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Meany Warns Americans In Labor Day Message

American Society Must Take On "New Look" Or Face Consequences

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This Labor Day finds the American people at mid-point in a great period of national decision.

It is not the kind of decision that is immediately expressed at the polls, although a political choice will be the ultimate result.

Instead, it is a process of re-thinking—of taking a new look at American society as it is and as it ought to be, and a new look at the role of the United States in world affairs.

These are the two main channels in which decisions are being made, on a whole range of separate but related issues, in the minds and hearts of all Americans. These two rivers of thought will eventually converge, and will blend into the great decision that will determine the shape of American life for many years to come, and perhaps the future of the world as well.

Let us first consider them one by one.

Recent years have brought sweeping changes in American society, stemming from a rebirth of idealism and keyed to the vision of America that most Americans cherish.

Beginning in 1961, and continuing at an accelerating pace through 1966, the American people—through their elected representatives, supported by a national consensus—launched an unprecedented campaign to exterminate the remaining evils which blurred that vision.

This campaign drove into the darkest corners. It went under all the rugs where problems had been swept for generations. It dared to make a frontal attack on the "gentlemen's agreements" that had sustained racial discrimination for two centuries. It boldly struck and overthrew the fearsome barriers to greater educational opportunity. It proudly proclaimed that poverty was not a natural state for any free man, and declared a war to end it.

And this wasn't all. Ugliness in every form became an enemy—the pollution of rivers and of the air we breathe; profiteering on essential drugs and the callous promotion of dangerous ones; extortionate interest rates and consumer deception; despoiled forests and littered streets—these abuses and many more were suddenly matters of national concern.

Since the end of 1966 the campaign has slackened off. The elections that November involved no national issue and showed no consistent pattern,

but they were interpreted by many members of Congress as evidence that the voters wanted to pause a bit; not to stop the campaign, but to slow it down. We believe this interpretation was wrong. And by accepting it as a guide for action, or inaction—as we in the AFL-CIO repeatedly warned—Congress made a serious mistake.

It was a mistake because the campaign that began in 1961 was still only a beginning. It had identified the needs, and had started to meet them. But in so doing it opened the eyes and awakened the expectations of all Americans who suffered from the abuses at which it was aimed.

The result of the subsequent slowdown has been disillusionment among many and disorder by a few. The disorders, in turn—with calculated and cynical assistance from the enemies of progress—have led some Americans of good will to question the basic concepts of the campaign itself.

To put it bluntly, the conscience and idealism of the affluent majority is being tested in the crucible of reality. It is one thing to overflow with good will toward the disadvantaged who live a thousand miles away; it is quite another thing to recognize the comparable problems of those in the same city or the next block, especially if they are not asking favors but demanding rights.

It would be an unthinkable tragedy if conscience and idealism failed to meet this test. The mindless riots of this unhappy summer cannot be condoned. Arson, looting and murder have no relation to civil rights; they are criminal wrongs, and an affront to the very ideals which motivate the quest for a better society. But neither do the riots offer the slightest justification for calling a halt to programs that strike at the evils which breed riots.

Yet this is precisely what the reactionaries would do, and unfortunately there are troubled citizens, normally of good will, who are tempted to agree. They do not openly renounce their principles, but they are beset by doubts.

So they give no more than lip-service to the unfilled needs—not only to civil rights proposals as such, but to all the hopeful new programs to overcome poverty, ignorance and despair. There is a strong, cold undercurrent running against the idealism and the vision of recent years. Measures designed to help the poor are looked upon as measures to appease the rioters. This is a terrible untruth, but

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H. N. Strange Promoted By Humble Oil and Refining Company

New York — Humble Oil & Refining Company has promoted H. N. Strange, Jr., to its marketing staff for Esso oil heat and equipment in the company's New York City sales district.

Mr. Strange will handle sales of combustion equipment and home-heating fuel in a territory that includes Queens, largest of New York City's five boroughs, and some nearby areas in the Brooklyn borough and Nassau County, Long Island.

He and his father were SAAB automobile dealers in New York before he joined Humble Oil early this year. The son shifted from autos to the oil business

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NEW QUEEN NAMED

Miss Liza Morgan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan of 508 Haywood St., has been named Queen of New Zion Baptist Church. She is a member of the Sunday School Class and a member of the Junior Usher Board.

CIRCLE NO. 2 TO MEET

Circle Number Two of the United Institutional Baptist Church will meet on Sunday, Sept. 3 at 5:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lena Wilkins, 1804 Nelson Street.

Mrs. Hollis, reporter.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. Rosa Timmons, age 72, died at N. C. Cancer Institute, Lumberton, N. C. Tuesday, Au-



gust 22nd following several weeks illness. Funeral service was held Sunday, August 27th, 1:00 P. M., Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church. Rev. Cecil Bishop, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery. The body remained at Brown's Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Survivors include one niece, Mrs. Aleane Leak, Greensboro. BROWN'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. Wallace Crump

Mr. Wallace Crump, age 55 died Sunday, August 20th at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. He lived at Route 1, Box 201, McLeansville, North Carolina.

Funeral service was held Sunday, August 27th, 3:00 P. M. at Brown's Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Cecil Reid, pastor of True Holiness Church officiated. Burial followed in Piedmont Memorial Park. The body remained at Brown's Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pearl Crump; six daughters, Mrs. Virginia Plater, Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. Dorothy Livingston and Mrs. Geraldine Bullock, Greensboro, Misses Mattie, Vera and Shirley Crump, McLeansville, N. C.; five sons, Robert Crump, Greensboro, Curtis Crump, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Wallace, Jr., Bobby and David Crump, all of McLeansville, N. C.

BROWN'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. Jack Frazier

Mr. Jack Frazier, age 57, died August 21st following a brief illness. He lived at 711 Gibson Street.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, August 29th, 4:00 P.

M., Brown's Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Herbert Parks, Baptist Evangelist officiated. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery.

The body remained at the funeral home until the hour of service.

Survivors include one son, Jackie Frazier, Jersey City, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Steelton, Pa., and Mrs. Altonese Anderson, Greensboro, N. C.

BROWN'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mrs. Mackie Thomas

Mrs. Mackie Thomas, age 81, died at her home, 1845 Spencer Street Friday, August 25th following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service was held Monday, August 28th, 4:00 P.M., New Light Baptist Church. Rev. S. G. Griffies, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery. The body remained at Brown's Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Survivors include one brother, George Motley, Danville, Virginia.

BROWN'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. John W. Evans

Mr. John W. Evans, a former resident of Greensboro, died at N. C. Cancer Institute, Lumberton, North Carolina Wednesday, August 23rd following several months illness.

Funeral service was held Saturday, August 26th, 4:00 P. M., Brown's Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. T. D. Wooten, Baptist evangelist, officiated. Burial followed in Piedmont Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Evans; two children, Shirley and Jane Evans of the home; one brother, Rev. Joseph Evans, Greensboro; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Mae Brown, Toledo, Ohio.

BROWN'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mrs. Annie Law Foster

Mrs. Annie L. Foster of 1308 Sloan Street, daughter of the late Bertha and Watson Law, passed away at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital Sunday morning, August 27, at 63 years of age. She was a native of Greensboro and received her degree at Barber Scotia in Concord, N. C. She taught in the schools of Guilford County for several years before receiving her master's degree at A&T College. She had a total teaching experience of more than twenty years. She was a staff member of the Metropolitan Nursery

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