By SPECTATOR . . .

## COMMENTS

### MEN AND THINGS

Kennedy and Johnson-Nixon and built. Today we have forgotten the Lodge-What is there to choose? ancient foundations. If Mr Kennedy spent more than a We are spared, perchance, the million dollars wooing the people for outpouring of Rockefeller millions the nomination how much would by the choice of Mr. Lodge, with that family spend to win the elec- Mr. Nixon.

I had thought that Nixon was the We recall vaguely "Millions for better choice, while wondering always enjoyed. It was remarkable defense but not one cent for trib- about Kennedy; today there appears for its suave diplomacy and gra-That was said to the world to be no choice.

long ago and now lives in the li- I'm reminded of that incompar- mate of two gentlemen. His reply somewhere. Today, appar- able George Washington. By the is modernized, perhaps, way, the young people of today o mean millions for the presidency may grow weary of those figures of but no; a moment for time-proved historical virtue, but read the recprinciples on which the nation was ords for such men today.

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rates, Plato and Aristotle? Shall we references, "This Nation under freedoms,

bury their names in the libraries? God.' Washington has never been reson, but he was a man of such rare essence of sound common sense.

\*Washington, with marvelous insight, warned us against entanglement alliances. We have forgotten all his admonitions and are today embroiled all over the world.

Thinking of Washington I want to use an expression of his which I've ciousness. He was asked his estiwas, "Those two gentlemen do mutually surpass each other." That came to my mind when pondering the Nixon - Rockefeller agreement and the Kennedy-Johnson agreement. I thought-those gentlemen do mutually surpass each other in michievous appeals to ignorant and

It is illuminating and heartening to take the historical view at times. Why are we dashing all over the earth to compete with Communism? We are not only throwing away billions of dollars but we are offering the fountain head. Then our voice will be heard.

malignant men.

Let's look behind us as well as before. Are you familiar with the stories of the great tyrants and desspeakable Hun. And there were the

Where are they today? In recent times we've had Napoleon, who rendered useful service oven while motivated by colossal vanity and 'un-

measured aggrandizement. Quite recently we've had the inordinate sway of Hitler. Where is all that today? And there was Mussolina? His strut ended dismally.

Why fear the Russions? There must be one force over and above all the petty strivings of ambitious men; there is that Force: that unlimited and eternal Power which has seen the vainglorious men seeking lasting power, but seeing all of them crash into abyssmal

depths of the forgotten. The practical men who guide our cific examples. physical strength with physical might. They forget Leonidas at Thermopylae.

We might well think over the success of our men and women of the before we receive them and turned American Revolution. The "embattled farmers," whose shot was heard around the world.

We probably don't believe the Bible, for we are full of human wisdom. proud and vain, self-reliant and bombastic, but The Book tells us, "Not by might, nor by power. but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

Those buried empires of antiquity; those smashed and obliterated empires of recent years - they vaunt their might and power, but they crumbled aid fell.

Humanity must be allowed to swagger in pomp and magnificence, but look over all the ages. They fell, just as men live in vigor and striving only to fade into degeneracy if they live long enough, or lie in unremembered graves if avenging death comes soon.

In the early days of our republic we find George Washington at prayer at Valley Forge, when the outlook was so dark and dreary. Then

In the Providence of Jehovah He garded as such an intellectual as requires us to use our brains and freedom to be whittled away in this carefully watched at all times. In Thomas Jefferson or James Madi- resources, but He is the same Om- fashion? nipotent Spirit that smote the vast judgment, human wisdom, that Assyrian host with lightning when when he spoke his words were the the servant of Elisha saw only impending doom before the invincible might of Sennacherib.

> One of the remembered tributes to the lowly Nazarene was spoken by Napoleon, the Great, one of earth's most resourceful strategists, a great Master of men and a Conqueror who pushed Kings around.

