

THE GOOD SOCIETY

An Editorial

What is "The Good Society"? Many books have been written in seeking to answer that question — many more will roll from the presses as the years go by.

It can be answered, in a very few words and simple terms. It could be stated as a society in which each individual has the inalienable right to choose his path in life within a framework of equitable laws designed to prevent him from encroaching upon this same right in others.

NO LAW CAN MAKE MEN EQUAL — but law can guarantee equality of opportunity.

It is, above all, a society in which individual freedom and rights is limited by, and only by, the right of a people as a whole to maintain and protect itself.

It is a society which fully recognizes the policy that President Jefferson believed in — that Government is best — which governs least.

Freedom without fear; strength without coercion; pride without arrogance; and an endless sense of the worth of man—these are marks of "The Good Society".

What does all of this have to do with to-day?

A minority of our population, under the guise of a demand for equal rights, stirred up by radicals, possibly aided and abetted by underground Communists, are creating acts of violence and incidents which are shaking the very roots of our society.

America, in the past, has been the land of opportunity. It has been a land where emigrants from many lands have been able to build fortunes and great business empires through hard work and ambition.

Large groups of immigrants from many foreign countries — The Italians, The Irish, The Jews, The Chinese, The Japanese — These are some that have reached our shores in the past century searching for freedom, the right to worship, the privilege of a free education, and the right to vote when they were educated enough to deserve that right.

These minorities didn't demand special treatment, but instead raised themselves by their own bootstraps.

They were willing to work, whether it was digging ditches, mining coal, building roads, working in canning factories, or helping build road-beds and laying track for the railroads.

These people worked hard for their whole generation — sent their children to school and saw to it that they received as much education as possible. Many of these children became Doctors, Lawyers, Contractors and businessmen of all branches.

Most of these people worked twice as hard to set the example for their own race or nationality. Sometimes they were called "Wops", "Micks", "Kikes", "Chinks", or "Japs" but they took it in their stride and proved to the more fortunate "Born Americans" that they were indeed worthy citizens — willing to work and fight for their new "Country".

These people probably know more about our government and are more Patriotic Citizens than the native Americans. Many of them came to this country long after Lincoln freed the slaves.

Now we are faced with the Negro race situation — riots — picketing — cries of discrimination — even a march on Washington. Stirred up by a bunch of radicals, helped by a group of so called "Do-Gooders", this Negro minority is arrogantly demanding that the majority of Americans give up some of our rights granted us under the United States Constitution so they can have special rights.

Why should we, the Majority, be told by the Government whom we can employ in our own place of business, where we have to send our children to school, whom we have to associate with?

To us, it seems high time that the Negro race as a whole, borrow a page from the immigrants that have come to this country, long after they were here in this country, and through their own ambition and hard work earn what is rightly theirs instead of trying to wrestle or seize and take away rights of the vast majority of citizens.



50 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1919

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Miss Northrup, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Northrup of Greenwood Hill died Monday, April 21st of pneumonia, following influenza.

L. G. Coleman has moved his family from Andover to Wells-Ville, where they are located on Brooklyn Avenue.

Eugene Hurd has moved his family from Andover to Belmont and is living in the Mitchell property on Third Street.

William McDonough received a fine box of cigars as a birthday gift from his son, Private James McDonough, from the Isles of San Domingo, West Indies, last week.

Miss Lenora Dean of Buffalo Normal is enjoying a week's vacation from her school work at her home on South Hill.

Miss Mary Dean is spending a few days vacation at her home on South Hill from St. Elizabeth's Academy, Allegheny.

The young people of Independence gave Miss Edna Bassett a surprise Saturday evening.

Mrs. M. A. Green of Independence is visiting her son, Harry at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. William Pardon of East Valley went to Buffalo to spend her Easter vacation with her daughter, Miss Mary Pardon and other relatives.

William McAndrew of Wells-Ville is spending a few days with his brother, E. McAndrew and family of South Hill.

M. V. Lynch returned Wednesday evening from a few days visit in New York City.

Mrs. Phillip Barrett of Amsterdam, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mrs. P. Barrett.

Miss Mae Randall of Ripley, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams.

Miss Minnie Clair was in Almond the first of the week, guest of Rev. and Mrs. Longenecker.

Leo Snyder went to Ithaca Wednesday, where he will be the guest of friends the rest of the week.

Herbert Adams of Voorhees Hill has sold his stock to Garvin Bros. of this place, preparatory to taking a year's western trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Freeland and daughter, Frances, of Elmira, were guests of her mother, Mrs. Augusta Hincer, Friday and Saturday.

Donald Smith and Clark Fulkerson left Wednesday night for Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. William Eagen of Hornell, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ellen Walsh, the first of the week.

40 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1929

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Mrs. Mary Frisbey was honored on her 91st birthday Friday evening, when a group of old friends and acquaintances paid her a surprise visit, laden with a birthday cake, luncheon and gifts.

