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Japan's Attitude

Evidently there is something wrong with the attitude of Japan. The "chosen people," led by "the Son of Heaven," who intended to dominate the entire Orient, as well as to dictate a most humiliating peace to the people of America, and to dictate the peace terms to the occupant of the White House in Washington, have, it seems, overnight, assumed an air of docility and tractability, and are putting on a great show of strictly obeying the occupying forces of the Allied armies.

The Tokyo radio is continually calling upon the people of Japan, both civilians and the armed forces, to be humble before the American conquerors which, the radio broadcast says, "may bring to Japan a new outlook upon life."

But a wide difference exists between the war faction who wanted to fight to the bitter end and the surrender party which the Emperor has now put in power, and this great division of power may cause dangerous developments in the future

The great difference between the surrender of Japan and the "unconditional surrender" of Germany, is the fact that the Allies entered Germany and overpowered and whipped them to obedience, to the terms laid down by the Allies—"unconditional surrender"—but, in the case of Japan—the most treacherous and tricky nation in the world—the Allies agreed to the plea of Japan to let their Emperor remain in power under the direction of the Allied commander, and to many this seems to have been a bad move. The armies of the United Nations should have gone into Japan and whipped them into obedience and to have included their emperor in the list of war criminals soon to be tried and given just sentences, as it is a well known fact that the Japanese, as a whole, are the most tricky and dangerous enemy we have had to face.

The Traffic Toll

Present tendencies on the part of automobile drivers indicate that the toll of accidents on the highways during the next few years will exceed the bloody toll of the war in human lives and injuries, as far as this country is concerned.

Since the end of the war, numerous auto drivers throughout the country have gone "hog wild" behind the wheel, with the result that the death toll on the highways is rising rapidly.

They seem to forget that all the cars are old and that no tires are reasonably safe at high speeds. And they seem to have forgotten the common rules of courtesy on the highways. They are driving with reckless abandon which spells death and suffering for many people in the months to come.

One answer to the problem is more and better law enforcement by states and counties.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol is only a skeleton organization with not enough men to tackle the job. And let us consider the situation from a local standpoint.

Sgt. A. H. Clark, highway patrolman located here, is head of the patrol for six counties: Wilkes, Iredell, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties. Sgt. Clark is a very capable officer and is well fitted to head the patrol in six counties.

But of what does his organization for the six counties consist?

Sgt. Clark has only one patrolman helping him in the entire six counties. That one is located at Boone, and he tries to look after Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties. That leaves Sgt. Clark Wilkes, Iredell

and Alexander counties. These three counties have about 2,500 miles of highways and roads. With these figures it is easy to see that the chance of meeting a patrolman on the highways is very small.

The state headquarters of the patrol in Raleigh say that their men are in the army and navy, and they hope to relieve the situation when some of them are released.

Sgt. Clark has estimated that to do a reasonably thorough job of patrolling the highways in his district that he should have three men in Wilkes, three in Iredell, two in Alexander, and at least one each in Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties. That makes a total of 11 men needed where there are only two.

And if the public is going to have any semblance of safety on the highways, it will be necessary to have a sufficient number of patrolmen.

Another thing the State of North Carolina should consider is the question of adequate pay for members of the patrol. They should be selected carefully on the basis of character and ability and should be well paid for their services. Any political considerations which go into the selection of men for this patrol should be removed. In fact, it might be a good thing for the state of North Carolina to reorganize the highway patrol on a merit system basis and employ a state director or chief of the patrol to run the patrol and let it be so fixed that his job would be secure from the political pie hunters.

And it would be a good idea to take the patrol out of the tax collecting business and not require the officers to spend so much time with a man who has not paid the proper license fees. While he is doing that some drunk, reckless or speeding driver may be taking an innocent life somewhere on the highways which he should be patrolling.

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EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.

Moral paralysis will kill a man just as sure as a heart attack; and it will do much more than a heart attack—it will send him to hell.

Moral paralysis creeps up on men and women. Often they are unconscious of it. Case after case come to this desk. The pattern is so familiar that it would become monotonous if it were not so terrifying. Yet each one thinks his case is different.

They'll start when a man commences to forget God. The disease is no respecter of persons. It lays hold upon the saint as well as the sinner. Here are some of the symptoms:

1. Neglect of personal prayer and Bible reading. Failure to say grace before meals.
2. Breaking the habit of regular church attendance.
3. Careless use of Sunday for personal and secular purposes.
4. Social drinking. As the taste for liquor is acquired, it develops into personal drinking.
5. Neglect of home relationships. From now on anything can happen.

There are those who will take violent exceptions to some of these steps given above. Let me say this. You have had experience with one or two cases. I have had many experiences, listened to hundreds of cases. The process of moral paralysis has been outlined above. If you take exception to it, it is because already it has hold on you. One of the symptoms of the disease is men and women trying to defend their actions for which they are condemned in their own conscience.

This moral paralysis is an insidious thing. It takes years to kill its victims, but the end is always the same—unhappiness, misery, sin, hell.

Not all who have the disease succumb to it. Some wake up in time. We can thank God for conscience and conversion. Men can always turn back to their Lord in repentance. The imperishable Book, the Bible, is always available with its remedy for this paralysis. It reminds us, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool," but he that would enjoy life and see good days must walk with his Lord.

If moral paralysis kills men and women, it does the same for democracy. It is more deadly than armies. If our nation succumbs, it will be to moral and spiritual paralysis, contracted from godless citizens.

