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The Roots Of Security

Two assassination attempts on a President notable for restoring goodwill to American Government. Whatever their murky motivations, they should jolt Americans into fresh scrutiny of the practical means to protect their leaders - and of the strain of sickness and disorder in their society that encourages violent acts.

The motive for this process should not be fear, as Mr. Ford admirably recognizes in refusing to let aberrant deeds cut him off from the American people. Indeed, fear would be incompatible with the truly practical bases for solving both the daily problem of the health of the society. These truly practical bases are simply - and profoundly - wisdom, truth, and love.

When a national and world leader can come so close to being shot by known suspicious characters, it is plainly wise to reduce the circumstances for such potential tragedy. Mr. Ford can still give his speeches and shake plenty of hands under conditions of effective crowd control. And television makes possible the sharing of this visibility with the whole country.

But there is no necessity for him to expose himself to open and close - quarter situations where nearby milling spectators invite and facilitate the presence of would - be attackers. Technical measures, such as the use of bullet - proof shielding and clothing, should be expanded where feasible. People can be met without advance announcement, too, thus reducing the likelihood of planned attack.

But no matter how wise the precautions, they must be accompanied by the more fundamental process of recognizing and rooting out the sickness in society that would call for such efforts even if not so grimly dramatized by recent events. And here is where to wisdom must be added those qualities of truth and love.

The danger instead is that those grim events are being exploited by the media in such a way as to foster the sickness, to invite emulation, to treat actual crime with the callous sensationalism bestowed on fictional crime all over the TV spectrum. The combined onslaught raises the sad prospect of a society or at least a segment of it deadened to violence, conditioned to accepting it as the solution of all problems, and unalert to the contribution made by an individual's numbed state of mind to the shortcomings of the whole tone of America society.

This tone has been damaged by lack of truth and love at almost every level and in almost every sphere. Abuses of government and business jostle abuses of public employment to the point where those charged with fire safety, law enforcement, and instruction of the young exemplify defiance of the law in seeking ends which, however justified, demand means in keeping with public responsibilities.

Every individual's efforts will be required to restore a national atmosphere for self - discipline and nondisruptive democratic solutions of problems.

Yet it must also be recognized that the present negative impression of America, inflated by the media, represents only a minority of Americans. The majority remain principled in their own lives and heartily support the housecleaning of American institutions in recent years.

Thus President Ford was absolutely right when in Dallas - with all its overtones of tragedy - he said, "I've had it" with what he called the "self-fulfilling prophecy of doom for America." He challenged those who say "everything is falling apart, how the quality of life is sliding downhill. . . ."

Prophecies of doom do tend to be self - fulfilling. But America must not only refrain from prophesying. It must also take those steps of wisdom, truth, and love to prove any such prophecy wrong.
-Christian Science Monitor

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, September 28, 1950

112 persons accepted the invitation of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce to attend a meeting at the courthouse Tuesday night and those attending were brought up to date on all plans and possibilities for providing the 130 or more homes here that the Robbins Mills (N.C.) Inc., say they will need very shortly.

Mrs. J.M. Baker, clerk of Hoke county selective service board number 48, said this week that the board had received its second call for now to report for pre - induction examination.

Directors of the N.C. Cotton Growers Association were told Tuesday that cotton prices may climb to the highest levels since the Civil War, possibly to 50 cents, before the 1951 crop is made.

From Poole's Medley:
I was at Bethesda Homecoming in

1943, and again last Sunday, and I thought often of friends who are no longer on this earth. The first time I was at Bethesda, in 1872, Rev. John M. Rose preached his "trial" sermon at 11 o'clock.

15 years ago

Thursday, September 29, 1960

Extensive damage was done to the freezer locker and its contents at the Priebe Poultry company plant on Sunday night when a fire caught in the cardboard crates holding the poultry at about 7:00 o'clock.

Sam J. Ervin, Jr., United States Senator from North Carolina, will speak in Raeford on Monday night, October 17, County Democratic Party Chairman Sam C. Morris announced yesterday.

