

Economic Strength

A TONE of measured confidence in this Nation's capacity to produce and its inherent economic strength pervaded President Eisenhower's report to Congress Monday. He persuasively itemized the reasons to expect that the present business downturn will be reversed and growth resumed.

You do not have to be an economic expert, which we are not, to know that the President's confidence is historically valid, and that if all of us displayed some of the same, the decline would that much sooner end. Don't sell America short.

Nor do you have to be an expert to recognize the logic of the President's warning to labor and management that unjustified wage and price increases threaten economic health and could lead to eventual Government controls.

The caution to management was well taken although it does not seem likely that industry would even contemplate unwarranted price increases at this time, when it is obviously against self-interest. But the warning to labor has an immediate application, with the meeting this week of Walter Reuther's United Auto Workers to start a drive going for wage increases. It is to such leaders that we recommend the following paragraph from the President's report:

"The leadership of labor must recognize that wage increases that go beyond overall productivity gains are inconsistent with stable prices, and that resumption of economic growth can be slowed by wage increases that involve either higher prices or a further narrowing of the margin between prices and costs."

Parole Abuses

DR. LEO L. STANLEY, former chief surgeon of San Quentin Prison, is in a strong position to judge the weaknesses and abuses of the parole system against the background of his personal experience, and did so effectively in a letter recently published on this page.

The letter discussed an editorial in the Hearst Newspapers which commented on the case of a man paroled from a sentence for murder. Subsequent to his release on parole he was jailed for threats against the life of a second woman, and as soon as he was free again he carried out the threat.

The editorial asked: "How much warning do parole authorities need in a case like this to realize they made a mistake? Why does it take a second killing, and sometimes a third and a fourth, to refute the assumption of rehabilitation?"

Doctor Stanley remarked that "the members of the Adult Authority, who grant paroles even with the help of psychiatrists, cannot always be right in their judgment of a prisoner's intentions when he is released."

But he wondered if it is not a part of the problem of so many violations of parole that prison life is "much easier, more comfortable and less exacting than making a living on the outside."

It surely suggests a new line for thoughtful appraisal, as Doctor Stanley suggests, that modern prisons may be "just too darned easy and attractive."

However that may be, the main point remains the same: that the essential purposes of the parole system are being negated by the breakdown in the areas of decision and supervision. With upwards of 50 per cent of all paroled persons coming back as repeaters, (that figure is Doctor Stanley's) the people responsible for paroles are obviously making too many tragic mistakes.

Heap Big Flop

THE MOST stimulating reading in the past few days has come out of Robeson County, North Carolina, where 40,000 whites, 30,000 Lumbee Indians and 25,000 Negroes live in sanity and peace and aim to keep doing the same.

Recently the Ku Klux Klan burned two crosses on Indian property, and then called a big powwow in Maxton. War whooping Lumbees broke it up and the Kluxers scurried like scared rabbits through the brush, among them the Rev. James Cole of South Carolina, who claims to be a heap big KKK chief in both Carolinas.

One pleasant thing about this is that among the leaders of the Indians was young Simeon Oxendine, commander of the North Carolina Eighth District of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a veteran of 30 bombing missions over Germany. Another is that authorities have begun action against the Klansmen, not the Indians. A third is that most of the white population feels the Lumbees have done a public service.

Nice county, Robeson.



COULD I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU GENTLEMEN?

HEALTH FOR TODAY

Get Married, Live Longer

PEOPLE who think it is funny to disparage the marriage state often remark with a leer that married people do not live longer than the single. It only seems longer.

They had better get their facts straight. Married people in general have a much longer expectation of life and are relatively free from many and varied diseases.

Why? We don't know, but it certainly is a fact and it gives an interesting basis for speculation.

At every age, married men and women show lower death rates than the single, the widowed, or the divorced. Among bachelors, the death rate is nearly two-thirds higher than it is among husbands. Widowed and divorced men have twice the mortality as do married men.

