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The Christian Viewpoint

Beria is in the same prison where he used to send so many helpless people, that is unless the word "liquidate" in the Russian broadcasts means he has already been put to death by the same methods which he used in serving Stalin's tyranny. Some underling has been made head of the state police—his name has been announced but it does not matter. It is a pity someone cannot go to him and say, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." (Matt. 25:52) Men may fool themselves into thinking they are protected, when they are unjust and cruel, if they act within the forms of law and have behind them the power of the state. Truly, it is the function of government to bear the sword, to be used in putting down wrong and protecting the right. "He does not bear the sword in vain; he is the servant of God to execute his wrath—doer." (Romans 13:4 R. S. V.) However, one who uses the sword in the name of the state is nevertheless personally responsible for his acts. He should resign if the state demands that he do evil and unjust things. He should only support the state in acts of righteousness. Beria has learned that he who supports cruelty and tyranny is nourishing a pet tiger which will sooner or later turn upon its keeper. The only safety for any one man is in protecting the rights of all others and in holding hard to the path of justice and charity. Beria might well have quoted the words of the infamous Cardinal Thomas Wolsey in 1580 when he was cast out by King Henry VIII after he had let himself be the tool and hatchet-man for the King. "Had I but served my God as faithfully as I have served my king, He would not have given me over in my gray hairs." It is written in God's moral universe as well as in Scripture: "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." (Galatians 6:7) —Prepared by the Department of Bible, Presbyterian Junior College.

What's Behind It?

Could it be that the bus line operators are trying to eliminate a bus terminal here? Apparently there has been some indifference on the part of the management in making arrangements for accommodating the traveling public, and conditions more in keeping with the horse-and-buggy days are now existing on the bus terminal front here now.

It is admitted that the bus line operators have their problems. However, they have their responsibilities, too, and it is reasonable to believe that the problems can be handled.

Nothing but an act of God would have permitted other common carriers to deal out such unsavory service as is being dealt the traveling public by some public transportation systems.

When and if the conditions are remedied, it is sincerely hoped the bus companies will not overlook the public, traffic conditions and other factors surrounding the location and operation of a terminal.

Let's Turn The Republicans Out

Bertie Ledger-Advance
 Frankly, we think it's time to turn the Republicans out.
 Being deep-dyed Democratic from the beginning we were none too enthusiastic about the advent of the present Administration.
 The "moral crusade" never fooled us.
 Behind Ike's grin all the time we could see big oil barons who want "off-shore oil" belonging to the people of the United States, big sheep raisers who want public lands,

knife-sharpening reactionaries ready to repeal every New Deal measure since 1933, isolationists ready to scrap the country's foreign policy and a coagulation of big businessmen ready to plow under every fourth farmer (if necessary) and McCarthy & Company ready to restrict liberties all the way around.

We've been waiting for the "mess" to be "cleaned up" but all we got was a Kansas scandal by the then Republican National Chairman who sold the State of Kansas the building it already owned.

We've seen a succession of men appointed to administer Federal programs for which they have little sympathy or even hostility.

We've seen one appointee—Tom Lyon, the President's nominee for Director of the Bureau of Mines—have his name dropped before a Senate Committee because he's drawing a large pension from Anaconda Copper and because he doesn't believe in the mine safety program.

We've seen the State Department taken over by Senator McCarthy and seen its overseas information rendered useless by the silliest, Nazi-like book burning and purging; we've seen the State Department's budget whacked to pieces to please isolationists. With it all we've seen the so-called Secretary of State buckle under and seen the President take a firm stand only to back down.

We've seen the President so anxious to "get along with" Congress that he's abandoned some of the traditional powers and prerogatives guaranteed the Office of the President by the Constitution.

We've seen confusion in the farm policy and uncertainty resulting from it.

In fact, we've seen enough and although it's only started, this new age of Republican rule, we can say already: we've had enough.

Not Following Through

The several civic clubs in Williamston contributed \$1,000 to finance a little baseball league. The venture met with marked success for a short while, but interest has lagged and now there's doubt if the league can survive.

The league is one of several projects advanced in the name of youth in the community. The projects were undertaken following conscientious agitation advanced by parents and other interested citizens.

At considerable loss the municipal pool is being maintained. The little baseball league is running into financial difficulties. The public is not following through or playing fair with the youth.

It is admitted that a well-rounded or adequate recreation program is not being maintained for the community's children, but no adequate program will ever be advanced until support is given those projects already provided.

Just the presence of parents and interested citizens at the games may save the little league. And it is worth saving. Take time out and give the project a boost. If the civic clubs are convinced the people of the town and community are interested in youth, they'll continue to take the lead in striving for a complete recreation program. If greater interest is not shown in the existing projects, no more are likely to be advanced and some of the past projects will, in time, be abandoned.

He who lives for himself alone, lives but for little things.

60 Second Sermons

BY FRED DODGE



TEXT: "Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot that it do singe thyself."—Shakespeare.

Farmer Jones sadly walked into the crossroads store. "I can see from your face," said the storekeeper, "that you're havin' trouble with that rule of yours again."

"You hit the nail on the head," replied the farmer.

