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### Federal Aid Without Strings

The Kershaw County Teachers Association at its last meeting went on record as urging "that Congress take favorable action on federal aid to education, such aid, however, to be given with the assurance of state and local control, with minimum federal control."

We may rest assured of one thing and that is that if the schools get federal aid they are going to get federal control. This control might come gradually—although we doubt that—but it will surely and positively come.

One of the first problems to come up would be the abolition of segregation. The federal government would certainly insist upon that as that seems to be one of the chief obsessions of the party in power now.

We had better look down, look down, that lonesome road before we travel on.

### The Case of Mr. Olds

It seems that the first thing nearly every man President Truman appoints to office has to do is to deny that he is a Communist and to explain away some things that he has said, written or done in the past.

The latest is Leland Olds, who has been nominated by the President for another term of the Federal Power Commission and for whose confirmation the President now has on a vigorous campaign.

Representative John E. Lyle, Democrat of Texas, dug up a series of articles that Mr. Olds wrote in the 1920's for the Federated Press, a labor news service, in which, according to Representative Lyle, he denounced the private enterprise system and "reserved his applause for Lenin, then head of the Communists, and Lenin's system."

Mr. Olds denies that he is a Communist but admits that he wrote radically in the period on which Mr. Lyle focused attention. His weak explanation was:

"I did so because I believed radical writing was needed in the 'Golden Twenties' to shock the American people, and particularly labor, out of the social and political lethargy resulting from the get-rich-quick fever of speculation which covered a sick capitalism with a flow of health. I felt that unless the American people were aroused to do something about it, the American way of life would be in jeopardy."

A rather puerile explanation, it seems to us. Mr. Olds wanted to wake the American people up by applauding Russia, he would have us believe. And apparently many accept his explanation. But not Senator Homer E. Capeheart of Indiana, who is an old-fashioned American who believes in the kind of America we have always had in the past. He told Mr. Olds to his face:

"I can't help feeling as I listen to you that you are opposed to the capitalistic system; that you have your doubts about it."

As we have said once before, it does seem to us that there are too many Americans about whose Americanism there cannot be the slightest doubt, who are able and qualified to fill all of the offices that may become vacant in this country, for the President to be continually naming men surrounding whom there is a great big question mark.

### Is This What We Want?

A \$40-a-week worker in England works twelve weeks out of the year to pay his taxes.

England has a Labor-socialistic form of government.

Do you want that kind of government in the United States? If you don't you had better be doing what you can to prevent it for we are traveling down that road at an alarming rate.

The fall of the year couldn't possibly be any more glorious anywhere in the world than it is in Camden.

This is Fire Prevention Week and you

### Costs of State Government

Out in the state of Washington a group of newspaper men, alarmed at the rapid increase in the costs of state government, decided to make an investigation of same. This newspapermen's committee spent three months probing state finances and now they have reported that the state's outlays have skyrocketed out of proportion to individual incomes.

The committee has called for "an aroused and informed public" to check the mushrooming state costs. It also wants economy measures and better accounting. It declares that the state is heading into financial trouble, and suggests that state administrators voluntarily cut spending programs and adopt more efficient and economical administrative practices.

The newsmen found that the state appropriations have jumped from \$261,000,000 in 1941-43 to \$867,000,000 in 1949-51, a 232 per cent boost. During the same 10-year period, they said, the total income earned by individuals rose only 86 per cent.

"We find an alarming lack of public understanding of the gravity of the financial course the state is now pursuing," the report said. The committee called upon newspapers to bring about a public awareness of the state's financial situation.

The committee made a study of the state's welfare program and said that "chiselers, idlers and grafters in alarming numbers have been receiving benefits of state grants."

What is true of Washington State is perhaps true to a greater or lesser extent of other states and it would not be a bad idea for an impartial committee to make the same study in other states that this committee has made in the state of Washington.

In South Carolina the cost of our government has mounted steadily higher, although it has not skyrocketed, we believe, in anything like the same proportions as in the state of Washington.

Nevertheless it would be a good idea to have an impartial committee make a study in this state and in every other state.

The taxpayers need some consideration!

