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"Let There Be Light"

A Thought For The Thoughtful

Be kind to all dumb animals. And give small birds a crumb; Be kind to human beings, too. They're sometimes pretty dumb. —Rebecca McCann.

Inflation To Socialism To Dictatorship

by George Peck

Today we have in this world a trio—Inflation to Socialism to Dictatorship—not a baseball trio, but an economic one, surer of the kill than the famous combination—Tinker to Evers to Chance, of the old Chicago Cubs. America is in the first throes of inflation. Practically every industrial strike so far this year has been settled by wage increases; raw material prices are rising; and ridiculously, corporations are being forced, even on defense orders, to pay time and half for more than forty hours work per week.

Conservative estimates indicate that our national debt will go over the one hundred billion dollar mark before its upward surge is halted. Where is the government going to find the money to pay the interest on this huge debt, to say nothing of paying it off? We face the possibility of either outright repudiation or drastic devaluation of the dollar.

In either of these events, all savings and all equities will be wiped out completely or will be cut to only a fraction of their present value. That is exactly what happened in Germany, France, Italy and Russia. Following this we can expect a socialistic form of government. Private enterprise will be a thing of the past. Individual initiative, profit incentive and private ownership will be but cherished memories. This happened totally in Germany, Italy and Russia and partially in France. The inflation which led to socialism in those countries finally led to dictatorship. No one can deny that.

We Americans pride ourselves on being a smart nation. Are we going to continue to disregard these dangers that threaten us? If we are to avoid utter catastrophe, a different type of thought must be developed among our government officials. They must take as much interest in reducing government expenses and in pruning waste as they now take in making appropriations and in raising increased revenue.

Appropriations for defense are necessary but all non-essential governmental expenses must be eliminated.

Real Democracy

Big names in the draft have been relatively few, to date; John Martin, president of the New York Stock Exchange; Winthrop Rockefeller, son of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who volunteered before his number was drawn; Robert Grosjean, Belgian-born son-in-law of Joseph E. Davies; James Stewart, movie star; Hank Greenberg, famous baseball player; Reginald Grady, son of the former Assistant Secretary of State—and now Paul Mellon, multi-millionaire son and heir of the late Treasury Secretary and Ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. Mellon, graduate of Yale and Cambridge, 33-year-old husband and father, who has been living the life of a country gentleman on an estate near Middleburg, Va., volunteered and went off with Washington draftees to Richmond yesterday. In a "statement" released by his attorney, he said: "It is a privilege to be able to receive the military training which so many other young men in the country are undergoing."

As a rookie soldier Mellon probably will be worth less to

his country than draftees 10 years younger, since the Army has bluntly indicated that it wants them young. As a citizen of the United States, he has just as much obligation to serve his country under a universal draft act (and no more) than the most inconspicuous draftee of all. But by the mere fact of volunteering Mellon has served his country well. The citizen army of a democracy is a true citizen army if it includes sons of wealth as well as those of middle-class families and the poor, young men with big names as well as those who do the work of the world.—Washington (D. C.) Daily News.

Incompetence Of France

In his daily feature in the Winston-Salem Journal Upton G. Wilson gets off some sage philosophy at times. Last week his remarks on the action of France in yielding Indo-China to Japanese occupation were well worth repeating on any front page. Here is the tale as he tells it. "France has become a dependency of Japan. "To prevent Indo-China, France's rich Asiatic colony, from falling under British domination, senile sub-dictator Petain, with the approval of Weygand and Darlan, has handed it over in its entirety to Japan. "In short, a once proud white people have turned to members of the yellow race for protection against another division of the white race. This is more shocking than anything which has occurred in the last decade. "For there is more to it than appears on the surface. It is not only Britain that France has thrown over in favor of the Japanese, it is America as well. It is well known that America and Britain are working in close cooperation in the Pacific. "It is also well-known to France that Japan is no friend to America; so when General Petain insulted Britain he also insulted America. He prefers the friendship of Japan to the friendship of America. "This should be America's cue to act. "France, by her own admission, is not a solvent nation. She is powerless to defend her empire. She is like a parent unable to care for offspring and consequently parcels them out. "No valid reason exists why America should not take French West Indian possessions at once and hold them against all comers. These islands no longer belong to France. In legal phraseology, France is an incompetent. She has admitted her inability to hold property."

