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AN ANSWER TO COMMUNISM

SOMETIMES the American people, in their impatience over the slow progress of democracy and freedom throughout the world, are prone to forget two things:

1. That democracy, U. S. style, is a product of time, place and circumstances and that it would be impossible to establish systems of government precisely like ours in other places, at other times, and under other circumstances.

2. People who have never known liberty and freedom can not possibly understand the true meaning of democracy as we understand it.

When we tend to criticize Great Britain, for example, because democracy in Great Britain expresses itself in a different way and takes a different form. And we fail to realize that in some of the underdeveloped areas of the world there is no strong resistance to Communism and attraction to democracy simply because the people are incapable of distinguishing between Communism and democracy.

In President Truman's first foreign policy address yesterday, there were several passages which headline writers overlooked but which are fully as significant in their troubled times as, for instance, his remarks about atomic energy.

First of all, Mr. Truman defined the "democratic concept" as "the right of other peoples to choose their form of government to improve their standards of living, and to decide what kind of life they want to live."

That doesn't mean they must set up a scale model of the U. S. republic. It simply means that we must lead other peoples out of their present condition by the help of our own resources.

Then Mr. Truman presented the difficult problem of selling democracy to the underdeveloped areas of the world: "Today in many countries of the world, the concepts of freedom and self-government are merely vague phrases. They express little to people who are engaged in a desperate struggle with ignorance and poverty. They mean little to men who must work from sun-up to sun-down to keep their families from starving."

"These people will turn to democracy only if it seems to them to be the best way to meet their urgent needs. The benefits of freedom and democracy must be demonstrated to them."

It is not enough, said Mr. Truman, to tell these people that Communism is "a modern tyranny far worse than that of any ancient empire. It is not enough to tell them that Communism leads only to oppression. People who have never known freedom and security themselves have little basis for judging how false are the claims of Communism."

Mr. Truman was pleading for his program of technical assistance to an American investment in these underdeveloped areas. "We are not trying to sell them automobiles and television sets. Our purpose is to help them grow more food, to obtain better education, to have more health. In their present condition, the immediate benefit is pest plagues, or small pox vaccinations, or the battle for clean, fresh water."

But the job doesn't end with Point-Four assistance. Mr. Truman emphasized that the United States must continue to aid the higher developed nations of Europe in their fight to preserve their freedom, all the while defending democracy from its enemies, wherever they may be.

That is a big order. In outlining it, Mr. Truman used up some 1,800 words and elaborated it in such detail that only by carefully reading and re-reading it can one feel the full meaning. Stripped of the details, Mr. Truman's address said:

- 1. The free choice of the people is the real measure of democracy.
2. Free people must find tangible weapons to use in the battle for freedom.
3. They must remain strong throughout the process.

There is the hard core of a democratic philosophy which, properly understood and embraced by free nations, can be an effective answer to the false promises of Communism.

UNCLE SAM GETS TOUGH
THERE is not much to be said about the U. S. decision to break off relations with Bulgaria except that the State Department had no other choice.

For many months, U. S. representatives in Bulgaria have been subjected to intolerable restrictions and indignities. Bulgarian natives employed by the U. S. legation have been summarily arrested and subjected to the well-known treatment of a police state on the finest of charges.

This insulting treatment has not been limited to Bulgaria. In Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, U. S. representatives have been denied the courtesies traditional to diplomatic service. Communists in China used the same technique in the Angus Ward incident.

REBELLION IN RALEIGH
LAST YEAR'S squabble over charity hospitalization between the Mecklenburg County Commissioners and the Charlotte City Council is having echoes in Wake County.

BECAUSE OF A KISS
WE DON'T KNOW how sixteen-year-old Charlotte McLean feels about it, but she is very concerned about it. Her schoolbook, "Basketball Sweetheart" right out in public.

YOUNG men know a harmless little kiss like the Riggs-McLean joining could stir up so much trouble, but then we apparently don't know much about Bethany, the site of the momentous occasion of the school book.

It happened when Riggs, chosen from the students to place a crown on Queen Charlotte, also placed a kiss on her pretty lips.

Not only do they know upon kissing in Bethany, but the parishioners of the Nazarene Church, according to the Associated Press, dominate civic affairs in Bethany, turn thumbs down on cigarettes, school dances and women wear short skirts.

The kiss set off a parade of protesting students, a school walkout, suspension of five leads who backed up Riddell, a mass meeting of parents and an extra-special session of the school board.

A potent kiss, we would say, in an age when the joining of lips has become as

'Seem To You There's Something A Little Odd Here?'

Sweet Tears, Loving Care No Cure For Sex Offenders



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

Garland's Humdinger
Well, one day a woman came in, bought a paper—and within a few minutes was right back. She had a clipped copy.

Please, No Turpins
(Laughing Exchange)
A young couple from Warram came to Laurinburg one day recently and went into a local supermarket.

Earl Fools 'Em
(Dumb Topics)
The State Department has been overly patient in dealing with this problem, and up to this week appeared to hope that calm, firm protests would improve the atmosphere in which our representatives try to work.

Don't Be A Jigger
(Berber's Corner)
One of the most irritating things about having a party line telephone here in Robeson is the location of the other lines.

Certified Baby Sitters
(Wayneville Menace)
Baby sitting is fast becoming a profession, rather than just a pastime for teenagers, and an accommodation to parents.

Can't Short Change Her
(Harriet County News)
Lots of copies of the News (office copies) get clipped—that is, ads or items for future references are clipped out.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round
WASHINGTON
REPUBLICANS will probably wise-crack at this one, but since Russia's discovery of H-bomb and A-bomb secrets, the State has not again eaten a Jackson Day dinner under the same roof.

John L. Lewis' Judge
FEDERAL JUDGE RICHMOND KEECH, the man who has been appointed to the Federal Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, is a man who has been in the news for some time.

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NEW YORK C. RUARK
A MAN NAMED MOSES
I thought up a little while ago that I would like to have a tooth for an eye and a tooth for a tooth and which has been in effect ever since.

This is an imperfect law, since it cannot be retroactively beneficial to a tooth-pulling. But you've got to have a tooth for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, and which has been in effect ever since.

The Mohammedans, in some places, deal uniquely with these things. They cut off their hands. This does not necessarily restore the goods lost, but it is a guarantee against future trouble.

There is no added instance of a living mortal than the pervert, especially those who pretend to be on children. Something is terribly wrong with his machinery, and one day he will be worth more tears than a Simionite job. You can't love him out of his perversion, or argue him out of his perversion, because he has no logic and he flips his big eyes at you.

I say that there is no cure for the potent sinners of the world because the best psychiatric hands have been laid on lots of them. More as the mass murderer, Robert Taylor, and all they ever get is more frustrated and more determined to do it. They are abnormality who get their kicks from the stupid measure of contemplated murder, and one of these days they try it out of a really killing themselves, out of a wild desire to stand-in.

It is not a matter of punishment to remove an established sex criminal from society. I will write letters to all of them, and wish to God there was something you could do about it. I don't want to hang around when my kids might attend—if I had a son or anybody's kids. Dealing harshly with a proven pervert is merely a matter of removing the cause of trouble, and arguing rather than inflicting an innocent community with a crack rattler who is more interested in getting away the victim of an odious disease rather than inflicting an innocent community with a crack rattler who is more interested in getting away the victim of an odious disease rather than inflicting an innocent community with a crack rattler who is more interested in getting away the victim of an odious disease.

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