Each month until further notice members of the Raeford Woman's Club will visit new families who have moved into the area and distribute a brochure from the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce containing gift certificates from member stores.

...in God's hands...



by Marty Vega

Tasty Recipes Here

Every day of the year a new cookbook is published, including Sundays, Victoria and Albert Day, and the Fourth of July.

It is a fact that your average person, who, statistically, is a 24 year - old hermaphrodite living on the outskirts of Omaha, doesn't know too much about food. Your average person doesn't know too much about anything at all, but it's food that is the subject this week.

To begin with, your average person has no money. Since he's had nothing but Big Macs and Dr. Peppers from childhood on, he doesn't need any money.

At the other end of the calorie counter we have the real, honest - to - vitamins crowd who stuff

themselves with pure grain products and ferns. These are the Granola - heads who truly believe that a plant knows the difference between nitrogen out of a bag and nitrogen out of the ground. While most of us are munching our way through mercury, lead, and sodium nitrates, this crowd is wolfing down feasts of beet tops.

So what the world needs is a definitive cook and wine book for the rest of us. Here are some suggestions.

Parmigian Stew

First you have to catch your parmigian. Cut away the parts that look lousy and reserve the oil. Safflower is the best oil.

Cut up an onion in eighth of an inch cubes. The reason for this is no matter what you are making, the books say cut up an onion. Another reason is when you put it in the pan, all your neighbors know you're home.

Cut up some celery. Celery is nice, and after the roast or stew or whatever you're making is done, you can never taste the celery.

Now for the wine. Highly recommended is Clos Villepot Cruise Pinehot, which you should serve more or less at room temperature. Some people seem to prefer beer. All right, give them beer. You don't have to be a creep about it, give them beer.

Roast Haddock

First you cut up an onion into one sixteenth of an inch cubes, or if you're having company, triangles. If you have the time, you can cut them into little circles. If you have more time, you can leave out the onion and use shallots. Shallots can be braided.

Haddock tends to get pretty dry when you roast it, so it's best to do come basting. Use safflower oil. There's a way to make an entire meal out of safflower oil, but it may make you throw up.

When you buy the haddock, ask the man to throw in some bait. Bait is usually free and it tends to give a more meaty flavor than the plain fish. (Later on there's a recipe for bait, if you wait.)

Parsley is always welcome. Most people don't eat the parsley, so at the end of the meal you just rinse it off and put it back in the fridge. One small bunch of parsley, taken good care of, should last you three to four months. You just prune it from time to time.

Tar Heel Spotlight

The King's Mountain Battle

A civil war - brother fighting against brother - was in progress in America in the fall of 1780. At the important Revolutionary Battle of King's Mountain on Oct. 7, 1780, all the contenders on both sides except one were Americans - the only foreign-born on the field was the Tory Commander, Col. Patrick Ferguson.

During the summer and fall of 1780, the war had been going badly and patriots were dejected. A battle at King's Mountain, which is near the North Carolina - South Carolina boundary, turned the tide toward the patriots, and became, in less than an hour, one of the most decisive contests of the Revolution.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



GERALD FORD - We are glad to note that President Ford plans to ease up in his public hand - shaking until this "assassination" craze subsides. When shooting at the Presidents starts, with all the publicity which it attracts, it puts thoughts in other warped minds that should not be overlooked.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt was president there were "Roosevelt haters," and when Richard Nixon was president there were "Nixon haters," but generally speaking we suspect there are as few genuine "Ford haters," as there has been on a percentage to population basis towards any president in a hundred years.

Drugs, low morals and forgetting the Bible and its teachings must be major factors that breed crime and warped minds.

WOMEN - Well, it looks as if some of our women are coming to the front - but not in the manner that God - fearing men and women would like to see them take the lead. Headlining our crime stories during the past several days have been three women - Patty Hearst, "Squeaky" Fromme, and Sara Jane Moore. We have also heard it said that six out of ten of our run - away youth are girls!

