

This Is Not 1932

Throughout this country, there will be one sure-fire subject for conversation for a considerable period of time to come. It can be summed up in a question: "What kind of a President will John F. Kennedy be, and in what direction will he lead, or attempt to lead, the United States?"

There are groups which argue — either fearfully or hopefully, depending on their own views—that the Kennedy administration will go far to the left, will be ultra-liberal in practically everything, and that, come next January, we will see what will amount to a re-enactment of an even greater scale of the famous "First Hundred Days" of F. D. Roosevelt's administration. That was the period when the President sent one sweeping and unprecedented legislative proposal after another to Congress, and Congress, virtually abdicating its powers of debate and dissent, rubber-stamped them in short order.

But cooler heads forecast a very different sort of situation now—and for a variety of impressive reasons.

To begin with, 1932 is not the present. Then the country was in a great depression, unemployment was at enormous levels, and despair was widespread. Men and women who faced destitution felt that they could not possibly be worse off, and that any experiment, no matter how radical, was worth trying. Today, despite a falling off in some lines of business, spending, income, employment and savings are at, or near, the all-time high.

For another thing, Mr. Roosevelt had been elected by an enormous popular as well as electoral vote. He had every reason to claim a mandate. Mr. Kennedy, on the other hand, won by about as small a popular vote margin as one can imagine—less than 250,000 out of close to 70 million ballots cast. Putting it another way, his advantage over Mr. Nixon was less than two tenths of one per cent.

For a third reason, one cannot conceive of the next Congress following the Executive lead almost without question. Nor can one conceive of it as being anything resembling left-wing liberal. Republicans actually made some small gains in both House and Senate. The long-established coalition of Republicans and conservative Southern Democrats will be as potent as ever, perhaps more so.

Finally, there is the thinking of the President-elect himself.

William S. White—one of the most experienced and dispassionate of the leading Washington columnists, and a man who commonly takes a dim view of extremists at either end of the political spectrum, has assayed Mr. Kennedy's position. Mr. White writes: "President-elect John F. Kennedy is no doctrinaire professional 'liberal' and never was. He has not the smallest intention of going off on any vast spending spree. . . . The nature of Kennedy's victory forecasts what he will do. He will proceed with full respect for the views—particularly the economic views—of those who voted against him. He is fully aware that substantially half of the people preferred Richard M. Nixon."

You Can't Deal With The Communists

Reports from Moscow have it that Nikita Khrushchev is pretty upset over the visit of Red China's bully boy Mao to the Kremlin. He is said to see a real threat to his own position of global tough guy in the emergence of Communist China as an atomic power. According to report, the Chinese Reds now have four nuclear reactors, and have bragged that they will soon have the bomb.

Thus, the story goes, Mr. K is more anxious than ever to make disarmament deals with the West, and may now be expected to offer concessions he would not have considered earlier.

Just why Khrushchev would hasten to disarm in the face of increasing military strength on the China mainland, is not clear. But whatever his protestations may be, we should try to remember that Nikita is the same enemy barbarian who kept New York and the UN in an uproar for nearly a month this fall, clowning to get center stage and then threatening us with extermination.

Even more important, we should remember that whether we talk with Khrushchev or his successor or his successor's successor (who could come in rapid order), there can

be no deal. It is impossible to make an agreement with Communists. Their only allegiance is to Communism which has no honor, no pride, no morals, no God.

We have been reminded time and again for more than 40 years. But we seem to forget. Our blind luck could be running out some day.

David Lawrence writes, in U. S. News & World Report: "Certainly there can be no negotiations leading to disarmament or the relief of tension unless there is mutual faith. Nikita Khrushchev now has destroyed all vestiges of that faith. . . . the American people would never have confidence in any negotiations with Nikita Khrushchev. He is looked upon by the American people as a man who has not only insulted them but has completely misjudged them and who violates the fine traditions of decency and courtesy of the Russian people by taking off a shoe and flaunting it defiantly at a meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations."

You cannot insist on your rights while driving a high-horsepower car at high speeds, reminds the Portland, Oregon, Traffic Safety Commission, because a hurtling out-of-control machine knows no justice or fair-play.

Babson Discusses Cuba

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 1—The Cuban situation has reached a point where it is affecting certain investments. Therefore, I feel that my readers are due an impartial summary of the situation. I have always watched Cuba critically, as it is close to Florida, where I have spent over thirty winters.

INFLUENCE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
I feel that the Cuban situation will come out satisfactorily due to the influence of the Catholic Church. The Cuban people, with their Spanish blood, are emotional and enjoy political and physical fights. They, however, are deeply Roman Catholic in faith. Hence, there is a church safeguard which does not exist in Russia or in many of her satellites.

The Communist Government in Russia has been brutal to the Christian church, due largely to its inheritance of the former Czarist domination which controlled and worked through the orthodox church. The situation in Cuba, therefore, is entirely different from the situation in Russia and its satellites.

IMPORTANCE OF MARKETABILITY
Cuba is rich in soil, rainfall, sunshine, and warm temperatures. It could be the garden spot of the Americas; but it has been cursed by wretched and unjust government. Castro thinks it necessary only to nationalize the farms, businesses, banks, and the few manufacturing establishments; he seems to give no thought to marketing. Cuba's wonderful productive conditions are of no use if her products cannot be marketed. Cuba's natural market is the United States (which Castro is abusing and doing his best to alienate.) This same trading principle is true for the countries of Central America, and even South America; they have the land but lack the marketing facilities for their fruits, coffee, and even minerals, including oil.

