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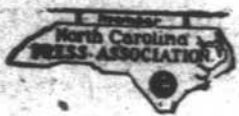
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Democracy's Enemies Cry For Civil Liberties

There is a real fifth column in this country working with great zeal to destroy constitutional government. Our enemies within are closely associated in principle with Stalin's Russia, if not directly connected.

These enemies of ours are more dangerous than foreign enemies, because they seek by subtle means to tear down every safeguard of liberty which the citizen has. Their road travels toward a super state and don't let anybody be fooled—the kind of government they seek would destroy every vestige of individual liberty. We have already traveled that road much too far.

When a congressional committee calls our enemies within on the carpet, they begin to yell that their civil liberties are being trampled and abused. When as a matter of fact, they seek by indirect means to destroy civil liberties and our constitution which guarantees them.

We get sick and tired of hearing this cry from communists about civil liberties being abused, and we would favor a national appropriation to deport and send from this country those who would destroy our basic principles of freedom and liberty. Our advice would be for those who don't like this country to get out of it. They are not Americans at heart.

And every time we rely upon government to furnish us benefits from a silver platter, we are giving away just that much more individual liberty and exchange just that much more of our birthright for a mess of pottage.

If we are too zealous in giving our inside enemies civil liberties, we may wake up someday to find that they have destroyed civil liberties.

Let the un-Americans howl, and let's hope that the congressional committees will continue to bring to light those who are active, directly or indirectly, in trying to undermine and destroy the American Way which makes every person the boss of his or her own life.

It was interesting to note that during the Hollywood investigation the witnesses shed crocodile tears about abuse of their civil liberties, but they got no sympathy from real Americans. Instead, they were scathingly denounced from many quarters. Those who refused to testify branded themselves as being what the congressional committee was afraid they were—communists engaged in un-American activities.

The enemies within our own country prey upon the minds of those less educated and less informed, by painting to them glowing pictures of what the government could "give" them under communist rule. The American Way of doing things is so far ahead of the rest of the world, and particularly Russia, that there is no comparison. Instead of trying to make this country over, we favor sending the communists to Russia where they will have conditions as they propose them to be in this country.

Am I My Brother's Keeper

The following editorial is reprinted from the Pacific Rural Press and California Farmer:

"It may be a world's record. Ed Abel of the Farm Bureau, who devotes most of his time to irrigation prob-

lems of California and the West, opines that it is.

"Abel is referring to the Bureau of Reclamation's campaign to regulate the size of farms—the mis-called 160-acre issue—and establish perpetual control over the water rights of irrigation districts. He opines this may be the first time so many people have been mobilized in favor of compulsory rules over the living plans of others.

"He points out that the army of Bureau of Reclamation regimenteers—over 2,000 of them in California alone—have stirred up support for their scheme of control of farmers with the CIO, AFL, some church groups, and many social service people.

"It is not likely that the Bureau boys will want to move onto the land and live under the rules they propose for farms. They just want to regulate the other fellow, many of them being farmers who hewed out their farms long before the Bureau was around to help or hinder.

"The nosiness of this plan would be dramatized if farmers would demand that government establish control over the size of homes in the city, and over the future management of those homes. The farmers could consistently say that homes should be shared with all the homeless, especially the veterans.

"If the farmers would do this—put the shoe on the other foot—can't you imagine the sob-sisters crying 'unfair.' Well it is unfair, whether applied to farmers or to city folks, and it is of an un-American pattern."

It shouldn't be necessary, however, to explain that request filed with the State Utilities Commission for an increase in gas rates is not part of any campaign for hiked legislative pay.—Greensboro Daily News.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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A WASTED LIFE

Not long ago I visited a man in the hospital who killed his wife and then attempted suicide. It was a pitiful, awful, tragic affair. He had spent many years of his life drinking and doping. You can almost always be sure that liquor figures in nearly every crime that is committed. Such a crime as this, and such a wasted life, ought to turn tens of thousands of people against liquor, dope and the devil. Just how anyone can vote for liquor, manufacture, sell and drink it, knowing its cursed, damnable history, is indeed hard to understand.

This wretched man told me that his life was a failure, and of course greatly regretted the crime he had committed, saying that his wife was a good woman. To look upon a man like that, and to realize just what liquor, dope, sin and the devil had done for him, is enough to make every citizen of our country hate liquor, sin and the devil, then turn unto God, live soberly and righteously, and stand against all wickedness. We should realize, once and forever, that because multitudes of people vote wet, live wickedly, and follow the wicked crowd, certainly doesn't exalt our nation. Not in the least. It degrades and demoralizes, therefore brings upon millions of people heartache, suffering, wretchedness and damnation. How we need a mighty turning back to God, prohibition, sobriety and common sense! When a nation goes off on a wild spree in drunkenness we may be certain that there will be an awful penalty to pay. Those who live for the cursed evils of the world are morally insane. They certainly need God.

Not only do we realize that multitudes of people, both men and women, are wasting their lives in drunkenness, or half drunkenness, but millions of others are so given over to the devil and sin until they never accomplish anything worth while in life. They eke out an existence, and soon shall die and be forgotten, although the evil influence they wielded shall live after them to curse the world. It is indeed startling to think of wasting one's life in sin, then go into the presence of a just and holy God unprepared to meet Him. A wasted life—that is more than wasted gold; yes, more than a wasted fortune in dollars and cents. It is a life spent for the devil, which is a curse, that ought to have been spent for God, which could and would have been a blessing. A wasted life is a life lost, and usually a soul lost.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

NEW IDEA IN CHAIN LETTERS

The chain letter idea originated in the United States, but way over on the other side of the earth in Australia they have a chain letter plan to end chain letters. The following clipping from a Melbourne, Australia, newspaper explains the entire proposition:

"Latest idea in chain-letters is one for discontented husbands. Part of it reads: 'Unlike ordinary chain-letters, this will cost you nothing. Send one copy each to five men friends, then send your wife to the gentleman whose name appears first on attached list. Put your name on the bottom of the list. When your name reaches the top of the list you will receive 16,179 women.' All husbands, we suppose, are discontented, more or less. So this should be the very scheme for breeding happiness. Unless, of course, your missus just refuses to be sent. A sort of paper parcel, to some unselected gent.

