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In Such An Hour

It is to be hoped that all of Camden will unite heartily in the increased church attendance campaign to be conducted during the months of October, November and December.

This campaign, launched by the Camden Kiwanis Club, endorsed by the other civic club of the city and having the cooperation of the churches themselves, should be productive of great and lasting good in Camden.

We are living in a confused world. Everywhere there is doubt and fear; materialism and skepticism. Regimentation, totalitarianism, communism, bureaucracy, bear down with such weight that freedom is gone. The venomous serpents of corruption, immorality, gambling, drunkenness, worldliness, have poisoned men with their sting until he is crying out in the darkness for help.

The church has much to offer a world rapidly dying, lost from its God and groping in this confusion and bewilderment. Its message is a direct refutation and contradiction to the forces that play about us and its hope the only solution for the despair that has gripped the hearts and minds of men.

In such an hour as this when the clouds of war hang so low, when the forces of evil are so rampant and the problems facing us are so complex as seemingly to defy human solution, the church offers us our only refuge.

Chaingang Practices

The Richland county Grand Jury recently handed down a presentment in which it stated that it was "appalled at the methods used in handling white prisoners on the chaingang."

Among other things the Richland jury charged that oftentimes dangerous white prisoners are taken from the jail and made "trusties" at once; that white trusties are not under guard and, as a result, on several occasions white prisoners have left the chaingang to visit their families or to visit Columbia and other points in the state; that in one instance a white prisoner at one of the chaingang camps had his own automobile with him, and was free to come and go at will."

The grand jury probe was prompted by the recent escape and subsequent recapture of a convict who was described as "being very dangerous" after he had escaped but who was given all sorts of privileges before.

Probably prompted by the Richland county exposures, the Orangeburg county grand jury decided to investigate conditions at the Orangeburg county chaingang and reported:

"Trusties are made of prisoners after a very short time of serving their sentences and the liberties allowed these trusties is approaching a public scandal.

"One prisoner with a very bad record of previous convictions and whose present sentence started this year has been seen around the farm of the man with whom he had trouble, causing considerable anxiety to the family of this farmer.

"Another trustee was picked up in Branchville for drunkenness and a \$21 fine had to be paid before he could return to the chaingang.

"Trusties have been seen to drive county vehicles in a location where it is evident that they had no right to be."

Recently a dangerous criminal escaped from the Anderson chaingang.

Every now and then one reads of the escape of some dangerous convict from some gang and it is not to be wondered that this happens following the exposures of conditions at the Richland and Orangeburg county chaingangs.

Two things stand out as a result of the probe made by these two grand juries. A better system of enforcing penalties, demanded by the law should be worked out on chaingangs or the gangs should be abolished and all prisoners sent to the state penitentiary.

A Communist is a "Liberal" who has gone crazy.

The Situation In Russia

There has always been much speculation in the rest of the world as to how the masses of people in Russia feel about their government. We know of course that Stalin boasts that in 1917 the Soviet regime in Russia was established by 150,000 Communists. Russia has more than 150,000,000 inhabitants so that at that time there was only one communist to every 1,000 inhabitants.

As to how the masses feel today there has been very little way of determining. The difficulties that lie in the way of answering this question are obvious - few Americans have had extensive touch with rank-and-file Russians, and the Kremlin has made it steadily more difficult for the Americans who live in Russia to know the people.

In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post there was an interesting article by Alexander Barmine, who was once a soviet general and diplomat, but came to this country in disillusionment before the war. During the war he entered our army as a private and later served with the OSS.

If Mr. Barmine is correct, the Russian masses have been ruthlessly and efficiently enslaved by their masters. Stalin, according to him, has 14,000,000 of his countrymen in concentration camps. He has a secret police force of 2,000,000 members with almost unlimited power to imprison and execute, who keep the nation in line.

Mr. Barmine thinks we make a terrible mistake when we consider the Russian masses and the Russian leaders to be tarred with the same brush. This attitude, he says, "rejects the Russian people as potential allies of the democratic world in its crucial struggle with the Soviet totalitarian empire." These people, he added, "are not the authors but the principal victims of the Kremlin's crimes."

One of Mr. Barmine's most startling statements is that the Allies, during the last war, actually helped to keep the Russian people in chains. His story is that, as the war approached its end, desertions from the Russian army were reaching disastrous proportions from the Kremlin's viewpoint, and that millions of Soviet citizens, prisoners of war and others, were refusing to go home. At Yalta, he says, Stalin successfully persuaded Roosevelt and Churchill to guarantee the return of every Soviet citizen in Europe who had left the U.S.S.R. after 1927 for any reason. Mr. Barmine thinks that most of those returned were executed and their families sent to concentration camps. He says that many killed themselves rather than face repatriation. He terms the agreement "a most gigantic violation of the sacred principles of political asylum."

