

Let's Clean The Dirt Off Labor

Despite all the charges and counter-charges as to why the Kennedy-Ives bill failed of enactment in the 85th Congress, the plain truth is that provisions of the bill could not survive the intense scrutiny which was put upon it after its passage by the Senate. A realistic appraisal could lead only to the conclusion that the bill could not protect the public and union members against the abuses revealed by the McClellan committee but would in fact, strengthen still further the power of union leadership and open the way to even more widespread abuses.

Now that the Kennedy-Ives bill is out of the way, there is time to prepare for the kind of legislation which will really do the job this bill was supposed to do. Labor law reform can and should be made the major issue in the forthcoming election campaign.

Such legislation should have only one objective—to safeguard the interests of the public and working people, union and non-union, against abuses or possible abuse of power by the professionals in the labor movement. This objective should be sought openly, vigorously and with regard to whether or not the professional are willing to accede to restraints on their powers which, obviously, are essential to provide such protection.

To argue, as some people do, that the elements of the labor movement against which no such abuses have been uncovered should not be penalized for the sins of the few is to argue beside the point. The fact that some union leaders have been able to offend against honesty, decency and the rights of individuals, as well as economic welfare of the general public, over a long period of time is proof positive that conditions exist which permit such abuses. As long as these conditions are allowed to continue, other individuals in other times and other places will take advantage of them.

In earlier times some businessmen a few out of many were guilty of monopolistic practices which were injurious to the public welfare. Laws were enacted to stop such practices and no one seriously argued that such laws were unfair or unnecessary because only a few individuals were guilty.

The objective of labor reform should not be punitive but preventive. The purpose should not be to hamstring or harass honest and upright union leaders in the exercise of their legitimate functions. It should be to prevent union leaders, upright or otherwise, from engaging in practices which are harmful to the interests of the public and detrimental to the rights of individuals.

This objective will not be attained, of course, if the union political machine under the control of the professionals, in the labor movement is successful in electing to Congress candidates who will be under their thumb. It can be attained only if the members of the next Congress are truly representative of all the people of their districts and not just those who offer campaign money and manpower in return for obedience when the important issues are being decided in committee or on the floor.

The key question which should be asked concerning every candidate for a Congressional seat is whose collar he wears. Unless those elected to make the nation's laws wear no collar, whether it be that of business, organized labor or any other group, representative government becomes a farce and our free institutions are as good as gone.

Historical Background Of Duplin County

- Historical Facts**
Installation 4
1. Grove Church in Kenansville, founded by Scotch-Irish in 1736.
 2. Marker to Rev. Hugh McAden, first Presbyterian minister to settle in North Carolina, 1 mile east of Kenansville.
 3. Battle of Rockfish of Revolutionary Period, near Wallace.
 4. Dr. William Houston, appointed Stamp Master for N. C. but resigned. First physician and leader of settlement at Sacarta.
 5. Thomas O. Larkins, U. S. Consul Monterey Calif. Marker near Wallace.
 6. General James Kennan, near Battle Station pointing out home 2 miles north. Was Revolutionary leader. Trustee of University of N. C.
 7. Confederate sword factory in Kenansville during War between the States. Was destroyed by Federal troops in July 1863.
 8. General Sanson L. Faison, who was decorated in World War I for helping to break the Hindenberg Line. Marker in Faison.

HIGHWAY AND RAILROADS.
 There is one national highway in Duplin, U. S. 117. State Highway 24 come into Duplin near the Sampson Co. line runs through Warsaw and Kenansville to Beaufort and on to Onslow Co. Highway No. 11 comes in near

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Uncle Pete From Chitlin Switch

SAYS

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
 It's a sight in this world how many politicians running for office this fall is claiming they was reared on the farm. And most of them is getting away with it.
 I admit it's getting harder all the time to spot the genuine article. After a year or two in town a country boy can set on a bus with a lady standing and never get the least urge to get up and give her a seat. Sometimes, if he ain't too far gone, he'll stand up and offer to race her fer it, but that's as far as he'll go. And you can take a boy that's lived so far back in the country his breath smells like creek water and soon or later he'll git to where he can make a left turn from a right-hand lane as good as a lot of folks that has lived in the city all their lives.

