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Bloodless Revolution Brings Prosperity

Speaking in the National House of Representatives a short time ago, Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall of Colorado, advanced some timely remarks when he said:

It is always with deep pleasure and inner satisfaction that I am able to include with an extension of my remarks, something to show that America's great advancement in a working and successful democracy has not ceased. We seem somehow unable to convince men of small dreams and little understanding of human nature that change is not only inevitable but that progress is equally able and necessary.

Yes, a bloodless revolution has come and gone, nearly unheralded in our busy affairs of today, for the shock troops still marching firmly under grandpa's orders, still bely with catch words the stout souls who have inherited the banner of useful progress under which man continues his advance toward a fuller life.

The New Deal begins to be recognized as what it was; the greatest and most constructive revolutioner evolution—ever peacefully accomplished by any people.

The American revolution thus rolls massively on as it has rolled since 1776. Peace and prosperity throughout the world depend greatly on how well others can learn its lessons.

The capitalist economy—the version we like to think of as the American system—flourishes exactly as it spreads purchasing power among the mass of the people, and so provides an ever-widening market. That's the lesson.

Business Week reports a study by Simon Kuznets of the National Bureau of Economic Research. The headlines in this great business magazine are: "The United States has a bloodless revolution; the shift in income distribution in the 20 years has taken the country halfway toward a classless society."

Dr. Kuznets shows that in 1929 the richest 5 percent of the people had 34 percent—more than one-third—of the total disposable income of all individuals. By 1939 this had dropped to 27 percent and by 1946, to 18 percent.

In 1929 the richest 1 percent enjoyed 19.1 percent, almost one-fifth, of all income. By 1946 its share was 7.7 percent.

Now where did this income go? The people got it. The mass of the people got more income to buy homes, and clothing, and better food and television sets and automobiles, and other products of capitalism.

This mass production power went back into the economy, building it soundly from the bottom.

If you want a plant to flourish, you plow the fertilizer in at the roots, not sprinkle it on the blossoms. It's even so with an economy.

not take in the equally important fact that the whole income of the people has grown greatly. Real income, I mean, counted in money, marbles, or chalk. Would anyone within sound of my voice go back to his 1930 income and what it could buy?

The American Association of Home Builders point out one consequence, as reported in last Sunday's Post. In 1940, only 41 percent of nonfarm family homes in the United States were owned by the people who lived in them. In 1950, this percentage had risen to 53 percent.

For the first time in modern history, more than half the American people now own their own homes. The reason? Incomes rose faster than the cost of living, enabling people to buy their homes.

For those who may want to sow Communist doctrine, I can think of better places than a country where 53 percent of the people own their own homes.

The Communists do not frighten me so much as those counterrevolutionaries of reaction who show by word and deed that they have no higher ideal or better concept for the American people than quickly to restore the "bad old days" of pre-'29 which led to the New Deal—the days when the rich got richer, the poor got children.

Four signs in particular frighten me: First, the increasing loudness of the shibboleth that production is all we need. Remember pre-'29, when production ran out of Uncle's ears, but no one could buy?

Second, the attempts to keep prices artificially high, as exemplified in the fairtrade fraud that the Supreme Court has struck down, but that the cartelists are busy trying to revive.

Third, the continuing effort to steal from the people their natural resources, as in the current effort to turn hydroelectric power over to the Power Trust by forbidding new public transmission lines from the dams that you and I own. Note that this effort was cheered on by the cartelists who recently met in Denver as the Edison Electric Institute.

Fourth, that movement for a proposed constitutional amendment, now creeping surreptitiously around the country, which would limit all Federal income taxes in peacetime, to a top of 25 percent.

And maybe I should add a fifth—the mental outlook of those Republicans who would come into power should the country change its leadership.

Wasn't Socialistic After All

Created in the early thirties, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation recently closed up shop.

It is recalled that when the HOLC was created, there were those who branded it as a weapon of the socialists to undermine our way of life. The fact that there were more than a million families about to lose their homes was overlooked. And now that the agency has finished its work and made a success of it, those who condemned it don't even bother to recognize its accomplishments.

The agency refinanced more than one million defaulted home loans, its investments running up to almost three and one-half billion dollars.

The fact that the agency was successful in the venture is encouraging, but even if HOLC had lost money, surely the benefits from one million homes saved would have been worth more than the loss.

But there is a clique in this country of ours who seem to think the economy is sound when farms and homes fall under the sheriff's hammer, when human beings have to beg for jobs, and the manipulator can call the interest tune.

No End To It

Justified or unjustified, there's apparently no end to the attacks the Republicans heap upon the administration.

In a 90-minute diatribe in the Senate a short time ago one Senator Joe McCarthy, whose acts have been questioned by members of his own party, attacked General George Marshall, declaring that the beloved leader had been a party to "a conspiracy so immense and an infamy so black as to dwarf any previous venture in the history of man."

The Republicans, in and out of Congress, have heaped endless abuse upon the administration as an inherent right. Anyone who would dare challenge them is immediately threatened or called a communist.

In Spite Of It

Hundreds of firms and specialists are offering "hints for homemakers," suggesting ways to hold down costs, maintain styles and prepare tempting dishes.

But, lo and behold, costs still go up. It is one endless struggle to keep up with the styles, and the dishes, when stacked against those prepared by mother, just don't measure up.

There's just too much "hinting" going on

Social News

ENTERTAIN FOR VISITOR

Miss Beth Spivey entertained at her home on Simmons Avenue last Wednesday night with two tables of canasta, honoring Miss Patricia Singleton of Richmond, who was here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Harris.

