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BIBLE THOUGHT

Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth; for thou shalt take all nations to thine inheritance.—Psalm 83:8.

I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just—that His justice cannot sleep forever.—Thomas Jefferson.

The De Soto Celebration

THE Quadricentennial of the coming of white men to North Carolina will be celebrated here in a fitting way. Civic organizations and individuals are working together to make the day an enjoyable one for both visitors and home people.

The occasion of the unveiling of the Colonial Dames' marker of the De Soto expedition is bringing this important beginning of our history vividly to mind. We are appreciative of this service by a society that has made valuable contributions to the preserving of records of the colonial period. We are grateful too, to be reminded that here, on our soil, a bit of that history was made. This stone, carrying a plate engraved with the brief record, is one of a number which will be placed by the Colonial Dames in every state through which this first expedition marched.

Another voluntary contribution to our celebration is the pageant, "Waters Flowing West" to be played in the Macon Theatre, personally directed by the author, Edith Russell, talented playwright, and which will dramatize an exciting episode that is recorded to have happened right here on the banks of the Little Tennessee. The people of Franklin appreciate this gracious and friendly act.

It is brought home to us by these pleasant reminders that greater significance attaches to De Soto's expedition than that of a mere gold searching party of Spanish conquistadores. De Soto was bent on establishing a vast domain for himself in the New World, much greater than the island of Cuba of which he was governor. While it is not necessary to glorify the motives or characters of these men, still it is important that we understand their contribution to the early history of our nation. As a dauntless trail blazer, this Spanish grandee deserves to take a high place among the great explorers.

Are We Willing?

CATAclysmic events in Europe moving with such swiftness emphasize what James P. Warburg told the American people over a nation-wide hook up last week.

This financier and author said, "The truth is we are in danger . . . that to meet this danger we must make sacrifices. The time has come that anyone who tries to blind us to this truth is either regarded to have happened right here on the banks would rather die in defense of freedom, no matter how hopeless the cause may seem, than purchase mere life at the expense of freedom."

Mr. Warburg theorized on the alternative of making up our minds that if Hitler is victorious in Europe we shall be unable to oppose him with force and will have to seek some way of coming to terms with him.

"There is only one way of coming to terms with Hitler and that is to follow the example of Mussolini, to adopt the Nazi philosophy and Nazi principles and become Hitler's partner and friend. If we are willing to purchase peace at that price, we can probably have it."

Repatee

IT would be well for those who still cherish partisan mental attitudes in the face of national danger to heed the behavior of a great American—William Knudsen, General Motors boss and production coordinator of the recently appointed National Defense committee.

The Merry-Go-Round column reports this apt piece of repatee. Although Knudsen has had vigorous differences with President Roosevelt he rebuked a friend who introduced a prominent citizen as "one of those 100 per cent Roosevelt guys" by quietly replying, "Aren't we all, these grave days? The President is the head of our country, and he deserves our full cooperation. As one 100 per cent man to another, I am glad to meet you."

Press Comment

The Fall of France

(Raleigh News and Observer)
There may be somewhere in this world men who will condemn the French for the bitter, heart-breaking decision their leaders made for them recently. There may be some who will say they should have gone on fighting to the last poilu and the last centime. Some even may condemn the leaders of France as not long ago Leopold of the Belgians was condemned. It is an easy business for men in security to criticize the decisions of men in despair.

The French have been beaten before just as in the past they have also been victorious. But defeat no more than victory can alter long the brave, good, thrifty, shrewd nation of the French. They will survive as a people as they have through all the centuries survived the triumph of conquerors from Caesar to Bismarck, as they have survived their own militancy and their own mistakes. They will survive as a nation entitled to the respect, the honor and the friendship of mankind. They need sympathy now and they are entitled also even in their failure to the salute which belongs to the brave.

There are few old nations which have not known the night, the hours of national darkness and despair. But the French will not be destroyed merely because as brave men they have been defeated. France lives though Joan weeps. There is no power so implacable that it can forever hold down its spirit or keep its gallantry and gaiety in chains. Across bloody centuries Frenchmen have learned how to die and France how to live. No disaster will suffice to make either of them forget.

Clippings

'America First'

The following is clipped from The State of June 8, Carl Goerch's weekly magazine:

It was in 1924, if I mistake not, that the Right Reverend G. Ashton Oldham, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the diocese of Albany, N. Y., in the course of an address gave utterance to a sentiment which caught the imagination of many, and was widely quoted throughout this country. Recently, in another address, he repeated the saying, naming it his conception of a Christian attitude for this country. "This was written 16 years ago," he said, "and I see no reason to change a single word."

It is a lofty utterance, breathing the spirit of true patriotism, and I think it worthy of a place over the desk of every business man, and above the mantel in the living room of every home:

AMERICA FIRST:

Not merely in matters material, but in things of the spirit.
Not merely in science, inventions, motors and skyscrapers, but also in ideals, principles, character.
Not merely in the calm assertion of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.
Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded world like a Good Samaritan.
Not in splendid isolation, but in courageous cooperation.
Not in pride, arrogance, and disdain of other races and peoples, but in sympathy, love, and understanding.

Not in treading again the old worn, bloody pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, other nations will follow, into the New Jerusalem where wars shall be no more.

Some day some nations must take this path—unless we are to lapse once again into utter barbarism. And that honor I covet for my beloved America.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul, AMERICA FIRST!

