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Education Balanced by Character

As the millions of youths return to school, Rt. Rev. Robert B. Gooden, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, issues a statement calling American schools to account for youthful delinquency.

"Youths 16 to 21 are responsible for fifty per cent more of America's crime than their number in the population makes reasonable," the Bishop asserts. "In one year youths were 50 per cent of all automobile thieves; 40 per cent of all burglars; 28 per cent of all robbers. In proportion to population the nineteen-year-olds lead the criminal parade."

"The fact that religion is left out of consideration during the impressionable years at the time of the major interest of young people, their secondary school days, must bear the blame for much of this sad situation. No real remedy is available until people recognize the fact that character cannot be developed with good hope of success unless God is admitted into the everyday life of youth, not by courtesy or subterfuge but by right."

"A prime duty of any school must be the nurture of character and good public schools make every effort as far as they can without religion. Here they are attempting the impossible, for real character must be based upon the foundations of real Christianity."

An educator, reviewing the material achievements of a bright son, explained that he had rather see his son in humble surroundings and possessed of noble character than to see him master of many things without being master of his own soul. It is futile for a school to teach a child how to figure that he might outfigure his fellowman and overlook the importance of the task of instilling in his mind and soul a little character that will balance his education.

Not so many years ago, a public school teacher explained: "The daily worship period had been dispensed with for the more important study of art." The records, while incomplete, show that at least five of that teacher's pupils have been in the common jail, that others apparently fail to appreciate the finer things in life. It is possible that the youths would have traveled the wayward paths had they been required to sit in on a daily religious program, but in our dash to modern education, we can't afford to ignore a fundamental principle upon which men have fed their souls for time immemorial.

Too much of our education is doing little more than building a foundation for greed. Too many of our religious leaders wink at greedy church members and excuse their legalized robbery. The world would be better today and possibly free of war and hate if men's characters were developed at the expense of their greedy desires.

G. O. P. Means "Grand Old Politics"

A scathing indictment of Republicans in Congress for gambling with national defense was written by Gould Lincoln, noted political commentator, in his column appearing in the Washington Star, an independent Republican newspaper.

Lincoln's column is called "The Political Mill." He said:

"G. O. P. in this year 1941 stands for grand

old politics. The Republican party in Congress is making a sorry record as the nation faces grave dangers. One hundred and thirty-three Republican members of the House voted on Tuesday against the Army service extension bill. Twenty-one Republicans had the vision and the patriotism to support the measure. Had there been two less votes for the bill, it would have been defeated. It is a safe bet that had that happened, the Republicans who thought they were playing smart politics would have been very, very ill. It is an old axiom in politics—legislative politics—that it is safe to vote against a measure which is unpopular in some quarters, but which is sure to carry, despite the negative votes. It is quite another thing, however, to vote against a measure tied up so intimately with national welfare as the service extension bill and defeat it.

"Had the measure been defeated, the blame would have gone to the Republican party. And those Republicans in the House who opposed it would have been holding the bag. They would have been on a hot spot. They would have succeeded in turning back a measure which the President and the Army's highest officers have repeatedly said is essential for the safety of the country. They would have succeeded in making this country look like 30 cents in the eyes of its potential enemies—the Axis powers. What the Latin American peoples would have thought would have been that the United States preaching so greatly about the defense of the Western Hemisphere, had no serious intention of going through with hemispherical defense."

Is It Possible?

John T. Whitaker, a recognized foreign correspondent who deals in realities rather than wishful thinking, wrote the other day that Hitler and all of Germany firmly believe that when the United States faces the final showdown, the morale of the nation will collapse. Hitler sees in America not the determination that won the nation its freedom back in 1776, but a disunited and weak people who, so far, have shown little interest in defending that freedom.

Is it possible that our morale will collapse when we are put to the test? It would seem that it is time to stop boasting, and make ready to withstand any test and tackle the problem at hand as a united people.

They Also Hoped for Friendliness

Louisville (Ky.) "Courier-Journal". With unflinching diligence the Associated Press brings us the news that Mr. and Mrs. Albert Curry, Jr., of Pittsburgh, invited 2,500 friends to a glorious party absolutely unmarred by any silly war talk because host and hostess forbid it. They just cast aside doubts and fears and sensibilities and had the most amusing good, clean fun with the slogan, "The spirit of friendliness is what this country needs."

It is a crying pity that the Associated Press, and all our other sources of daily news, have been so thoughtless as to let us know that on this same night some 25,000 youths died on the plains of Russia, or were wounded and left to die.

In China the teeming yellow millions crouched in warm shadows and waited to see which must be the regular sacrifice to the benevolence of the new order in Asia.

In Yugoslavia and Norway, in Holland and Greece, in Belgium and Poland and Denmark, uncounted thousands lay wide-eyed in the darkness, their trampled hearts a battleground between the stabbing aches of yesterday and the horrible, shapeless, inevitable agonies of tomorrow.

In all these places, and along the deserts and rivers and forests and pavements of a hemisphere, terror-deformed men and women lay listening to the echoing shrieks of loved ones who had thought friendliness was what Europe and Africa and Asia needed.