The advantages of married life are not as marked for women, but still among spinsters the mortality is one-quarter higher than it is among wives. Among widows and divorcees, the death rate is 50 per cent higher than it is among married women of comparable ages.

Do married people live longer because they are married or did they marry because they are the kind of people who are going to live longer?

A man or a woman entering upon marriage or con-

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templating doing so naturally looks to his or her health. If there is anything wrong with the health, it may be a deterrent to marriage, or a person may discover a health factor in a proposed spouse, which is not to his liking, and decline to enter into the marriage on that account.

THERE may be a more positive reason for the greater longevity of the married. That would be the superiority of the marriage state over the single state for healthful and hygienic living.

Marriage and the establishment of the home may in itself tend to the creation of better environmental factors and better living patterns than single existence. In the home, particularly where there are children, special attention is paid to adequate space, to cleanliness, ventilation, outdoor play space, and comfort factors. Regularity of meals, hours of rest and sleep, and better control of diet is likely to be the outcome of family living.

Married men and women have responsibilities toward each other and to their families, which may tend to cause them to care better for their health.

The factor of happiness is being recognized as an increasingly important component in mental health. A good marriage, therefore, is definitely contributory to the health of all members of the family, including the children. Conversely, a bad marriage may have the opposite effect.

Marriage is the normal state in which human beings are intended to live. The single individual needs to make a special effort to adjust to his circumstances. Not all are able to do this.

In marriage, the individuals who are parties to divorce or separation also show a higher mortality which is indicative of poor health. This may be an expression of their inability to live successfully in the marriage, or, conversely, their inability to succeed at marriage may be the result of poor mental or physical health.

MARRIED persons, because of their responsibilities, tend to take fewer chances in living, in occupation, and in the development of personal habits, such as the use of alcohol, or tobacco, or engaging in hazardous sports. The necessity for moderation may be a considerable factor in their longer life span.

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By FULTON LEWIS JR.

GOP 'Moderns' Can't Raise Party Funds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Republican leaders, trying to raise funds for next November's congressional elections, are finding that Paul Hoffman, Harold Stassen, Sherman Adams and Modern Republicanism in general have been costly luxuries from a moneybags point of view.

The President may like them, personally; he may feel deep personal political obligations to the individuals. But the cold facts are that money is tough to pull in, so tough it has been necessary to resort to heroic measures.

Meade Alcorn, the national chairman, began to find months ago that the old reliable contributors were visiting the sins of modernism on the national party and that the financial wells were drying up. Try as he would, however, he was unable to convince the White House. It was like or nothing.

But the current round of fund raising dinners is generating the realism that comes only with the pocket-

book, and Adams himself has been shaken by what is happening.

It was decided that Ike, in person, should be the speaker at the \$100 a plate Dick Nixon should do that job in New York. These two are the personality stars and they were able to command a sellout, but there is only one of each.

Nobody wanted Hoffman, nobody wanted Adams and nobody would even consider Stassen. On the other hand, the anti-Modernists were in heavy demand. Calls poured in for California's Knowland, and if he could have filled the requests, he could have packed 20 dinners at the top \$100 figure.

THE same was true of New Hampshire's Styles Bridges, House Minority Leader Joe Martin, Ohio's John Bricker, and Indiana's Bill Jenner—all the people the Modernists have tried to read out of the party.

Arizona's Barry Goldwater agreed to take the assignment in Detroit, and it was a sellout far in advance.

On the other hand, Henry Cabot Lodge was assigned to the job in the Nation's capital, and the advance sound-outs were so discouraging that they decided to cut the tariff to \$50—to the administration's own bailiwick.

Ten days in advance, the sales were so far off that the committee in charge sent an SOS to the White House. Sherman Adams and Tom Stephens personally got on the telephone, and buzzed their contacts over the Nation, particularly big corporations that maintain representatives in Washington.

They persuaded this one to buy one table, that one to buy two, and finally drummed up a reasonably presentable attendance.

Even for this, however, it was necessary to make an important concession. After much tug of war and protest, the national committee agreed that ticket purchasers could earmark their checks to specific candidates, which loosened up the individual and couple subscribers.

