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Cause And Result

The expansion of governmental activities is not without cause, and the result, although branded as socialistic and bureaucratic, is not altogether bad.

There's the case of the irate coffee drinker. As long as coffee sold for a reasonable price, he did not complain. But when coffee prices moved toward \$1 a pound, he ran to his government, called for an investigation by his legislators, and demanded some action be taken against the robbers.

A United States Senate sub-committee, headed by Guy M. Gillette, found:

"The speculator, exporters and importers seem to be the ones who profited by the rise in coffee prices.

"Repeatedly witness after witness has stated that there has not been a shortage of coffee at all during recent years and none appears likely..."

It was brought out that the farmers growing the coffee did not profit from the ridiculous price rise. The manipulators and profiteers reaped the harvest, and created the cause, demanding an investigation. Given the cause, the investigating committee, as a result of its findings, suggested action be taken. Right there is where all the talk comes in about socialism. The government acts to protect its people against the heartless manipulators. The manipulators, in turn, put out weeping propaganda, declaring the bureaucrats are taking over and the nation is doubly-bent for socialism.

The irate coffee drinker, possibly resenting any action the government would take as it affects his own business, suggests the following action in the big coffee swindle:

Slap a stiff capital-gains tax on alien individuals and foreign corporations doing business in the United States.

Place coffee trading under the control of the Commodity Exchange Act and eliminate the tricky deals in coffee futures.

Require foreign coffee interests to dispose of stocks warehoused in the United States through regular trade channels instead of holding them for speculative profits.

Instigate criminal investigation (by the Department of Justice) of possible violations of the anti-trust laws in the United States and employ civil suits against foreign manipulators operating in the United States.

Refuse further allocation of dollars (by ECA) for the purchase of coffee.

Assist the Brazilian and Colombian Governments to readjust their exchange rates so the coffee farmers, rather than the government and the coffee speculators, will realize more equitable returns.

Develop our own (reliable) statistics on coffee production and consumption and on weather damage in coffee growing countries.

If Brazil, Colombia, and other coffee-producing countries won't cooperate, encourage coffee growing in other areas.

Persuade American coffee roasters, distributors, and retailers to abandon the practice of percentage markups and apply a more reasonable rate of return on a pound basis.

If all this doesn't work, switch to sassafras or slippery-elm tea—ugh!

Condemned Either Way

A target for nearly every shot, Harry S. Truman was recently condemned for saying he would like to see a certain lawmaker returned to Congress. Of course, the condemnation was heaped upon his head by the opposition.

Now, if Harry Truman had not said something in behalf of the lawmaker he would have been branded as a traitor to his friend. In other words, he is condemned if he does and condemned if he doesn't.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.—Syrus.

The Favored Few

From the time the agricultural adjustment administration was created and when a move was made in the direction of equalized taxation, the favored few or economic royalists have whooped and yelled, screaming socialism, bureaucracy and bloody murder. They have talked about the Constitution and they literally flooded the nation with propaganda.

That the favored few have gained ground is borne out in recent developments.

The excess-profits tax is being held over, but a 10- to 20-percent increase for individuals is to go into effect next month.

The Senate recently killed a House provision for withholding taxes on corporation dividends.

Depletion allowances, handed to the oil people on a silver platter and now running close to half billion a year, are to be broadened.

Heads of corporations are to be allowed to take part of their fat salaries in options on company stock to be taxed at lower rates.

The big insurance companies, paying no income taxes for a number of years, are to be given a present of \$50 million through a plan forgiving them of all taxes except 1949.

The Dollar brothers out West have scored a preliminary victory in their claim to sixty million dollars, claiming they put up their steamship stock as a pledge and did not sell it to the United States Government back yonder when their business was on the rocks.

But the people, with some few exceptions, keep turning out those men who would protect them against the predatory interests.

Just For Today

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my life problems all at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up to their minds to be."

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my luck as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful, I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I didn't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as best I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act and be courteous, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all to myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give the world, so the world will give to me.