It has long been our belief that the Kremlin regime is a giant with feet of clay. The stories told by former communists indicate that the people of Russia are under a government now that is far more despotic than that of the former Czars. And conditions are far worse in many respects.

Some idea of the conditions in the Russian-occupied section of Germany may be had by the "cry of help" addressed to Western Allies from German Social Democrats in that section. A message which said it came from the "zone of silence, hunger and terror" reached the German Socialist party convention in Duesseldorf. The party message asked the Western powers to "help us - but help us quickly."

Pleading a "continued struggle for freedom," the message said "increasing dictatorship is being felt throughout the eastern zone of Germany where there are numerous filled concentration camps, more feared than those of Nazi times."

A "Whining" Campaign

The national so-called "Democratic party is conducting a "whining" campaign. Every day it has some new complaint to make about the treatment being accorded it.

It "whined" because the States Rights Democratic supporters in this state didn't offer to pay for having ballots printed for pro-Truman forces to use in the November election.

It "whined" because the Democrats of Louisiana decided to vote for Thurmond and Wright instead of Truman and Barkley.

Now it is "whining" because the Republicans have rented the Hollywood Bowl on a night Truman wanted to use it.

Every day it is "whining" about something. It is conducting a "whining" campaign instead of a winning one.

Editor Bill Bradford of the Fort Mill Times wants to know why somebody doesn't "start a movement to send the two Red Renegades, Henry Wallace and Glen Taylor to Russia."

Thinking Out Loud
 Harold Booker

A political writer likens President Truman to "a drowning man grasping at a straw." Yes, but he's not grasping at any straw balloons because he knows they all indicate disaster.

Football coaches are about the only men in this country who can make ends meet now.

They say that everything is here for a purpose but we can't see why a hen should have a comb when she doesn't have any hair.

The Democrats of Utah must have had an eye on the feminine vote when they nominated Maw as their candidate for Governor.

"Some people carry everything to extremes," says a writer. And that's true. For instance we read the other day where, because he was ordered to take a complete rest from his work, a milkman who fished a milk bottle from the sea threw it back without reading a note that was in it.

A genius can do almost anything but make a living.

A correspondent wrote a long letter to the New York Times extolling huckleberry pie. Huckleberry pie is all right but if we were going to take the time to write a long communication to a big paper like the New York Times on pie, we'd certainly select apple pie as our subject.

How in the world does a football coach ever get a spoiled boy to play halfback? It seems he would want to be a fullback or nothing.

We can't get "out" of Berl "in."

"I'm going to give 'em hell," President Truman told reporters last week. And that confirms a prediction made by a commentator some time back that Mr. Truman would "give 'em all he had in him" in an effort to be re-elected.

We are now in the season of the year when Lions, Tigers, Red and Blue Devils, Green Dragons, Wildcats, Panthers, Gophers, Bears, etc., go on a rampage in this country.

Perhaps the reason there are so many lawyers in politics is that they want to help write "the will of the people."

The Air Force reported last week that a weather balloon had reached a height of nearly 112,800 feet or nearly 21 miles when it burst. But don't tell us please that this means prices can go much higher before they break.

It would not be so bad if the world had to be saved only once in every twenty-five years but when it becomes a continual process it is pretty tough.

A Georgian offered to sell his eye for \$12,500. Well if it has a good eye for hitting a baseball it would be well worth it.

Probably won't be so long now before old Jack Frost will be getting ready to pay us a visit.

A public receptionist says some faces are so much easier to recognize than others. And that reminds us of the story of the negro elevator man named "Joe" in a big city who took careful pains to identify each regular occupant of the building with the floor upon which he works, but occasionally was guilty of an oversight. One day as he was passing the sixth floor, a passenger called out rather sharply, "I thought you knew this was my floor!" Joe stopped his elevator and ran it back to the sixth floor. Regarding the rather rough-hewn countenance of the complaining passenger with an apologetic smile, he placatingly remarked, "Scuse me, sah. Ah should of knowed yoh face, but de trouble is Ah has to remember so many of dem and yoh's is so complicated."

A West Virginia woman got a divorce from her husband last week giving as one of the grounds that he "couldn't bear children." Seems to us that was expecting most too much of him.

It's difficult for a boy in his teens now to believe that he will ever grow up to be as dumb as his daddy is.

One thing that always makes a sick man sort of nervous is the realization that the person he is depending upon to get him well is just a "practicing" physician.

