

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 \$74 a month and were risking our lives daily.

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 voiciferous "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 Governor - 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!



50 YEARS AGO

January 17, 1919
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Mrs. A. A. Hinchey, 63; died at her home in Elm Valley, Thursday, January 9. Her husband, a daughter and a sister survive. Interment was in Friendship Cemetery.

Mrs. Flora I. Mosher, 65, died Monday, January 13th. Three sons and a daughter survive. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

William R. Orvis, an Andover resident, died Tuesday, January 14th at the Bath Soldiers Home. His wife, a son, a daughter and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

District Deputy, M. Wilson installed the new I.O.O.F. Officers Tuesday evening. Ray Hammond was installed as Noble Grand.

Ida Williams was installed as Worthy Matron of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 Order of Eastern Star Monday evening.

T. J. Lynch was chosen President of the New Dairymen's League which organized Saturday night. H. E. Robinson, Vice President; C. A. Robinson, Secretary and W. W. Pingrey, Treasurer.

Samuel J. Joyce, 35, a former resident of Andover, died January 17th at his home in North Tonawanda. His wife, two daughters, a son, his mother, three sisters and three brothers survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hulbert and child of Buffalo are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Livermore of South Hill.

Miss Ruth Taylor was the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parden of East Valley from Friday until Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitney of Angelica, are visiting at the homes of his uncles, Homer Stearns and Hubert Stearns of East Valley.

Mrs. Anna Works went to Corning this week where she will make her home.

Mrs. Emma Hurd returned to her home in Belmont Thursday after a two day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rogers.

C. D. Witter returned to his home in Coudersport, Pa., Tuesday after passing two weeks visiting his brother, F. J. Witter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clarke started Friday for a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wilbert Davis of Bridgeton, N. Y. They stopped off at Sayre, Pa., and passed Sunday with the families of George and Leon Bloss.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Orton, the newly installed pastor of the Baptist Church in Andover, arrived Friday from his former home in Gillett, Pa.

Archie L. Bloss returned from Chicago Wednesday with his honorable discharge from the Navy.

Sgt. and Mrs. Louis Bloss left Sunday for a visit with relatives in Oswego. They leave Wednesday for Los Angeles, Calif., where Mr. Bloss takes the principalship of a school near that city.

40 YEARS AGO

January 18, 1929
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The following people will take charge of our local Fraternal organizations for the coming year: Clarence Mead, Worthy Master of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M.; Bernice Nobles, Worthy Matron, Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, Order of Eastern Star; Lleyellyn Clair, Noble Grand, I. O. O. F.; Clara Howland, Noble Grand, Rebekah; Lester Green, Master, Andover Grange; Franz Teribury, Master, West Greenwood Grange; Lavinia R. Clair, President of W.B.A.; Fannie Backus, President, W.E.C.

At a meeting of the Directors Monday, A. D. Fuller was elected President; Frank S. Clarke, Vice President and R. G. Snyder, Cashier.

Randall A. Paine died at his home on Elm Street, Saturday,



by Alex Rankin

In many places in the state during last year's election the rising tide of violent crime was a campaign issue.

Much of it was political playing with the fears of people. A report presented to the State Legislature last week should go a long way toward bringing some sanity back into discussion of the issue, and more importantly, how the fact of the rising wave of violent crime can be dealt with.

The report comes from the state Joint Legislature Committee on Crime, whose chairman is Senator John H. Hughes of Onondaga and Madison Counties, and whose members include Assemblyman Charles Stockmeister of Rochester, Senator Edward Speno of Long Island and Senator Thomas McGowan of the 56th District including Orchard Park.

The report places some of the cause on the place where a number of people have always put it - the courts and the prosecutors - but for different reasons.

The reasons are important, because they are statistically documented to make a very convincing argument.

People are discouraged from crime because of the penalties, notes the report. "But if penalties are to effectively deter crime, they must be credible", says the report.

