

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK! An Editorial

The average life of each of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years, and their progression seems to have followed this sequence:

1. From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
2. From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
3. From Courage to Liberty;
4. From Liberty to Abundance;
5. From Abundance to Selfishness;
6. From Selfishness to Complacency;
7. From Complacency to Apathy;
8. From Apathy to Dependency;
9. From Dependency back to Bondage.

In less than ten years the United States of America will be 200 years old. And, from the looks and appearances around us, it would seem as if we are in the 8th period — doesn't it?

We are sure that all serious thinking people can put approximate dates to the stages from 1 thru 7.

From our recollection, the latter part of stage 5, namely the Selfishness, became manifest shortly after the outbreak of World War II.

Many people became money hungry when they saw the big pay that was available in the defense plants. Patriotism was subjugated to the value of the almighty dollar and draft dodging became very noticeable.

During World War II, Labor Unions that controlled part of the Nation's defense effort were allowed to go out on strike for higher wages. This, despite the fact that many of us on the combat fronts were receiving an average of \$60 to \$71 a month and were risking our lives daily. What would have happened if we had gone on a strike for more pay — and less hours?

After World War II, we seem to have traveled along the 6th stage, as the Korean conflict came along. We, as a Nation, lost many Soldiers — but this wasn't even considered a War! Instead of emerging victorious, the best thing that was accomplished was a compromise — with a stalemate!

We lost a great deal of "face" with the free people of the World as a result of the settlement of this conflict. Now we are embroiled in Vietnam — and many, many voiceless "so called" Citizens are demanding that we QUIT — before we achieve a decisive VICTORY!

Yes, we passed thru the 7th stage quickly when we allowed the "Reds" to establish an accessible base in Cuba — just a few short miles from our "Home Shores."

Now it appears that we are well into the 8th stage as our Leaders, Workers, and Unions demand more and more of management! These people want to be taken care of practically from the cradle to the grave. They want to work fewer and fewer hours — make more and more money — do less and less at their jobs — live higher and higher — and spend more of their time playing and vacationing.

And, with the establishment of "Medicare" as well as "Medicaid", besides reading about the ambitious spending plan of our President — these ideas seem to be Quite Popular! But — just WHO is going to earn the money to make this Welfare State possible? Taxes are so high now that many ambitious people have to work at a regular job and have at least 1 or 2 part time jobs on the side in order to afford to live at the social level they desire. — And, this is just the BEGINNING!

Let's see if we can't get people around us interested in how our Tax Dollars are being spent — and help put a stop to this deplorable inflation and waste of our financial resources!

If we don't — our Apathy will allow the majority to turn into complete Dependency — and from there it's just a short step to complete BONDAGE!

FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 26, 1917

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Lewis C. Kenyon, 69, died at the home of his son, Cass Kenyon Monday. Burial was in East Valley.

Mrs. Eliza Fosbury, 71, died at her home on Elm Street January 20th. A daughter and a sister survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Two large sleigh-loads gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Slocum Saturday evening. A fine supper was served; after which the evening was passed with music and games.

Word was received in Andover Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Nettie Cook of Mapes, N. Y. Mrs. Cook was a sister of Thomas Swain and well known here.

Miss Lucille Jenks of Mt. Morris was a week-end guest of Miss Francis Beebe.

E. J. Atwood, J. C. Lever and J. Harvey Backus are among those from Andover in Buffalo this week.

Mrs. Clark Fulkerson of Hornell is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hyland this week.

Mrs. Lottie Hann was in Owego to attend a meeting of Rebekah Lodge there Wednesday night.

Jesse Corwin arrived in Andover Wednesday from Merritt Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Donnelly and children returned to their home in Youngstown, Ohio, Monday after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonough.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 28, 1927

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Mr. Merle Mattison and two daughters of Whitesville are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. Ellen Wilson of Andover died Thursday, January 20. A daughter and two sons survive.

Mrs. A. D. Fuller and Mrs. Hattie D. Davis are in Elmira this week on account of the illness of W. W. Longwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilcox were in Canisteo Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss. Mr. Church remained in Canisteo for the week.

Miss Alice Markin and Miss Edna Myne passed the week-end with Mrs. Ellen Walsh.

Mrs. Hattie Broderick of Hornell was a Sunday guest at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean.

Miss Ellen Driscoll who has been passing a few days guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll, returned to Buffalo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Millsbaugh and family were in Whitesville several days this past week on account of the illness and death of his father, P. K. Millsbaugh.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Hassold left Andover Tuesday morning en route to the Bahama Islands where they expect to pass several weeks at Nassau, Mrs. Hassold's former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers were pleasantly surprised at their home Monday evening when about 60 friendly neighbors and members of the West Greenwood Grange gathered to celebrate Mr. Rogers' birthday.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 22, 1937

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The Patrons of the Oxford Products Company, Inc., of Andover met at the Village Hall Monday evening and formed a new co-operative milk company. The proposed name for the new company is the "Andover Producers Co-operative". Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: H. W. Jackson, President; Everett Clark, Vice-President; C. L. Lynch, Secretary and Carl Childs, Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Gilfillan left Saturday for Harrisburg, Pa., where Mr. Gilfillan is acting as judge of the maple products ex-

Albany Insight

by Johannes Loursen



LOTTERY MOVES FORWARD

A bill to establish a State lottery in New York is high on the agenda of the Legislature this winter. The plan is still controversial and its opponents are not silenced but there is general agreement that the lottery will become a reality following last November's referendum.

