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We Defend This Truth

What are we arming to defend? What is it that we Americans hold so precious that we are willing to accept great material and physical sacrifices if need be to make sure that it is not destroyed?

Not just the good land we have here, or the wealth of useful goods and products that private enterprise has spread among the people of this country. Much as we value these, a better answer than that is needed. And Roy W. Moore, noted industrial leader, recently provided a sound definition of the heritage we intend to defend. Addressing the Commercial Law League of America, Mr. Moore described our American way in the following words:

"It is the way of liberty. It is the right of a man to think his own thoughts through, and to express them decently in print or by word of mouth. It is the right of assembly and petition. It is the right of protection against tyranny of ukase and edict as opposed to the due process of responsible law. It is the right to choose that device of relations with the Almighty spirit of Life which best will nurture the individual's spirit. It is the right to choose those officers of governance who must truly represent the will and the conscience of representation."

"And it is the right of the individual to engage in any decent occupation of his choice, and to follow it where he wishes, and to reap as his reward such returns as are in decency earned by his skill, his ability, his energy, and his effort."

The words are moving because the force they describe is eloquent, too. Needing clear definitions of where we stand in the difficult world of today, we can all find in the above words a goodly part of that larger truth in which all Americans believe.

"Paul Revere's Horse"

Announcement of a tiny new auxiliary engine that will extend the flying range of bombers, now in mass production for the navy, brought about a brief spurt of interest in its inventor, Charles L. Lawrance. Lawrance has invented other airplane engines in his time which were used to break existing flight records, but he has never sought or received public attention.

The occasion of his latest invention, which will be of great service to defense, calls to mind a story told concerning him. Once a well-wisher inquired why Lawrance seldom received credit when others, who depended upon his inventions for their success, were wildly acclaimed.

"After all," Lawrance answered humorously, "who ever heard the name of Paul Revere's horse?"

That quiet spirit of service is characteristic of American research. All over our country, thousands of research workers and engineers are making their individual contributions to our national security. They served progress in the past. Today they are helping to make sure that the results of that progress are preserved for the American generations that lie ahead.

Often their names are not known or remembered. But the composite result of their efforts is so plain that no one can miss seeing it—American superiority, with its promise of security today and of better living standards tomorrow. Research, the "Paul Revere's horse" that has achieved all this, can well be proud of the role it plays.

We often wonder what it feels like to jump out of an aeroplane with a parachute, and we hope to be able to keep on wondering about it indefinitely.—Brunswick Pilot.

All Europe is now divided into three parts: Occupied, unoccupied and preoccupied.—Wichita Eagle.

Borrowed Comment

HOW TO LIVE LONGER

Logicians claim that those who cultivate calmness and self-possession will enjoy life better and live longer. Hence, there has been collected a number of precepts to practice:

Learn to like what doesn't cost much. Learn to like reading, conversation, music. Learn to like plain food, plain cooking. Learn to like fields, trees, woods, brooks, rowing, hiking. Learn to like life.

Learn to like people, even though some of them may be as different from you as a Chinaman. Learn to like work, and enjoy the satisfaction of doing your job as well as it can be done. Learn to like the songs of the birds, the companionship of a dog, and the laughter and gaiety of children.

Learn to like gardening, carpentering, putting around the house, the lawn, and the automobile. Learn to like the sunrise and the sunset, the beating rain on the roof and windows, and the gentle fall of snow on a winter day. Learn to keep your wants simple. Refuse to be owned and anchored by the opinions of others.—Sunshine Magazine.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Hiddenite, N. C.

THE FOOLISH INFIDEL

Now and then some little atheist and infidel rises up and says, "There is no God." God calls him a fool. Listen to His Holy Word: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Now when God calls a man a fool I have no right to deny it. He may be a Voltaire, a Tom Payne, or a Robert Ingersoll; but regardless of who he is, God calls him a fool.

"Oh," you say, "these men were intelligent. They were educated. They knew the Bible. Ingersoll was a great orator. Certainly he could not have been a fool." Regardless of how well one may be educated, or how intelligent he is, or how well he speaks before the public, or what may be the position he holds, God absolutely brands him as a fool. He may be a fool lawyer, as some are, or a banker, or a statesman, or a writer, or a teacher, or an inventor. That makes no difference. Who bestows his honor and respect upon atheists and infidels? Why, people think so little of them that they won't name their children after them. How many namesakes do Voltaire, Payne and Bob Ingersoll have today? Not one that I know of. Even the followers of these infidels don't think enough of them to name their children after them. That's so. If they were so great, brilliant, intelligent, so well educated, and were right, why don't men and nations honor and respect them? Why don't they celebrate their birthdays? Why don't they name their sons after them? Why don't they erect great monuments to their memories? Simply because they know they were wrong. They cursed the world. And all who rise up and follow in their footsteps likewise curse the world, and when they are gone they go "unwept, unhonored and unsung." Absolutely. And the most of them are soon forgotten, except the fact that they were fools whose belief, teachings and influence makes other fools.

No infidel lives a great life, neither does he die a victorious death. They call upon God when it is too late. The dying testimonies of atheists and infidels is something fearful. How different to the dying testimonies of the followers of Jesus Christ and the saints of God! No infidel can be happy in his infidelity, neither can he die happy. Only the true Christian lives a blessed life and has a triumphant departure out of this world. This is life's better way.

WHAT WE NEVER REGRET

We ne'er regret a kindness shown
To foe or friend or chum;
We ne'er regret good seed we've sown
When harvest time has come;
We ne'er regret the patience used
In times of sorest test;
We ne'er regret the wrongs refused
When God gives us His best.

