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"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness"

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Questions on Moscow's anniversary

The Soviet Union is run by the oldest, continuously-in-power government in the world. The same party is at the helm as was there a half century ago and high promotion within the ruling political ranks of that government comes exclusively from within that party. And that party has now just celebrated the 53rd anniversary of the event which placed such monumental power in its hands, the Bolshevik Revolution.

Nor is there the slightest hint that this power structure is in any danger of losing its grip. Unless unforeseen events of the greatest magnitude arise, it would appear reasonably certain that any change in Soviet government and policy will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary. At the moment, moreover, what evolution there is seems to be firmly under Kremlin control.

Yet the forces for evolution are there and are gathering a kind of strength which would have been unthinkable in the early 1950's under Joseph Stalin. Furthermore, these forces are broad and are gradually growing deeper. They are to be found primarily in the world of the intellect, manifesting themselves in the fields of economics, ideology, and social outlook. In each of these there is mounting pressure for change.

In economics it is slowly but steadily being borne in upon the country's leading

thinkers that the old, dogmatic, inflexible Marxist manner of thinking, planning, interpreting is no longer good enough. True, lip service continues to be paid Marxism-Leninism. But there is more and more tacit, indirect admission that this is too simple a philosophy for these complex days and for a great industrial power which seeks to overtake the United States's stupendous lead.

The ideological questioning is dramatically illustrated by word that a prominent young Soviet physicist, the son of one of the hard-lining members of the Soviet Communist Party Politburo, is daring to urge a new mental outlook for Russia. He has written that, by adhering to traditional Soviet aims in natural science, Russia will "fall hopelessly behind" the United States. Yet it is through cleaving to such traditional methods and outlook that the Kremlin seeks to prevent the growth of too much critical questioning.

As for changes in society, these are coming with the steady creation of a better educated, better-off middle and upper class, persons for whom the heavy hand inherited by the Communist Party from the Czars is less and less palatable.

Few dramatic changes in Soviet life and outlook can be forecast for the immediate future. But there are powerful evolutionary forces at work beneath the surface which must eventually have their way.

Stronger economic measures

If one thing is crystal clear, it is that President Nixon and his economic advisers must greatly intensify not only the fervor but the effectiveness of their battle against today's simultaneous inflation and recession. If they fail to do so, the country, the American people, to say nothing of the President's and his party's own political fortunes could suffer seriously.

We agreed, as did many of the nation's economists, that it was permissible for the administration to seek to bring inflation under control primarily through fiscal and monetary measures. It is now apparent that these, of themselves, are not enough. They must be strengthened and broadened through other measures. Thus we welcome the plea of former Federal Reserve Board Chairman William McChesney Martin that the Nixon administration institute wage and price guidelines.

Mr. Martin expressed opposition to actual wage and price controls. We, too, prefer avoiding this final, drastic step if at all possible, and giving efforts that are more voluntary a chance to work. But the point is to make sure that these latter do, in fact, accomplish what is being asked of them.

To be effective, they must, as Mr. Martin stresses, go beyond "jawboning" and

exhortation. Means must be found to provide them with teeth which can really bite and hold. We therefore propose that wage and price guidelines be accompanied by a, say, 90-day waiting period. During that period any major wage or price increase could be challenged, studied, and asked to justify itself. This is little enough to demand of any American citizen, union or industry when so much is at stake.

Furthermore, we believe that the nation would greatly benefit if both wage and price guidelines and a 90-day waiting period were instituted before the final settlement of the present General Motors strike, a settlement which, reportedly, bids fair to seriously fuel the fires of inflation. And next year's steel industry negotiations would be another major occasion for the use of such antiinflation instrumentalities.

The outcome of the 1970 midterm elections is susceptible to many kinds and degrees of interpretation, there being enough sundry victories for all sides to claim some measure of success. But on one issue there can be no dispute. This is that President Nixon and the Republicans were definitely harmed by the present state of the economy. The American people demand that something more effective be done to straighten that economy out.

Editorials from The Christian Science Monitor

Browsing in the files

of The News-Journal

25 years ago

November 15, 1945

The Grand Jury of Hoke County in their report to Judge Burney at this week's term of Superior Court recommended that the county abattoir now located near the army be moved outside the city limits.