### Honesty and Gratitude

Recently the daily newspapers carried a story from some big city about a very large sum of money—several thousands of dollars—having been lost and of how the finder, who was honest enough to turn it in, had not even been given a dime.

The Anderson Independent Thursday carried a story of an incident there in which a hotel maid found a money belt containing \$1,000 and turned it into the hotel office. The man who had left it in his room did not discover his loss until the following night when he phoned the hotel frantically. The hotel told him the belt was in the office safe. He instructed the manager of the hotel to give the maid \$100.

So we still have some honesty and some gratitude left in the world.

### Not A Pleasing Outlook

A report comes out of Russia to the effect that the Soviet has developed a rocket with a range of 5,000 miles. No other country has a rocket that will approach anything like that distance.

Another report tells of a terrible disease germ which has been perfected which is calculated to wipe out an entire nation.

The only lucky people in the next war will be the dead, in the opinion of General Douglas MacArthur, who told a reporter for the North American Alliance that with atomic energy we possess the means to destroy all of us at once, to ruin civilization and return man to caves to start all over again.

All in all, we'd say that it is not a very bright outlook for the world, and those therein.

### Land of Opportunity

Thirty years ago there was a skinny-legged kid selling peanuts at five cents a bag in the league baseball park at Atlanta, Ga. He was not much to look at, but he was a persistent little cuss.

Last summer it was announced that this former skinny-legged kid, Earl Mann, had become owner and general manager of the Atlanta baseball team, rated a \$600,000 proposition. He is an independently wealthy man today.

This couldn't have happened in Russia or in any totalitarian country. It could really have happened only in America.

If the Socialists have their way it may soon become impossible for any such thing to happen in this country. Under Socialism there would be no reward for thrift or intelligence. Everybody would be cast in the same mold.



Of course Moscow will deny that it was a world's championship series.

As for being of any value to the country, the average "ism" isn't.

It is exceedingly difficult for a child to see how anything can be three or four thousand years old when this is only 1949.

We see where a floral firm guarantees the century plants which it sells. We presume that if it doesn't bloom every 100 years they'll give you another one.

Everybody dislikes people who talk behind their backs, particularly at the movies.

An Oregon woman suing for a divorce testified that her husband embarrassed her by continually yawning while she was talking to visitors in the home. And that reminds us of the old story of the talkative lady who was telling her husband about the bad manners of an acquaintance who had recently paid her a visit. "If that woman yawned once while I was talking, she yawned a dozen times," she said. "Perhaps she wasn't yawning, maybe she wanted to say something," the husband replied.

One of the most expensive habits we form, as children, is that of eating.

What has become of the old-fashioned father who used to tell his children that if they didn't behave, their mother would whip them?

A Minnesota man has been asleep for a week. Some speaker must have done a very effective job.

"One way to get rich is to devise something new for which there is a big market," says a success writer. Something like a wedding ring with demountable initials!

You very seldom hear of a woman taking accounting because there is no accounting for the average woman.

"Leaves \$3,000,000 Snuff Fortune"—headline. Now, we presume, all of the relatives are trying to dip into it.

A Washington department store advertises handkerchiefs at \$15. That's a lot to blow in.

The suit brought by the government against the doctors is enough to make the whole country sick.

"Sometimes you find happiness where you least expect it," says a writer. Yes, for example, there was the fellow who had rented a book from the library. "I trust you found that novel interesting," the librarian remarked hopefully when he returned it. "No, not very," the patron replied, "but the letter some one left in it for a bookmark was."

Socrates who lived 469-399 B. C. once wrote: "The children now love luxury, they have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs and tyrannize over their teachers." Who said the world was going backward?

One formerly lived on what it costs to exist today.

Ever had one handicap in that she couldn't be continually throwing up to Adam the men she had turned down.

A Michigan couple, divorced in 1920, remarried the other day. There's nothing like sitting down thinking things over.

Life is worth living a whole lot better than most of us live it.

The average man works at it harder if he is a politician.

Queen Victoria was in her day an excellent pianist, and possessor of a remarkably correct ear for music. And she had the whole British Empire dancing to her music during her life time.

Now it is claimed that fish have a method of communication. Well it's mighty hard to get them to respond to some lines you send them.

It is expected that the next census will show that there are 500,000,000 Americans and just about that many different varieties of them.

