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Blueprint For Good Government

Edmund Burke said: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Good men can win or they can lose elections. They can become so angered by evil in public office that they organize, and work and above all, vote. Or they can be so certain that good must triumph that they go to sleep—and let the other element win by default.

There will be no attempt here to draw a line between members of the two major parties and say that all those on one side are evil and those on the other are good. Goodness can be determined only by the sincerity of the individual in seeking the best possible result for his country.

No what can the average man do as his share in assuring the proper functioning of government. From an organization called the Christophers come the following suggestions, about as satisfying a list as one can find:

- 1. Keep informed. Inquire about management of public affairs from authoritative sources. 2. Pray that those in public office may render conscientious service. 3. Encourage men of character and competence to dedicate themselves to public service. 4. Study the candidates. Look up their records. 5. Attend precinct meetings. 6. Participate in political meetings. 7. Check on the voting records of your representatives. 8. Stimulate others to vote. 9. Offer your services for some pre-election chores. 10. Consider legitimate political activity as a moral obligation. 11. Express your preference under any circumstances.

Those are all sound recommendations. Summed up, don't they mean simply: Be interested, do your share. If those rules are followed everywhere evil cannot triumph. Good men will have balked it.—Rochester Democrat.

It Depends Upon Who Is Doing The Seizing

Shortly after Pearl Harbor the taxpayers of this nation financed a steel plant in Utah to the tune of \$191,325,000. After the war the United States Steel Corporation literally seized that plant for \$44,175,000, leaving the taxpayers with a bag from which \$144,151,000 had been taken. Yes, it was legal, so they say.

But the steel magnates, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers said nothing about the deal, and the lobbyists working right in the United States Congress were not called communists and no one was charged with trying to push this country down the socialism road.

Now, when war rages across the sea and American lives are at stake the government steps in to avoid a tragedy and is immediately challenged by that notorious gang who stood by silently and watched while one hundred and forty-four million dollars were lifted out of the taxpayers' pockets. The taxpayer was told a fantastic story then, and it is fairly apparent that he is being told another fantastic story about the steel seizure today.

Same Thing Only Different

Property has been taken over when labor faltered and gummed up the works and the action was never considered serious. Now, when management fumbles from blunder to blunder and the government takes over the steel industry, loud wails are heard from all over.

If labor could have been placed at a disadvantage, the steel magnates would have thought nothing about government seizure. In fact, the interests would have been demanding government action, whooping it up about slowing down defense efforts and blowing about individual patriotism.

The facts in the case show that the steel companies are making much more now than they did before the Korean war, that after wage increases, the income per ton remains considerably higher than it was just a short time ago.

When labor, rightly or wrongly, demands more, industry talks about the terrible effect a wage increase will have on the economy. Then industry comes along and asks more than labor, and nothing is said about the terrible effect a price increase will have on the nation's economy.

It is about time for industry to stop talking about high wages and burdensome taxes and start admitting that it is making more money, clear money, than ever before in all history, that high profits are a factor in the economy as well as high wages and high prices.

Of Little Faith

While it may be all right to carry a big stick during these troublous times, it would seem that many of our lawmakers are men of little faith.

They readily vote billions of dollars for war and then argue over meager amounts asked for the relief of the needy at home and abroad. There's no objection to appropriations made for our own protection, but those appropriations within themselves hardly can be expected to solve the problem. We must express faith in our fellowmen, adhere more closely to Christian principles and not only provide power and might but also follow through with economic aid and understanding.

Reality Crowding Out The Symbol

As military man, Eisenhower rates as an idol, possibly rightly so. But reality is beginning to crowd out the symbol, and Ike, the politician, is placed by his own word on the side of the private interests in the tidelands oil controversy.

The General along with most of the Republicans, plus our own Hoey-Smith, would have the American people pay taxes to maintain the Coast Guard, dredge the inlets, bays, sounds and rivers and patrol the seas, but would push the people back and turn over the resources therein to the few for more or less private exploitation.

Eisenhower hasn't announced his position on many public issues outside the realm of foreign policy, but it is apparent that he looks to far right.