Dr. and Mrs. P.P. McCain received the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart for their son, Lt. Paul McCain, who was declared officially dead by the War Department after having been missing in action in an air raid over Europe since July 8, 1944.

Sgt. Raymond Love, now stationed at Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, spent the weekend at home.

Sgt. Walter E. Webb was separated from the service last Thursday at Fort Bragg. He arrived in the States November 3 for ETO.

Lt. Kenneth A. McKeithan

who for some time has been in the ETO, landed in the States Monday and is expected in Raeford shortly.

T. Sgt. William K. Leach has received his discharge from the United States Army at Camp Cooke, Calif., separation center. He was a member of the 13th Armored Division in the ETO.

Grady Burns was discharged from the Army this week and is at home. He is a veteran of two overseas tours of duty, the West Indies and the ETO.

From Poole's Medley:

Congress is said to be cutting the taxes nearly six billion dollars a year. If the cut is six billion what is the whole tax?

15 years ago

November 10, 1955

The Town Board plans to get old taxes and instructed clerk Robert Weaver to make arrangements for the employment of an attorney to press these collections.

Lumberton's Pirates.

defeated only by League Champion Clinton during the season were too strong for Coach Floyd Wilson's Hoke High Bucks here Friday night as Lumberton won 41-19.

Duck McGowan and Dora Rogers who are serving sentences by working around the jail, were brought up to Recorder's Court Tuesday before Judge T.O. Moses by jailer D.J. Jones on charges of swiping his keys and getting into some confiscated white liquor stored in the jail and getting drunk.

From the Rockfish News: This is fine weather for the Nail Keg Club and they are making good use of whatever they can find to sit on in the way of crates or boxes with only a few nail kegs left. It has been an awful blow to this group that they have started putting the nails in pasteboard boxes and they just won't hold up like nail kegs.

Ed Buie, respected and successful colored funeral director of this community for the past 20 years, was buried Sunday afternoon at Silver Grove Church.

"What you got in that bag, boy?"



Le Pelley
 The Christian Science Monitor

Election '70 Over And Losers Weep

By LAURIE TELFAIR

Election '70 is now history and a bitter memory to the losers and their supporters.

I have a long and nearly unbroken record of supporting losers. Next election I think I'll try to hire my support out -- let me work for your man and he's sure to lose. A service like that should be much in demand by both parties.

This year I passionately backed former Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee (I vote by absentee ballot) and what happened to him is well known. I was on the winning side for governor, but since I didn't care much about that one either way, my political poison apparently didn't work. I'd gladly trade a governor for a senator any day.

Politics can be both a spectator and a participatory sport. Its lure exerts a powerful hold that can cause men to willingly part with fortunes in the pursuit of power and spend their health during backbreaking campaigns to answer the call of the people.

Working in a campaign is an interesting experience. Like attending court or sitting in on a meeting of a local government, working in a political campaign is an educational exercise in democracy.

It can also be very hard, time consuming work. I worked for a Republican hopeful for Congress, who succumbed to my particular political talent and never made it past the primary. He was a very organized sort, and after the election, he decided to build a card file of all the voters in the county who voted in the Republican primary. Now this particular county has about a million people in it and even with the GOP being the minority party then, that is still a lot of voters.

Political campaigns are fun

for the kiddies. And they make useful workers. Our girls, then pre-schoolers, became proficient at handing out campaign cards and literature, and they loved a rally, with the bands and the soft drinks. They slept through the speeches anyway.

Most of the candidates I have known have been underfinanced and have depended heavily upon volunteer labor. Teenagers are particularly useful in certain activities, although they must be carefully controlled to keep from driving off voters through an excess of enthusiasm and a lack of judgement.

Eugene McCarthy's "children's crusade" demonstrated the effectiveness of young people in politics. Unfortunately, the political fervor of the young has apparently since dropped to approximately the level of that of the adult population and

there was little political activity by young people seen in this election.

