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The Glorious Fourth

Centered around a program advanced and enjoyed all these years for the observance of the anniversary of our independence, the Fourth of July on Friday of this week has a broader meaning than at any time possibly since the prized document was signed. Now that we have enjoyed that freedom all these years, the present trend of events clearly indicates that we must make ready to defend our claim to that freedom as propounded by Jefferson and others.

The task facing us today is no greater than the one facing the small number of patriotic citizens in the thirteen little-developed colonies nearly two centuries ago. There was a grim determination then, and with their limited means they pushed that determination to a successful end. As the meaningful day rapidly approaches, Democracy as conceived by and fought for by our forefathers is calling for a renewed faith and a greater determination in the struggle against those who would enslave their fellowmen and place themselves above the Creator of all things.

Time To Clean Our Own House

Is communism so good that it will displace our system of Government? Or is our system so bad that it will invite communism? In either case there is little to be accomplished by resorting to suppression methods. Any system that has to be maintained by suppressing another isn't worth having. The American way of life is, in our estimation, the most ideal, but to stand against other ways of life, we must clean our own house. For some unexplainable reason we have accepted the peculiar right of attacking other people and their ways of life and forgetting all about our own weaknesses.

If the real democratic way of life is allowed to run its true course, there'll be no danger from the outside or from within. But we can't favor the enslavement of many and limited privileges for others while still others enjoy freedom in all its meaning and unlimited privileges.

We hold no brief for the Russian way of life, but remembering the untold suffering and the cruel facts that gave rise to communism, we have a sympathetic feeling for the unfortunate millions, and without approving communism we still think it only fair and the only decent thing to grant the Russian people the right to choose their own way of life and any government they want. If we can't offer a shining example that will prove our way of life is better than theirs, then call it quits and not try to destroy theirs.

Russia's rise following the first world war holds a close parallel to the rise of the South after the Civil War, except it was worse. Without friends and without help of any appreciable size, Russia has done well to keep its millions from starving. In addition to that, Russia has done more to help the suffering Chinese than any other nation. It will be remembered that Russia was the only country to offer the Spanish Republic aid when Franco acted in behalf of Hitler and Mussolini. It is shameful, but the facts as we remember them were that while Russia was offering to help the Spanish Republic, England and the United States was seeking to sell goods to both sides and sell the goods while thousands perished and other hundreds of thousands faced starvation.

We refer to Russia today as a heathen nation, and possibly Russia is heathen. The facts would indicate that the sad condition of religion in Russia today is the result of the seed sown by the Church a quarter of a century ago when bishops argued over the color of the robe they were to wear to this or that event while hungry millions milled about the great cathedrals. And who are we to call others heathen? Visit your own churches, and for everyone bowing humbly before God, you'll find ten worshipping

at pleasure shrines and bowing down before golden images. Isn't it possible that with all our freedom, natural resources and wealth we are wandering farther away from religion than the unfortunate devil in Russia who through his own suffering or that of his forefathers has come to place his personal welfare before his religion?

It is about time we were cleaning our own house, before dictating to other peoples the course they should follow.

Playing Up One Side

The old American custom of playing up one side of a case and ignoring some if not all the true facts on the other is leaving the general public in the dark, so to speak. There's the strike issue, for instance. The general impression built up in this country is that every strike was the work of the communists, that capital has kept its hands clean in every instance. We have been led to believe that strikes have retarded production, that capital has rushed in to sacrifice its profits and actually run its mills and take contracts at a loss. That defense has lagged in this country because of strikes is well borne out in a statement by Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service. "Losses in production from sickness and accidents are fifty times greater than time lost in strikes and lockouts," the Surgeon General said a short time ago. This fact has not been publicized, but let a half dozen men go on strike and their action is recorded in the big headlines on the front page.

Just a few days ago, the American Legion went on record against strikes. We are against strikes, too. But the action of the Legion would have been more in keeping had it gone on record as denouncing the profiteers, the recalcitrant industrial, and the politicians who are doing more to slow down defense and help Hitler than all working men put together have done.

