

# TODAY and TOMORROW

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REVOLUTION . . . human rights

I have not been able to scare myself, as so many of my friends do, with the fear that the United States of America is heading for a revolution. We are not going to have another Revolution in America unless and until some man or group with power to enforce their will upon the rest of us undertakes to deprive us of our liberties as human beings and free citizens. If that ever happens, then there will be a revolution. So far, I have been unable to see any signs of anything seriously pointing in that direction. There have been utterances and gestures, some of them from high places, which indicate annoyance because we still, as a people, refuse to take orders to do things about which we have not been consulted, but nothing which I can take seriously as a threat to our fundamental liberties.

Let those be actually menaced, and we will see a revolution—at least a revolt against whoever tries it—and it will be short, sharp and decisive, with the people of the United States reasserting their rights.

## LIBERTIES . . . protection

What are the rights which so many fear are in danger? They are set down in the first ten amendments to the Constitution. That "Bill of Rights" is worth reading. If I were a schoolmaster I would have my pupils read it aloud every morning, so they would grow up knowing that they are free American citizens whom no authority, least of all one which they themselves or their forebears has created, can push around with impunity.

Read it. Read that no one has power to interfere with the churches or the practice by everyone of the religion which pleases him. No power can forbid you to speak your mind on any subject, by voice or in print. Our rights are secure to assemble peacefully, to petition the government for redress of grievances, to bear arms, to be secure against search and seizure of our persons or property without due warrant—read the whole list. That is only part of it.

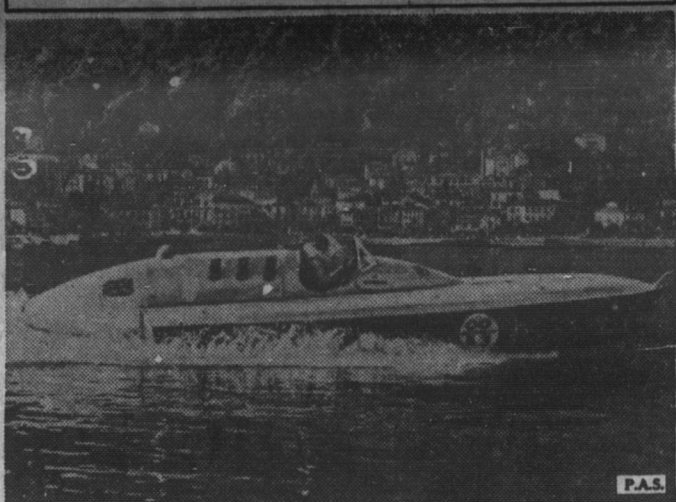
I think that whenever any authority tries to deprive us of those liberties there will be a revolution in America, but not till then.

## DICTATORS . . . Washington

Many of my timorous friends who do not fear a popular uprising—a revolution—have a bad case of the jitters over their conviction that the nation is heading for a dictatorship, in the European fashion. I do not share that fear, either.

We had a dictator once. His name was George Washington. In 1777, when the American Revolution against King George III was going badly, the Continental Congress voted to give the Command-

## Sir Malcolm Campbell Sets Record



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er of the army complete control of the whole country, to conscript citizens for soldiers, to commandeer food and supplies, to confiscate property and to give orders which had the force of law, and use any means he desired to carry them out.

Washington, armed with those powers, such as no other American ever had, before or since, won for the people the liberties which the British King had denied them. He could have kept those powers and made himself an absolute ruler. Instead, he presided over the convention of 1787 which framed the Constitution, carefully planned to prevent the concentration of power in any one man or in the Federal government, but making the people as a whole the supreme authority.

## GOVERNMENT . . . balanced

The system of government set up under the American Constitution has outlasted any other system which was in existence in the world in 1787. It was the first government ever set up in which the people as a whole held all the power. Under the Constitution a few strictly limited powers are delegated to the Legislative, Executive and Judiciary branches of the Federal Government, and all other powers are reserved explicitly to the states or to the people.

Our system works because of the checks and balances provided by the division of powers. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. All laws passed by Congress must conform to its restrictions. The Supreme Court has sole power to measure laws by the Constitutional yardstick and decide whether Congress has exceeded its powers. And the sole duty of the Executive is to see that the Constitutional laws of Congress are enforced. None of the three branches may delegate its powers or infringe on the powers of either of the others.

