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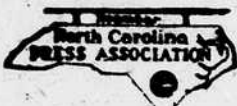
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THE CHURCH HAS ITS OWN JOB

The Christian Church can play a distinctive role in the development of the United Nations, according to Mr. John Foster Dulles, a U. S. delegate to the General Assembly of the organization, by helping to reduce the divisive effect of extreme nationalism and by creating a world-wide moral sensitiveness.

This utterance sounds all right in principle but what we would like to know, if Mr. Dulles can answer the question, is: "How can the Christian Church reduce extreme nationalism and create moral sensitiveness in the vast area of the world in which it is hardly known?"

The Christian Church, which operates in only a limited area of the earth's surface, is badly divided and finds itself unable to agree upon questions of religion. To assume that it can solve the problems at issue in the world is to conclude that they exist only in the countries where the Christian Church represents a predominant moral force.

How can the Christian Church, for example, reduce the nationalism that is rampant in Russia, in India, in the East Indies and in China? What kind of moral sensitiveness can it create in these areas where, with the possible exception of Communists Russia, there exist few people who believe in the Christian religion?

The task of the Christian Church, and of all other churches, as far as we can see it, is to make better people out of those who profess religion. The Christian Church, represented in the United States by innumerable faiths, has the primary task of encouraging its members in the development of spiritual personality and in the expression of such spirituality in individual lives. Just how this can be accomplished by resolutions in the field of politics, economics and international affairs is beyond our ability to comprehend.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS

Thousands of good people will be killed on the highways of the United States before the year 1949 ends.

There seems to be little public indignation over the slaughter. The average automobile driver, acquainted with the natural hazards of the road, hesitates to incite drastic penalties through the fear that some unavailable catastrophe will land him in the hoose-gow.

There was a time when high speeds were blamed for most of the accidents but the years have produced better cars and higher speeds. What would have been criminal carelessness in the twenties is considered reasonably safe in the forties and twenty years from now the dangerous speeds of today may be routine.

There are certain recognized criminal acts in connection with motor vehicles, however, that will constitute to be condemned. Driving an automobile under the influence of alcohol is an example. It is dangerous, not only to the driver but to all who use the highway. It should be severely punished and yet, in many instances, convictions are hard to secure and punishment is avoided.

The drunks are public enemies when operating automobiles and should be "persuaded" to let others drive in peace. Just because "nice people" sometimes commit this offense is no reason to encourage the habit. It is a crime and should be promptly punished as a crime. To do this will save some lives in 1949.

Now that the Russians have removed the blockade of Berlin, which they had no right to establish, we will watch to see what they will do next.

It doesn't take a financial wizard to suggest that this is a good time to pay debts and hold on to the balance of your money, if you have any left.

Trading in Marion is good common sense. Merchants and customers should keep this thought in mind.

Let's make Marion such an attractively friendly place in which to live that we won't have to hunt people to live here.

TIME TO BUY BONDS AGAIN

Between the middle of May and the end of June, the people of the United States will be asked to purchase not less than \$1,000,000,000 worth of savings bonds, with the assurance that such an investment will provide security for the purchasers and add to that of their country.

Some three million volunteer workers are expected to participate in the National Savings Bond program and they will be assisted by thousands of newsboys who are expected to carry the message into millions of American homes. State and county quotas will be assigned and every effort will be made to complete the sales job.

During the war, when the United States was fighting for its life, there was a general appreciation of the necessity of buying war bonds to support the activities of the Government. Today, while not engaged in actual warfare, the nation is assuming extraordinary expenses closely associated with the security of the nation and the preservation of individual liberty in the world.

Under the circumstances, the people of McDowell county will, we have no doubt, make an effort to reach the quota assigned to them. Doing so, they will be expressing not only their loyalty to their country, but also the wisdom that persuades individuals to save now for a rainy day.

It is needless to say anything about the security of the bonds offered for sale by the United States of America. Whatever money is invested in them will be safe. Consequently, we do not hesitate to urge every citizen to purchase at least one bond, with the size to be determined by the financial condition of the buyer.

CHILDREN AND STARVATION

The directors of the International Children's Emergency Fund, sponsored by the United Nations, estimate that there are 100,000,000 children in Europe, in the Near East and in the Far East, who are in desperate need of supplementary food, clothing and medical care.

The fund, which has been operating for some time, does not seek to reach all of these children but attempts to do something for about 5,000,000 children. It has been supported by contributions from a number of nations.

The 80th Congress appropriated \$75,000,000 for the fund, with the condition that the money would become available if other governments made contributions on the basis of 28 cents for every 72 cents from this country. This seems to be a fair share for the United States but some \$21,000,000 of the fund was not matched.

A committee, representing the Children's Fund, plans to survey the country's largest national groups and clubs to ascertain if they are prepared to raise contributions. They realize that the State Department does not plan any active fund-raising campaign and has placed responsibility for the fund upon the committee, which, heretofore, has functioned only as an advisory body.

