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The Fourth Of July

On another page today, The Daily Record is publishing a Fourth of July message from the Carolina Power and Light Company.

We had planned to write an editorial to remind our readers of the precious heritage of liberty and to admonish that, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" still.

But E. N. (Red) Pope, the power company's adman, Bill Sharpe, the company's publicist, or whoever wrote that ad expressed our thoughts even better than we could.

So, instead of writing an editorial, we simply call your attention to that message from the Carolina Power and Light Company.

We add to it only the hope and prayer that Americans will always put their freedom ahead of everything else—that we shall continue always to fight socialism, extreme liberalism, (which is the same thing), Communism and any other ism or scheme that might threaten our liberty.

Azores Island Is Key Defenc Base

TERCEIRA ISLAND, Azores (AP)—This tiny Portuguese island, which for centuries thrived on its fishing and its vineyards, has become one of the key bases in the Atlantic Pact plan for the defense of Europe.

Terceira's importance is largely an accident of geography. It is two-thirds of the way across the Atlantic from North America and within flying distances of most of the American air bases in Europe. Its importance is growing daily.

Heavily laden cargo planes of the U. S. Military Air Transport system take off from American bases for Europe. Because they can land here and refuel, their gas loads are lighter and their pay loads are heavier.

Old Customs Linger
Terceira still depends on its ancient customs for a livelihood and the fishing boats still put out from the villages. Farmers till the fields and the vineyards on the volcanic slopes from which a few wisps of sulphuric gas still issue.

Housewives of Terceira still embroider the Madeira lines for which the islands are famous, but the work is done to the roar of planes overhead. Besides army planes, civilian airlines use the Azores as an important stop in their round-the-world schedules.

For M. T. S. Langes Field has be-

come one of the biggest bases on its Atlantic division. Planes arrive around the clock for flights to England, to Fort Lyaukey or Tripoli in North Africa or to Germany. The field is a Portuguese air base but the planes are mostly American.

Terceira is on the scheduled routes from the United States but planes put down here from many non-scheduled flights.

Many Sea Rescues
The field, under command of Col. George S. Cassady, is mainly a re-fueling stop. There are maintenance workers and a large air sea rescue group equipped with the latest devices for rescuing those down at sea. The Portuguese sailors who have fished the stormy Atlantic waters for centuries are valuable assistants.

Terceira, second largest of the Azores group, is deceptive. It appears to slumber in the summer sun, remote from Europe and remote from the United States. The constant drone of the planes heard from the distance add to the somnolent effect.

The field is busy, however, approaching the state of activity it reached during the last war. Already more than 550 American officers and airmen, 50 American civilians and 1,200 civilian Portuguese employes work here.

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These Days



By

Sokolsky

NATURE'S LAW

Fundamentally, this nation owes its existence to the yearning of men for liberty of person—to the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

For 169 years, prior to the American revolution, the men and women who had come to these shores from many countries, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Sweden, Holland, Spain, Portugal and even Poland, concerned themselves with these problems. They were adherents of many different and separate religious faiths which they wished to pursue without hindrance.

No one had to come to the North American continent because of a deep yearning to be here. Most of the immigrants uprooted themselves from the soil of their ancestors and the traditions of centuries because their days had become filled with miseries. They had suffered religious, social, economic, and political persecution. They left Europe to find freedom.

Their problems and discussions were not unlike those of Job and his friends who, no matter how much they rationalized the situation, were everlastingly faced by the same mystery: What is Man? Why is he different from all else in Nature? What is his relationship to God? Job put it this way:

"As God liveth, who has taken away my judgment, and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;

All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

God forbid that I should justify you: 'Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live."

When the 56 men who prepared the Declaration of Independence met to consider separation from Great Britain, they found that they required not one but two statements. The second was a bill of particulars as to the political causes for the separation. This statement makes interesting reading this year, particularly the complaint that deals with depreciated currency.