And a boy from the country that's always run and got his shotgun ever time he saw a squirrel on the court house lawn will finally git to the place where he can look a bushytail in the eye without thinking of squirrel stew. I know it's a fact that once a country boy gits to town and lives there a few years, he gits all the bad habits of the city feller that ain't never saw a barnyard gate, much less washed his face in the horse trough.

But that old saying you can git a boy out of the country but you can't git the country out of the boy holds good if you know how to look fer the signs.

If you see a feller taking long straight steady strides down the street with head in the air, you know he ain't from the country. A country boy takes short, uneven strides and keeps his head down like he's dodging the clouds. And a boy raised in the country has a little more give-and-take than a city feller. Fer instance, I saw in the papers yesterday where a policeman trapped a woman shoplifter in a phone booth in Boston. If that policeman had been a country boy he'd have flushed her out of the booth and give her a running start.

A country boy can git to be chairman of the board of a big city bank, or he can even git to be President of the United States, but he ain't going to do no work on Saturday afternoons. The first thing old Andy Jackson did when he got to the White House was to pass an order down the line that he'd conduct the nation's business on Sunday or ever night in the week but nobody need bother him after the whistle blowed fer Saturday noon. Yep, there's still a heap of ways to spot the real country boy and these politicians ain't fooling me none.

Yours truly,
 Uncle Pete

What Questions Vets Are Asking

Q — My GI schooling was interrupted more than a year ago when my father was sick and I had to take a job. I understand I may now continue my schooling under a liberalization of VA's regulations. What do I have to do?
 A — You should receive soon an application form from the AV. Fill this out completely and return it. VA will send you a certification authorizing you to return to school.

Q — One of our neighbors is a widow of a Confederate veteran and is, I believe, eligible for a pension under a new law. I would like to help her get her pension. How can I do that?
 A — Your neighbor will be required to fill out and return an application form which may be obtained from any VA office. If it appears from the completed form that she is eligible she will receive payments automatically.

Q — I am a Korea veteran with a noncompensable dental condition resulting from an injury received while I was in service. Do I have to apply for outpatient dental care within a year from my discharge or can I get treatment at any time?
 A — You may apply at any time and receive as many treatments as are needed for your condition.
 Q — I have been ordered to support my two children, who are in legal custody of my former wife. Can I get a GI loan to buy a house for them to live in?
 A — No. VA requires that you certify that you intend to reside in a house bought with a GI loan. The court order that you must support the children does not alter the fact that you do not intend to live in the house yourself.
 NOTE: Further information regarding the above, or may other VA administrator benefit can be obtained from your local VA office, 860-7 Wachovia Bank Building, Goldsboro, N. C.

Minister's Desk

By D. R. Patterson, Warsaw

A certain lady seemed to be a very particular fiancee and she was constantly asking her husband to be questions about his past life, his relatives, his habits, and what not. But he was a good natured fellow and he answered everything to the best of his ability.

The day before their wedding, however, he suddenly remembered one thing he had not told her.

"Darling," he said confidentially, "I have neglected to tell you one thing about me that may make a difference. I am a somnambulist."

She paused for a full minute of silence. Then, graciously, she answered him. "That's all right, dear, you can go to your church and I'll go to mine."

These two had at least one thing in common—they were both sleepwalkers. Walking in your sleep physically is dangerous, perhaps, but it is not as dangerous as spiritual sleepwalking. The spiritual sleepwalker is the one who promises God something and then doesn't remember a thing about it the next morning. He is the one who resists change and doesn't want to be roused from his slumber.

"Lift up your eyes and look up to the fields, for they are white already unto harvest."