Or say she's quite agreeable! The Chain goes on its way. Until you find you head the list some unexpected day. Then sixteen thousand woman, and some sundry dozens more, are lobbed, one lovely morning, like the papers, at your door. But what with housing shortage and the cost of togs and food. How would you keep those women as a nabob really should? And how would you control them all, an army corps of dames? And how would you remember all their chickabiddy names? And one more possibility emerges from this scheme. A thought to stagger you like a pie-and-pickle dream; Supposing some chain-letter plan, designed, we'll say, like this is, To-morrow were adopted by each discontented missus!

COFFEE CLUB NOTES

There are some new faces around the Coffee Club table with the weather perfect for drinking the hot fluid. Some of the new additions are L. E. Bogan and Harry Hettiger, of the Wilkes Mountain Poultry Products company, incorporated (any firm with a name that long will never get into headlines). Frosty Jones was a charter member (Incidentally, he won't pay us 40 cents for our hens, even after we put his picture on the front page). Sometimes the weather drives C. C. Faw, Jr., in for a cup. We all air our income tax problems gratis before B. R. Underwood, accountant and tax expert who has been with us a long time. Frosty avows he won't play professional baseball here because the fence will be only 350 feet away and his home runs would become monotonous. So long—

Grain now in storage on farms in this country has been found heavily infested with insect pests which eat the grain, the USDA has announced.

The Commodity Credit Corporation bought 4,340 bushels of wheat during the period from noon of December 12 to noon of December 19.

NOTICE!

The Wilkes County Board of Education will receive sealed bids in the Board of Education office in Wilkesboro, N. C., until 11 o'clock A. M., Monday, March 1, 1948, for the following school properties:

1—School building and grounds known as Somers School in Somers Township.

2—School lot known as the Dennyville School in New Castle Township.

Description of land may be had on request in the Board of Education office in Wilkesboro.

C. O. McNIEL, Chairman,
Wilkes County Board of Education
January 29, 1948.

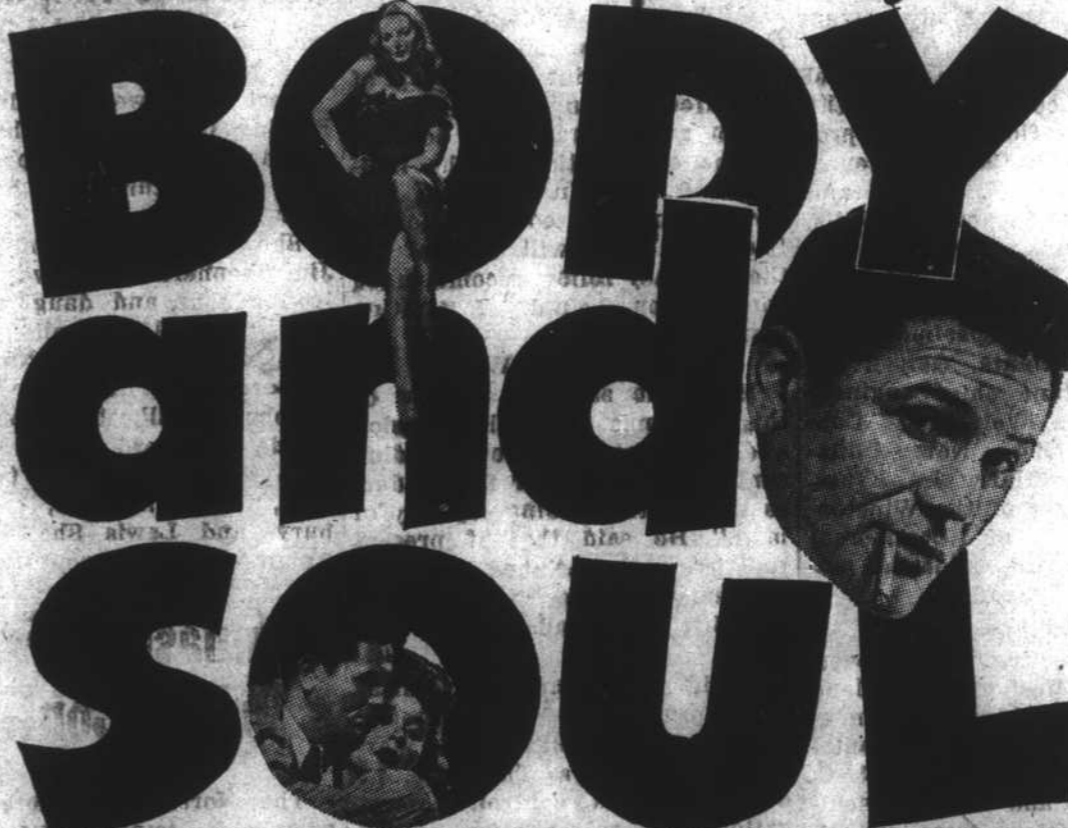
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