However, that bill of particulars was not sufficient for such men as Jefferson, Franklin and the Adamses. They were philosophers who could not get away from the problem that had been troubling their ancestors for so many generations.

Mere political separation meant too little until morality, that is natural law, the revised law of God, justified not only the separation but the existence of the new state. That involved them in one of the most curious phenomena in history, for they founded a new nation not on power but on morality; not in protest but in affirmation. The first statement in the Declaration of Independence has nothing to do with whether England was right or wrong; it had to do with Man's relationship to God.

In a word, the American nation came into existence on the affirmation that man is a creation of God and is graced with qualities that are his, at birth, as a special gift from God. Upon these words rests the American nation:

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.—That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

In these days of intellectual and moral confusion these words need to be pondered. For nations come and go in history, their strength powered by a spiritual dynamism. Their decay rarely is the product of material deterioration or defeat in war. These are results, not causes. Their decay is the product of the weakening of their spiritual motivation. A nation that has no faith in its own traditions has no faith in itself and will die.

Our tradition is summarized in the first hundred words or so of the Declaration of Independence. On that rock, we stand.

Britain's plastics industry increased its production from 35,000 tons in 1939 to 140,000 tons last year. A productive capacity of 240,000 is planned by the end of 1952.

Mister Breger



"He wants to know what trade-in allowance we'll give him..."

Little Old NEW YORK

BY SULLIVAN

Korean truce will step up requests of Gen. George Marshall and Gen. Omar Bradley to retire, this August and Sept. . . . White House won't OK the requests until Soviet Russia's intentions are much clearer, because the Comies will try to save face in Far East. . . . Margaret Truman's trip to Europe, accepted by Europeans as a tipoff that the Russians' timetable for war had fouled up, may have been exactly that. . . . Turkish newspaper reaction: "Where next will Russia strike, now that history will record the war in Korea as the Kremlin's greatest error?" . . . Only mistake U. S. can make at this juncture, would be to relax current program to prepare and stay armed. For the rest of our lives, the world promises to be a jungle.

Bitter battle over the estate of former Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly seems to be a ferocious personality clash between Mrs. Kelly and co-executor Michael F. Mulcahy, the former mayor's political protégé. . . . She's trying to oust Mulcahy, who refuses to oust. . . . When Prince Boudouin succeeds King Leopold, July 16, the 21-year-old King is expected to announce his engagement to the daughter of the Comte de Paris. . . . Former Ambassador Lewis Douglas, who lost the sight of one eye when he impaled it on a fishing hook, back to England—to go fishing! . . . "Isn't MacArthur a terrific egotist?", newspapersmen asked Gen. Douglas. "Yes," said Jimmy, "but he's the only egotist who's just as good as he thinks he is."

England's Royal Air Force estimates Russia's thriving aircraft industry soon will have 30,000 planes ready for Commie fliers (tactical air force has 10,000 planes; fighter defense force, commanded by Stalin's son, Vassili, has 1,000 jets, another 1,000 of older design). . . . The Geary Steffens (Jane Powell) expert Sir Stork in two weeks. . . . The Marshall Thompsons expect their baby in August. . . . Doris Ruby's date was fiance Dick Duane, not Danny Thomas's brother, Paul. . . . Kefauver's contempt of Congress charges against Phil Kastel, in New Orleans, tossed out by U. S. District Court Judge Christensen. . . . Bill Bailey and sister Pearl, together for first time in casting of "Shuffle Along". . . . Dave Garroway and Betty Clooney a twosome. . . . Irving Jaffe, former ice skating champ, to wed Mildred Persly. . . . Newsweek audiences boo German fighter when he drops without even being hit by Ray Robinson.