Byron Ruger has moved his family to Almond this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lang of Olean, have moved from that city to Andover and will occupy the Vars apartment corner of Main and Greenwood Street. Mr. Lang is the manager of the new Market Basket Grocery, which opened Saturday in the Vars block.

Miss Anna O'Leary of Andover, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Dean of South Hill Monday and Tuesday.

Due to the big snow storm last week, Miss Seely of Andover had an enforced vacation of a few days from her school work in Fulmer Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hawks of Shongo, Sunday.

Miss Ruth Robinson of Englewood, N. Y., is home from her school studies for a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson.

John Dean of Buffalo, was visiting relatives in town this week.

Mrs. E. J. Pierce is spending the week in the city, buying goods



By Alex Rankin

Last week's five-hour debate and defeat of the abortion reform bill by the State Assembly, broke all the rules.

It was a record for the longest reporter's meeting in a bill's history and the speaker actually changed the subject.

The rule in Albany is that everyone has the right to be heard. At times the speaker bothers to even listen to speeches. At times the speaker and talking of other legislation so loud it is difficult to hear the speaker.

Before the debate began it was generally believed that Assemblyman Albert Blumstein of Manhattan, who has pushed the abortion reform in the Legislature for the past three years, had at least 75 votes and perhaps as many as 85. A total of 75 are needed to pass a bill.

But that was before Assemblyman Martin Ginsberg of Nassau County got up. Ginsberg has been a vocal opponent since he was a month old, and now with great difficulty with leg braces and crutches.

Until the night before the debate he had been a supporter of abortion reform, with as he said later, some deep reservations about a section of the bill which allows an abortion when there is good evidence the child, if born, would be grossly malformed and unable to care for himself for the

rest of his life. The supporters, got up and gave Ginsberg a standing ovation.

There were other Assemblymen who were considered to be an inappropriate and in poor taste speech on the clinical aspects of abortion, describing in minute detail the various operations, as did

Blumstein, an otherwise brilliant statesman himself, added to it, one might add. At one point he showed pictures of deformed babies around the chamber.

When the vote came it was 69 to 75 and the 14 votes had gone.

for the new hat and dress shop which opens May 1st in the Jordan basement.

Dr. C. W. O'Donnell and daughter, Susan, were week-end guests of his daughter, Kathryn and Miss Ruth Watson, at the W. H. Hines home in Buffalo.

Miss Ila Clark was called to Canisteo the last of the week by the unfortunate condition of her son-in-law, Lewis Thompson who was being operated on for several weeks.

Mrs. Frank Gilder was a guest of friends in Delevan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arling E. Baker and Sara Bettinger, accompanied Miss Helen Clark to Newark, N. Y., Saturday, where they spent the week-end with Miss Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark.

Clifford Howland motored home from Garrison to pass the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Magee of Dunkirk passed from Friday to Tuesday guests of Mrs. LaRae Crandall and Mrs. Jennie Hammond.

Mrs. John Nobles and Mrs. Harold Moland attended the O.E.S. meeting at Alfred Wednesday evening.

30 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1939

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Isabelle C. Rice, 85, died at her home on Dyke Street Monday, April 24. Several nieces and nephews survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stocum observed their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, April 27th with a family dinner at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Stocum have two children, Mrs. Harry Lynton and Jesse Stocum, both residing in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord are the parents of a daughter, Corrine May, born Wednesday, April 26th.

Miss Coral Gramer and Richard Trowbridge were united in marriage Saturday, April 15th in Sandusky, Ohio.

Today, April 28th, from 9 - 5 and 7 - 10 P. M., in the evening, a silver tea will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arling Baker. The proceeds will be for the Choir Robes and repairs to the Presbyterian Church Organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Edna Robbins of Cuba, have rented the apartment

corner of Maple and Second St. The true fisherman has 365 days of joy a year; 5 days of fishing and 360 days mooning over his tackle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter of Andover, spent from Wednesday until Saturday with Linford Potter and family of Independence.

Francis Mead, Carol Burdick and Alan Tuttle visited the Buffalo Airport, Niagara Falls and Canada, Sunday.

Donald Gavin of East Valley, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gavin of Joyce Hill over the week-end.

Mrs. Caroline Hunt left Sunday to pass several days at the home of her son, Lawrence Hunt in Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ball motored to Olean with her.

Miss Mira Diffin has returned from Arkport, where she has been spending several weeks with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McHugham.

Quentin West has returned home from North Bergen, N. J. where he has been for nearly a year.

R. K. Hammond of Rochester and Lynn Hammond of Hornell, spent Sunday with their mother and sister, Mrs. Ida Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. George Blank. Lynn Hammond remained for a few days.

Mrs. Mira Gardner of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scaglione and children of Ithaca, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Sarah Hunt.

Mrs. Guy Hulin and daughter, Nancy Lee, visited her mother, Mrs. Florence Martin at Alfred for a few days last week. Mrs. Martin accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead and family spent Sunday with her father, Henry Joyce of Joyce Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker, left Tuesday for their home in Spruce Pine, N. C.

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