SECURITY NOT IN WEAPONS ALONE

In concluding his address to Congress on measures of defense, President Roosevelt said:

"Our ideal, yours and mine, the ideal of almost any man, woman and child in the country, our objectives is still peace—peace at home and peace abroad. Nevertheless, we stand ready not only to spend millions for defense to give our service and even our lives for the maintenance of our American liberties.

"Our security is not a matter of weapons alone. The arm that wields them must be strong, the eye that guides them clear, the will that directs them indomitable.

"These are the characteristics of a free people, a people devoted to the institutions they themselves have built, a people willing to defend a way of life that is precious to them all, a people who put their faith in God."

Cammerer Resigns As Head of Park Service

Hailing the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains national park as the "outstanding achievement" of Arno B. Cammerer's administration, to fill Cammerer's place.

NATION'S HEALTH DEMANDS CARE

North Carolina Launches Physical Preparedness Program

In view of the swiftly moving events of the past few days, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, who recently issued an appeal for a physical preparedness program in North Carolina to back up President Roosevelt's military preparedness policy, declared tonight:

"Don't miss the bus!"
"History teaches us that in former wars more people died from preventable diseases than from bullets. That could hardly be true, however, with the present means of human slaughter that are sending thousands into eternity every hour.

"But whatever our material resources may be, we cannot properly utilize them unless they are placed in charge of those who are mentally and physically fit, and there is but one way to determine physical fitness, and that is by medical examination—first, to determine what impairment there is, if any, and then to effect a restoration.

"Upon whom does the responsibility for this physical preparedness rest? This question has been put to me, and in reply I should say that it rests primarily upon:

"(a) The individual—self preservation is the first law of nature.
"(b) The physician—the guardian of health.

"(c) The employer—the major source of intelligent group attack.
"It is the duty of the individual to see that he is immunized against diseases which can be prevented and to undergo, voluntarily, a physical examination that will serve as a check-up and then correct the correctable. If the examination shows the presence of some malady which could not have been prevented, the patient should place himself under the care of a competent physician, immediately, for treatment. It is well for the layman to understand the devastating potentialities of many maladies which, within themselves, appear easily curable. It is neglect that gives them their fatal aspects.

"It is well for the individual to have himself checked for syphilis, remembering that, untreated, the 'Great Imitator' not only renders him unfit for military duty but is the cause of from 10 to 12 per cent of all heart trouble, 15 per cent of all blindness and more than 10 per cent of the total insanity.

"It is also important to check for various other diseases, as well as their symptoms, including, for example, latent and early tuberculosis, hook-worm, malaria, diabetes, nephritis, (Bright's) heart and compensatory channels.

"We have realized for a long time that medical science and laboratory research are far in advance of the public's willingness to take advantage of them. A cursory examination is both insufficient and misleading and should be abandoned. Instead, there should be a careful physical examination, coupled with laboratory findings, to discover not only the apparent but the incipient diseases, bearing in mind always that the whole truth is not ascertained in every instance.

"There rests with the physician the responsibility of encouraging physical examinations with a view to the administration of preventive and correctional measures. No one enjoys more fully the confidence of those with whom he deals than does the physician. There is a sacred relationship between the physician and his patient—like that between the pastor and the parishioner. In this crisis, then, the physician does now, as he has in the past, hold himself in readiness to perform a distinct service to humanity and to his country.

"There is yet another responsibility in the present crisis, the fulfillment of which will result in enhancing the physical preparedness program which ought to mark this period, when we may be on the verge of having to actively defend our land against foes from without, and perhaps from within. This is the responsibility of our employers for the millions in industry who, whether in war or peace, should be physically fit. It should be insisted upon that these millions undergo physical tests. There need be no fears on the part of those to be examined. To be physically impaired does not necessarily mean inability to work, but for one to know his weaknesses helps him to overcome them.
"Let each of us realize and hold in mind his own personal responsibility in this hour when the nation needs men and women.
"It is truly a momentous hour!"

Secretary of the Interior Ickes accepts the resignation of the director of the national park service because of ill health. Newton P. Drury of California is appointed

More than 6,000,000 farmers, operating 82 per cent of the cropland in the United States are participating in the 1940 AAA program, announces the agricultural adjustment administration.

Home Coming Day To Be Observed At Sugarfork

Home Coming Day will be observed at the Sugarfork Baptist church on Sunday, June 23. The Rev. Joseph A. Bryson, of Columbia, Mo., a native of Macon county who is spending several weeks here visiting, will deliver the principal address at 11 o'clock. Lunch will be served at noon, and the public is invited to attend.

An evening service, at 8 o'clock, will be held at the Ellijay Baptist church, with the Rev. Mr. Bryson preaching.

Fisherman Attention! Cliffside Lake Opens

Cliffside will again be open on June 22, 23, and 24 to fishing. The fishing continues to attract numerous enthusiasts. Brook trout caught to date average well over 10 inches. Both lake fishing and stream fishing can be had, there being two streams, well stocked with brook trout, entering the lake with the main Skittles Creek just below the dam, having some excellent pools. Daily permits for \$1.00 can be secured from the concessionaire at the bathhouse on the lake.

Wholesale prices of most cuts of fresh pork declined from 12 to 22 per cent during May, this drop being attributed to greatly increased supplies.

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