Rita Hayworth really steamed at Joan Fontaine. . . . Duke of Windsor suffering from ear and nose ailments. . . . It's a girl for Geraldine Fitzgerald (the Stuart Scheffels) at Doctor's Hospital. . . . Saratoga clubs leary about hiring top cater entertainers for fear of a no-gambling season. . . . Will Hays to Europe. . . . Stan Laurel recovering from major surgery. . . . Sylvia Gable planning to dust Hollywood, now that Denise Darcel and Clark Gable have caught up with each other. . . . Nicky Hilton dating Mona Knox. . . . Billy Southworth, ex-Braves, pilot, supposed to be worth \$250,000. . . . Sonny Tufts and Jane Burrells an item. . . . Mitsui Line resuming service between U. S. and Jap ports, July 27. . . . Sister Tharpe marrying Russell Morrison. . . . Recommended: Ritz Bar at Bill Miller's Riviera.

Iranian dismissal of fabulous Nubar Gulbenkian, son of the oil Croesus, from the post as honorary commercial attache in London, closes off a listening post for England. . . . The Jim Farleys in Sweden. . . . Sam Goldwyn, Jr., on Gen. Eisenhower's staff, will be a pop any edition. . . . George Raft and Charlie Feldman have split. . . . LIU prexy, Dr. Tristram Walker Metcalfe, out of Harkness. . . . Bette Davis en route from England. . . . Lou Walters to produce the "Ziegfeld Folies" this fall. . . . Robert Stack and starlet Claudette Thornton say it's serious. . . . In the newsreels, Gen. Ridgway's voice sounds like Brian Donlevy's. . . . When Sally Forrest marries Milo Frank, Ida Lupino will be matron of honor. . . . Florence Pritchett's brother, Sam, and Sonia Sarraflan honeymooning. . . . Gloria Swanson to coast. . . . Margaret Emerson and her two grandchildren, Alf Vanderbilt's daughter, and Bob Topping's daughter dining at Colony and accepting congrats on Color Guard's win at Aqueduct. . . . Big boom on for high pressure personal press agents in Washington. Everybody wants to get into the papers.

It Says Here

by Bob Hope

The other day a girl whose father owns a winery married a man who makes bottles, which is what I consider the most sensible marriage of the year. . . . There was the usual ceremony although some suggested that they both should promise to love, honor and muscatel. . . . Marriage counselors should give consideration to this marriage as a possible trend which should lead to happiness all around; divorce is ruled out right away. A man may be willing to lose a wife or two, but he never wants to lose his business. . . . I can see great possibilities. Ugly girls should marry beauty doctors. Then they could sit in his office under a sign reading, "don't let this happen to you." . . . Instead of searching for someone tall, dark and handsome, the daughter of a streetcar conductor will set her cap for a man who prints transfers. . . . Instead of the old routine ads, marriage clubs will print notices reading, "Fisherman, 45, desires to meet woman with tinplate mine. . . . object, canned salmon."

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Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON—I don't know what President Truman calls this present congress. Probably isn't printable, anyway.

What I mean is that it's accomplished less to date than any Congress in my memory and that goes back to long before Mr. Truman was a Senator, himself even. In comparison to the present set of statesman, the 80th or Do-Nothing Congress was a hive of bees and also a warren of industry.

This 82nd Congress hasn't even spent any money yet. The fiscal year began four days ago and the billions all should have been appropriated before then. Not one single new appropriation bill so far has passed both houses and all departments of government at the moment are operating on emergency, stop-gap funds.

Then there was the \$18,000,000 in new taxes the President wanted in a hurry last January. A few months later his agents said they'd settle for \$10,000,000. The House, after prolonged wrangling, eventually offered him \$7,500,000.

Now the Senate is going over this bill, listening to all the witnesses that howled in pain before the House, and it's not likely to be passed before fall. And probably with a good many millions more shaved off.

What kind of price control law Mr. T. will get, if any, still is in doubt. Numerous other important bills are strung up in committees all over the lot.

I suppose I ought to be deploring all this. Fact is, it suits me fine. It used to be that Congressmen passed laws in a hurry, got out of Washington before the weather even got warm, and collected their wages via mail at their respective fishing lodges.

