

Editorial and Opinion

Burglary - Government Style

This is being written before the court rules on the legality of the steel company seizure by the government upon orders of President Truman. We can state without equivocation our belief that the action was illegal and but a step in a very definite trend toward socialism. If the courts do not rule in favor of the steel companies in this instance, the first step in the ultimate destruction of the free enterprise system in the United States will have been taken.

This act of the Administration should strike terror into the hearts of every businessman (large or small), every farmer, every editor, every professional man, every teacher, in fact, every one of this nation's 150 million citizens. Who can tell who will be next on the Government seizure list? This seizure means more than just taking property away from the 500,000 stockholders of the six large steel companies; it means taking away their freedom and that of every American man, woman and child.

The President attempts to justify his action by stating that it is to avoid an emergency. Cessation of steel production would constitute an emergency, but a relatively small one compared to the emergency created by this Government grab of private property. He has caused the nation to jump from the frying pan into the fire.

Space does not permit here to go fully into the details of the threatened steel strike, but briefly here are the facts as I see them:

First, the Wage Stabilization Board recommended a wage increase of 26 to 30 cents an hour.

Second, the union announced a policy of "whole hog" or strike.

Third, the President of the United States (called by the steel workers "that rather friendly gentleman in the White House") declared that the unions must have that "whole hog," and that the cost must be paid out of steel company profits.

The executives of the steel companies maintain that these increased wages could not be paid out of profits and asked a raise in the price of steel if they were to grant the "whole hog" demands of the union. This request seemed reasonable, as it is as simple as two plus two equalling four, that production costs cannot be greatly increased without raising the selling price of the product, that is, if there is to be any profit left for the stockholders.

It is the height of absurdity to pretend that such enormous increases in costs can be paid for out of profits, indefinitely. Ultimately, it is the public—you and I—who will pay the bill. We will pay for it in part through the increased prices for steel products. We will pay for the rest in taxes to make up for the corporate taxes the government no longer can collect from steel companies operating at little or no profit.

So, what are we going to do about it? Already we have seen our savings melting away under government managed and government promoted inflation. We have witnessed government follow a consistent policy of cheapening and redistributing our savings—to others through inflation and ever-increasing taxes.

No matter whether or not you think the steel unions are right in their demand for a wage hike of 26 to 30 cents an hour; or whether or not you believe the steel companies are right in insisting on higher steel prices before granting that demand, do something about it! This thing has gone past being a mere squabble between workers and management. It now has reached the stage where our American Government, in manner worthy of Russia itself, has grabbed private property.

If you own one share of stock or a Government bond, if you are one of the 90 million who has an equity in a life insurance policy, if you are one of the 75 million with money in a savings bank, if you are one of the many millions now getting or expecting a government or private pension, your financial security is threatened. Bestir yourself!

Write your Congressman and two U. S. Senators to take necessary legislative action—immediately—to prevent any arm of Government seizing private property as has been done in the case of the steel companies. Let them know that you are against larceny, theft, confiscation and piracy of any kind by anyone at any time; and especially against burglary—Government style.

PRESS COMMENT

A Matter Of Politics

(From the Dunn Dispatch)
Two Hundred Million Dollars Candidate William B. Umstead, speaking last week at the Dunn Information Clinic here made it clear that he was opposed to the bonus referendum when it might call, in the analysis, for the expenditure of \$200,000,000 in state funds.

He let it be known that he felt that the state school system and its expansion was more important. To this we add our "Amen."

Mr. Umstead is to be congratulated on taking a fearless stand on this question which, after all, is extremely vital to the voters and the taxpayers of this state.

It was stated by Mr. Olive that some 400,000 veterans in the state might be interested in the bonus and that they ought to be given a chance to vote on the question.

We wonder whether the candidate for Governor, Olive, is more interested in the votes than he is in the tax structure and expenditures of the state.

Mr. Umstead, of course, being human, is also interested in votes but he proved conclusively in his stand on the bonus question, that, though he may be interested in votes, he is not afraid to take a stand on an issue if he feels it is right regardless of what may happen to his voting strength.

We have a faint suspicion also that Mr. Umstead, by his stand against the bonus referendum for veterans, may have picked up as many votes in North Carolina as he may have lost for we are definitely convinced that not all veterans, by a big margin, are in favor of the state giving them \$200,000,000 when the roads, the telephone system and the schools needed it so badly in North Carolina.