## ALLEGIANCE . . . Constitution

Every public official, civil or military, in the United States, has to declare his loyalty to our institutions, usually under oath. So do the officials and soldiers of every

other nation, have to swear fealty to their respective rulers.

In the British Empire they must pledge themselves to be loyal to King George. The Japanese swear to be faithful subjects of the Son of Heaven, the Mikado. In Germany loyalty is pledged to the Third Reich, which is the National Socialist Party, the present government. Italian officers give their oaths to the King, who has delegated most of his authority to Premier Mussolini, whose word is the King's law.

In America we do not swear loyalty to any man, any party or any government. No man is required to take an oath that he will obey the President, support whatever government happens to be in power, or be faithful to any particular political party. Instead, every person in office, every legislator, every judge, every executive, every officer of the Army or Navy, takes the same oath of fealty that the President himself takes, pledging loyalty to the Constitution and to the nation of which it is the supreme law.

## BETHEL

Ronda, Route 2, Sept. 13. — Rev. R. J. Pardue filled his regular appointment at Bethel church here Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Pardue was reelected pastor to serve the ensuing year, also the clerk and treasurer, D. J. Melton and Sunday school superintendent, W. H. Jones, were unanimously chosen for the coming year. This church has prospered and has been seen to grow in membership, both church and Sunday school. It is the desire of these officers that they may have the cooperation of the church and that we all may be able to do more in the service of the Lord.

Delegates were elected to the Bules Creek association, which will be held with Oak Forest church at Dellaplains, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in October. The ones named to represent this church were: W. H. Jones, D. J. Melton, Millard Pardue and J. F. Mathis; the alternates being Mesdames W. H. Jones, Wm. T. Morrison, D. S. Gilliam and Seaman Dobbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Vanhoy and sons of near Elkin, visited Mrs. Vanhoy's mother and family here last Sunday, Mrs. W. A. Pardue. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker of Arlington, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edison and little son, Fred Green, of Elkin, visited Mesdames Walker and Edison's parents here last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Green, Mrs. C. L. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Harris and children of Jonesville, were also guests in this home for dinner.

Mrs. J. F. Mathis and daughter, Mary, and Charles T. Jones, spent last Sunday in Statesville with Mrs. Jones, who is a patient at the Davis hospital. The former is the mother of Mrs. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Armstrong and Miss Edith Loop of Winston Salem were the guests of Mrs. Mrs. D. J. Melton visited relatives in Mt. Airy the past Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Louise Morrison had as her guest at her here last weekend, Miss Louise Byrd of West of Elkin.

Eugene Jones has been confined to his home for a few days recuperating from a tonsillitis operation he underwent at Davis hospital in Statesville last Monday.

Rev. Mr. Gilley attended the church he is serving as pastor last Saturday and Sunday near Mt. Airy.

Those going from here to attend the state-wide singing convention which was held at Greensboro last Sunday were: Mr. D. S. Gilliam and daughters, Misses Norma and Kathleen, W. H. Jones and Wayne Stroud.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stroud had as their guests last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Dollie Stroud and family of Harmony, Mrs. P. J. Roberts

of Statesville, Miss Eunice Stroud of Goseville, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Dobbins of Elkin.

Mrs. C. W. Gilliam Sr., is visiting her son and family, C. W. Gilliam, Jr., of Jonesville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ferlazzo and little son, Eddie, of Winston-Salem, visited the latter's sister and family here last Sunday, Mrs. W. E. Jones.

Mrs. Guy Stinson of Elkin spent a while here with her parents last Monday, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Osborn.

Miss Esther Pinnix of Winston-Salem, was the week-end guest of her parents here last week.

The school children from here had an opportunity to attend the big fair at Wilkesboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. T. Jones who submitted to an appendicitis operation two weeks ago at Davis hospital in Statesville, does not improve so rapidly, we are sorry to note.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Triplett had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Triplett of Jonesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gilliam, his mother, Mrs. W. C. Gilliam and sister, Mrs. Ray of Pleasant Hill, all visited a while at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilliam last Sunday.

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