

**Potent Advice**

Bernard Baruch, native South Carolinian, was one of those rare individuals whose insight, wisdom and ability to communicate with others made him a legend in his own lifetime. His words live on as a vital force in the affairs of men. His advice is still potent today. An example is a statement recently credited to Mr. Baruch: "History and tradition tell us that great nations have died as much from internal decay as from external blows. Rome fell not because the barbarians swarmed in but because the character of her citizens grew soft and their capacity for self-discipline waned. Will future historians come to the same conclusion about us?"

Internal decay comes from public apathy. Relegating to federal agencies the responsibility for the solution of all community and personal problems and the responsibility for vitalizing our economic system is the sure road to lost independence. America will not fall to internal decay if her people jealously guard the economic and political liberties which gave them their representative form of government and personal liberty. But, they must remain the masters of their own destinies.

**The Wallace Threat**

Alabama's ex-Governor, George Wallace — dismissed as a bombastic demagogue several years ago in national political circles — is worrying both Democrats and Republicans at the moment as they make plans for the 1968 Presidential race.

The then-Governor surprised many in 1964 in trips outside the South. Instead of making a completely reactionary speech based largely on emotion and prejudice, Wallace's speeches were well calculated to appeal to the sometimes-forgotten majority.

The heavy vote which he received in non-Southern States shocked political leaders in the major parties. If the ex-Governor can poll similar percentages in 1968, and enters enough primaries and is on the ballot in enough States, he can exert an influence on the 1968 election.

In a recent speech in New Orleans Wallace gave a hint of his approach. He told a cheering gathering that if both major parties fail to offer the majority something and instead base their hopes on pressure groups, he will lead a campaign to offer "us" someone and something to vote for.

Would a national Wallace campaign be more damaging to Republicans or Democrats? That question is difficult to answer, for it depends in part on the candidates nominated and platforms adopted. It may well hurt Republicans more outside the deep South, though it would almost certainly end Democratic hopes of carrying several deep South States.

Urban renewal and other federal programs are major causes of despondency and decay among the very people the projects are supposed to help, members of the United States Commission on Civil Rights said at a recent meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio. One member of the Commission, the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, said that federal rebuilding programs, as administered here and in other cities were actually immoral and that people find their houses bulldozed from under them. And the present Administration's proposal for 60 to 70 "demonstration cities" could end up the same way.

"Modern capitalism encourages innovation and it has prospered because it caters to change and seeks out new and better ways to achieve its end. Capitalism can adjust itself to regulation when necessary and still remain a viable, productive system."—Henry C. Nolen, chairman of the board, McKesson and Robbins, Inc.

**Babson's Point of View On:**

**Shortcomings of the Draft**

(Roger W. Babson, founder and head of Publishers Financial Bureau, which prepared and distributed this column for many years, died on March 5. The feature will continue to be prepared by the same staff and will follow Mr. Babson's policy standards.)

Babson Park, Mass., March 16—This year Congress has several "hot potatoes" to handle. One of the very hottest is Selective Service. The present draft law—which is widely criticized as unfair in several of its aspects and applications—expires July 1.

**IMPROVING THE SYSTEM**

In a nation as large as ours probably no military draft law can be fully equitable, or be administered with complete impartiality. The present law has proved workable over a long span of years. In its essentials it is the same system that was used during World War II. However, until the past couple of years . . . when our greatly expanded military commitment in Vietnam has focused more attention on the system and its weaknesses . . . there has been no cry for serious and fundamental reforms.

Last year President Johnson appointed a 20-member National Advisory Commission on Selective Service to study the system and to suggest specific reforms. Also in 1966, a congressional study commission, headed by retired General Mark W. Clark, was given the task of making recommendations for changes in the law to the House Armed Services Committee.

**STUDENT DEFERMENTS**

Agreement is pretty general—in and out of Congress—on the need for changes in the draft law. But there is no agreement at all on what reforms, improvements, or alternatives to the draft are possible and feasible. One point on which there are dramatic differences of opinion is the thorny question of student deferments.

