

### OUR READERS SAY

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Editor The Times:

Have you a "feeling" that our national government isn't well directed? At the moment I'm not thinking of Mr. Truman; I'm trying to think beyond the present confusion in Washington.

Most people seem to be in agreement that this nation should give and spend and lend to all the world year after year virtually without limit. Much of it seems near-sighted, wasteful and foolish

to me. Perhaps it is excessive far-sightedness. I think I know something of Europe, from months of travel through a considerable part of it. I was in touch with the people, the people at work. I mention that with emphasis because many of our representatives see a country somewhat mistily in a club room, a hotel bar, or a banquet hall. And these men paint the picture for us.

Here we are, three years and a half since Europe lay at our feet! Those of us at home may not know exactly what is wrong, but we know that something is wrong. A sick man may know beyond a doubt that he is afflicted with something without diagnosing it correctly, much less prescribing competently for it.

A board of directors might not know exactly why the manager doesn't show a profit at the end of the year, but they will not support the manager year after

year because he makes a good speech; the demand for profitable results will make it necessary to try a new man.

What is the score today? Apparently we have blundered badly in China. It appears that we deceived China, betrayed her; played fast and loose with China, telling the Chinese one thing and almost selling out the Chinese to the Russians. We have blown hot and cold with China.

What have we done for France? Everything, apparently, but the French can't manage themselves. I was in France, all over France, for months. They are likable people, especially the plain, ordinary people one meets in the ordinary course. As we know, all French people are capable of exquisite courtesy, even courtliness, but I refer to the native habit, rather than to the refinements of special occasions.

We know that close association

does not enable one to judge fairly; he becomes too close to the subject. It is better to judge by over-all results. And those results prove that our delightful friends are mercurial as a thermometer. As my Charleston friend says, "they won't stay put".

We have been generous to France, almost incredibly so. And the result? We haven't the least idea of what France will do. Certainly we can't give billions of dollars every year to buy favor. What about Italy? More or less the same, but on a far smaller scale. Even sturdy old Britain: What is she doing? Becoming more thoroughly Socialistic each year.

What are we Americans trying to do? Are we feeding and financing all the world? Why continue this policy of coddling? And now are we to arm Europe, using billions and billions every year? What is the reason for this? Are we the chosen Jehovah to battle, single-handed, for our idea of government?

As a good teacher would tell you: State your problem and proceed to the solution, but here is the problem: Everybody is afraid of Russia herself, her army and her air force; but most nations are equally afraid of the Russian method of spreading Communism throughout all the world, including America. In Russia six million people dominate a hundred and eighty million people, but that is a quibble, unless we take a leaf out of Stalin's book and sow the seed of discontent, with organized revolt and widespread disorder. Why not give the Russians something to worry about? As the old Romans used to say "Let us carry the war into Africa." That was when the Carthaginians of Northern Africa used to send great armies under the remarkable military genius, Hannibal. In course of time the Romans decided to carry the war to the enemy's country.

So we have the problem: Russia and her missionaries of Communism. Against Russia are America, Britain, France and the smaller nations, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Norway. But are we fully cooperating? No; France has too many Communists. Obviously a revived Germany would be a sure bulwark against Russia. So it might have been if our crystal-gazers hadn't decided on toadying to Russia on the one hand while holding the Germans down with the other. While we play at this the American taxpayer must feed the Germans and give billions of dollars to the others.

Now there comes a problem: if we revive Germany as a wall against Russia we threaten all the world again. Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Italy are more afraid of a resurgent Germany than a spread of Communism. But Germany now seems likely to become Communist. What have we gained?

Could we not encourage the Germans to rebuild their war power? That should be a simple matter for the masterminds. If that policy isn't adopted are we Americans to feed the Germans forever?

The world is full of "scares" and threats. The American and Russian diplomats seem like school-

### Brevard FFA Chap. Now Has 69 Members

The officers of the Brevard Future Farmers of America chapter opened the last meeting which was held Wednesday at the high school. A membership of 69 boys reported at the meeting, and according to Randal Lyday, advisor, this is the largest chapter ever organized here.

The opening devotional was led by Richard Mackey. The program was a debate, Resolved: That It is More Profitable to Produce Beef Cattle than Dairy Cattle in Transylvania. Buel Ferguson and Bob McGuire represented the affirmative, but the negative, represented by Randal Monteith and Elmer Sentelle, won the debate.



## W. B. HODGES

### Democratic Candidate For STATE SENATE

### Opposes Motor Vehicle Law!

When the Motor Vehicle Law requiring the inspection of all motor vehicles was passed the majority of our people endorsed it in the interest of "public safety." However, it's application and enforcement have not been satisfactory in the following particulars:

- (1) Adequate inspection facilities have not been made available. We cannot expect our people to lose a day's work waiting in line for an inspection and then be told that they must go through the same process again because of a minor defect.
- (2) It is unreasonable to expect the individual to bear the entire expense of the inspection, especially in view of the other fees required for a driver's license and fees required for the operation of a vehicle.
- (3) Properly qualified local garages should be allowed to certify the mechanical condition of our vehicles.
- (4) These aspects of this law are another illustration of the deplorable fact that we have too much "government" interference in our affairs already.

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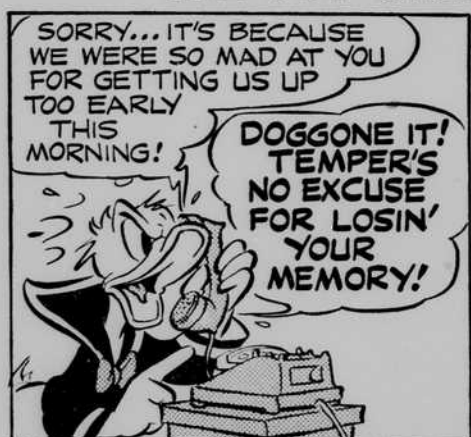
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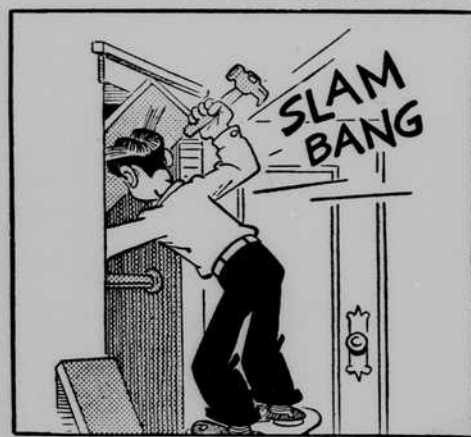
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