Stilwell Lives Again

General Joe Stilwell—they called him "Vinegar Joe"—lives again. Relieved of his command by cunning corruptionists because he dared report the truth about General Chiang Kai-shek, General Stilwell tried to warn the people of this nation about what was going on in China, but the old China Lobby and a few Air Force officers, fattening at the trough of corruption, had him discredited.

The old General is dead, but in exposing the contemptible China Lobby, "The Reporter", a magazine of national circulation, makes him live again in the hearts of real Americans.

The magazine expose and the "Letters of General Stilwell" leave little for the China Lobby gang to hold on to.

Another Round

Remember back yonder when Irish potatoes were wild topic of conversation, how everything was going socialistic because an effort was made to keep production in line with demand. Yes, the program cost quite a few millions.

But the reactionaries finally choked the program to death with their propaganda, and the consumers were thrown to the mercy of the manipulators and speculators, paying quite a few million dollars more when the potato wandered around as an independent champion on its very own. Well, the growers did not get rich at their end of the line and the consumer was made poorer at his end of the line.

Reports maintain that a relatively small acreage is being planted to the crop, so the consumer is warned to hold his hat and make ready for a rough ride.

Without Consistency there is no moral strength.—Owen.

'Quo Vadis' Comes To the Viccar Soon

Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of "The Last Supper" served as the inspiration for one of memorable scenes depicting holy moments in "Quo Vadis," M-G-M's spectacular Technicolor grandeur production.

Used in an ingenious "effect sequence" of the picture, Director Mervyn LeRoy reproduced "The Last Supper" in a photograph scene which captured the most minute details of the religious painting, with the Italian actor, Giorgio Constantini portraying the Savior.

Similar "effect" shots were used to re-create other great moments in religious history for "Quo Vadis." One shows Finlay Currie, as Peter, supported by Abraham Sofaer, cast as Paul, addressing a group of Christians who are meeting in secret in an abandoned quarry. Another scene, shown during the speech of Peter to the Christians, depicts Christ passing through a shouting mob of people on the streets of Jerusalem as He carries the cross on which He will be crucified.

Americans eat more livestock and livestock products than the people of any other country. In 1949 we used 14 per cent more meat and 13 per cent more milk and cream than we did before the war. Our use of eggs in 1949 was 27 per cent higher than the 1939-39 average.

Episcopal Women To Meet In Edenton

The annual diocesan convention of the Women's Auxiliary of the diocese of East Carolina will meet at St. Paul's Church, Edenton on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The convention will open Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. with Mrs. Hester V. Walker, diocesan president, of Washington, presiding.

On Thursday there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., Bishop Thomas E. Wright celebrant. The business sessions will begin at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. and the convention will end that afternoon.

Delegates from the Church of the Advent in Williamston are Mrs. W. E. Dunn, Jr., Mrs. William Glover, Mrs. N. C. Green. Alternates are Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Jr., Mrs. Robert Newell, and Mrs. W. I. Skinner. All members of the Auxiliary are urged to attend this convention.

A. D. Vann, Negro farmer of Sampson County, made 91 bushels of oats on one acre planted to the Arlington variety. He believes sowing good seed of the right variety is half the battle in producing a good crop of oats.

NOTICE TO HOUSE MOVING CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received until 10:00 A. M. on Thursday, May 1, 1952, in the office of the Right of Way Engineer of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, First Division, Ahoskie, North Carolina, covering the moving of four buildings of frame construction on Project 1-551, about three miles southwest of Bear Grass, North Carolina, and near the Martin-Beaufort County Line. Proposals may be received by writing to Mr. S. H. Williams, Right of Way Engineer, at Ahoskie, North Carolina, and infor-

mation concerning the proposed work and its location may be had from Mr. R. J. Peel, Jr., Resident Engineer at Williamston, North Carolina.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION North Carolina, Martin County—In Superior Court, Mabelle Church vs Randolph Church.

The defendant, Randolph Church, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court Martin County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years' separation and the said defendant will take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court said County at the Courthouse in Williamston, N. C. on the 19th of May, 1952, or within twenty 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 18 day of April, 1952. L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court. apr 22-24-29 ma 1

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