It seems that even that recent hurricane was not able to get out of Texas. And that brings to mind the story of the business man with far flung interests who happened to be in a Texas city at the luncheon board of a leading banker of the place. The day was the hottest one of the summer. During the repast the business man remarked confidentially to the lady next to him that he couldn't understand why people as well-to-do as his host and hostess didn't spend their summers where it wasn't so hot. The lady gave him a gentle smile. "I'm afraid you don't see

### With The Press

#### Federal Aid

We raise our taxes to send money to Washington, then we raise some more taxes to match the amount we have already sent to Washington, in order to get back the amount we originally sent. That is what is known as Federal Aid.—Collierville (Tenn.) Herald.

#### Lo, The Poor Indian

The so-called humanitarians of the country think of race relations only in regard to Negroes and Jews in the main. Now, there's the Indians, the only native American citizens, and nobody has a good word for them. The humanitarians never say a word about the segregation of the Indians, denying them the ballot, and forcing them to live as government wards. They talk about equal opportunities for all, but the Indians are always excepted. The millions of Indian population are cooped up in reservations, have no voice in elections or in the government—through no fault of theirs. They are the original inhabitants of the country. Their lands and homes were taken from them and they are not allowed to live among the white people who invaded their country. There are thousands, doubtless millions, of good Indians; many of them would be high-class law makers and office-holders, if they were treated as citizens and allowed the opportunity to participate in governmental affairs. Why not include them in the program of "civil rights"?—Bamberg Herald.

#### One Car Trains

Many Americans have wondered why the railroads do not develop something like a single car unit for use in providing mobility to train schedules.

Apparently, to answer the problem, the Budd Company, which built many "name" trains for the railroads, has developed a new air-conditioned coach, seating ninety persons and powered by a Diesel engine. The unit will make around eighty miles an hour.

We do not know whether it is feasible to develop schedules for such units on most of the railroads, but if the carriers can give to possible customers more, but smaller trains, the passenger business might pick up.

Some years ago, we know that several railroads experimented with a car somewhat similar to the one described. It was a single coach, powered by a motor, but apparently did not operate successfully.—Orangeburg Times & Democrat.

#### Baruch On Bombs

Mr. Baruch has this to say: "All future atomic energy proposals should be submitted to one test—do they mean safe and sure control? Anything less than that would be worse than nothing."

Mr. Baruch, sound as usual, probably recalls how we scrapped our navy after the first World War and otherwise acted in good faith in hopes of bringing real peace to the world, only to find we had been made the goat.

As Mr. Baruch well says, merely to outlaw the atomic bomb is no insurance against atomic destruction.

"Unless the prohibition is accompanied by a truly effective, enforceable international inspection and control of atomic energy, we would be penalizing those nations which observe agreements to the advantage of those who do not."

Since Russia's record is not one of cooperation and dependability, it is not going to be easy to effect the kind of agreements Mr. Baruch has in mind. And, as he says, anything less would be out of the question. In this atomic bomb business we must know what we are doing. It's a cold, critical decision that must be bottomed on common sense and self protection.—The State.

#### The Two Dangers

War is not imminent, Russia will not make war on the rest of the world, certainly not now and probably not at any time. In the collective mind of the race human may be good sense predominant that will cause it to forbear to use upon itself the suicidal weapons that it has invented.

The danger to the United States is in the United States, is from its own people. They may ruin their republic by reckless spending, going into debt. Senator Byrd predicts a possible if not probable failure of the government to collect as much as it spends in the current year by seven thousand million dollars. The deficit the last three months has been \$1,400,000,000.

The national debt is already more than a quarter of a trillion of dollars. Yes, authority in Washington must think of debt in trillions.

We cannot, we Americans, go on and on plunging headlong, madly, in spending without raising taxes, to the backbreaking of workers and producers. The only other escape from debt-piling is larger inflation and in that is implied repudiation, which is bankruptcy.

Perhaps it were better that one silence misgivings, leaving the people to swim in ignorance of danger, in the pleasantness of a transient prosperity. Nevertheless, we say that financial and property disruption and revolution cannot take place in the United States without violence, without "civil war," attending it.