We have heard just half the facts, and today the country is about ready to enslave the factory worker, direct the farmer to work and sell his products at prices below cost of production while property rights are glorified in the sight of the poorly informed public.

"Vichy Bob"

Charlotte News.

If Robert Rice Reynolds were headwaiter of an Asheville juke-joint, which he ought to be, instead of chairman of the U. S. Senate Military Affairs Committee, which he is, it would matter little what he thought about American aid to Russia.

Since he does hold one of the most important positions in our national defense set-up, it does matter—and greatly—that he has set a course directly opposed to the Administration's and to that of the majority of the patriotic citizens in America.

"We cannot help ourselves by helping Stalin," said Robert Rice Reynolds yesterday.

"The United States will give immediate attention to any request from the Soviets for aid against Germany," said Under-secretary of State Sumner Welles at almost the same hour. "Any request for help will be given as favorable consideration as possible."

The critical conflict that everyone expected when Reynolds got the Military Affairs Committee Chairmanship is at hand. It had been known that Reynolds would give trouble. Now he has an opportunity to get in his blows.

The extent of the damage Robert Rice will be able to inflict on the Administration's policy is not known. But it is apparent from the statements of Vice President Wallace and other Government leaders yesterday that the outlook is gloomy. In answer to questions on foreign policy they replied significantly: "You'll have to ask the chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee."

As to what can be done about Reynolds, we don't know. When he was up for Senate confirmation as chairman of the Military Affairs Committee a few months ago, many North Carolina newspapers, including the News, plead with the Senate to waive the convention of seniority and turn down Reynolds. The Senate declined to do so.

Now that Reynolds bids to become the Pierre Laval of the United States, a new nickname is in order.

So climb aboard, let's go to hob
With Lindbergh, Wheeler and "Vichy Bob."

An Army On Merit

Christian Science Monitor.

One of the best moves that has ever been made by the United States Army is the introduction of promotion for officers on merit rather than seniority. It is true that the innovation is being made by gradual measures; that is all the better, for a sudden upheaval would not be helpful in the midst of a crisis. Methods of selection have to be worked out and tested, and the benefits of experience are not to be disregarded.

But the announcement that quicker procedure is being asked of Congress for dismissing unfit officers and that advancement is to be based on the record of performance will give encouragement to many young soldiers who are eager to serve their country well. It should afford parents greater confidence that their boys will be ably led in training or, if necessary, in battle. It helps to justify the action of the Senate Friday in passing, with a minimum of discussion, the largest single appropriation bill in the history of Congress—\$10,384,821,624 for the Army.

TOAST OF THE TOWN



Dorothea Dix Was Kind To a Sick Lady: Now North Carolina Has An Asylum for the Insane.

"An insane woman found chained in a smoke-house" would be headlines for a news article today, but in 1848 when a noble Yankee lady came to North Carolina it was an ordinary occurrence. The conditions Dorothea Lynde Dix revealed were terrible; the facts she found were astonishing.

In North Carolina she attempted a service for humanity that was almost impossible in such a conservative state with a legislature obedient to the "anti-tax" wishes of the populace. This state had been referred to for many years as "Old Rip." In some ways it was more than twenty years behind the times.

In America and in Europe Dorothea Dix had worked for the mentally handicapped people. She was experienced in dealing with legislatures, but her efforts to move the party in power in North Carolina was almost the case of the irresistible force striking the immovable object.

From county to county the crusader traveled. She knew the importance of facts and figures, and what she found was hardly believable.

She discovered in ten weeks more than 1,000 persons classed as "lunatics." A few were fortunate. They were placed in private hospitals in other states. This was too expensive for the people of moderate means. Many families tried to take care of the unfortunate member who did not have a normal mind, but this endangered others. She found some chained in the old plantation smoke-houses. Many were locked in rooms at the county poorhouses where they suffered inconceivable wretchedness. Conditions were usually filthy.

Others were lodged in the county jail. Like wild animals they were chained to the floors of their cells or dungeons. There were no doctors to heal the mind. Many could have been cured had they been properly treated.

