

IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK!

An Editorial Worth Repeating.

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 one year 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 demanded that we QUIT — before we achieved 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!

The above Editorial has appeared periodically in this Newspaper for nearly ten years as our reminder what may lay in store for OUR GREAT NATION!

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News From Albany

by Assemblyman
 James L. Emery

EMERY SEEKS EXEMPTION OF CHARITY EVENTS FROM SALES TAX

Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) has pre-filed legislation which would exempt volunteer firemen and their auxiliaries and all service organizations in the state operated for benevolent purposes, from the state sales tax.

The measure, introduced by Emery, would include such groups as Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Elks and all such organizations whose major purpose is to raise charitable funds or to perform services for the betterment of the community. It would be applicable to all volunteer firemen, ambulance corps and other such organizations throughout the state.

"I have always felt that it is perfectly ridiculous for the state to assess such organizations in light of their charitable efforts," Emery said. "The bulk of the money raised by these groups goes to needy institutions and projects such as scouts, hospitals and civic endeavors."

He continued: "For the state to take four percent from the earnings of these groups simply doesn't make any sense. We must also realize that these organizations are actually saving the state thousands of dollars each year by performing some services that might otherwise be demanded of the state."

Emery noted that sales tax exemption was passed for all veterans organizations in the state by the 1974 Legislature and enacted by the Governor. "If it can be done for veterans groups, it certainly should be done for volunteer firemen and others," he stated.

Assemblyman Emery said that he has been receiving an increasingly large amount of mail and inquiries concerning this situation particularly from firemen groups who feel that such a tax is totally unjustified.

FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

December 26, 1924

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Mrs. B. F. Howland died at her home on North Main St., December 21 following an illness of five days from arterial Sclerosis and Apoplexy. She was born Dec. 9, 1858, the daughter of James and Margaret Foster Wycott at Black River Falls, Wis. She married Byron F. Howland Oct. 19, 1876. Besides her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Clara M. Hann of Andover and Mrs. George Robinson of Alfred survive. Another daughter, Mrs. Georgianne Bines died in 1908. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

James Youmans, brother of William Youmans, died Monday, December 22 at the State Hospital in Rochester. Burial was in Batavia. The Entre Nous Club entertained their gentlemen friends at their Annual Christmas Tree and turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Temple, Tuesday evening.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. S. P. Taylor, Wednesday with dinner at 2 o'clock.

A letter received by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Baker of Railroad Valley, states their safe arrival on December 7 at Santa Anna, Calif. The trip was made by auto.

Miss Leah Moon of Whitesville and Newton Clark of Andover, were united in Marriage December 13 at the Universalist Parsonage at Whitesville by the Rev. William E. Todd.

Mrs. Jennie Sanford Resuc, 65, years old, fell down stairs Dec. 19 at her home in Troupsburg and was seriously hurt. She died the next day. She is survived by her husband, George and two sons



Ask

Senator

BUCKLEY

As a careful watcher of federal spending, how could you vote to override President Ford's veto of the bill which increases veteran's educational benefits?

—P. L.—White Plains

Unlike some federal programs which cost billions of dollars and accomplish little, veteran's benefits have provided this country with a splendid return on the dollar: so much so, that the Internal Revenue Service has described its predecessor, the World War II G. I. bill, as "the best investment in American history." According to the I.R.S., the government's profit from the \$14 billion invested in the program has been \$62.5 billion in increased tax revenues. But the benefits now available to veterans are totally inadequate. The veterans of Vietnam have served as faithfully as those of the Second World War and the Korean War and have earned in every way the same expression of gratitude.

You recently revealed that the Soviets might be cheating on the 1972 SALT I accords. Just what affect will this have on the provisional agreement that President Ford just signed in Vladivostok?

—J. S.—Watertown

Our ability to monitor the agreements, to make sure that the Soviets are living up to their side of the bargain, has up to this point been dependent on our photographic reconnaissance satellites. Attempts to conceal deployment or other activity through camouflage or covering are specifically prohibited by the SALT I agreements. Yet it is reliably reported that the Soviets are violating these provisions on an expanding scale. We should insist on compliance on existing agreements before formalizing a new one. Moreover, we must make absolutely certain we have airtight safeguards before we sign the second SALT accords.

The Senate recently passed a bill which would permit construction of deep water ports just off the coast of the United States. Aren't our existing port facilities good enough?

—C. S.—Southampton

No. Most of the world's oil is transported in huge tankers with drafts of up to a hundred feet. However, none of our ports can accommodate ships having drafts of much more than fifty feet. This means that we have to import oil in small tankers, which results both in greater transportation costs and the kind of congestion that frequently leads to oil spills and collisions.

The construction of deep water ports, which are nothing more than buoys ten or fifteen miles offshore, will reduce the costs of shipping oil to the United States, as well as minimize the environmental hazards.

Erwin Holt of Jasper and Herman Holt of Troupsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Redmond and children and Mrs. James Redmond of West Greenwood, visited their brother, Daniel at Avoca, Friday.

Howard Leiby is home from Fordham University for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Marion Rogers came from Rochester, Saturday to pass the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers.

Andover High School boys basketball team won two games. Thursday night they won 51 to 19 at Belmont and Monday they went to Arkport and won 14 to 2. Andover's team consisted of Alford Rogers, Dawson, Livermore, Horton, Joyce and Howland.

The most favored Christmas Carol "Silent Night" will be sung with particular devotion this year as it is just 100 years since it was first sung as a Yuletide Celebration.

40 YEARS AGO

December 14, 1934

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William H. Mullen age 58, died at the St. James Mercy Hospital December 9. He was born in Greenwood 1876 and had always resided in the vicinity. He is survived by his widow Lottie Stephens Mullen; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Stewart of Slate Creek; two sisters, Mrs. Sara Clarkson of Canisteo and Mrs. Jay Bunt of Andover; five brothers George of Addison, Edward of Andover, Don of Greenwood, Herman of Canisteo. Burial was in Bennetts Creek

Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark are parents of a daughter, Mary Lou born December 7.

Miss Julia Chappel formerly of Andover, died at the Guertha Pratt Home in Penn Yan, Dec. 10. Burial was in Ulysses, Pa.

Mrs. Marion Theetge was elected Worthy Matron of the Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, OES, at their regular meeting Monday evening.

Mrs. Vinnie Krusen of Greenwood and William Reynolds of Cameron were married Tuesday evening at the M. E. Parsonage in Wellsville by the Rev. A. M. Dietrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trowbridge of Greenwood observed their 55th wedding anniversary last Thursday.

The Wellsville-Andover group of teachers held their conference with Miss Emma Folsing, Friday. Mrs. Helen Hardy Reiss is reported critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Finley McCoubrey of Rutherford, N. J.

Mrs. Viola Webster entertained the Pinochle Club at her home Monday night.

Mrs. Roxie Shaff entertained the Conference Club at her home Thursday evening. Mrs. Bessie Mulconey, Mrs. Grace Wagner and Mrs. Charles Hammond were assistant hostesses.

Little Ruth Hardy is among those ill with Whooping Cough this week.

Mrs. Lewis Webster entertained the Ideal Sewing Club at her home Friday afternoon. The ladies tied a quilt and passed a social time.

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