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau suggested that \$1,000,000,000 might be pared off the budget, but he did not say how. President Roosevelt spoke of economy in non-defense expenditures, but when asked what expenses he would reduce he passed the buck to Congress. Congress, without leadership, has actually increased the non-defense expenditures instead of decreasing them. The word economy this year is but a mocking lip-service. Executive and Legislature alike have evaded their clear responsibility. —Buffalo (N. Y.) News.

There were just forests and more forests. Few white people lived there, and those who did, lived together in a little settlement grouped around a fort. For the country was full of savage Indians in those days, and the white people built these forts for protection.

Colonel Zane was in command of Fort Henry, on the Ohio River, and it was here that Betty went to live. This fort was built on a little hill overlooking the river. Perhaps you would like to know something of how this fort was built. First, there was the big block house. It was built of heavy timbers, and had little portholes through which the men could shoot. Around this block-house, were several cabins, and around the whole thing was built a strong wall, twelve feet high, known as a stockade. At each corner of this wall was a tower, where, in time of danger, men could be stationed to defend the fort.

Just about a hundred yards from the fort was the cabin where Betty Zane and her brother lived. The cabin was not like her nice Philadelphia home. It was just a crude log cabin, and the chinks in between the logs were filled with mud and moss to keep out the cold winds. Downstairs, there were three rooms. First, there was the kitchen, with its shining copper dishes and kettles. Then, there was the living room with the big fireplace at one end. This room was filled with articles of Indian manufacture: arrows and bows, and wampum, and on the walls were hung brilliant Indian blankets. On the floor were thick rugs of bearskin. But the most important room was the magazine room, where were kept firearms, bullets, and stores of powder. This room was very carefully guarded.

In one corner of the living room stood Betty's spinning wheel. And every day Betty spent several hours working at it. For all their clothing had to be made from the thread and yarn that was spun on these spinning wheels, and Betty was a thrifty little maid. Then there was cooking to do, and sometimes there were candles to make, and soap to make, and always there were stockings to knit. At least there were enough things to keep Betty busy from morning 'til

night. One day a man came running like the wind into the little settlement. He came up to the door of Colonel Zane's cabin. He was tired and breathless, but as the men crowded round the door they heard him give his message to Colonel Zane. "The Indians are coming," he said, "several tribes have banded together. They are planning to capture the fort and massacre the settlers."

Then Colonel Zane quickly sent a fast runner to carry the news to the soldiers, that they might come and help them. All the people were told of the danger, and by noon every one was in the fort. That is, all except Colonel Zane and a few faithful men who had stayed behind to try to save the magazine room until the soldiers should come. (to be concluded next week)

Topia, Aug. 5.—Miss Sara Blevins, of Berwyn, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Blevins and baby, of Pennsylvania, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Belle Blevins.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Angel and daughter, Thelma, of Kannapolis, spent the week-end with W. R. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Weaver were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Moxley on Sunday.

Rufus Taylor, of Seottville, visited his aunt, on Monday, Mrs. J. A. Moxley, who is ill.

Miss Mary Fields from West Jefferson, spent the week-end at home.

H. C. Smith and son, Howard, of Piney Creek, visited friends here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blevins visited Mrs. Belle Blevins Friday evening.

Miss Lorena Moxley is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black, at Mt. Zion.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

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The Measure Of A Man

Not—"How did he die?" But—"How did he live?" Not—"What did he own?" But—"What did he give?"

These are the units to measure the worth Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not—"What was his station?" But—"Had he a heart?" And—"How did he play his God-given part?" Was he ever ready with a word of cheer, To bring back a smile or banish a tear?

Not—"What was his church?" Nor—"What was his creed?" But—"Had he befriended those really in need?"

Not—"What did the sketch in the newspaper say?" But—"How many were sorry when he passed away?"

Children's Corner

Brave Pioneer Girl

Over a hundred years ago there lived in West Virginia, a young girl whose name was Elizabeth Zane, or as she was more often called, Betty. The first years of Betty's life were spent in Philadelphia. There she went to school and learned to read and write and do arithmetic. Besides this, she learned many things that made a useful and practical woman in those days. She was taught how to cook, and sew, and spin, and knit, and weave, and make candles and soap, and many other very necessary things for girls to know.

When Betty's fifteenth birthday came, she went away out to West Virginia to live with her brother, Colonel Zane. Then, there were no cities, towns, or farms, such as we find there today.

Saddle Mountain

Saddle Mountain, Aug. 5.—Miss Ella Moxley has come home after spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. John Landreth, Galax.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Good and little son, of Hickory, N. C., visited Mrs. Mary Smith the past Sunday.

