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The Winners Pay

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer recently told the House of Commons that Great Britain is being forced to pay \$320,000,000 annually as "reparations to Germany" in the form of keeping up the British zone.

The United States is being forced to pay a similar amount in connection with its occupation zone. The victorious Anglo-Saxon powers are not taking essential goods from their zones of occupation. Instead, they contribute millions of dollars to create better conditions in their areas.

To Stir Racial Antagonism

Herbert Lehman, former governor of New York, expresses the conviction that race antagonisms are increasing in the nation.

Mr. Lehman is too smart a man not to know that there are two ways in which racial antagonisms are increased. The first includes the prejudice that influences some people. This factor is steadily reduced by education, by religious examples and by acquaintanceship between the races.

There is another factor which enters into the development of racial antagonisms, which Mr. Lehman and other politicians conveniently ignore. It arises from the aggressiveness of a minority, seeking to secure undue and disproportionate advantages. The effort of various minorities in the United States to attain for themselves selfish advantages is responsible, in large part, for much of the race antagonisms that exist today.

An example comes from Mr. Lehman himself, who, in a political race, makes the immediate entry of 100,000 European Jews into Palestine an issue in the campaign. Obviously, he seeks to attract unto himself the votes of the Jewish population of New York State, but, at the same time, he emphasizes to the people of the nation, or at least to those who know what he says, that the foreign policy of the United States is being shaped, insofar as Palestine is concerned, by a well-organized minority, possessing and using a political balance of power for its purposes.

The men who seek to stir up prejudice among the citizens of this country are guilty of a great sin against Democracy, but their guilt is no greater than that of those who seek to use minorities for selfish political ends. It is no more than that of the leaders of these minorities who disregard the general welfare in an effort to put forth their own objectives, regardless of what may be the prevailing sentiments of the great majority of the people of the country.

We agree with the former governor that "race-ism must be rooted out" of the United States, if by the phrase he means that the majority of Americans must protect the rights and safeguard the opportunities of minorities.

If you like cold weather, Fall is the most optimistic season. But if you dislike school, it's a mighty pessimistic season.

No Solace

The furor created by the suicide of Hermann Goering is something of a press and radio inspiration but there are, no doubt, some Germans who think that the former air marshal has scored against his enemies by cheating the gallows.

If there is any solace to remaining Nazis in the fact that their leaders preferred death by poison, they are entitled to it.

Longer Skirts

All limitations on women's clothing have been removed by the Civilian Production Administration and, for the first time since April 6, 1942, women can have longer skirts if the manufacturers make them and they prefer to buy them.

The CPA says that there should be no substantial change in Fall or Winter styles because the bulk of cutting garments for Fall and Winter is over. However, there is nothing to prevent a manufacturer from immediately producing new styles in the mode formerly prohibited.

Under the abandoned order, dresses were limited to a length of 42 to 47 inches, depending on size. Now, with a more abundant supply of woolsens, cottons and rayons, the length of skirts may gradually drop until they touch the floor level.

Majority Needs Defense Against Pressure Groups

The House Campaign Expenditures Committee is about to inquire into the activities of various organizations which are generally regarded as extremely active in an effort to influence voters in the approaching Congressional election.

The inquiry is entirely proper and there is no reason why it should not include any organization that dabbles into politics. About all the investigation can accomplish, however, is to prevent the organizations from violating the law. There is no way that we know of to keep organizations from exerting pressure upon candidates and officeholders.

The success experienced by various pressure groups in the United States in the recent past has demonstrated the futility of expecting unorganized citizens to have much influence upon governmental officials. Undoubtedly, the mass of the American people is not organized for political purposes because membership in a political party does not amount to more than belonging to the victim of mass political propaganda.

About the only defense left to the unorganized citizens of the nation is to form some pressure groups of their own. These will undoubtedly follow the pattern that has become familiar. They will be organized along racial, religious, sectional and economic lines. In time, perhaps, the nation may find itself controlled by a group of blocs, with political action depending upon a balance between them.

British Plan Monument To Honor Roosevelt

The British House of Commons has approved, by an overwhelming vote, the proposal to erect a fitting memorial to President Roosevelt in London and, while the Government is willing to meet the charges of erecting the monument, it approves the proposal to raise it by a great number of small subscriptions.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee took occasion to pay a tribute to the world leadership of the late American President and referred complimentarily to the friendship between the American President and his predecessor, Mr. Winston Churchill.