We have discussed this matter with a number of veterans and we find that there are many who are unalterably opposed to giving a bonus to the veterans at such an expenditure by the state.

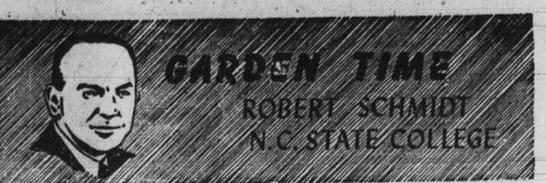
We congratulate Mr. Umstead on his stand and sincerely hope that he will continue to fight in this manner for what is right and good for the state of North Carolina.

THE CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

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Consideration is one of the deepest longings within the human heart. We want others to consider us, to count us in, to recognize us, to respect us. Of course this longing very easily passes over into conceit and false pride. We want the spotlight, we revel in praise, we succumb to flattery, we crave publicity. It is much more important to have our own self-respect than to have the plaudits of the crowd. "Self-knowledge, self-reverence, self-control, these three alone lead life to sovereign power" well said the poet.

If we want consideration and respect so badly for ourselves, we should always remember others want it also. Democracy has its popular appeal to the multitudes because it teaches "all men are created equal" before the law and the rights of the weakest member of society are the concern of all society. Nobody is counted out. Every citizen receives consideration simply because he is a man. The same emphasis upon the value of a man is a part of the Christian faith. God so loved each man that He gave His Son to die in order to pay the price and penalty due for sin. 5:22). Contempt of our fellows is a God wanted to pardon repentant

sinners so they could for all eternity be with Him in heaven. God would that all men would repent and come to a knowledge of the truth. So it becomes a great sin against Christianity and against democracy for us to hold people cheap and worthless. There is an Aramaic word which means "empty, worthless, good-for-nothing." It is the word "raca." Jesus once said, "whosoever shall say to his brother, 'raca,' shall be in danger." (Matt. 5:22). Contempt of our fellows is a dangerous spiritual condition.



CHEEK HAS APPROVED SIRE

An Ayrshire sire, Lemola King Clipper, owned by L. R. Cheek, Chapel Hill, has been given the high rating of Approved according to the Ayrshire Breeders' Association Executive Secretary, C. T. Conklin of Brandon, Vt.

The Ayrshire Approved rating has been given to the sire in recognition of the superior producing quality of his daughters when compared to their dams.

The Cheek sire qualified on his 7 daughters that average 11205 pounds of milk and 464 pounds of butterfat.

COMBAT BADGE

With the 40th Infantry Div. in Korea—Pvt. Willie R. Brooks, Chapel Hill, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge while fighting with the 40th Infantry Division on the central Korean front.

The badge, symbol of the front line fighting man, shows a miniature Revolutionary War flintlock rifle mounted against a blue rectangle. A silver wreath extends across the bottom and up the sides of the badge.

Private Brooks is a member of the 223rd Infantry Regiment's Company G.

NROTC SELECTEES

Four Chapel Hill men, Robert A. Henley of 310 Lewis; James B. Lovelace, Jr., of 107 Everett; John S. Keating, Jr., of 410 Franklin Street, and McLendon G. Morris of 305 Alexander, have been selected for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) college program.

Selection of the 1,800 officer candidates was made by the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D. C.

Choice of the high school graduates or seniors was made from a field of 32,000 applicants. Basis for selection was a Naval College Aptitude Test and personal interviews.

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RALEIGH Round-up
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year. It indicates again the lack of interest in politics. This, or the immense satisfaction in the job done by the 1951 Legislature. It shows that, living expenses being what they are and legislative salaries only \$1,350, few men are able to make the sacrifice.
P. S. Lack of opposition for the representatives and senators leaves them free to do as much political as they please on local, State and Federal levels between now and May 31.

NO OPPOSITION... According to reports received by Secretary of State Thad Eure thus far, almost a fourth of the members who made up the 1951 Legislature are coming back again without opposition.

There are 120 members in the House. Of this number, 36 definitely have no opposition. Of the Senate's 50 members, seven are unopposed. Thus in a total of 170 members, 42 have no worries for the outcome of the Primary on May 31.

By Friday of last week, 89 of the State's 100 counties had reported to the Secretary of State's office. The other 11 may bring the unopposed number even higher.

This is almost without precedent particularly in a big election—WBTB in Charlotte.

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