"We do not have such a system today," charges the report. In short, the chances that a person who commits murder, rape or robbery will actually be found guilty of those charges are very slim indeed.

Why? Here are the statistics for 1966: Of the 727 persons arrested for murder, only 66 were convicted of murder.

Of the 1781 persons arrested for rape, only 74 were convicted of rape.

Of the 5416 persons arrested for robbery, only 877 were convicted of robbery.

Again, why? January 12, interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Six inches of snow fell Monday night with the thermometer reading 16 below zero Tuesday morning.

Jerry Updyke, 51, died at his home on Greenwood Street, Saturday, January 12. His wife and his parents survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullen of West Greenwood Hill, are the parents of a son born Monday, January 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean of South Hill are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Andover, spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Spicer and family of Independence.

Mrs. Mary A. Greene of Independence, is visiting her son, Edward of Tip Top.

Mrs. Clifford Frost and daughter spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Flay Pease of West Greenwood.

Charles Clark was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davis of Davis Hill several days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Davis returning him to his home on Hartsville Hill, Sunday.

Mrs. Emeline Corbett died at her home on Water Street Tuesday, January 15.

Miss Mae Coeoman of Buffalo is visiting at the home of her father, John Coeoman.

Mrs. Agnes Langworthy is passing a few days this week with Mrs. Mortimer Langhaur of Railroad Valley, who is ill.

Mrs. Frances Howland has returned from Raleigh, N. C., where she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leon Cook.

Leon Bloss came down from Waverly last week for an overnight visit with his brother, F. L. Bloss and sister, Mrs. Ila Clarke.

Because of the notorious practice of "plea bargaining", says the report - the present woefully prosecutors deliberately avoid a person, then, with the approval of the courts allow the defendant to plead guilty to a lesser charge.

Everyone is aware of the common practice in justice of the peace courts of allowing people charged with speeding to plead guilty to a charge of faulty muffler.

It's the same thing, only with rape, robbery and murder.

The committee filed a drastic bill to end this procedure, which will be fought hard by court and prosecution lobbies this year.

The committee bill would create a "judicial assistant post". This man would sit right in the grand jury room while testimony is being taken and he would have the power to advise the jurors. Presumably, he would advise them not to indict a person for first degree murder when the evidence clearly warrants an indictment for second degree murder, for example.

The committee filed a second, even more important bill. This legislation would force a judge to send to jail anyone convicted of a class A or B felony.

The maximum term for a Class A felony is life, the maximum for a Class B felony is 25 years.

The committee struck out at those who want to merely increase the jail terms for existing crimes as a solution.

The committee report said a person, for the law to be effective, must know that if he commits a crime he will go to jail.

"That isn't the case today," says the report.

As an example, there was a state law giving persons convicted of a crime an additional five years in jail.

The committee found that the law was used so rarely that it was left out of the penal law when it was rewritten in 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Myers were down from Rochester to pass the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Joseph Eberle and family.

30 YEARS AGO

January 20, 1939
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Demick, are the parents of a son born Monday, January 16th.

Maple Sugar cakes from a 1939 crop of maple syrup made their first appearance in Cuba last week when Gailerd Perkins of West Clarksville offered them for sale. Mr. Perkins tapped 750 trees on January 6th and to date has made ten gallons of syrup.

Almond and West Almond and extending westward thru Karr Valley are to have a rural electric service in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrettrum and family of Dallas City, Pa., were Saturday and Sunday visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Billings.

Francis Gavin visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gavin on Pingrey Hill over the week-end.

James McDonough attended the first annual convention of the New York State Highway Employees Association held in Syracuse Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15. Mr. McDonough was a delegate from the 10th district.

Mrs. Carolyn Hunt went to Angelica Wednesday, where she attended a reception in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reisman, held by the OES in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wentworth motored to Flugs, Pa., Saturday, where they passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillonen.

Charles Bassett is spending this week with his brother, Earl Bassett in Buffalo.

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