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### A Real Debt

There has been so much talk about the national debt and the condition of the budget that the people's debt has not received much attention in recent years. Late estimates show that the people owe two hundred billion dollars, or quite a sum compared with the thirty-six and one-half billion owed by the government.

It is not the size of the debt that should get us excited, for as long as the American people hold the right to work and share equally in the profits of their labor the debt can be paid. If the farmer is denied a fair return on his production and the laborer is denied a living wage, then there is reason to get excited over debt, and the size of the debt makes little difference under those conditions. The national debt or the debts of the states, municipalities and individuals can never be paid if a cruel economic system ignores human rights and reduces the masses to poverty.

There is indifference on the part of some when it comes to recognizing an obligation. But give the masses a square deal, and they will deliver.

### Republicans Eyeing Mr. Bailey

Viewing their own field for a presidential candidate and finding it barren of all possibilities, the republicans are eyeing such men as Mr. Bailey, of North Carolina, Edward R. Burke, of Nebraska, and Harry Byrd, of Virginia, for the job.

The records of these gentlemen line them up with the republican group, and Mr. Bailey is going too far in his denunciation of the New Deal, the administration and everybody connected with it that one can't help but believe that he is already campaigning for the republican job under democratic banners.

If Mr. Bailey is wise, he will watch the action of Senator Vandenberg. The Michigan man, realizing there isn't a Chinaman's chance for a republican party candidate, states, "I shall not seek republican nomination or any other Presidential nomination in 1940." In other words Senator Vandenberg would enter the race gladly if he thought there would be a chance for him to win.

North Carolina democrats will gladly surrender Mr. Bailey to the republicans now or 1940, the sooner the better.

### Return to Religion

Christian Science Monitor

In the face of present trends throughout the world, to denounce religion and to become entangled in materialistic beliefs, it is well to listen to the call of those who urge a return to a truer concept of Christianity. The call of the president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the help of religion to "domesticate the wild beast in man," the recent protest of army chaplains in Germany, the appeal of the Archbishop of Canterbury in England—these are not going to fall on entirely deafened ears.

The fact is that, no matter how pessimistic the outlook, with churches reporting the falling off of attendance, with many religious papers finding it hard to make both ends meet, with persecutions of religionists in countries where such things have been un-

known for generations—in spite of all these things, men in touch with current events know that the desire for true knowledge, for the understanding of right government, and for the solution of some way of living which will lead out of darkness, has never been more insistent. Newspapers and magazines are more willing than ever before to take articles on religious searchings. From unexpected places come signs of a great mental awakening.

Why, with more education, with more resources for their edification and enjoyment, cannot men settle down to making their lives more happy than ever before? It is as if children before some well-laden Christmas tree were to start disputing over some trifling difference in their toys, forgetting all the beauty with which the tree was filled.

Walter Lippmann in a recent article put the matter with clarity. He said:

When the progressive minority in western Europe and America broadcast civilization to all the quarters of the globe, and, by universal education, forced it down through all ranks of society, they little realized that the first effect of this progress must be to startle these masses of men out of their ancient lethargy, to destroy the customs which had held them quiet, to bring them forward not as grateful receivers of blessings provided, but as active, clamorous, contentious men insisting upon their own notions of their own just deserts.

That most explosive of all forces, thought, is working in great masses of humanity hitherto unawakened. We have reached the period when the traditional restraints are being scrapped. New freedom and new power in unaccustomed hands is turned often to merely material ends. Yet ethical wants are dimly perceived, spiritual satisfactions gropingly sought.

The great thinkers of the ages have faced what the world is now facing, faced it as individuals, and have found the answer. Nothing but the utmost patience, the utmost unselfishness will suffice now in the teachers who are to point the way. The way of true Christianity, the way of meekness and might, offers mankind its greatest hope for meeting the new demands of a confused world.

### You Gussed Right the Very First Time

On Friday the News and Observer noted that Senator Bailey had begun quoting old speeches in his nagging at the New Deal and the President whose program it is. To Mr. Bailey's collection of speeches recalled, it added what seemed to it to be a choice item made by a man talking into the microphone at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia in the campaign summer of the election year of 1936. He said:

Mr. Chairman: Gatefully North Carolina seconds the nomination of the candidate without a rival before this convention, without peer in the public service or the hearts of the American people, their voice and their idol, the President and President-to-be.

We hail him as the political redeemer of the American republic, the vindicator of the rights of the voiceless millions, the restorer of the national faith and the national unity in that faith, the preserver of democracy and free institution in our land in a period when they were failing throughout the earth, the man who proved himself the man for America in her darkest hour, the man by every test for her millions as they emerge from the pit and the night once again, thanks to his mighty leadership, and proceed to regain the way to their happy destiny.

We love him for his manifest sympathy with the people he serves and leads; for his inspired statecraft in grappling with problems and overcoming difficulties and perplexities that threatened to engulf our Nation; and we love him also for the enemies he has made.

We greet their challenge with a cheer; we welcome the hour when we may run before him to meet them hand to hand in his behalf, as he has met them day by day for three great years.

We are confident in the triumph of our cause, assured in the power of its righteousness, inspired by his matchless example, and honored by the knowledge that we have the privilege of sharing with him the highest patriotism and the noblest service, in doing all that in our power lies to re-elect as President Franklin Roosevelt.

There's no use in keeping our readers in suspense any longer if any of them ever were in suspense. Most of them guessed right the very first time. Senator Josiah William Bailey made that speech when he was running for re-election to the U. S. Senate on the ticket headed by Franklin D. Roosevelt and on a platform shaped in the terms of the New Deal.

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