As it stands now, any boy who gets through high school and manages to get accepted at college is safe from the draft as long as his grades are good. And if he wants to go on to graduate school, he'll be safe there too. Thus present Selective Service policy seems to favor "professional students," allowing them to postpone military service until they reach an age where they are much less likely to be called at all.

**UMT OR COMPULSORY NATIONAL SERVICE**

Gen. Clark's commission recommends continuing student deferments, but only until the youth is 24 years old or has received his bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. Post-graduate students would be deferred only if they were training in professions considered essential to national security. Some people argue that the only way out of the student-deferment impasse is to institute universal military training with no exemptions. This idea makes sense and is worth serious consideration, but the nation is not yet ready to adopt it.

Defense Secretary McNamara and anthropologist Margaret Mead are among those who advocate compulsory national service, whereby all young people—girls as well as boys—would be required to register at age 18 for a two-year draft. Ristrants could state a preference between military service, a hitch in the Peace Corps, or participation in other such federal programs as might be established by Congress. Chances of enactment of such a proposal this year, however, are slim.

**IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY**

Congress now has less than four months to decide what to do. If it can't agree by the end of June, the present draft law will have to be extended. And it would certainly be much wiser to extend it than to amend it hastily or scrap it in favor of a program providing for youth regimentation.

Meanwhile, we must live in a world sharply divided by different ideologies and by different concepts of what is right and what is wrong. Clearly we must have a strong military system, with all the manpower requirements that implies. This fact should spur us to devise a better and fairer draft whose impact on civil life and on the economy will be as constructive as possible.



"Nothing's Gone Wrong Yet!"

**Stories Behind Words**

By William S. Penfield

**Antimacassar**

Early in the 19th century a certain hair oil became popular. The oil was imported from Macassar in the Dutch West Indies, hence it was called oil of Macassar, later Macassar.

Men used the oil liberally, and when one of them leaned his head back in a chair, a greasy stain was left on the upholstery.

In order to prevent the stains, housewives made small cloth coverings which they placed on the backs of chairs. Since these cloths prevented the chairs from being stained by the oil, they were called "antimacassars."

**Today's Meditation**

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If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)

In medieval times, alchemists sought far and wide for the "philosopher's stone" which was supposed in some magical manner to transmute baser metals into gold. To be sure such a "stone" was never discovered.

However, there is an area of life in which radical transformation can be realized. Through the yielding of the self to Christ as Savior and Lord, a radical change is wrought in the human heart and life. The eternal kingdom of love suddenly becomes a reality both within and without for that trusting heart.

This is not magic known only to a select few. Every person who submits to the lordship of Jesus Christ enters this kingdom of love. This is assured for every person: for "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

**PRAYER**

Our Father, pardon our sins and give us willing hearts to enter the sure and everlasting kingdom of love through fellowship with Christ. In His Holy name we pray. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

We enter the kingdom of love through faith in the Son of God.  
B. M. Ketchersid (Virginia)



**Highlights From Clinton High**

By KAYRAN COX

CHS is brimming with activity again this week. Today, Thursday and Friday nights, both Physics classes, about thirty-two students, visited the Savannah River Project, the Atomic Energy Plant on the Savannah River. The students traveled to Aiken on a trusty old bus and arrived there about nine. Employees conducted the students through the entire plant, except the top secret divisions. (And that's really where we wanted to go!) Then we enjoyed lunch in the cafeteria and set off for Clinton once again.

Next Monday another trip is in store for many CHS'ers. All members in the Chem-Bi-Phi Science Club are eligible to go with the group to the Deering - Milliken Research Center in Spartanburg. We all are certainly looking forward to this interesting trip. As many of you know, members of the band and chorus presented "Mr. Crane last

made long-range plans is always a difficult task, but often it must be done.

The smart thing to do is to give serious thought to the aptitude and vocational tests your school gives. Then, evaluate carefully your aptitudes before making vocational and educational plans. Such a method of operation will help you to avoid future disappointments.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank friends, neighbors, and the entire staff of Bailey Memorial Hospital for the kindness shown us during my husband's (our father's) stay in the hospital, and at the time of his death. Also for the food, gifts, flowers, and visits.

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—MRS. J. R. SNIDER AND FAMILY

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