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Atomic Energy Will Bring Peace

... that was responsible for the atomic bomb, and most of the atomic energy is along military lines. The British put atomic energy to use in the field of peacetime use. The U. S. Commission has harnessed this energy to produce electricity. The U. S. Commission has harnessed this energy to produce electricity. The U. S. Commission has harnessed this energy to produce electricity.

Slap On The Wrist

American fliers who were "tried" and sentenced to prison terms for the government for \$120,000. It appeared to be either that or let these American fliers serve prison terms for a trumped-up offense—or war.

Yet one wonders why, after the men were freed, the American government was content to give Hungary a slap on the wrist—and a very gentle slap, at that. In retaliation for Hungary's hold-up, we closed two Hungarian consulates and restricted American travel in that country!

Why, if we were going to retaliate at all, did we not do something that would hurt? Nobody doubts that every representative in America or every Red nation is a spy. Why not have slapped the whole lot in jail as spies?

Few Americans want war, and most Americans are willing to swallow a lot of pride to avoid another world war. But there is serious question whether we really forestall war by failing to demand respect for American rights.

Do We Progress?

Do we really progress? Do we gradually move from something that is worse to something that is better, or do we simply engage in motion that results in change but not in improvement?

In our attitude toward education, at least, there is evidence of real progress. Among the evidences of progress are recent statements by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and by two national organizations.

The Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has to do with intellectual property, is news. Yet that is just the beginning, the national commission statement that contains the following statement:

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have not always had such a sense; there was much truth, at one time, in the charge that the schools often turned out "educated fools". All too often in the past, especially in the field of higher education, our schools have trained the mind and ignored the more important elements of character and the moral sense.

A recent statement by leading educators suggests that that policy is being reversed at last. In a booklet titled "Moral and Spiritual Values in the Public Schools", the educational policies commission of the National Education Association and the American Association of School Administrators make this revealing observation:

"The development of moral and spiritual values is basic to all other educational objectives. . . . Education uninspired by moral and spiritual values is directionless."

If we are learning that dollars have a value only in proportion to the intelligent way they are used, and that the function of the schools is to build well rounded men and women, surely we are making progress.

Our American Civilization

Insisting on better and better schools for our children; giving less and less attention to the home training that is even more important.

Never missing a chance to join a crusade. Whether it be prohibition, rights of the Negro, or Red spies under the bed, being fanatical on the subject of the currently popular effort to save the world.

Parents, as their children grow up, finding themselves just a bit afraid of their offspring; deciding that, in this day and time, perhaps parents should be seen (and that rarely) but not heard.

Letters

COMMENDS TEACHERS

Editor, The Press:

"If I ran that newspaper, I'd write a piece"—a nice big "Thank You!" to the teachers of the Macon County schools. They are one of the first reasons why we plan to make our home and bring up our children here.

If it is true that the teacher comes to know the family through the child, then surely the family comes to know the teacher the same way.

We thank you, first, for the examples of character and citizenship exemplified in your life outside the school room; your interest, the dignity, culture and support you give our civic and social affairs. And we truly wish we could say thank you in such a way as to show our deep appreciation for your church attendance and work which is outstanding.

We do not know whether you have been told or not, but we hear all 'round that Macon County schools turn out well qualified "reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic" graduates who they can zip right into college without a hitch; we believe this and thank you for a job well done.

But book learning is not all you give our children; it is the part you would do anywhere you are because you are you—character building, honesty, fair play, truthfulness, self-reliance and all the intangible things which go into making a good solid citizen seem to be so closely interwoven with the book learning us grow our children into well rounded adulthood, will be are in your attitude, your understanding, patience, faith, hope and wholesome discipline for and of the child. For this helping up grow our children into well rounded adulthood, will be the Macon County of tomorrow and, we believe, our pride and joy, we thank you.

Last but not least, we thank you for keeping the Bible in our schools in a day when it is being taken out of them elsewhere. Our forefathers founded our democracy upon the great truths in the Bible and upon them it will have to abide if it is to stand. Who knows how far our boys and girls may go? We've heard it said "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump". Time and eternity will tell the good you are doing. School teachers of Macon County, we realize you are one of the county's very best assets and that you did not become so by accident. We are the privileged ones. Thank you!