"You'll never listen to me," went on the storekeeper. "Didn't I tell you that the next time that critter balked, you should just build a fire under him and make him move?"

"That's just what I done," complained the farmer, "but that orbery beast just moved far enough to pull the wagon over the fire and burn it up."

We get a glow from retelling how we "built a fire" under so-and-so. The truth, we find, is that a fire can leave only ashes and bitter memories in someone. Then, perhaps a year or two later, our own wagon catches fire from ashes we thought were cold. Our moment of triumph, long forgotten, is too big a price to pay for the loss we suffer now. As the years pass we see many men who have heated so hot a fire for their foes, that they singed themselves.

Who, ME?

by Robert Osborn



More than 15,000 persons were killed and nearly 750,000 hurt in week-end accidents last year. Only YOU can prevent traffic accidents!

Vacation Industry Is Big Business

The American Automobile Association has estimated that motorists, vacationing in the forty-eight states this year, will spend more than \$9,000,000,000. This figure shows the extent of the new industry which has sprung up in the United States with the coming of the automobile and the national highway system.

It is estimated that about 65,000,000 Americans, men, women

and children, will be on the nation's highways this summer alone, while another nine or ten million will travel in other conveyances to some vacation land. The 65,000,000 automobile travellers comprise a market group which was almost non-existent twenty-five or thirty years ago.

They have become a major consumer group and the motivation for an entirely new industry—the vacation industry. One of the symbols of this new industry is the motor court. These courts are being increased by an estimated 2,000 a year, and already there

Interests Oppose Excess Tax Plan

The national leadership of the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States suffered a loss of prestige in the recent fight, pushed by those two organizations, to defeat the President's request for an extension of the corporation excess profits tax, and other taxes. The NAM and C. of C. would have gained much prestige in the average layman's mind if they had foregone their traditional role in the recent tax fight.

For the President agrees with both these organizations that the excess profits tax is a bad tax. Moreover, President Eisenhower is in favor of repealing it. However, if the budget is to be balanced in the next twelve months, the revenue from the excess profits tax and other taxes the President wanted extended temporarily is needed to accomplish the balancing.

are between forty and fifty thousand in the country.

Not only do the tourists increase sales of vacation equipment and clothing in the major vacation areas of the country, but the money they must spend for lodging and meals often brings boom conditions to choice vacation restaurants and hotels.

Public-minded citizens in this community, and every progressive community, should utilize every possibility to make local vacation spots ideal for tourists from both far and near. Few communities in this country can complain that there are no ideal vacation spots in their area. And, since the tourist and vacation industry is sure to grow in the coming years, rather than decline, it will benefit this community to see that our vacation and tourist possibilities are utilized to the fullest extent.

The end result will be more business, more profits and an improved rate of growth for our community.

Both the N. A. M. and the C. of

C. supported President Eisenhower in his campaign for election to the Presidency. There is little doubt that a majority of the membership in both organizations supported the President's position in the tax fight. The National Association of Manufacturers' Board of Directors actually voted \$4.46 to support the President in a recent test, but since two-thirds of the directors' votes were needed to change the NAM opposition policy, the opposition continued.

Thus, the nation has recently witnessed two major business organizations pressing for tax relief in opposition to the expressed desire of the President, and a majority of board directors in one case and a probable majority of members in both cases. To the public, this sort of leadership is viewed as something less than a natural inclination for one to look out for one's interest. It appears that both the NAM and C. of C. could profit from more enlightened leadership.

Clinical Center Recently Opened

The Federal Government's \$64,000,000 clinical center near Washington was dedicated early this month and received its first patients on July 6th. These eight patients, like others to follow, will pay nothing for their treatment at the national clinical center.

The center is not a hospital, though it will contain all the facilities of a hospital, including operating rooms, etc. It is a research center and all patients brought in for study will be treated as research cases and the cost charged to the operation of the new clinical center.

It is the first clinic of its kind and brings together the widest assemblage of specialists and technicians yet gathered—and puts them into direct research contact with patients. Every patient that comes to the clinical center will have to be recommended by a medical school, hospital or physician. No one can voluntarily enter

Milk Production Increase In June

Estimated milk production in N. C., totaled 157 million pounds during June, the highest of record for June and only 2 million pounds short of the all-time high for any month which was set in May of this year when production reached 159 million pounds. Production during June 1952 was 145 million pounds, while the 1942-51 average for the month is 140 million pounds.

Milk production on U. S. farms passed its June peak somewhat earlier than usual this year, continued at a relatively high level through the month. National output during June is estimated at 12.3 billion pounds, 4 percent more than a year ago and the largest since 1947.

er the center for treatment without such sponsorship.

The giant clinical center will devote its major energies to attack on the greatest killers Americans today—cancer, heart disease, mental illnesses and chronic diseases. It is hoped that the government's new research center will speed up the progress being made in the fight against these killers, just as Public Health Service scientists have contributed to speedier progress in conquering such diseases as cholera, diphtheria, malaria, leprosy, smallpox, tetanus, tuberculosis, typhoid, typhus, venereal disease, yellow fever and other once-checked killers.

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