This always struck me as cheating. These babies are paid by the year. They've got nice, air-conditioned offices and plenty of free ice water. Some of 'em are feeling sorry for themselves and Mr. Truman is biting his fingernails, but the longer they yammer about how to spend the money the better is the chance for them to spend it properly. At least they'll have a good idea what they're doing.

There'll be no payless paydays for the Federal clerks. The world won't come to an end because the lawgivers have been dragging their feet. And along about October or November, maybe, when the Washington climate is superb, they doubtless will be winding up their work. Seems fair enough to me. Maybe, because of all this delay, we taxpayers will be allowed to have a few paltry billions.

Eyes now I'm getting considerable satisfaction about the way the Senate is whacking away the limousine money for bureau-ists. Small stuff, maybe, but it pleases me. As for having the billions the Senate hasn't even gotten around to talking about most of the big-money bills:

Some of the deals have, however, done a good deal of speech-making about how they, themselves, are living on peon wages, or \$12,000 a year, plus \$2,500 tax-free expense accounts, plus assorted other pleasantries. What they want now is \$25,000 a year, plus the extras. I'm against 'em. Until, that is, they put in time clocks, or start grinding out laws on a piece-work basis.

Mrs. Langdon Is Hostess At Circle Meeting

Mrs. Donald Langdon was hostess to members of Circle No. 4 of Hood Memorial Christian Church Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. William Carroll was in charge of the devotional and her topic of discussion was "The Worth of the Individual."

During the business session, presided over by the leader, Miss Pauline Bell, Mrs. Charlie Warren was elected to act as world call secretary. A visiting committee composed of Mrs. Mangum Bulter and Mrs. Langdon was appointed.

During the social hour the hostess served refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, cookies, candy and soft drinks.

Guests for the meeting were Dr. and Mrs. George Cuthrell, Mrs. Grace Swain, Mrs. Eura B. Stewart and Mrs. Albert Watkins.

Members attending were Misses Pauline and Elizabeth Bell, Edna Bulter, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Wallace Dixon, Miss Pearl Jernigan, Mrs. Buddy Jernigan, Mrs. Marjorie Jeffreys, Mrs. Langdon, Mrs. Earl Maynard, Miss Merle Owen, Mrs. Wilson Stanley, Mrs. Richard Tripp, Mrs. Warren, Miss Bertha Westbrook and Mrs. Adolphus Williams.

CHICAGO. — (UP) — Chicago is no place to drive while intoxicated. The city has 25 officers one for each police district who are experts at making tests with the drickometer — a machine that measures a driver's degree of sobriety or intoxication.

They were relieved of their special duties recently when the use of the drickometer was challenged in court but the judge declared the machine legal and the cops went back to testing drivers.

Research Program Endorsed By Gray

RALEIGH.—No program "can produce greater demonstrable good for all the people" of North Carolina than the proposed plan to expand agricultural research in the State through funds raised by a five-cents-per-ton feed and fertilizer fee, believes Gordon Gray, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

Farmers will vote in a State-wide referendum November 3 to determine whether they favor the fee system for raising funds. The referendum, authorized by the 1951 General Assembly, is to be conducted by the State Farm Bureau Federation, State Grange, and the Agricultural Foundations, Inc.

President Gray describes the referendum as "a brilliant device to obtain the interest and a sense of participation" from a large proportion of the State's population.

"If our farmers support research work directly, they will have a greater interest in the results of research," the educator asserts.

L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture, estimates that the average farmer would pay about 30 cents a year under the fee plan. Retail dealers would collect the fees on feed and fertilizer at the time of sale and forward the funds to

the State Department of Agriculture along with regular inspection fees.

E. Y. Floyd of Raleigh, chairman of a special committee working out details of the referendum, says the voting will be conducted along lines used for electing county FMA committees. Polling places will be set up in each community.

The committee, Floyd says, would not be satisfied with a small turnout, even though it gave an affirmative vote. "We want the largest possible vote as well as an affirmative vote," he asserts.

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