Sixty per cent of those who took a stand on the lottery issue, voted yes, and 40 percent no. In all, 2.4 million voters said yes, 1.6 million no. That is a total of 4 million votes cast on the lottery issue. Since 6.1 million voted in the gubernatorial election, there were 2.1 million voters who did not take a stand on the lottery issue. However, there are always a number of voters who do not bother to vote on amendments, and actually the vote on the lottery was comparatively high.

Whatever interpretation is used it is obvious that the voters gave the legislators a go-ahead signal. Out of a total of over 8 million people eligible to go to the polls and cast a no-vote on the lottery only about one fifth chose to do so. Out of those who actually got to the polling place only one third voted against the lottery.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller who was not in favor of the lottery said he would abide by the people's decision. Now, in his message to the Legislature on the opening day of the session January 4, he said he would work closely with the leaders in development of sound legislation to carry out the voters' decision. "With your cooperation in passing appropriate legislation lottery funds should be available during the 1967-68 fiscal year to help meet educational needs — elementary, secondary and higher education as well as scholarships," the Governor said.

The governor's staff is busy now preparing the detailed legislation to implement the voters' mandate. The other pivotal point in the lottery preparations is Speaker Anthony Travia's office. The two camps, one Republican and one Democratic, have been conferring during this preliminary period. Rather than taking separate stands and then fight and perhaps reach a compromise, there seems to be strong sentiment for a bipartisan proposal on this basic practical issue which is not really a party matter.

A Sweepstakes Lottery

A number of lottery suggestions have been brought forward, many of them patterned on foreign lotteries, such as in Austria, Poland, Hungary, Denmark and Australia. However, it is very unlikely that any of them will be chosen for the

simple reason that they would be subject to a 10% Federal tax on the gross take. Only a sweepstakes lottery such as the one in New Hampshire is exempt from this tax and, therefore, all serious New York plans have been of this kind. New Hampshire sought and got an exemption for State lotteries based on horse racing. Conceivably, Congress would grant the same exemption for other forms of State lotteries but rather than taking any chances and at best face delay and uncertainty, New York will probably fashion its lottery after that in New Hampshire. There is also some feeling that this will lend added interest to the lottery.

On the Senate side Senator Edward Speno, the chairman of the Republican Conference, is a leading spokesman for the view that the lottery must be tried, at least as an experiment, but he adds that it should be repealed, if it does not work well. He prefaced a bill to set-up a lottery commission to operate the lottery. On the Assembly side four Democrats have filed bills for the same purpose. They are Assembly Jose Ramos-Lopez, Charles Rangel, James Barry and Bertram Podell.

The Opposition

Senator Thomas Laverne, of Rochester, led strong opposition to the lottery before the election. He made 142 speeches against it, and notes that wherever a strong opposition campaign was conducted, the people voted no. He feels the lottery is the wrong form of a tax, the wrong way to support a government.

After the election he says that he will not be an obstructionist but he will seek to write into the law a stipulation that after three years the people must vote on whether they want to keep the lottery. Senator Laverne indicates that he will thus have won a major concession. There are others who agree that the lottery should be observed and come up for reconsideration but who hesitate to put this into the law and thus perhaps show that they doubt the soundness of the legislation even before it is tried.

Open Questions

Current thinking is that the lottery will be related to major racing events in the State, perhaps 4 to 6. Some want the tickets sold by machine in order to keep chances of fraud and racketeering to a minimum. Locations will probably be race-tracks, banks and possibly other places presently under State control or regulations.

It is hoped that a bill will be passed by March 1 and certainly signed by the time the Legislature adjourns. There are attempts to put the lottery into effect by July 1, although others think September 1 is a more realistic date. How much will it yield? There is no way of really knowing, but proponents think it should be no less than 100 million dollars for a full year.

Lottery proceeds are earmarked for education. Schoolmen are objecting partly because they feel revenue will be fluctuating. One way of meeting this objection would be to use these funds for additional programs such as scholarships and special services. Another would be a promise that the State would make up for losses in any given year when the lottery failed to produce expected revenue.

Questions to be decided are still legion, such as how much for prizes and administration and how much for education (perhaps not far from 50-50), how large the prizes will be (perhaps a large prize of \$100,000, several in the thousands and many smaller prizes), and what price each ticket (possibly 2-5 dollars each).

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