The war-time Prime Minister paid unusual tribute to Mr. Roosevelt, suggesting that he had gained pre-eminence "even over the illustrious figures we have mentioned," which included Washington and Lincoln. Mr. Churchill felt that the changes associated with Washington would probably have come to pass by the evolution of events and that slavery would have been abolished even apart from President Lincoln "in the vast spread of humanity in the Nineteenth Century."

Speaking of President Roosevelt, however, he said, "It may be said that had he not acted as he did when he did, had he not felt the generous surge of freedom in his heart, had he not resolved to give aid to Great Britain and Europe in the supreme crisis through which we have passed, then a hideous state might well have overwhelmed mankind and made its whole future sink for centuries into shame and ruin. It may well be that the man whom we honor today not only anticipated history, but also its course and altered it in a manner which has saved the freedom and earned the gratitude of the human race for generations to come."

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An old essayist tells of a man who went about digging up thistles in order, as he said, that the useful grass might find a place to grow in their stead. Do we not all need the lesson that is here taught? We cannot all be tillers of great fields, or architects of mighty structures, or doers of other mighty works. But none of us is so small but that he can be useful in helping to uproot the thistles that spring up in the community or in the paths of those about us. And the fewer thistles there are, the more room there is for the good and true and beautiful.

Weekly CHURCH COLUMN

Pastors are invited to take advantage of this column for sermons, church notices, etc. Mail sermons and contributions to Church Column Editor, care of this newspaper.

"The negro is not a problem to be solved, but a fellow American to be understood and appreciated . . . We have preached just about all the sermons we need on race relations; the time has come to put the plans of Christ into practice, and the place to begin is at the door of the church." So declares the Rev. Ritchie Low, rural Vermont pastor of the Congregational Christian Church. For three summers

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now, under the guidance of Mr. C. C. Low, staid Vermont farm families have been entertaining negro children, aged nine to twelve years, in their homes. The children are from the most congested areas of Harlem, New York City, but the Vermonters have found them "just human kids." Mr. Low has now started a "Brotherhood in Action" movement, and churches in New Hampshire, Illinois and Connecticut

buildings have been destroyed by the war, where many former

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On January 1, some 50,000 members and friends of the Young Women's Christian Association throughout the United States will begin a campaign to raise \$2,100,000 for the association's "Round-the-World Reconstruction Fund." The money will be expended mostly in Europe and in Asia where Y.W.C.A.

A MESSAGE OF INTEREST to all who await deliveries of new Chevrolets

We want you to know that everything possible is being done to speed deliveries to you; but production still lags far behind schedule—even though Chevrolet has built more cars and trucks than any other manufacturer from January through September 1946

WE REALIZE how eagerly you are awaiting delivery of the new Chevrolet you have ordered from us, and we want to pass on to you the latest information received from the Chevrolet Motor Division, even though that information isn't too encouraging at this time.

It is true that Chevrolet leads all other manufacturers in total production of passenger cars and trucks from January through September 1946, despite the fact that Chevrolet was out of production entirely during the first three months of this year. It is also true that Chevrolet has continued to maintain its lead in total production during the third quarter of 1946. And yet production is still running far below desired levels, with the result that Chevrolet's output of cars and trucks through September 1946 was only 38.7% of the number produced during the corresponding period of 1941.

This means it may take many months for the Chevrolet Motor Division to reach peak

production of new Chevrolets—even longer to fill the unprecedented demand for this product of BIG-CAR QUALITY AT LOWEST COST—and, for the present at least, "there just aren't enough Chevrolets to go around," much as we wish there were.

However, we want you to know that new Chevrolets are leaving the plants in the largest numbers possible today. The Chevrolet Motor Division tells us it is doing everything it can, in the face of continued suppliers' strikes, material shortages and manpower problems, to step up shipments to us and to all dealers, in accordance with a predetermined distribution plan assuring each dealer of his fair allotment, based on 1941 passenger car sales. And we, in turn, are doing our best to deliver new Chevrolets to our customers as rapidly as they are received and in the fairest possible way. We are too appreciative of your loyalty and goodwill—too grateful for your patience and understanding—to do anything less than continue to serve you to the very best of our ability.



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Meanwhile, the most important car of all to you is the car you are driving now. May we suggest that you keep it in top running condition until you secure delivery of your new Chevrolet, by bringing it to us for skilled service now and at regular intervals. Remember—cold weather is hardest on old cars. Please see us for a complete check-up today. . . . And, again, thank you!

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