Miss Gail Margolis won high score prize and Miss Betsy Davis, second prize. The hostess served cantaloupe to the honoree, and Misses Sally G. Griffin, Nancy Britton, Jane Peel, Ann Woolford, Betsy Davis, Gail Margolis and Genie Glover.

BARBECUE SUPPER

The ladies auxiliary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church will have a barbecue supper Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Horace Whitaker on Oak Street in North End. They will begin serving at 5:30 and continue until 7:00. The price will be 75c to \$1.00 per plate. The public is invited to come and enjoy the supper.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben L. Bailey, Sr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Hattie Elizabeth, to Elbert Lee Stocks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie J. Stocks of Ayden.

The wedding will take place on July 29.

GRIFFIN REVELS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Revels of Williamston announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Mr. Dallas Andrew Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Andrew Griffin of Williamston.

The wedding will take place the latter part of July.

STULTZ-MIMS

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mims announce the marriage of their daughter, Judy, to Kenneth Gene Stultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Stultz of Hampton, Virginia, on June 30 at Elizabeth City, N. C.

The groom is on active duty with the Navy Air Reserve at the naval air station in Jacksonville, Florida where the couple will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Peel have returned home from a visit with relatives in Granville County. They were accompanied home for the day by Mrs. Haskin Loftus and Mr. Dennis Humphrey.

NOTICE

We wish to advise that we have purchased the interest and goodwill of Henry A. Johnson in radio station WIAM. All bills or obligations of said radio station must be approved by Bob Armstrong, manager of station WIAM. The interest of Mr. Johnson was purchased on July 3, and creditors of the station are asked to present bills or statements at once. This the 3rd day of July, 1951.

James A. Gray, Sr. and Charles R. Gray

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court James E. Godard v. Barbara Godard.

The defendant, Barbara Godard, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years' separation, and the said defendant will take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the clerk, Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Williamston, N. C., on the 6th day of August, 1951, or within twenty days thereafter, and answer or demur to the Complaint; in said action, or the plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 2nd day of July, 1951. L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court Martin County.

10-17-24-31

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Calvin Avers, deceased of Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 26th day of June 1951, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This, the 26th day of June 1951. A. B. Avers, Sr. Administrator. 28 July 5-12-19-26 au 2

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court. Estelle C. Frazier vs. John Frazier.

The defendant, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Martin County for absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony, the defendant will further take notice that he is required to be and appear before me, in my office in Williamston, N. C., on or before August 15 to answer or demur to the complaint which is this day filed in my office or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This June 26, 1951.

L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court of Martin County. 28 July 5-12-19

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed to the undersigned Trustee by the Roberson Packing Company, dated 29 September, 1949, and of record in the Register of Deeds Office of Martin County in Book V-4, page 404, to secure certain notes of even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said notes, the undersigned Trustee will, on the 6th day of August, 1951, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property:

A tract of land in Williamston Township, Martin County, State of North Carolina, commonly known and designated as The Roberson Slaughter House and premises, containing 3 acres, more or less, beginning at a stake, the

old Brick Kiln corner on the A. C. L. Railroad right of way; thence along the A. C. L. right of way to a stake on the McGaskey Road; thence along the McGaskey Road toward the Williamston and Everett Road to a stake in a ditch; thence along the said ditch to the old Brick Kiln property; thence along the Brick Kiln property to the right of way of the A. C. L. Railroad Company, the point of beginning, being the same land ceded to The Roberson Packing Company by D. M. Roberson and wife, Ethel G. Roberson, by Deed dated the 21st day of July, 1939, and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book U-4, page 555.

This 2nd day of July, 1951. WHEELER MAPPIN, Trustee. Critcher and Gurganus, Atty's.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court Before the Clerk Edgar Parker, Executor of the late Susie Parker v. Hattie Council, Lillie Purvis and husband, Willie Purvis, Hattie A. Williams, Lester Brown, David Brown and wife, Mersie Brown, Cornelius Brown and wife, Mollie Brown, Effie Mizelle and wife, Joe Mizelle, Bettie B. Brown and husband, Russell Brown, Lena Taylor, Arthur Taylor and wife, Annie Taylor, Lizzie Taylor and husband, James Taylor, James Swannee and wife, Annie Swannee, nieces and nephews and devisees and Roosevelt Parker.

The defendants, Cornelius Brown and wife, Mollie Brown, Arthur Taylor and wife, Annie Taylor, James Swannee and wife,

Annie Swannee, Russell Brown, Mersie Brown, David Brown, Hattie Council and Hattie A. Williams, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County to sell a house and lot in Oak City, N. C., to make assets to pay debts, and in which the said defendants are devisees under a Will, and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Williamston, N. C., on the 30th day of July, 1951, or within ten days thereafter, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. This 25th day of June, 1951. L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court. July 3-10-17-24

Notice To Farmers Farmers and Other Non-Highway Gasoline Users That Sat., July 14th is the last day to file for Gasoline Tax Refund on Gasoline used for second quarter, April, May and June. We'll be glad to assist you in filing for rebates. Harrison Oil Co. TEXACO

bring MORE MONEY your way save NOW The money-wise folks who save with us have just profited by another of our regular semi-annual dividend payments. And six months from now, on January 1, we'll be paying out more thousands of dollars in earnings. Act now, and get your full share of the profits for the last six months of 1951. Open an Optional Savings Account with us or add to funds now and your money will earn from the first—to swell your savings total—boost your income! BEAT THAT DEADLINE! Put Extra Dollars in Your Pocket! Martin County Building And Loan Association Williamston, N. C.

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