the beginning and being the Henry Reddick house and lot, situated in the Town of Williamston, N. C., Martin County. For further reference, see public records of Martin County Registry.
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L. R. EVERETT,
Trustee.

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