The News and Courier deliberately declares opinion that danger of civil war within the United States is nearer, more immediate, than is danger of war with Russia or other foreign country.

"Well, I can do nothing about it." That is the reflection of the average man, not excepting the man of more than common intelligence, the successful man—and he goes about his business as usual.—News and Courier.

## Historical Facts About Camden

### THE KING HAIGLAR FIGURE

The most distinctive object in Camden is the Indian figure which surmounts the tower of the City Hall. 150 years he has stood sentinel on the pinnacles of Camden, and as a work of art, is nothing short of a masterpiece. It was designed as an ideal effigy of a mass Catawba (Indian) chief—King Haiglar; who in the old days, between 1750 and 1763, was a frequent visitor to Camden, then Pine Tree Hill. He is represented in pose with drawn bow and arrow, a quiver at his back, feathers in his hair and a stag's horn at his feet. The statue is five feet, one inch, cut from iron, with gold which from time to time is overcome by rust, need renewal.

When and by whom was it shaped? The author is known to have been a J. R. Mathieu, a Frenchman, who flourished in Camden between years 1815 and 1834. Some remember Capt. James Villepigue, who, in his youth, knew Mathieu well. He said that he repeatedly heard Mathieu say that he designed and executed the King Haiglar figure and sent it to the town. Of this there appears to be doubt.

(In Friday's issue: More of King Haiglar.)

## Road To Peace Is Through Church

### (W. J. Byrd, In Anderson Independent)

"The United Nations General Assembly is on its way to silent minutes for prayer or meditation at each session."

Thus runs the opening sentence of a press association dispatch from New York, which probably is one of the most significant developments since the birth of the United Nations, for this action have a tremendous effect upon the work of this great world body.

When the matter was put to a vote of the U. N. legal committee the Communist delegations refrained from voting. This was unexpected. The encouraging thing about it is that all the other 44 tries represented on the committee voted unanimously for the prayer.

This writer, only last Sunday, pointed out that there should be a period of prayer for the General Assembly and for the Security Council, too. It is indeed gratifying that such a step has been taken. The men who make up the delegations to the U. N., who floor in debate of the various issues, are dealing with the humanity.

In short, the major objective of the United Nations is peace. The shooting war has been over more than four years, the cold war of nerves and bitter words is still raging all over the world. The struggle of Democracy and Communism for supremacy is the chief issue that plagues the United Nations. The world is into two great camps.

That 44 nations are willing to give prayer a trial, while seven Communist nations refrained from expressing their brings the hope that peace may yet be found in the teaching of Jesus Christ, the one Great Humanitarian, who knew all the answers to every problem of mankind.

His teachings, simple and direct, have been man's guide for nearly 2,000 years. They still apply and in them mankind find the answers to all his problems if he takes time to search truth. In the teachings of the lowly Galilean carpenter, the United Nations can find the answer to its problems.

The Spirit of Christ hovers over Flushing Meadows and Success ready to give comfort and guide the deliberations of the General Assembly, if the members of that group will invite an opening for such an invitation has been made and we delegates will use the silent minutes for sincere prayer and meditation and not let their minds wander.

A great step in the right direction has been taken by the powerful body in the world. Christian people everywhere hail this action as a victory for their cause and back it with their prayers and supplication. The mighty probability remains the final route to world peace will lead through the church.

**Communication**  
Liked Editorial  
Editor The Chronicle:  
In a group of clippings we receive monthly from a news clipping bureau, I have just seen your editorial of August 19, entitled, "South Carolina To Benefit."  
May I commend you on this forward looking editorial. We need more like it. Some one has aptly said, "We have to be on fire ourselves before we can ignite any one else." You are performing a great service for your state when you make its people realize their wonderful potentialities.  
L. W. Bishop, Director, Research, Planning and Development Board, Columbia, S. C.

### FACING THE ISSUES

The late Supervisor McSherry was one of the city's most beloved and public figures. During his long career as a member of the board of supervisors, from 1918 to 1948, he lived many memorable years which he invariably spent with picturesque phrases, including many a mixed metaphor. I well remember the day in the midst of heated debate in the city transit issue, when Supervisor McSherry declared, "We should grab the bull by the tail and look the issue in the face!"—Virgil L. Francisco, Calif.

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