We are not criticizing the women but when they take the road of crime and disobedience it stands out more than when the menfolk take the low road - because we have long kept them on a pedestal above that of man.

We hate to see any human taking the "low road" but it is more heart - rending when that person is a woman. And speaking of the three women mentioned above, it would be difficult to name three more tragic figures in recent history, regardless of the eventual outcome of their particular dilemmas.

NEW NCSU CHANCELLOR - The UNC Board of Governors have elected a new Chancellor - Dr. Joab L. Thomas of the University of Alabama, for North Carolina State University. We note from an



Associated Press report that Dr. Thomas, age 42, has a great capacity to drink beer. To quote Biology Professor Joseph O'Kelly of the University of Alabama: "Joab's capacity to drink beer faster than anyone else used to amaze us. He could open his throat and then pour down a beer without pausing. I've seen him challenge students to contests and they couldn't believe how fast he could do it."

We suspect NCSU students will learn soon that the beer chugging champ from Alabama will have many other talents that will distinguish him from Tar Heel beer guzzlers.

DR. JENKINS - A recent poll taken by a Tar Heel polling firm in which Dr. Leo Jenkins of East Carolina University showed considerable strength could be one of the factors causing the ECU chancellor to be giving renewed interest in running for governor in 1976.

GRANTS, GRANTS, GRANTS! - With all the grants now available and making their way into the legion of communities throughout the state and nation, some group should be thinking about down the road what the cost will be to keep the projects live and serving in the tomorrows when federal grants will no longer be forth-coming!

Right now, October, 1975 is probably as good a time to start balancing the federal budget as the present generation will have within our lifetime. If Congress was composed of fiscal responsible statesmen, our fiscal situation could still be stabilized, rather than a continued drift to the New York City style!

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES - It seems that most of the presidential candidates are pretty good at outlining the problems that face the country but when it comes to hard-boiled solutions, too often it seems there is more talk than meat in what they have to say. In the proposed solutions none of the rhetoric seems to have caught the imagination of the people.

Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

This past week I received a letter from a well known North Carolina resident who sees the Free Enterprise System threatened, not only from too much government regulation, as we have discussed before, but by actions of business itself.

Is the Free Enterprise System in danger?

Since this country was founded on the principle that a man could go as far as his energy and talent could take him, this is certainly a question that concerns every one of us.

It is particularly true in the case of energy, especially oil, that Free Enterprise isn't working. The price of oil is being set by a cartel of oil exporting countries, who can, by agreeing among themselves to raise their prices, cause everybody in the world to pay more for plastics, for transportation and almost everything else we use.

It certainly is true that the Free Enterprise System isn't working very well in agriculture, where the farmer was once the system's symbol, earning from the soil a profit proportionate to the hard work and sweat he was willing to expend.

Thousands of families have been driven off their farms because they simply couldn't make a living there anymore. Now giant corporations which are called "agri-business" have taken over the farm land and are, in many cases, raising large crops from huge acreages to furnish raw materials for their factories and canning plants.

The letter writer points out that

91 percent of the breakfast cereals on grocery shelves are produced by four large corporations, and that there is no competition in price or quality. The only competition, he says, is in merchandising, which in the case of cereals means animated TV commercials, radio jingles and promotional gimmicks.

Is this the Free Enterprise System at work?

In domestic energy resources, control largely rests in the big oil companies who seem to understand each other, rather than engage in competition. Remember when gasoline went up on all major brands by three cents a gallon just before this past Fourth of July holiday?

And why should the price of coal double just because the foreign exporters raise the price of crude oil? This nation's coal deposits, incidentally, are largely owned by the big oil companies. And when oil and coal went up, utility rates skyrocketed which hurt everybody.

Are the oil companies helping Free Enterprise?

Of course we have anti-trust laws in this country, but they have been little used to stop the trend that the North Carolina letter writer is concerned about. But what many people do not know is that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act which was passed in the last century, was really written to protect the Free Enterprise System.

My friend who wrote me the letter is troubled by what he sees.

I believe he has cause.

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