While we regret the fact that there are millions of children in Europe, the Near East and the Far East, who are in need of food, clothing and medical care, we do not see how anyone can reasonably expect the United States Government to make a permanent annual appropriation for the benefit of these children.

Obviously, there are children in the United States who need supplementary food, clothing and medical care but the Government of this country cannot undertake to guarantee that everyone of the boys and girls of the nation will receive what the experts say they need.

LINCOLN SAID IT

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help.

To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.

I must stand with anybody that stand's right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

I shall try to correct errors where shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views as fast as they shall appear to be true views.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not themselves, and, under the rules of a just God, cannot long retain it.

As I would not be a slave, I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

Let us have the faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.

Advertising is known by the company it keeps. Your business message in The Progress is welcome at the best families in McDowell county.

The hard work of other people often explains the success of other men.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?"



IN SOME COUNTRIES—EVEN TODAY— THAT QUESTION WOULD BE MEANINGLESS, FOR IN THESE COUNTRIES WHAT A MAN WILL BE IS LARGELY DETERMINED BY WHAT HIS FATHER WAS — OR WHAT HE IS TOLD TO BE.



THAT QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN MEANINGFUL HERE IN AMERICA, WHERE EVERY CHILD THAT'S BORN HAS A CHANCE TO BE PRESIDENT. IN CREATING OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR FOREFATHERS SUCCESSFULLY STROVE TO GUARANTEE THAT EACH MAN BE ENABLED TO GO AS FAR AS HIS DESIRES AND ABILITIES WOULD TAKE HIM, COUPLING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND FULL FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

JULY 25, 1918

"The following from the Burnsville Eagle will be of interest to friends here:

"On last Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Byrd entertained a number of young people in honor of their house guests, Misses Mayo Laughridge and Ruth Finley of Marion.

"Many pleasing games were enjoyed throughout the evening. The color scheme, yellow and white, was beautifully carried out on the cards used in the progressive conversation contest.

"Following the contest, the guests were ushered into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. The punch bowl, which formed the center piece for the dining table, was artistically banked with daisies.

"Out of town guests present were: Misses Marguerite, Lena and Mildred Hensley, Sarah, Bill and Ethel Proffitt, Paralee Rector, Mayo Laughridge, Ruth Finley, and Messrs. Arthur Hensley, Bill Parsons, and Pender and Frank Wilson.

"As the guests departed they voted Mr. and Mrs. Byrd a most charming host and hostess."

JULY 25, 1918

"Rev. J. H. Gillespie, of Stroudtown, returning during the week from a trip in Broad River township, described his trip to a rattlesnake den as follows:

"On July 6th I stopped at the home of Mr. Sam Wheelons on the head waters of Flat Creek in McDowell county and was invited to go with him to a rattlesnake den. I accepted the invitation and we started off, he with a single barrel shot gun and a good supply of cartridges. After gaining the crest of a high ridge leading to High Windy or High Top we soon came to the den and he called out: 'Watch out; I see them!' And then came, 'bang!' He kept up the firing till he had killed six rattlers and a pilate, dragging them out with a stick. Some were black and some were yellow. We did not count the young, which were numerous."

"Miss Georgia Riddle, of Morganton, is the guest of Misses Mary and Sarah Hudgins.

"Charles Laughridge, son of Sheriff J. A. Laughridge, recently enlisted for service in the navy and has been ordered to report in Norfolk, Va., for training. He left for Norfolk Monday.



"Supt. T. A. Holton and family, of Albemarle, arrived last week and have moved into the J. H. L. Miller dwelling on Garden street. Mr. Holton succeeds Mr. S. L. Sheep as superintendent of Marion Graded School, which will open September 16."

AUGUST 1, 1918

"Geo. W. Wilson, has been appointed rural free delivery carrier at Nebo, McDowell county.

"Hankins, July 29.—Fred Barnes of Blacksburg, Va., is visiting home-folks here.

"Mrs. Henry Johnson of Marion has returned home after spending several weeks with Mrs. C. McNeely.

"Joe Hall and Virgil Morgan have returned home from Canton.

"Miss Dollie Burnett of Marion spent the latter part of the week with her brother, John C. Burnett.

Marion Edwards of Carlyle, was a visitor here Sunday.

"Hankins school opened Monday morning with Miss Jessie Conley as teacher."

FARM NEWS

Dry milk is widely favored by food processors as an ingredient in prepared foods and confections.

Farm flocks laid more than six billion eggs during March—1 per cent more than in March last year and 8 per cent above the 1938-47 average.

BUSINESS

Reports from all over the nation reveal that business men are being cautious, but, on the whole, they are not overly pessimistic. Realizing that the boom has passed its peak, they are making necessary readjustments, shelving expansion programs, lowering loans and seeking lower-priced lines.

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