According to things I've read lately, the personal efforts of the candidate and his workers will become an increasingly smaller part of campaigning and television will be used instead to reach a larger audience. This will probably be more desirable for the candidate, as it will eliminate politically unwelcome activities such as speaking to small crowds at sparsely attended rallies and stumping shopping centers to shake hands with disinterested consumers. It will also limit opportunities for citizens to take a greater part in the political process.

But then, judging from the number of people who actually vote, many citizens have already decided to limit their participation in government to turning off the television when a political broadcast comes on.



STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

Trophy

It was customary for victorious Greek armies to erect a victory monument at the site of a battle. The monument or memorial was erected at or near the place on the battlefield where the enemy was turned back or routed.

If a tree was nearby, the captured arms were hung from its limbs and some of the other spoils of battle were heaped at its base. If there was no tree close by, a post was erected to serve the purpose.

Since the memorial designated the spot where the enemy was turned back, the Greeks called it a "trophaion" -- turning point.

"Trophaion" entered Latin as "torphaeum," passed into French as "trophée" and emerged in English as "trophy" -- a memento signifying victory or accomplishment.

Puppy Creek Philosopher



Dear editor:

Now that the elections are over and with a few exceptions everything is about like it was before they started, I laid my newspaper aside last night and began puzzling over a statement I heard a television commentator make the night after the votes were counted.

He said that despite the millions and millions of dollars spent on television commercials in the last three months the elections would have turned out about the same if the candidates hadn't spent a dime for television time.

You'd think a man connected with television would understand the system better. Whatever gave him the idea that television commercials generally sell anything the people don't already want?

I thought they were put on

to entertain people. You mean to say when two women are yaking across the back fence about how much whiter one wash is than the other, it's selling one brand of soap over another? Come on, even the housewives know it's just a couple of people hired to put on a skit, and when they go to buy laundry soap they'll look up the price in the grocery ads in the paper and see which has the best deal that week.

You suppose the television people think that when the telephone company sponsors a symphony orchestra, it's selling telephones? If he can afford it, the only person in this country without a telephone is somebody already hollering for the company to install one. He's already convinced it works. And it does, except in big cities where people talk too much anyway.

A lot of politicians

apparently think if they can round up enough money to hire a smart enough public relations outfit and pay for the television time, they can win. It happens only sometimes.

Most of the time selling a candidate on T.V. is about like coaching college football. It's not the coach who knows the most about football who consistently wins, it's the coach who knows the most about recruiting. Give a college coach or a public relations expert the right horses and he'll generally win. If a candidate wants to spend his money on a million-dollar television campaign, I guess it's all right, especially when most of the time it's not his money anyway. There are some candidates who, the more they get on television, the more votes they lose.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Something you didn't know: the 15 counties of North Carolina's coastal region south of the Neuse River at one time produced one-third of the world's turpentine.

The long-leaf pine, tall and slender, even-grained and strong, was the mainstay of coastal industry up until the 80's. It was considered superior to white pine and exceptionally free from knots.

Ever wonder where the name "Sally Lunn" bread came from? A friend asked us about the origin of this word recently after he had returned from Williamsburg. We looked it up in the Big Dictionary and this is what we found:

"Sally Lunn (from a woman, Sally Lunn, said to have first made the cakes and sold them on the streets of Bath, England.) A teacake slightly sweetened, and raised with yeast, baked as biscuits or in a thin loaf, and eaten hot with butter."

One of our readers wrote in a week or so ago and wanted to know if we could tell her where the first postoffice in North Carolina was established.

We took it up with the Postoffice Department in Washington and received the following information:

"The earliest available postal record in the department at this time is a diary kept by Hugh Finley, Surveyor of the Post Roads on the Continent of North America ... begun the 13th Sept. 1773 and ended 26th June 1774. In this diary mention is made of postoffices located in the following towns: Brunswick, Wilmington, New

Bern, Bath and Edenton. No dates are shown which might be considered as establishment dates of the offices.

"The earliest subsequent record is the journal kept by Benjamin Franklin while Postmaster General under the Continental Congress. The Journal lists accounts with postoffices at the following North Carolina towns: Brunswick, Wilmington, New Bern, Bath Town and Edenton.

"The records show that at the time of the adoption of the Constitution in 1789 there were four regularly operated postoffices in North Carolina, as follows: Edenton, New Bern, Washington and Wilmington."