The Christian Viewpoint

A pilot knows his course before he takes off. While he is in flight he keeps radio contact. Young people are leaving home this month to begin college careers. They are taking off as it were, on the journey of life. They need to know all they can about the course of a good life. Where better to learn than from the Scripture?
 "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?
 By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
 O let me not wander from thy commandments.
 Thy word have I laid in my heart, That I might not sin against thee.
 Blessed art thou, O Jehovah:
 and carefully dampen a clean, lint-free pad or cloth with the polish. Wipe surface with long strokes. Then, when the polish has dried to a white haze this takes almost no time at all, wipe off immediately with a clean, dry cloth. No rubbing will be necessary and the wood will have a bright, long-lasting finish.
 Cream Wax Way: To clean and polish wood furniture the cream wax way, pour a small quantity of cream wax on a clean dry cloth, and rub over small area of wood surface. Remove all excess wax and polish at once with a second clean, dry cloth, using firm, even strokes. Overlap edges of polished edges and polish entire surface in same way.
 Paste Wax Way: To polish furniture with paste wax, wipe first with clean, damp cloth. Then apply paste with a damp pad, covering only a small area at a time. Wipe at once with clean, dry cloth and rub until glowing surface is obtained.
 Watch Your Telephone Voice — Talk naturally over the telephone. Normal tone of voice is best over the telephone. Whispered words are indistinct. Shouting distorts the voice and may make it gruff and unpleasant.

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Final Verdict

Lesson for September 23, 1958

ONE THING the Bible teaches quite plainly: God is the final court of appeal. His is the final verdict. This is true in two ways. First, only God's judgment is final, because all other judgments are partial, they are based on a comparatively ignorant point of view. We never see the inside of people, or not very clearly at best. We cannot even examine our own minds and hearts with any accuracy. We are ignorant, moreover, of many of the circumstances surrounding or leading up to the acts of other people. Only God knows man inside and out. Only God knows the "intent of the heart"; only God knows all the circumstances leading up to men's decisions.

In another sense God's verdict is final, because it will be the last one. After all a man's friends and enemies have had their say, after history has unburied him, blasted him or forgotten him, God will have the last word. Not man's opinion of himself, not other men's opinion of him, is finally decisive. Every man's destiny depends, in the long run, on what God thinks of him.

Justice comes first

The great prophets, and our Lord who was "more than a prophet," bring this home to everybody with a working conscience. Amos had his vision of God testing the walls men have built, with his own plumb line, ready to tear down every wall not meeting the fact. Isaiah tells us, "The city that God has no use for any religious thing they do, because they have been content with injustice. The first thing to do is to 'seek justice.'" Micah pronounces the doom of God on those who make themselves rich by making others poor. Jesus in his great prevision of the Last Judgment, divides men right and left on the basis of how they have treated their fellow-men, especially their fellow-men in distress. And then there is the Sermon on the Mount. People argue over this and try to by-pass it, in many ways. They debate over whether it is a practical ideal or not. The fact is Jesus presents it as God's way of life for man. The Golden Rule, for example, Jesus' principle of justice in one short sentence (Matt. 7:12), is not just a nice idea if you can do it: it is a rock in life's foundation. Build on my sayings, Jesus says, in effect, and your house will stand the storm. Pay no attention or memorize them if you like—just listen and don't do, and the great storms will bring your house of life to careless ruin.

Justice is not optional

Every one agrees that it takes all kinds of Christians to make the Kingdom of God. A Christian can serve God and men in various ways. It is by no means necessary for all Christians to be ministers, or to enter politics, or to be professional men. A good Christian dish-washer—if that is the most he can do with the mind he has—is just as faithful a Christian as a good Christian governor of a state.

But there is one thing that is not optional, not an extra that a Christian can take on as a hobby if he likes, but an absolute essential: justice. We have seen in the past weeks that the Bible idea of justice is not confined to the courtroom (though it is there, of course). Treating people as you would wish to be treated, seeking the good of others as if it were your own: this is justice, in the home and everywhere. This is the ABC of living as a Christian.

Justice Comes Last

So it should not be surprising, though Jesus hinted more than once that a good many people will be surprised—it should not be surprising that at the last, when God sums up the case and his final verdict, he will judge (I Peter 1: 17) "each one impartially according to his deeds." And since it is very hard to perform any act whatever without affecting other people, this means that after all other judgments are in, God's last judgment of each of us will be based on the question: How did you treat people?

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...

(Deuteronomy 6, 6-7.)

The God of the Hebrews, the same yesterday, today and forever, makes clear the duties of all parents. Juvenile delinquency is but the result of the shirking of parental responsibility.

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