While at St. Helena, musing over the march of history. Napoleon ascribed his fall not to men, but to the onward march of Jesus in the affairs of the world. I haven't at hand the exact wording of that evaluation, but it was in substance this: "I know men"; Alexander, Charlemagne and I built great empires, but they fell because they were built on force, on military might. Jesus of Nazareth founded an empire which has grown and grown throughout the ages, regardless of earthly powers and aggrandizement. It grows greater with every rising of the sun. It was built

on love, not force. The so-called practical man may laugh or sneer; but there was never a more practical man than the man guarantee of support everywhere. who rose from poverty and obscur-Is that wise or sagacious strategy? ity to make all empires tremble and No!! Build up our strength here at to build an empire of his own-Na-

Someone asked me one day: Does it do any good, accomplish any useful purpose to talk about our pots of other times? One was the National Constitution?" I was bound Scourge of Europe. One the un- to admit that it seems almost a waste of time, but is it, now?

> I remarked to the man asking the question that there are tens of thousands of churches all over America. but we still have crimes and all sorts of perversions, but would he recommend that we close all the churches and abolish religion?

The Book tells us that though the world abounds in wickedness there are tens of thousands who have not bowed to the knee to Baal. So we

We have surrendered much of the freedom guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and generally enjoyed by Americans during the first century and a half of the Republic's existence.

It is not difficult to point to spe-

ceive, hold and dispose of the money we earn through our own efforts. A ubstantial portion of our earnings is deducted from our pay checks over to a giant bureaucracy to spend in increasing its own power. How can the government lawfully levy a tax, on estimated income? Property can't be taxed until it is

American farmers have given up the right to plant and cultivate their crops according to their individual

We have given away the right to provide our own social security and to accumulate means for insuring old age assistance when it is needed by members of our own families.

We have witnessed a serious erosion of our right to engage in personal enterprise, the system on which our economy is based. In many fields we face unfair and wrongful competition from tax-free business ventures financed by our federal government with the money we pay in taxes.

As a result of our United States membership in the United Nations we have given away an appreciable share of our national sovereignty. Through a series of decisions by the supreme court we have been deprived of a great portion of the power to effectively defend our nation against subversive elements

### Mrs. Brightwell

Laurens - Mrs. Marion Davis Brightwell, 46, wife of Morton (Skip) Brightwell, died early Wednesday morning at a local hospital following a year of illness.

A native of Pace, Miss., she was the daughter of the late Marion T. and Geneva Turner Davis. She was educated at Alabama State Women's College and moved to Laurens with her husband in 1947. She was a member of the First Methodist

Besides her husband, surviving are her step-mother, Mrs. Edith M. Davis Pascagoula, Miss.; one son, Tommy Brightwell of the home; one daughter, Betsy Brightwell of the home; one brother, Marcus Davis, of Jackson, Miss.; one step-brother, James E. Davis of Birmingham, Ala.; and one sister, Mrs. William Youngblood of Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were conducted. at Kennedy Mortuary at 10:30 a. m. Thursday by the Rev. Victor Hickman. Burial was in the Laurens City cemetery.

Pallbearers were George L. Phinney, Fred W. Oxley, Harry D. Grif-fin, Maxcy G. Donnald, W. H. Harley and Horace W. Gray.

### Stores Entered

Laurens - Two break-ins which occurred sometime Friday night are being investigated by the office of Sheriff C. W. Wier.

His office reported Saturday that thieves, entering through forced windows, sacked the Rhodes place on Highway 276 near Gray Court, and Fleming's Store on Highway 221 three miles north of Laurens. At Rhodes' they took cigars and cigarettes and an undetermined amount of cash from a pinball machine and juke box. At Fleming's a dollar in pennies and other small items were missing.

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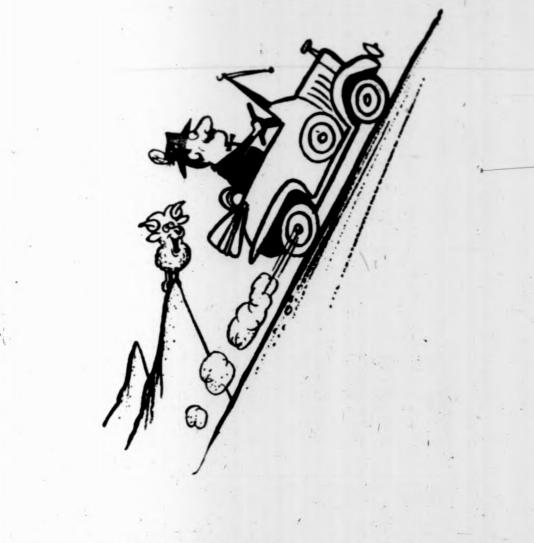
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