They all end in - gram. See how many of them you can guess correctly:

1. A writing in cipher or interwoven or combined.
2. Two or more letters interwoven or combined.
3. A unit of weight.
4. A chart of drawing made to explain something.
5. To change one word into another by the transposition of letters.
6. A bright or witty thought, tersely expressed.

Ivey Watson of Enfield writes in to give us this interesting piece of information:

"I have been told by the bookkeeper of the late Mr. P.S. Bellamy, who was in business here for a number of years, that his real name was Isaac Samuel Davis Phesington Suggs Pettway Bellamy, but he signed his name 'P.S. Bellamy.'"

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues

ELECTIONS ... Elections can produce some unexplainable results.

Take New York State for instance. New York has been electing liberals to the United States Senate and to the governor's chair for years. Last week the New Yorkers had a choice for governor between two ultra-liberals-Governor Nelson Rockefeller and Arthur Goldberg -- and they chose Rockefeller again in the United States Senate race the New Yorkers chose a conservative -- James L. Buckley over ultra-liberal Sen. Charles Goodell.

Out in California conservative Governor Ronald Reagan won reelection in a big way but then liberal Rep. John V. Tunney was elected to the U.S. Senate over conservative Senator Murphy.

Scan the election returns around the nation and you will come to the conclusion that more and more the people are voting less for party labels and more for the man or woman on the ticket.

NORTH CAROLINA Here in North Carolina incumbents fared well both in congressional and state races.

The Republicans had hoped to make substantial gains in the General Assembly -- mainly on the tax issue, but instead more Republicans than Democrats running for reelection were defeated.

Looks like every time the Republicans begin to see hope of gaining a strong foothold in the General Assembly that at the next election after the votes are counted that they fall back.

With President Nixon, Vice President Agnew and other top GOP leaders coming to the State the GOP felt that they were on the threshold of more house and senate seats but the ballots proved other wise.

MEL BROUGHTON With Nick Galifianakis' reelection and his defeat of Hawke in the fourth district, people are wondering if Mel Broughton will take the final step into the GOP or will be abide in the party of his father. Mel endorsed Republican candidate Hawke for Congress in the closing days of the campaign and had Hawke won it was expected that Mel would move on into the Republican camp with an eye on the GOP nomination for governor in 1970. Now, with Hawke's defeat he may ponder before taking the big step. Mel is a conservative while his dad who served as both governor and United States Senator was

regarded as more to the liberal side. But liberals in the senior Broughton's days would be classified as conservatives today.

RALPH SCOTT ... State Senator Ralph Scott, uncle of Governor Scott, squeaked through with a 14 - vote margin in the November 3 election. "Uncle Ralph" has had some close calls before but the threat of opposition or defeat does not deter the Alamance Senator from voting his convictions. In Tar Heel politics Ralph Scott is considered a strong wheel in the Terry Sanford - Rich Preyer wing of the party.

GOVERNATORIAL With the smoke of the 1968 elections now clearing away talk will soon turn to the 1970 gubernatorial sweepstakes. Most likely candidates at this stage of the game may well be State Senator Hargrove Bowles, Attorney General Robert Morgan and Lt. Governor Pat Taylor, to name them alphabetically. Several others may come to the surface during the coming months including C&D Director Roy Sowers.

BOLIVAR ... We have always kept this column out of our personal involvement in politics, but as some of you may have heard, the writer was a participant in a race for Congress this year.

As we visited over the district people told us that the outlook was good, that we were making progress and getting good support. From county to county we received this report, but when the ballots were cast and the votes added up we found the outcome different from the reports, which reminds us of a story we once heard.

A man, small in stature, had entered his horse in a race. Being small of stature, he was unable to see the horses as they raced around the track. His horse's name was "Bolivar" and he kept asking the people, "How is Bolivar doing?" Without concerning the mules too much they would always reply: "Bolivar is doing fine."

As the horses entered the last lap of the race, the little man called out again: "How is Bolivar doing?" One man answered like he was saying, "Bolivar is doing fine. He is driving them all in!"

Well, it looks as if my race was somewhat kindred to Bolivar's. We were driving them all in!