We ne'er regret the choice we make
When it is truly right;
We ne'er regret the way we take
That leads us in the light;
We ne'er regret our silence when
We're tempted strong to speak
A word to hurt our fellowmen,
Though they be strong or weak.

We ne'er regret the prayers we pray
That reach our God above;
We ne'er regret nor mourn the day
We give all men our love;
We ne'er regret the years of time
We give to men and God;
We ne'er regret the upward climb
In paths that saints have trod.

We ne'er regret the noble stand
We take for righteous truth;
We ne'er regret the helping hand
We give to age or youth;
We ne'er regret the good we do
To bless our fellowmen,
And when to God we make it through
We'll not regret it then.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

NO LONGER NEGLECTED

Our seven readers, at least two of them, have complained that we have neglected to give them the latest lowdown on the foreboding crisis over relations between Hell's Half Acre and Cut-throat Ridge.

We only get scattered bits of news from those places where censorship has been clamped down like nobody's business.

However, a member of our intelligence (?) department has returned with this gem of news from Hell's Half Acre:

Hell's Half Acre, Aug. 4 (Monday). By the United Pests—The high command of the armed forces of this imperial realm today was having trouble because of insubordination.

Because of several incidents which gave the appearance of an uprising and glaring insubordination, the high command last night posted a sign at headquarters which read: "Anyone disobeying orders will be shot at sunrise."

The words were printed far apart and some subversive agent late last night inserted the word "half" between "be" and "shot." Then the sign read: "Anyone disobeying orders will be half shot at sunrise."

The men arose at dawn and saw the sign. They wanted to be half shot so badly they not one in the whole battalion would obey any order.

The high command gave the order to have all the force shot but there was no one to do the shooting.

DIDN'T WANT IT

An old negro was taking a civil service examination for the position of rural mail carrier. One of the questions asked was: "How far is it from the earth to the sun?" The old colored man looked frightened and exclaimed: "If you-all is gwinter put me on that route, I's resignin' before I begins."

SHE WAS WORRIED

A little girl was taken to the Zoo by her father. They stood before the lion's cage, and her father explained how strong and fierce lions are and how it is that wilds they attack and devour human beings. She looked at them thoughtfully, and then she said: "Daddy, if one of them got out of its cage and ate you up, what number bus would I have to take to get home?"

KING WAS FLEEING

Teacher: "Tommy, please translate 'Rex fugit'."
Tommy: "The king flees."
Teacher: "You should use 'has' in translating the perfect tense."
Tommy: "The king has flees."

BETTER FATHER

A father said to his son: "When I was your age my father would not allow me to go out at night."
"You had a hard-boiled father," replied the young scamp.
"I had a lot better father than you have!" replied the irate elder.

Congress Gets Modified Bill To Fix Prices

Washington.—The administration's price control bill stripped of a provision to curb installment buying and drastically limiting President Roosevelt's authority to fix prices of farm products, was introduced in both houses yesterday.

The measure also fixed the year ended July 29, instead of June 30 as originally proposed, as the base period on which the President is directed to consider price increases.

The compromise proposal was offered by Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, (D), Ky., for Sen. Carter Glass, (D), Va., ranking Democratic member of the banking and currency committee, and Chairman Henry B. Steagall, (D), Ala., of the House banking and currency group.

Its terms were finally fixed at a conference among leaders of the two houses and Price Stabilizer Leon Henderson who is expected to direct the new program.

Failure of the measure to authorize a brake on \$1-down-and-\$1-a-week buying was a defeat for President Roosevelt, Chairman Marriner S. Eccles of the federal reserve board and Henderson who contended that it was essential to check uncontrolled inflation.

Steagall indicated that it was overboard temporarily because of powerful opposition from business interests. He expects separate legislation on the subject to be presented later.

Potent opposition from the farm bloc forced special consideration for prices on the basic crops. As proposed in the revised bill, the President may not impose ceilings on farm products below prices which prevailed on July 29, which then stood 10 per cent above parity.

15 Jap Navy Ships Arrive At Saigon

Saigon, French Indo-China, Wednesday, July 30.—A convoy of 15 Japanese naval ships arrived here today with troops as the Japanese sped the occupation of bases in Indo-China.

The arrivals here followed the movement of Nipponese forces into nearby Camranh, French Indo-China naval base 800 miles from Manila.

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Icelandic Time More Confusing Than Amusing

Danville, Va., July 29.—American gobs in Iceland are having a hard time with the clock and remain more or less confused about the time.

This was admitted by Averett Wilber Stephens, a Danville sailor who was granted furlough to come back home to be married yesterday evening to Miss Maggie Cora Thomas, of this city. Today he was on his way back to his assignment.

The confusion over the Icelandic time, he explained, is due to the fact that some weeks have six days when there are 22 hours and others when there are 28.

The dawn patrol is also something of a trial, he related, because the sun rises in Iceland at 1 a. m., and he further stated that all the time he has been in Iceland, it has not been completely dark yet.

J. E. Cline Rites Conducted Tuesday

Last rites were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Little Rock church near Boomer for J. E. Cline, age 35, citizen of that community who died Monday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Pipes Cline, and four children.

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Separate bids on materials and installation of materials are requested.

Wilkes County Board Of Commissioners

By C. C. Sidden, Clerk Ex-Officio

MAISIE WINS AGAIN IN A KNOCKOUT FUN SHOW!

Thursday Friday

"All my other man-adventures were only preliminaries! This is the main event!"

"You pack a wallop in both mitts, Maisie... and you're terrific in the clinches!"

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In the other... the girl-crazy sailor star you laughed at in "A Girl, A Guy And A Gob!"

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