A business writer says that one profession that is not overcrowded is that of handwriting experts and he goes on to point out that there are very few who can learn the art. And this reminds us of the story of the enthusiastic reader of a big newspaper who sent a specimen of her sweet-heart's writing to the calligraphy expert on the staff of the paper. "Enclosed please find specimen of my beau's writing—can you tell me if he is likely to make me a good husband?" she asked. Back came this reply: "No, I'm afraid not, my dear. He's been a rotten one to me for three years. However, thanks for the evidence."

Sales of motor trucks in Spain are now double those of passenger cars.

With The Press

Rivalry
Agriculturist says the earth-worm is the farmer's greatest friend. Some candidates would dispute that.—Clinton Herald.

Not Likely
"If you are struck by lightning, you never forget it," asserts a columnist. Most persons who are struck by lightning never remember it.—Cincinnati Inquirer.

Politics
Politics explains a lot of what you read in the papers these days. In Louisiana, when President Truman's name was taken off the ballot, the National Democratic Committee in Washington was "shocked" and began studying legal aspects of the Louisiana situation.

When the States' Rights Democrats attempted to get on the Indiana general election ballot, a court order reversed the decision of the election board to permit the States' Rights Party to put the names of its candidates on the ballot.

So far as Washington dispatches disclose, the National Democratic Party has recorded no shock and is not engaged in any study of the legal aspects of the situation in Indiana.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Change of Primary Dates

The State remarks that the primary election dates were established years ago when cotton was the principal crop in this state. It was fixed after lay-by time and before cotton picking set in. All that has been changed by the boll weevil and diversification. Now August is one of the busiest months of the year for farmers. Cotton picking has been advanced about a month in recent years because farmers plant early maturing cotton to beat the weevil.

The question comes up, if it is not advisable to change the dates for the primaries to an early time so that farmers would not have to neglect their harvesting to go out and vote.

The State makes out a good case for a change of dates. It is worth considering.—Bamberg Herald.

It's Dangerous Business

The Federal Reserve Board has ordered its member banks to put nearly two billion dollars in reserve vaults to prevent inflationary lending, and this will probably have the effect of tightening credits.

The common term for this "credit deflation," and at this time any form of deflation is hazardous. Early in 1920 the same plan was adopted to lower prices and it had disastrous results. The price of everything plummeted. Cotton dropped from 42 cents a

pound to seven cents. The price of tobacco plunged from 75 cents to 11 cents a pound.

The government assured the people that the price declines would be so gradual that the business world would not feel a tremor, but the government miscalculated.

Tampering with the currency or credits of a nation is risky business. When you try to burn off an acre of prairie land and the flames get beyond control you are helpless.—Dillon Herald.

It's Different Now

Some of our politicians—thinking first of their own personal political welfare rather than the welfare of the South—keep warning that the revolt in the South will die down after the election and that those who revolted will be disciplined in the future in the political world.

They do not stop to take into consideration that there is a new element in the political world in the South now and that as a result of this new element the revolt will not only not die down after this election but will grow in intensity and instead of those who revolt being punished by the voters in the future, those who do not join in the revolt may be the ones who will suffer.

Some of the politicians who are not inclined to support the States Rights tickets are already being accused of seeking the vote of the new element in Southern politics and this charge may arise to haunt them in future elections. Indeed it may haunt their children and their children's children.

Things are different now.—Greenville Observer.

May Give South Independence

Southern Democrats who have felt for a long time that they have been hamstringing themselves with inflexible ties to the national party can look to the so-called bolt of the "Dixiecrats" as a possible means of giving to the South eventually a full measure of political independence.

In the choice of Governor Thurmond as their standard bearer the dissenting Southerners have chosen a fighter with a sound record on the main issues involved in the intra-party controversy. And if he is supported to the fullest in this venture, a great deal more will be achieved than the mere changing of White House occupants.—Greenville Piedmont.

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CITATION

The State of South Carolina County of Kershaw By N. C. Arnett, Probate Judge Whereas, Letha Young filed suit to me to grant her letters administration c.t.a. of the and effects of W. T. Young. These are, therefore, to and admonish all and singular kindred and creditors of the W. T. Young, deceased, that be and appear before me, I Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, S. C., on September next, after publication here 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to cause, if any they have, said administration c.t.a. to not be granted.

Given under my hand this day of September Anno D 1948.

N. C. ARNETT Judge of Prob

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The State of South Carolina County of Kershaw By N. C. Arnett, Probate Judge Whereas, Mrs. Margaret West made suit to me to Clyde West and Maurice C. letters of administration of estate and effects of A. A. West. These are, therefore, to and admonish all and singular kindred and creditors of the A. A. West, deceased, that appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, S. C., on September 25th, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to cause, if any they have, wh said administration should n granted.

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