Carlie Anthony has gone to Maryland where he expects to work.

Mrs. Belle Hampton spent the past week-end with her sister, Mrs. Ameda Bedsaul, of Little Pine.

Miss Beatrice Smith is spending sometime with her uncle, Harvey Fortner, near Low Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moxley and Mrs. Evon Baugus, who have been living in Maryland for sometime, spent a recent visit with relatives here.

Several from this section have attended the revival services that were held at Little Pine church last week.

Pine Fork

Pine Fork, August 5.—Rev. C. H. McKnight filled his regular appointment on Saturday night and Sunday at Pine Fork Baptist church.

Mrs. Edd Dancy, who recently returned from the Wilkes hospital, after a very serious illness, is improving nicely.

The regular Sunday night singings are being attended by many from this community as well as from nearby communities.

Miss Lena Sheets, who has been with her sister, Mrs. Don Hoppers, of Landenberg, Penna., for several weeks, returned home Saturday morning and was greatly surprised when invited to a party given by Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Myers on Saturday night for Miss Sheets and about 50 friends.

After a feast of watermelons, fine apples, and peaches, a table was set on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myers and loaded with an abundance of good things to eat. It was a very enjoyable occasion, and everybody seemed to have had one of the best times ever. After the supper the entire crowd drove to Pine Fork Baptist church for services.

Little Pine

Little Pine, August 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dancy and son, David, of Pylesville, Md., are visiting Mrs. Dancy's mother, Mrs. Gord Greene.

Private Ray Greene, who is serving in the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, S. C., arrived here yesterday to spend his seven-day furlough with his home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Page Stoker, of Galax, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Bedsaul and children, Richard and Catherine, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Page Wilson.

Mrs. Mae Bailey and daughter, Eva, returned home Saturday from a week's visit with her sons, Bryan and George, at Oak Hill, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Page Stoker, of Galax, spent

I don't like spinach and I'm glad I don't like it, because if I did like it I'd eat it and I hate the stuff!

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Saturday night at R. L. Chapel's.

Ralph Greene, of Pylesville, Md., is visiting his home folks here.

Miss Marie Evans was the guest of Miss Cecil Murphy Saturday night.

Mrs. Odell Evans is very sick at this writing.

Miss Jeanette Murphy was the guest of Miss Irene Greene Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lester Greene spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. A. R. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Page Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson Sunday night.

Mrs. Homer Wilson and children, Lois and Doris, spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greene.

Mrs. Gord Greene was shopping in Galax Saturday.

Mrs. Coye Evans and daughters, Marie, Alma, and Eula Mae, spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Evans' mother, Mrs. David Higgins.

Carter Wilson has returned to his home here after spending several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Poole, at Bel Air, Maryland.

Click Murphy made a business trip to Galax Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Murphy visited Mrs. Murphy's parents Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Waggoner.

Furches

Furches, August 4.—A large crowd attended the baptizing at Double Springs last Sunday.

Several from this community went last Sunday to visit John Tucker who is ill in the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wood and daughter, Barbara Alice, of Mount Airy, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Church, of Hyde, Maryland, are visiting Mr. Church's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson, J. C. Higgins and Vera Richardson left last Wednesday for Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Eugene Sheppard and children, of Laurel Springs, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sheppard.

Miss Reba Rose spent Saturday night with Eunice Mabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown and family visited Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. George Jones, at Sparta.

Wade Ward is visiting his brother, Kyle, who is ill in a hospital in Maryland.

Wilma Rose spent Sunday night with Mildred Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Pruitt, of Whitehead, visited Mrs. John Tucker on Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Mabe, who has been ill for sometime, is able to be out again.

Vox

Vox, August 5.—Mrs. Sarah Fender spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Moxley, of Coalwood, W. Va.

Miss Helen and Alton Petty, of Galax, are visiting here this week.

Mrs. H. C. Evans and son Paul were in Mount Airy Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Andrews, of Ennicee, and Mrs. Marnisha Hudson spent sometime last week with Mrs. Reid Fender.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sexton, of Galax, visited their mother, Mrs. M. C. Caudill, Saturday night.

Mrs. Alice Edwards returned home last week after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Bob Crouse, of Baltimore, Maryland.

The people in this community are busy threshing grain.

Mrs. Paul Crouse and son, Billie, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. C. C. Choate.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichols and little daughter, Betsy, of Mount Airy, visited at Charlie Nichols' Saturday night.

What we seek is the reign of law, based upon the consent of the governed and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind. —Woodrow Wilson.

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