

No Mandate

Writing in U. S. News & World Report, just after the election, David Lawrence said: "This is the time when we are all exhorting to let bygones be bygones and to give our new leader the wholehearted support of all the people. But it is a time for more than mere exhortation to the populace. It is a time to remind the successful party and the victorious candidates for all offices that elections do not settle fundamental issues but merely serve as vivid reminders of the diversity of interests and pressures that make up the modern political struggle."

This is not a carping observation. It takes nothing away from Senator Kennedy's victory. But it does spotlight a development of a unique nature. This presidential election, unlike any other presidential election of modern times, supplied absolutely no mandate for a party or a candidate. The popular vote was practically evenly divided between Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Nixon. A switch of a handful of votes would have swung the scales the other way.

Mr. Kennedy has been charged with an awesome responsibility—to keep this country strong, secure and free in a chaotic and unpredictable world. But neither he nor anyone else has been directed by 180 million people to make sweeping and revolutionary changes in the philosophy on which this nation was built, and which has made it great. The highly vocal advocates of an ever-expanding, ever-more-costly welfare state, got nowhere in this year's historic election.

Systems And Race Horses

There never was an economy in history that didn't have its ups and downs. Neither a system nor a race horse can run indefinitely at all-out speed. It is easy to emphasize the periodic downs that occur in our economy, and to minimize the ups. The result of that is to paint a false and deceptive picture.

Over a span of time this country has registered an amazing amount of material progress. Some little time ago Senator Goldwater presented a group of "demonstrable truths"—and they are truths that have nothing to do with partisan politics, or with the party labels of people in high office.

He reports that in 1952 our gross national product was \$347 billion—this year it will be some \$505 billion. In the same period almost 8 million more Americans have been gainfully employed and the average weekly wage has risen from \$67.97 to \$91.20. In 1952 we had \$85 billion on deposit in various kinds of banking institutions—in 1959 the figure was \$157.8 billion.

So it goes—with striking progress in all manner of diverse fields—hospital insurance, life insurance, school room construction and the output of goods and services of every conceivable kind.

Endless other statistics could be added. To take the most important of all capital expenditures by industry almost doubled between 1950 and 1960—rising from \$20,605,000,000 to \$37,868,000,000. It is capital spending that determines the ability of industry to produce, to employ and to serve us with all the necessities and luxuries we need and want.

The ups far outweigh the downs in this country and will continue to do so as long as private citizens retain the initiative and their freedom under representative government.

Chester Reporter: "If he had been an ordinary man or just another politician, Ezra Taft Benson would have long since disappeared from the Washington scene. . . . Throughout his term of office, it has been his lot to enforce laws he believed unsound and to administer a program of waste and extravagance, which he could not get Congress to change. In doing this, he has had to shoulder all the blame, all the Congressional ire for policies which would not work. . . . When he goes back to Utah the United States will lose the services of a man who was not afraid to think straight in a world of political confusion."

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States produces evidence that Americans are willing and able to continue improving local school systems without federal subsidies. Voters approved in the first nine months of this year \$1.1 billion in school bond issues, one third more than in the same period last year.

As It Should Be

The Congressional Quarterly—which is an entirely impartial service, providing its subscribers with factual and statistical reports on a variety of political matters—has summarized the results of organized labor's efforts in the recent Congressional campaigns.

It makes an extremely interesting study. The candidates which the major labor political organization opposed for office were, in the aggregate, slightly more successful than those it supported. In other words, a few more candidates whom this organization considered "wrong" in their voting records were elected than those whom it endorsed as "right."

On top of that, the attempts of Mr. Hoffman's Teamsters Union to purge members of Congress who voted for the Landrum-Griffin labor reform bill were spectacularly unsuccessful. Active Teamster campaigns were conducted against 40 of these Congressmen. Exactly one was defeated.

American voters—a category which includes the union rank-and-file as well as the rest of us—follow their own conscience, their own private ideas of what is right and wrong. They can't be led around by the nose by any special interest groups—whether representing labor, business, agriculture or anything else.

The U. N.: An Unfit Instrument

By Thurman Sensing, Executive Vice-Pres., Southern States Industrial Council

With the coming of a new administration, the country will face new decisions regarding its involvement with the United Nations.

In particular, Congress will be under heavy pressure to channel U. S. foreign aid through U. N. agencies. This action was sought last year in the Food for Peace Bill (S. 1711) introduced by Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) and cosponsored by nine Democratic "liberals." One of those "liberals" was the then Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

It is to be hoped that the next President will have second thoughts regarding this most unwise action which he supported while in the Senate. Certainly, it is bad enough to engage in foreign giveaways. But far worse is the plan to have these giveaways controlled by U. N. officials, many of them from Iron Curtain countries. It would amount to letting communists help decide how the funds of United States taxpayers will be spent. And, of course, the U. N. officials from Red countries would have only one purpose in spending funds supplied by the U. S.—the purpose of advancing the interests of the Soviet Union.

