

Christian Rural Overseas Program Of The N. C. Council of Churches

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The Christian Rural Overseas Program Of The North Carolina of Churches, recently received a report from National CROP Director, Albert Farmer, who had been at on world needs for food, held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Naples, Italy, June 20, 1956 "In Austria we saw a Vocational Training School in the refugee camp at Spittal, which is receiving excellent preparation for jobs in the United States or elsewhere. We saw a group of young Rumanian escapees in an old air-raid bunker in Salzburg, who are caring for themselves, including their sick and unemployables, even though the government does not recognize them and they seem to be stranded as stateless people in an eternal limbo. CROP food was on their shelves and in their Sunday dinner that was cooking when we visited. CROP food, including surplus, is providing part of the extra that families in two large camps near Salzburg need, since, while the government or USEP provides the camp, the people have to pay rent, by their food and clothes and pay for other necessities out of what they can earn or what they receive as relief if they are unable to work—and both earnings and relief payments are mighty small.

"It was told today that the first shipment of Church World Service surplus wheat is in the harbor here at Naples, I hope I can get to see

some of it, but it hasn't completed clearing yet, and until it does, I can't get near it, I'm told. BUT IT IS HERE! It will be made into flour and then distributed. The surplus cotton shipment has arrived and arrangements have been completed with a mill in Milano to it into cloth. All the Institutions have filled their requests; the bolt cloth will be sent to them and the women in the various places will make up the sheets and other articles from the cloth. Some of the cotton will be used to stuff mattresses and quilts.

"But more than what I've seen of commodities, I've seen people. It hasn't been the needy ones who have impressed me, although they are here. They are largely inarticulate, silent in their sorrow and passive in their hopelessness. The people who have impressed me are trying to help them. They are ministering in a way that is making other Italians say, in effect, "Behold how these Christians love everybody! So great is their courage and sacrifice that they would do it by themselves, if they had to. But our little aid - so small in comparison to their daring - is helping them to serve better and is holding up their hands, the blessing hands of Christ, himself. To be fellow-workers with them, not only here but in all these many lands, is a goal to be highly desired, an accomplishment that we cannot easily attain."

SCANNING THE NEWS

"CREEPING INFLATION" may be a major domestic issue before the summer is over along the political hustings. According to the records, despite the apparent increase in wages and income, the income just cannot keep up with the cost of living. And the spiral for higher wages starts.

And, according to the economists, there is a major and basic reason behind this continual inching up of the cost of everything the consumer buys, including services. And the answer adds up to the tremendous increase in business mergers, and the subsequent trend toward monopoly.

Here in the Washington climate, it is almost considered "un-American" to whisper a word against private enterprise. But private enterprise is one thing, and private competitive enterprise is something else. It is the lack of private competitive enterprise which is the basic cause of this creeping inflation which is stifling consumer purchasing power.

A large grocery chain, takes over a smaller grocery chain, and competition is lessened that much; and grocery prices inch up. The automobile business is a prime example of why automobiles cost so much today and why prices for next year's models will be higher. The prediction is that within a year there will be only General Motors, Ford and Chrysler left in the field.

The rate of mergers continues to grow, and the smaller competitive firms disappear from the business community, from banks to the corner groceries. Around the cities, branches of the huge

down-town firms are moving into the suburban areas, smothering out competition of the smaller firms. The trend for suburban living accounts for this new danger to competition. As a classic example this column has watched the growth of a huge suburban center near Washington in a area of new homes. The shopping center consisted of some 30 or more small business firms which readily filled the needs of the area. However a large downtown department store moved in, constructing a huge department store at a cost of about \$3,000,000. Within three months, 14 of the small business firms were out of business with that many store rooms vacant. Others are hanging on, may make it, may not; thus competition is stifled. More bankruptcies added to the growing list.

There is almost a frantic attempt in the congress to strengthen the laws governing monopoly and mergers without much success. The Department of Justice, charged with enforcement of anti-monopoly laws already on the statute books, together with the Federal Trade Commission, have adopted a policy of winking at violations by so-called "consent decrees", or such actions as "stipulation agreements" instead of outright prosecution.

One of the most flagrant examples of this fetish of worshipping at the altar of private enterprise is the fight made by private electric utilities against advocates of public power, or even the Rural Electric Cooperatives. The only thing private about an electric utility is that it is financed by private capital.

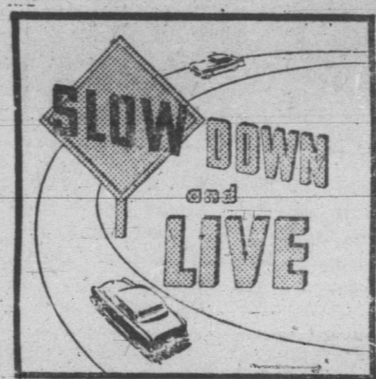
FFC. J. C. ROBINSON RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Fort Eustis, Va.—Army Pfc. J. C. Robinson, 21, whose wife, Anna, lives in Burnsville, N. C., recently returned to Fort Eustis, Va., from France, where he took part in Exercise NODEX (New Offshore Discharge Exercise).

The exercise, which began in May, tested a new aerial tramway and other offshore unloading equipment developed by the Transportation Corps.

Robinson is a cargo checker with the 117th Transportation Terminal Service Company. He entered the Army in December 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson, live in Green Mountain.



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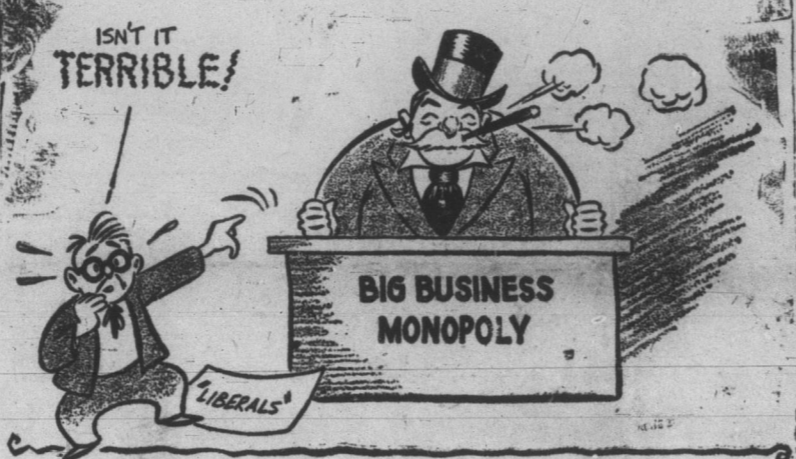
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vs. HORACE WILLIAM BATES, DEFENDANT

To: Horace William Bates: Take notice that the above entitled adoption proceeding has been filed in the Superior Court of Yancey County wherein the petitioner in said proceeding is seeking to adopt your child, Belinda Ann (Bates) Proffitt. In the petition in said proceeding is set forth that you have unlawfully and wilfully abandoned said child and the Court will be asked to find as a fact that you have unlawfully and wilfully abandoned said child.

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