Just for today—Keep your life free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply; expect little; give much; fill your life with love, scatter sunshine. Forget yourself. Think of others, and do as you would be done by. Try it—just for today—you will be surprised.—Reprinted from The New Era.

Use Hoover's Measuring Stick

FBI's J. Edgar Hoover says they have so many thousand communists under observation. It would be interesting to learn just what type measuring stick the FBI man used in identifying a communist. Surely, he must have a good measurement plan, or he would not make such statements.

Granted that Mr. Hoover can identify a communist without trouble, then it would seem sensible for him to move into the President's Cabinet and give a report there. After making a report at that point, he could run over to John Hopkins and give us the low-down on Mr. Lattimore. The FBI man could certainly help out by applying his measuring stick, making it unnecessary for the country to listen to the contemptible lies that fall from the lips of political demagogues in Congress.

Liberty will not descend to a people, a people must raise themselves to liberty; it is a blessing that must be earned before it is enjoyed.—Colton.

A good example is the best sermon.—Franklin.

CHURCH NEWS

HASSELL CHRISTIAN

Olin Fox, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:00. C. B. Burroughs, Supt. Christian Youth Fellowship at 6:45 p. m. Preaching first and third Sundays at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Woman's Council Wednesday evening after first Sunday at 7:30. Visitors are welcome.

OKAY CITY CHRISTIAN

Olin Fox, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:00. Ernest Bunting, Supt. Preaching 2nd Sunday, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Woman's Council Wednesday afternoon after second Sunday at 3:30. Visitors are welcome.

EVERETTS CHRISTIAN

Olin Fox, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:00. Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Supt. Christian Youth Fellowship Monday evening at 7:30. Preaching 4th Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Woman's Council Saturday afternoon before first Sunday at 3:30. Visitors are welcome.

EVERETTS BAPTIST

E. R. Stewart, Pastor. 10 a. m., Bible school. G. H. Forbes, Supt. 11 a. m., Morning worship. "The Supreme Beatitudes." 7 p. m., Baptist Training Union. Paul Bailey, Director. 8 p. m., Evening worship. "A Good Man's Resolution." 8 p. m., Thursday. Prayer services and choir practice. All members are urged to attend and the public is invited to all services.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

W. B. Harrington, Pastor. Regular services will be held at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and the public is invited.

Piney Grove Baptist

W. B. Harrington, Pastor. Regular services will be held at Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. We will discuss paying for our pews. All members are urged to be present and the public is invited.

HAMILTON BAPTIST

E. R. Stewart, Pastor. 10 a. m., Bible school. H. S. Johnson, Supt. 7 p. m., Baptist Training Union. Willie Knox, Director. 7:30 p. m., Monday, Scouts meet. 7 p. m., Tuesday. Officers and teachers and adult classes meet. 8 p. m., Wednesday, mid-week prayer service, followed by choir practice. 8 p. m., Friday. Youth choir. We welcome all to our services.

CHRISTIAN

John L. Goff, Pastor. Bible School, 9:45. Classes for all ages. Promotion Day will be observed throughout the school. W. H. Sessions, Supt. Officers elected for 1950-1951 are: Supt. Exum L. Ward, Jr.; Assistant Supt. R. V. Bunting, Secretary J. T. Barnhill, Jr., Assistant Secretary R. E. Manning, Treasurer Joseph W. Griffin; Literature Secretary, J. O. Daniels, and pianist.

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Evening praise and worship service 8:00. Pastor speaking at both services.

CYF and Chi Rho groups meet at 7:00. Tuesday, 8:00. Choir rehearsal.

Sunday, October 1, Rally Day will be observed in the Bible School and broadcast on the 11 o'clock service over WRRF.

Church Of The Advent (Episcopal)

Church and Hassell Sts. The Rev. Thomas Hastings, Rector. Weekday (exc. Monday) Morning and Evening Prayer 8 and 5. Sunday Trinity Sixteen. 8:00 a. m., Holy Communion. 9:45 a. m., Church School. 11:00 a. m., Morning Prayer. Nursery. Sunday Collect: "O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy help, preserve it evermore by thy mercy and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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