They had watched torture and been tortured; had crept like furtive hunted rates through dark ways or huddled in ditches under the searching hail of machine guns; had run, clasping babies in their arms, from homes never to be seen again, and had been swallowed up in the vast, heaving, diseased misery of a homeless world.

All of them cowered before a black inhuman terror that filled their skies, and, in fact, the skies everywhere, except that blessed bit of blue above the lucky home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Curry, Jr., in Pittsburgh, where nobody talks about a scandal like war and everybody basks in friendliness.

How nice to live there.

Now—Let's Get To Work!



Wherein Lies America's True National Defense

By REV. Z. T. PIEPHOFF, Pastor, Presbyterian Church

Have we adequate national defense? We are fearful for the safety of our nation and our citizens and rightly so these days. Free people are being ruthlessly crushed under the heel of dictators today. Can we Americans withstand these forces?

What is national defense, what things are needed by America to successfully defend her against her enemies?

The prevailing opinion is that we need more guns, tanks, planes, ships, ammunition, and so forth, to make ourselves secure. A most familiar picture is that of Uncle Sam, with his coat off, shirt sleeves rolled up, and his fist clenched, asking the youth of America to enlist in the Army, Navy, Marine or Aviation Corps, and defend their beloved country, the land of their birth, the land that God has given to them.

Let me make it plain here that not one word is being spoken against these proper and necessary parts of our national defense, but it seems to me that most Americans, Christians and non-Christians alike, are overlooking the one thing that will assure any nation permanent peace with the rest of the world and with God, and that one thing is character. No nation is stronger than the character of its people.

It is still true that righteousness exalteth a nation. Moral decadence will bring defeat to any nation no matter how strong its Army or its Navy or its Air Force may be. Cultured Greece and powerful Rome by their absence today more than substantiate this truth.

England survives today not because she was the owner of more planes or tanks or guns or fighting men than Germany for this was not the case a year ago or perhaps even today but England survives today in the last analysis because of the character of her people.

And if England survives ultimately it will not be because of the English Channel or because Britannia rules the waves or because Ameri-

can industry is behind her but because of the character, Christian character, of her people.

Suppose someone had said in France before her defeat, "Let us not oppose Hitler even in the name of self-defense. We are sunk in sin, so immoral, so adulterous, and we have drifted so far away from the will of God that we cannot be victorious." What would have been the reaction? They would have branded such a person as insane.

France is an up-to-date illustration of the age old eternal truth and principle of the universe that ultimate survival of peace does not rest solely upon the power derived from machines and human flesh but chiefly from that unseen power that comes from within the human heart.

History was but repeating itself in the case of France. She had the best trained army in the world and a Maginot line that could not be broken, but she fell nevertheless, because she put her future and her hope and her safety in materialistic power based upon a materialistic philosophy. She fell because she forgot the character foundation of her people.

If America is to survive we must have national defense against the decaying processes from within. If we go down, it will not be because of bombings from without but because of decadence from within.

America cannot ultimately survive—if she continues—to live as she is. A nation that has no respect for the Lord's Day, or the marriage vow, and who pours alcohol down the throats of young people and adults alike and which is making of itself the most drunken nation in the world cannot long survive in a world where nations without character are on the verge of destruction.

I repeat again, No nation is strong-

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m. Circle No. 1 meets with Mrs. G. G. Woolard, Mrs. Leman Barnhill, joint hostess. Circle No. 2 meets with Mrs. Henry Harrison. Mrs. J. O. Manning, joint hostess. The pastor plans to speak at both services on Sunday. The mid-week prayer services will be resumed on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Epworth League, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the church Monday, 3:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 8 p. m.

HOLLY SPRINGS METHODIST

Preaching service, 3:30 p. m. E. S. T. The community is cordially invited.

er than the character of its people. The nation that survives is the nation which draws its power from within and not from without.

Miss Peggy Dare Stinnette visited in Bethel last week-end.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of George B. Steele, deceased, this is to notify all persons

Sunday Services At Sweet Home Church

Bible school at 10 o'clock. Luther Britton, superintendent.

Church service, 11 a. m. Preston Cayton, pastor. Subject, The Church. And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church (Christ Church) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Kings have come and gone, business has come and gone, men have come and passed on; but the Church of Christ has stood the test. How are we to enter the church today, the great family of God? By faith, repentance, Godly sorrow, turning around. Confession, for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Baptism: go ye into all the world and preach the gospel (Good News) to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Ananias said, Now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins. Faith, repentance, confession, baptism, all four steps are essential to salvation. After which we must live a Christian life.

We invite you to be with us Sunday at Sweet Home. Come and bring the family. Let's give one day out of seven to Christ.

Church service Sunday evening at 7:45. Subject, That We Might Have Life.

having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned within one year from the date of this notice or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 21st day of August, 1941. MRS. GEORGE B. STEELE, Administratrix of the estate of a22-6t George B. Steele, deceased.

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