

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. 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 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 7, 1921

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C. E. Brown and R. O. Snyder have purchased from the Home Enterprise Co., the Enterprise Block corner of Main and Greenwood Streets.

Among the changes announced in Andover at the beginning of the New Year, was the change of the firm of Baker Bros. to Baker Bros. and Boyd Hardware Dealers.

Clifford Burdick will be installed as Master of Andover Grange at their next regular meeting January 14th.

Miss Edna Reed and Clayton Van Orsdel both of Canastota were united in marriage New Year's Day by Rev. Melvin I. Mills. The bride is the granddaughter of Calvin Slocum of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Baker of Pingrey Hill, are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, December 22nd.

E. F. Woodward of Greenwood, has purchased the hotel at that place of Riley Hale and will take possession February 1st.

Miss Mayme Dean of South Hill returned to her work of nursing at Tonawanda Sunday, and Miss Lenora Dean returned to her school work in Salamanca Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ray Hurlburt and son of Allentown are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Livermore of South Hill for a few days.

Mrs. Herman Deah and children who came from Oklahoma to enjoy the holidays with relatives, spent a few days last week at the home of John Dean of South Hill.

Miss Anna Brown of Oil City, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ella Casey of South Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. Elwood Burdick of Waverly and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burdick of Bath spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick of Tip Top.

Mrs. C. W. Williams and children of Andover spent Christmas at the home of F. M. Baker of Tip Top.

Mrs. C. S. Rennells and son of Coudersport, Pa., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top.

Mrs. Walter Rose of Buffalo spent Wednesday and Thursday at the home of F. M. Lee of Tip Top.

Mrs. A. W. Richards of Warren Pa., was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Kenyon.

Lawrence D. Clarke of Elmira spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clarke.

Miss Ada Dexter of Whitesville spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. H. G. Clarke.

Mrs. Earl Slocum and sons, Edward and Robert are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum this week.

Mrs. L. E. Davis returned Monday from Rochester, where she has been visiting at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Padden of Wellsville spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padden.

Mrs. Frank Ryan returned to her home in Allegany the last of the week after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mulcahy.

Misses Margaret and Irene Dougherty are spending their holiday vacation with their aunt, Mrs. Anna Corigan at Sugar Notch, Pa.

Misses Mary and Monica Padden have returned to their school duties after spending the Christmas vacation at the home of their parents.

40 YEARS AGO

January 2, 1931

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Henry Milton Bennett, 81, died Wednesday, December 24. His wife, three daughters and two sons survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Word has been received from the University of the State of New York that Miss Frances Brundage has passed the examination of the State to become a Registered

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The 1971 session of the state Legislature got underway recently, and of course the biggest topic of the week is money — where it's going to come from.

In an interview before the session began, the big man in the Legislature, Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr. of Montauk, Long Island, followed Governor Rockefeller's line, to wit: State taxpayers are in for a big jolt unless the federal government does something about revenue sharing.

Taxpayers, said Duryea, may be faced with:

1. Coughing up through a major tax hike
2. A major cutback in state services.

Many residents of Central New York, for example, recently found out what it meant when Rockefeller ordered a cutback on state employee overtime and the filling of vacant jobs.

After the first snowstorm they

went out in their cars and discovered that for a lengthy period of time the roads were poorly plowed, if at all in some cases.

In the past one shift was expanded to three during storms. Now there are three shifts, but with the same number of men as are on one shift.

And that's not all centering on the action New York City Mayor John Lindsay took when faced with a \$2.4 billion welfare budget for the coming fiscal year.

The Mayor rejected it and then began a lawsuit to force the state add the federal government to take over the entire cost of welfare.

Rocky's reaction is going to be one of the focal issues of this session.

There was also much discussion in the halls over two other major issues — and it is too early to draw any conclusions about either — rewriting last year's repeal of the abortion law, and massive state aid to parochial schools.

day vacation with their sister Mrs. Charles Updyke.

30 YEARS AGO

January 2, 1941

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Allegany County is second high in the State in the number of deer shot — 1,097. Hamilton County was first.

Charles H. Clark, 54, died Tuesday, December 24th. His wife, four children, a brother, three half-brothers and two half-sisters survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mrs. Ralph Kemp, 83, died Tuesday, December 24. Her husband, two sons, a brother and a half-brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Word has been received in Andover of the death of Rev. Chas. H. Hamilton, former pastor of Andover Baptist Church, at Charleston, W. Va., December 19th.

Fire starting from an overheated stove at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellis, just outside the Village limits, totally destroyed their home Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge are receiving congratulations on their 55th wedding anniversary today, Thursday, January 2nd.

Friends numbering about 200 gave a farewell party for Edward and Howard Brewster at the West Greenwood Grange Hall, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Francisco and family of East Rochester and Mrs. Alta Hoagland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland and family.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. Alice Livermore of South Hill.

Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence accompanied her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whitford to their home at Watertown for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence are passing a few days with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Coats of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson, daughter, Eleanor and Matt Wooster and daughter, Nancy of Rutherford, N. J., are visiting Mr. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson for a few days this week.

Mrs. E. J. Atwood spent the holidays at the home of her cousin, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Crawford of Syracuse.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing, R.N. of New York City, passed the holidays at the Folsing home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson spent last week at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huffcut at Sea Cliff, Long Island.

Mrs. Grace Wagner and daughter, Miss Mable Wagner, passed the week-end guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. V. D. Whiting of Ovid, passed the week of the holi-

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