The do-gooders who push the U. N. cause in the United States have done an effective selling job. They have been able to convince large numbers of Americans that the United Nations is a truly impartial humanitarian organization. It is not such thing.

Let's look at the record! It shows that many of the key officials of the U. N., hired or appointed by the Secretary General, are from Red bloc countries. All are paid from U. N. funds, of which the United States pays a third.

In Dag Hammarskjold's immediate entourage, his principal personal aide is Michael Potrubatch of Russia. In the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs, the chief executive is Gregory P. Arkadyev of the USSR.

The senior political affairs officer of the U. N. is Vladimir Jelinek of Czechoslovakia, a Russian satellite country. The Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories has as its under-secretary one Dragoslav Protitch of Yugoslavia. That country regularly votes with the Soviet Union on international issues. The chief of the Trusteeships Agreements Section is Fedor Popov of Russia. Acting chief of the Office for Europe, Middle East and Africa is another Yugoslav. The placement officer of the Fellowship Placement Office is from communist Poland. There are many, many other Iron Curtain nationals who control vital parts of the U. N. apparatus.

Nor is the United States representation in the U. N. secretariat what one would want. Ralph Bunche, who received an enormous political build-up in the U. S., has a long history of association with leftist groups. Bunche was an organizer of the National Negro Congress, a group which fell under communist control. He was an editor of a Marxist magazine. In that period, he declared that "white and Negro workers must . . . lock arms and march shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for the liberation of the oppressed working masses." This is the man who represents the USA in the U. N. secretariat.

It would be tragic if the next President, with the approval of Congress, entrusted the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars furnished by U. S. citizens to an agency heavily infiltrated by communist representatives. These officials hope to enslave the very nations they profess a desire to help.

During the next administration and in all the years to come, the United States must depend on its own efforts and agencies to promote its security. It must never place its trust in an edifice such as the U. N. where communists and neutralists are masters of the house.

EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Bishop Herbert Spaugh

Don't let Christmas this year find you lost "in the stuff." Many are heading in that direction now.

There is a choice story in the Old Testament which illustrates what I mean. Saul had been chosen as the first King of Israel. The day of his inauguration came—his great day. He couldn't be found. A search was made with no results. Prayer was offered that he might be found. We read that God gave this answer: "Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff." (1 Samuel 10:22) The word "stuff" could be translated as baggage, boxes, etc. It could be a good description of much that we are going to try to collect, purchase, and accumulate before Christmas. For some of it is going to be such a burden that all the joy of the Christmas season will be gone. Tempters will be frayed, sharp words will fly, and after Christmas some will even say, "I'm glad it's all over for a year." What a way to prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace!

There will be others who enter the Christmas season with plans to celebrate with alcohol. What could be further from the aim and purpose of Christmas! Many of the pre-Christmas parties, particularly the so-called "office parties," have become a national disgrace. The true spirit of Christmas never comes out of a bottle. Mark that down.

Jesus Christ brings love, joy, and peace into the heart and the life, if we let Him come in. We are in the early days of the Advent season of preparation for Christmas. Advent means "coming." Let me give you as an Advent text the words of Jesus, "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come to him, and will sup with him, and he will sup with Me." (Rev. 3:20)

Much of our modern Christmas preparations are pure "stuff." There is no real joy in them. We simply get covered up. Most of us have more "stuff" than we need. Some small personally made gift or personally penned note or card brings more lasting joy to most of us than an elaborate gift. The best known verse in the Bible is, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

That's what the world needs this Christmas—the gift of Jesus Christ, the son of God, the Prince of Peace, the expression of the love of God towards us. He is the proffered gift. Don't miss Him while you are lost in the stuff! Prepare yourself to act as if you were personally at the birthday party for Jesus Christ.

Registration Board Be Open January 3

The registration board office in the Laurens County Court House will be open Tuesday, January 3. Hours are 8:00 to 12:00 a. m., and 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.

The board is in session to register any voters who have just come of age, new residents, those who have lost certificates or anyone who has never obtained one.

Colored Citizens Praise Local Police

Chief B. B. Ballard of the Clinton Police Department during the past week received the following letter from C. D. Childs, of the Childs Funeral Home, in which he commended the work of members of the local police force.

Attempting to speak for the colored citizens of the community, he said:

"We, the colored citizens of Clinton, would like to take this opportunity to express to our law enforcement officers our appreciation for the tremendous job they have done in their unselfish effort to help us safeguard our homes and businesses by their patrolling, checking and constant surveillance.

"Our businesses, our streets, and the city of Clinton in general have become a safer and more secure place in which to live.

"To the Chief and his entire staff at this season we would like to wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. May your job be a pleasurable one for many years to come.

—Childs Funeral Home, Columbus D. Childs

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