Miss Dix told the tragic story of the insane of North Carolina, and she requested that \$100,000 be appropriated for the work. Governor Graham endorsed her plans, but neither party would risk losing the next election. They refused to vote new taxes. She wrote a friend, "They say, 'Nothing can be done here.' In reply, 'I know no such word in the vocabulary I adopt.'"

Dorothea Dix was smart. She knew the Democrats would be last to support the bill. Thus she took her memorandum to John A. Ellis, a leader of the Democratic party, and asked him to introduce the bill. His party was afraid to refuse, and his motion for printing the bill passed. A tax plan was suggested, but rejected by the legislature. The bill was defeated. The sum, \$100,000, for the building of a State Hospital for the Insane, was a fabulous sum. The annual state revenue hardly totaled \$200,000.

The cause was not lost beyond repair for faith and diligent work deserve reward.

When the legislature was voting, one Democrat of great influence was absent. James C. Dobbin, of Fayetteville, was absent at the bedside of his sick wife.

Mrs. Dobbin appreciated the many favors Miss Dix had done for her. She wished to do something for the philanthropist, and she did. She asked her husband to speak for the hospital bill. He promised. A few days later she died.

James C. Dobbin returned to the legislative halls, moved a reconsideration of the hospital bill, offered an amendment providing the tax, and made an eloquent appealing address that brought tears.

His motion became a law by a triumphant vote of 91 to 10.

A beautiful hill near Raleigh was selected for the site of the hospital and was named for the persevering, victorious, successful Dorothea Dix.

In Tune for June



America's No. 1 glamor girl, Brenda Frazier is shown with John Simms (Shipwreck) Kelly, nightclubbing in New York. Their marriage will release to Brenda \$1,000,000 held up by terms of her father's will. On her 21st birthday, she gets another \$4,000,000. Kelly won fame on the football gridiron.

Pay Monthly Plan

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\$100	\$ 8.78					
150	13.16	\$ 6.89				
200	17.55	9.18	\$ 6.39			
300	26.32	13.77	9.59			
500	43.86	22.95	15.97			

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Things To Watch For In The Future

A new foolproof midget plane, the Skyfarer of General Aircraft—it's claimed any good auto driver can learn to pilot this job in two hours . . . Raisins as a confection made a big smash some years ago in a five-cent package—now the Sun-Maid association plans a tiny, one-penny version . . . And here's something to watch out for, reported by A. Weston Smith in Financial World: A "Yankfrank," which is a frankfurter with its own built-in mustard container—a tube imbedded in its center, containing mustard which you can either spread or discard . . . Newsreels of football games have made vast improvements in recent years; now a Football Newsreel Company has been formed in Hollywood to specialize in a series showing famous teams in action, with more emphasis given to an expert analysis of the plays as they unfold.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Harrison and family, of Palmyra, visited relatives here Sunday.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Washington Division.

In Bankruptcy No. 758. In the matter of: Paul Samuel Rasberry, Route No. 11, Farmville, N. C. Voluntary Bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 14, 1941, has been fixed by an order of the Court entered at the first meeting of creditors as the last day on which to file objections to the discharge of this bankrupt. Such objections are required to be specified, to be verified, to be in duplicate, and to be filed with the undersigned.

WHEELER MARTIN,
U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy.
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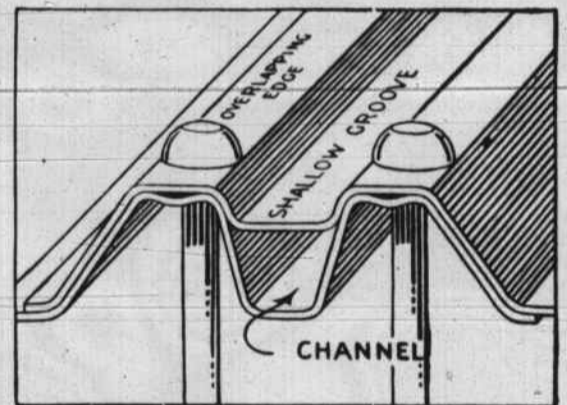
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