This is another reason why I feel investors should have the larger proportion of their common stocks in marketing—rather than in farming, mining, or manufacturing—propositions. Whatever the future may bring as to the ownership of land or the production of crops or the extraction of minerals and oil, there should always be a field for companies engaged in the marketing of these products. This applies to the big concerns such as Sears, Roebuck, Montgomery, Ward, etc.; but especially to the large variety chains, with their stores in all fifty states of the Union. Even in case of World War III, these great marketing organizations might come through the best of all concerned.

LENGTH OF THE CASTRO REGIME
When Castro, at thirty-two years of age, conquered Batista and his gang, I thought he was a wonderful fellow. As long as he stuck to military warfare, he fared well; but since he has tackled economic problems, he is ruining the country. How long can he hold out, even with Russia's blessing, no one knows. It seems he is destined to be assassinated by someone whose family he has ruined.

On the other hand, investors should realize that the whole world is passing through a leveling process wherein those who have not are gradually taking away from those who have. In Russia and her satellite countries, this has been done by ruthless stealing of property. In China, good-will is expropriated, but Mao has sometimes made payment, on his own terms, for actual property taken. Great Britain has experimented with nationalization, and payment has been made for the coal mines, steel companies, railroads, and public utilities that were taken over.

In the United States, the labor leaders have the same goals, but they work through strikes and unfair demands. In all countries, investors are being attacked either by heavy taxation or by guerrilla warfare such as is taking place in Africa. Hence, we investors in the U. S. should be especially on the watch. With only 6 per cent of the people of this world, we have nearly half of the world's wealth. Can this condition always continue? The leveling trend has been going on for centuries. Though I am still hopeful as to Cuba, yet let us keep in mind this world trend.

News of Hurricane Community

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Summers and Alice Kinards, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes of Joanna, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wells of Newberry, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Young and family on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Gloria Stoddard of Gray Court, James Young, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Young went ice skating in Greenville recently.

W. D. Bishop celebrated a birthday November 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Adair and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Ellis and Andy, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fallow and Mrs. B. J. Lawrence visited the Harold Copelands recently.

Mrs. Charles Young and children were Thanksgiving Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dickson in Cowpens.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Neighbors and children visited Mrs. Neighbors' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Obie Willingham, in Brevard, N. C., Sunday.

Friends of Carroll Young will be interested to know he is improving after being ill.

Mrs. Ralph Lawson and children spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George King Sr., in Cross Hill.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, a birthday dinner was given in honor of H. F. Bishop at his home in Cross Hill. Thirty-four members of his immediate family were present during the day. Those of his family from the Clinton area attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bundrick and children, Mrs. Bundrick was formerly Martha Bishop, Mrs. Harvey Shealy and daughters, Mrs. Shealy was formerly Eula Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bishop and children, Mrs. Bundrick, Mrs. Shealy and W. D. Bishop are daughters and sons of the honoree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young of Newberry, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Young Sunday.

Bookmobile Schedule

Monday: Mason home, Martin home, Beeks home, C. a m a k School, Rhett Martin home.

Tuesday: Providence School, Burdette home, Episcopal Kindergarten, Mississippi Young home, Bishop home, Sanders home, Sanders home, Goldsmith home, Brown home, Simmons home.

Wednesday: Mountville School, Crisp home, Miss Lizzie Carter home, B. L. Mitchell store, Cross Hill School, Davis home, Smith home.

Thursday: Gray Court-Owings School, Owings Post Office, Gray Curry home, Thompson home, Hughes home, Armstrong home, Shook home, Wilson home, Mauldin home.

Librarians are Mrs. Carl Teague and Miss Claude Gray.

Wildlife Assn. Names Officers

A new slate of officers for the Laurens County Wildlife Association took office Tuesday night. The new president is E. Mason Young, Jr., with George Reed as vice president and Shirley A. Timmons as secretary-treasurer for the coming year. Stewart Brown will serve as program chairman. All are from Clinton. Speaker for the evening was Garvin Odell, county game warden, whose subject was the Stomp Springs area deer hunting scheduled for Dec. 1-3.

The Stomp Springs area in Laurens and Newberry counties will be opened to deer hunting for the first time with a rifle or shotgun. This announcement came from Supervisor Paul H. Russell of the U. S. Forest Service, and Director James M. Webb of the S. C. Wildlife Resources Department. This is one of the upstate areas that was stocked several years ago with deer and turkey by the Wildlife Department.

Thornwell Team Recives Redskin Football As Trophy

J. C. Lenning, general manager of Amoco gas products in this area, presented a football used in a recent Redskin-Brown game to Gordon Timmons, captain of this season's Thornwell football team, Tuesday night on Jim Kingman's sports program at 6:25 over Station WSPA-TV, Spartanburg.

Thornwell is happy that the Amoco Company selected their high school to receive this souvenir. It will be placed in their trophy case along with the many other trophies won by the boys and girls at Thornwell.

Johnny Cookson, alternate captain; John Dowdle, assistant coach, and D. S. Templeton, coach, accompanied Mr. Lenning and Gordon to Spartanburg to receive the Redskin football. The group was shown around the TV station and watched several programs while waiting to go on the air. They also met Walter

Brown, manager of Station WSPA-TV. After the broadcast Mr. Lenning took the group out to a steak dinner in Spartanburg before returning to Clinton.

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