

The Exodus of The Americans

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One of the most thoroughly-glossed-over stories of our day is breaking into the open. I refer to the exodus of American citizens — fed-up people who are moving elsewhere.

The first I saw of it in print came some weeks ago in a story by the columnist, Anthony Lejeune, who writes from London. As I recall, Lejeune said there are, today, six times as many Yanks coming to live in England as there were a few years ago. And there may well be: The AP says the American Embassy in London each month mails 7,000 social-security checks to Americans in Britain. In total it says, 30,000 Americans are in permanent residence there though others estimate the number even higher.

A week or so ago the news weekly, Time, came out with a comprehensive article on the subject.

Of course, Time, Time-like, gave but one side of it; why the Lefties are moving out. It said the out-going Liberals have grown afraid of themselves. The flexed biceps of The Weathermen and The Black Panthers, it seems frighten them; violence not being their "life style." And as religiously those quoted threw in a corollary fear; fear of the "far right."

Time had one fellow saying he left because in America, today, there are people "who used to be reasonable liberals (but) have been pushed far out to right or to the left, so you now have one group that wants to overthrow the system and another that is sickeningly reactionary. "People," he added, "are going berserk."

He said that is why he and his brood offed to Canada, because the Far Left wants to "overthrow the system" and the Far Right — well, since there aren't any Far Right

"over-throwers" he mouths the hog slop he presumably used in his activist days. He speaks of the Right as "sickeningly reactionary" much as he might describe a ghost or a hobgoblin.

In short to hear Time tell it, only good-guy Liberals are packing it in.

Well, sir, I can tell that canted publication it ain't only the Liberals. Far outnumbering the Liberals in making a move are plain-along American Conservatives.

The AP reports their reason for going — besides resentment of high taxes—as being "federal interference and the blacks."

Even so the best single word to describe the Conservative exodus is, disillusionment. And they leave in sorrow, not fear. They leave because they believe there is no hope of disinterring their country; they believe Dick Nixon, as Lyndon Johnson before him, as John F. Kennedy before him, as Ike Eisenhower before him, lacks the guts to force the Left-Right issue. And they feel uncomfortable at wakes.

Hopeless, then, and dispirited, they fold their individual tents and quietly steal away to England to Ireland, to Greece, to Portugal, and some to Spain's Costa Brava.

Moreover, such as these are made welcome and comfortable for these are not cartoon Americans; there is nothing gothic or gauche about them. Rather, they are the middling-well-to-do, the cultured, quiet type, the law-abiding, nominally-patriotic producers of yesterday who prefer a place of peace where they can pay their taxes, talk gently to their neighbors and walk a lane without the fear of a mugger. None that I ever sat with chewed gum. And none I ever saw

had a glint in his eye. There is a great sadness here — don't you think? — in that an element of our best is pulling away. I refer to Conservative expatriates, period. "It is true," one told me, "the Irish press eternally castigates the United States for what it calls an imperialistic war and for our racial bigotry, quote, unquote.

"All the while the Irish have their own war going — if you can call it that — and you will find no Negroes here in Dublin, or very, very few.

"At first, I rather regretted leaving home. But no longer. I'm happier."

And America, it seems to me, is the poorer.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

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Q: Dr. Garrett, I recall, years ago, President Eisenhower spoke of making the Washington public Schools "models" of desegregation. Something went wrong, wouldn't you say?

A: I would. Massive desegregation has turned District schools into custodial institutions. All admit they are in a deplorable condition. But it is not fair to single these schools out except to say they have in fact become the "model" promised us. Wherever such massive integration has taken place, the same situation applies. New York schools, for instance, are on the verge of collapse; children graduate from high schools there who still can not read. Berkeley, California, schools have been wrecked by an ultra-liberal education who moved on to another job, once his Berkeley work was done. Fights, cuttings, assaults on teachers, vandalism, all are now the order of the day — wherever massive integration is in effect. And yet, not one of the perpetrators of this heinous crime has the manhood — none that I ever heard of — to stand and say he was wrong in his advocacy. It is the greatest tragedy in American history.

Other Editors Say —

CHATTANOOGA TIMES

A NEW STYLE

"The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog's back."

It isn't a very profound statement, but it has its uses. Within a single sentence of no great length, it contains every letter of the alphabet. To spell it out on the typewriter or teleprinter permits a fast check on the condition of all the characters.

But there's a new one making the rounds: "A quick movement of the enemy would jeopardize six gunboats."

Ah, how times change! One must put aside simple pastoral things and become martial, even in testing a machine.

Mitchell Smith Gets Army Medal

Sergeant Mitchell W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Smith, Route 1, Pink Hill, recently received his second award of the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the 4th Infantry Division near An Khe, Vietnam.

Sgt. Smith earned the award for meritorious service as circuit control team chief with Company B of the Division's 124th Signal Battalion.

He entered the Army in July 1968 and completed basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

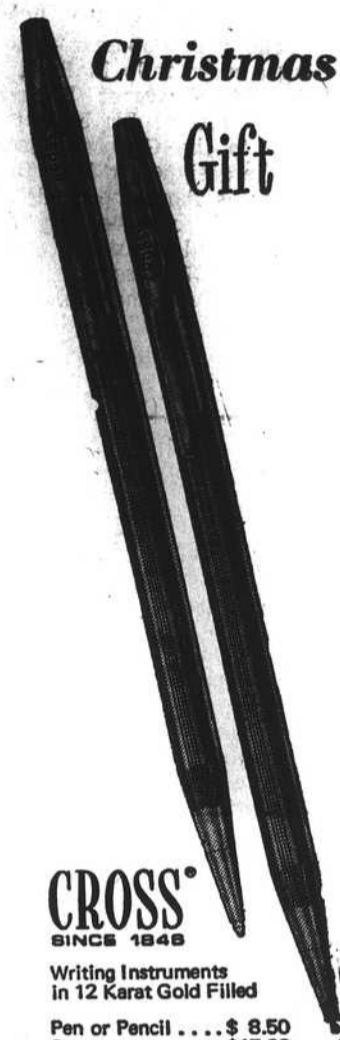
The 20-year-old soldier is a 1968 graduate of South Lenoir High School.

His wife, Cathy, lives on route 1, Seven Springs.

LEE ENDS BOOT TRAINING

Seaman Apprentice David A. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Stroud Lee of Route 4, Kinston, graduated recently from basic training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

The number of veterans taking police, fireman and other "protective service" training under the GI Bill increased by 90 percent during FY 70. Police and fire departments interested in setting up a program should contact their nearest VA office; interested veterans should apply at local police and fire departments.



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