AUDREY SHUFORD.

FAVOR INDUSTRIALIZATION

Dear Editor:

Let's industrialize Macon now!

There is and has been much controversy about the industrialization of our fair county of Macon. As everyone knows the majority of the population of Macon County is "hillbilly". The folks who settled this southwest corner of the state of North Carolina are descendants of "rough and tough it" pioneers. They came to this fertile portion of the Southern Appalachians for the purpose of making a living only. They knew the ground was rich; they knew the climate was mild; and they liked the scenery and decided to make this beautiful land their home.

These people were not show people. They did not want to build glistening castles and mansions. They only wanted to live a peaceful life far away from all thoughts of jealousy and hostility.

But since that time there have been several people entered this county who want to offer the beauty of the mountains, rivers, waterfalls and creeks for sale. They want to make money by advertising the beauty of Macon County to people of other

OUR DEMOCRACY—
The AMERICAN RESOLUTION

To preserve our Heritage of Freedom
To keep to the Standards of Honor
and Good Citizenship
That have built and maintained our Democracy



And to advance Our Democracy with
New Vigor,
New Determination—
And Firm Faith in the principles of Liberty,
Opportunity and Justice
for which our country stands. This is
the American New Year's Resolution

lands. They want to lure these people to the mountains as guests, but as buyers of the beauty of our scenic mountains. This procedure is purely contradictory to the wishes of our ancestors who wanted this land for their use in conformity with as God meant it to be continued.

Now, as science and technology have raised the standard of living in America, we must not fall our ancestors. We must continue to be pioneers. We must not stop progressing with the rest of the world. We must bring industry to these mountains. We can, and we will, with all the manpower of our beautiful country.

Sincerely,
WILFORD W.
HARRY MOSELEY
TED HIGDON

Others' Opinions

CENSORSHIP—BUT NOT FOR COMMUNISTS

The President, at his last press conference, talked off-the-record to reporters regarding the Korean truce negotiations.

He permitted his remarks to be sent over the wire services for editors' confidential information. The American public, though, was not permitted access to these remarks.

Reporters from Tass, the official Russian news agency, and the New York Daily Worker attended the conference. Presumably they too forwarded the classified information to their bosses.

Thus the President allowed the Communists, but not his own countrymen, to receive information which he regarded as confidential.

We do not believe the information in the confidential memo was particularly helpful to the Communists. It seems to come under that category which Mr. Truman described, in his executive order on security information last September, as "unjustified use of security classifications," application or which is "repulsive to our democratic form of government." To our knowledge, however, no news media has published the contents of the memo, thus belying the President's frequent charges of the irresponsibility of the press.

But by giving the Communist newsmen this information the President completely disregarded his own executive order. More important, he completely disregarded common sense precautions.

It is difficult to regard Mr. Truman's leadership with confidence when he commits such blunders. If he would say "All right, I pulled a boner, here is the information I unfortunately classified" our confidence would be somewhat restored. But judging by his previous action, we can expect little but bureaucratic silence or another tirade against the press.—Charlotte News.

Poetry

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE
Editor
Weaverville, North Carolina

WHILE IT IS DAY

Now, God, look down through shadows,
As all around they steal,
That I may have a blessing
Each morning, that I kneel.

God, put within my being
The spirit of your Son
That I may help somebody
Along the journey home.

Lord, waken now your children—
I do most humbly pray
That we may all be working
For you, while it is day.

Franklin, N.C.

WILL HENSON.

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Lee Barnard ...
Mr. E. K. ...
busy Monday ...
moving his goods ...
ret block to the Mund ...
building.

25 YEARS AGO
The Franklin Furniture ...
pany this week moved a ...
of its merchandise into the new ...
show room on Main street.

Announcement that the Cash ...
Store has purchased the mercantile ...
business of John S. Trotter, and that the two stores ...
are to be consolidated in the near future was made here Saturday.

Resignation Tuesday of County Agent J. V. Arrendale "on account of some dissension" in regard to some of the County commissioners here commending Mr. Arrendale's work, and continuing the office of county agent for a period of two years, brought to an end the mooted question of what the county commissioners would do about a county agent.

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