If you are leaving God out of your life, you are both betraying your nation as well as yourself—get wise to yourself before it is too late.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

YOU TELL US WHY—

Girls do not take a man "for better or worse." It is for more or less. . . . And a diamond is considered a woman's stepping stone to success—or failure. . . . An honest politician is defined as one who will stay put after he is bought. . . . Getting on spanking terms with the kids would put juvenile delinquency on the skids, says one philosopher. . . . Some girls have a lot of trouble trying to show a lot of themselves and a lot of pretty clothes at the same time. . . . More about diamonds, which are symbols of engagement. Why not a grindstone for marriage? . . . It has been truly said that the small brain which talks much is guilty of overproduction. All right, you wisecrackers, go ahead and say this would be a good place to stop this column. . . . Want to know where you can find "steak?" The word is in the dictionary. . . . The woman who told the doctor that she had a little wart she wanted to get rid of was told that the lawyer's office was next door. . . . One reason Japan surrendered was because that after air raids so many factories failed to show up for work.

WOMAN—

When Adam brought woe to all mankind And old Adam called her "woman" But when she wooed with love so kind, He then pronounced her "Woman!"

But now, with folly and with pride Their husband's pocket trimmin' The woman is so full of whims The men pronounce them "Wimmen!"—Exchange.

AMBITION—

The story of Marine Sgt. Theodore Heless is one for your post-war scrapbook. As a civilian he was a page boy in the Massachusetts Senate, always wanted to orate before them. Then, after two years in the Pacific, he came home, was invited to appear before the Senate. He got up:

"Gentlemen: When I worked and listened to you day after day, I used to tell myself if I were in the Senate and didn't have anything to say I'd keep my mouth shut."

He sat down. His audience applauded.—This Week.

HOW TO FISH—

Two local rod and reel enthusiasts were telling of their luck at fishing, and the unlucky one asked:

Unlucky One: What did you use for bait?
 Lucky One: Chewing tobacco.
 Unlucky One: Chewing tobacco? Never heard of such bait. How do you use it?
 Lucky One: Well, you just put it on the hook. The fish comes up and gets it and then goes away. When he comes up to spit, you hit him over the head with the pole.

LIKE OUR EFFORTS—

He had been called on by his civic (service) club to make a talk. Alive to the opportunity of impressing his views on the younger generation he worked hard on the address and in due time appeared before an attentive group of youngsters.

Reidsville Man: My young friends, the schoolwork is the bulwark of civilization—

He hesitated aware of something wrong.

Reidsville Man (continuing): What I meant to say was that the bullhouse is the schoolwork of our —no, what I should say is that the korkhouse is the bulschool—

He was a brave man, and he started over again despite the titters:

Reidsville Man: The school house, my friends, is the woolbark

And then he mercifully fainted.

COURTSHIP IN A GARDEN—

A pair in a hammock Attempted to kiss, And in less than a jiffy They landed like this.

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THE RAMBLER
 T. C. P.

Despite the fact that Japan has surrendered, nevertheless, we can but wonder if it was an "unconditional surrender, such as was the surrender of Germany? In our opinion it was not an "unconditional" surrender, because the Japs were allowed to retain their god-Emperor—Hirohito. Of course he is subject to the commands of the supreme commander of the American forces, Gen. MacArthur. Everyone who knows MacArthur, and what he went through at the hands of the Japs, feel that he is entirely competent to handle the situation.

But, as everyone knows, the Japs are a tricky and dangerous race, and their treatment of their prisoners of war, especially those of America, refusing them medical treatment though wounded and badly in need of same, denying them food and all necessities of life, besides beating them, and doing everything in their power to humiliate and destroy them, in fact, no treatment, however cruel did they fail to mete out to their prisoners, apparently taking their spite out upon the Americans.

After what we have heard of the brutality of the Japs, is it possible to trust them in anything? In the minds of many Americans it was a great mistake in not entering Japan, as we did Germany, and demanding an unconditional surrender, disarming them, as we did the Germans, and not submitting to their plea for them to retain their Emperor, their god. It may be the cause of a great deal of trouble yet, despite the fact

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The Japs have signed articles of "unconditional surrender."

Sunday, September 3, was declared V-J Day by our President. It was quite appropriate the day fell upon Sunday, and the people of America were thus given a chance to celebrate the day of victory as it should have been celebrated, in prayer to Almighty God for the coming of peace and the saving of millions of lives perhaps of Americans and other fighting forces of the world. God grant that this peace be everlasting and never again will anyone in this or any other civilized country have to fight another war!

Guard rails in the farmhouse were badly mashed. Three negro farmers reported \$210 in losses in one week.

Good Taste! after the game...

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The Gospel in Symbols

A Picture of His Death

We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.—Romans 6:4.

BAPTISM of a believer illustrates every truth of the Gospel. When properly administered by burial in water it symbolizes the facts of Christianity in the past, present, and future. Baptism pictures Christ's death and resurrection—historical Christianity. It illustrates the believer's death to sin and new life in Christ—present Christianity. And it foretells the final resurrection of the body—prophetic Christianity. Only baptism by immersion, as taught in the New Testament, can present these truths. Scriptural baptism makes one eligible to participate in the second Christian ordinance, the Lord's Supper.

Emblems of His Broken Body

As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.—1 Corinthians 11:26.

THE LORD'S SUPPER symbolizes the death of Christ. Broken bread suggests His broken body. The contents of the cup typify His spilled blood. The Supper focuses attention upon His death for sinners on the Cross. It teaches three great lessons: (1) Christ died for our sins—historical Christianity; (2) the Christian receives his spiritual food from Him—present Christianity; and (3) Christ will come again—future Christianity. A person is baptized only once; the Supper is taken often. Neither is necessary to salvation, but both bring blessings because of their sacred meaning. Through these two ordinances the believer witnesses to the Christian message.

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