"Strive for justice for thy soul, and even unto death fight for justice, and God will overthrow thy enemies for thee." Ecclesiastes 4:33

The text is chosen by the Rev. John E. McGrath, C. S. P., pastor, Old St. Mary's Church.

The Editor's Mail Box

Jet Service

To The Examiner:

It is encouraging to read that the CAB (Civil Aeronautics Board) will now have a full hearing for a third nonstop certificate from San Francisco to New York. It's needed.

Your story [The Examiner, Jan. 14] quoted a spokesman who gave credit to certain San Francisco groups in the fight to hold this hearing. Sure these groups have been carrying the burden but I feel every one should be aware that many other Bay area communities through their chambers of commerce have also been supporting this move for a third nonstop air run.

In other words this is a project of civic leaders in the entire Bay area.

RICHARD L. SHIRLEY,
Manager, Greater San Rafael Chamber of Commerce.

Bishop's Column

To The Examiner:

Just recently read another wonderful column by Jim Bishop about Helen Kane, the "Boop-Boop-a-Doop" girl, and Dan Healy, the great master of ceremonies in past years [The Examiner, Jan. 10].

I refuse to believe that show people noted as the most generous in the world would knowingly fail to assist these former, great artists to get back on their feet.

T. W. McDONNELL,
Oakland.

To The Examiner:

Are we supposed to cry in our beer about public characters who earn enormous sums in a short time, waste every cent of it and then cry poverty? Bishop is just too sentimental even for a good Irishman.

I get so fed up with these people who never put some away for the so-called rainy day. What they need is to live in New England a year or two and learn a little about Yankee thrift.

CHARLOTTE KELM,
San Francisco.

To The Examiner:

Jim Bishop complains that the desperate need today is for clerics to come closer to the people [The Examiner, Jan. 14]. As an example, he cited the Roman Catholic priest who spends most of his time with his back to the people (when he reads Mass).

If Bishop was well informed about his religion, he should know this is so because the priest and the people are one body offering the Mass together, not because the priest is alone.

DANIEL O'DONNELL,
San Francisco.

My Pet Peeve

To The Examiner:

My peeve is women who wear long pants especially on the downtown streets. Some look frightfully masculine. Man was made to rule.

ARTHUR GUNN,
San Francisco.
(If you have a pet peeve, send it to The Editor's Mail Box. Keep it short.)

'Engine Charlie'

To The Examiner:

Charles E. Wilson is no goat. General Gavin protests too much. From the viewpoint of producing ICBMs Gavin may be well versed. However his outcries over Defense Department mistakes while Wilson ran the Department comes under the old saying "too close to the trees to see the woods."

Mr. Wilson was thinking in terms of world wide events and planning the safest program for the welfare of the United States. With actual danger of war possible at any moment our best defense was a complete rounded armed force equipped to actually fight on a moment's notice.

Guided missiles are for the future. For how long no one knows. If war had come during the past five years we would have been ready, thanks to men like Charlie Wilson.

C. C. FEHL,
Winters.

The Presidency

To The Examiner:

Since Congress is properly concerned with presidential disability it is appropriate to propose a constitutional amendment. This would provide for a President, Deputy President and Vice President to be elected in the general elections by direct vote of the Nation.

Should the President become ill, disabled or incapacitated the Deputy President would perform all the presidential duties. If and when the President is restored to health, the deputy reverts to the duty of presidential assistant. The Vice President should follow the Deputy in line of succession. After him would be the leader of the President's party in the Senate followed by the House leader.

JOHN SODERMAN,
Napa.

Kids' Movies

To The Examiner:

Re Mrs. Frank Grabin's criticism of movies for youngsters [Mail Box, Dec. 9]. There are a number of organizations that have been dealing with this problem for some time and have been very successful.

The Parent-Teacher Association, the Catholic Mothers' Guilds, the Motion Picture Council in East Bay and the National Legion of Decency all have lists of current films that are acceptable for children.

To my knowledge the managers of neighborhood theaters are very co-operative and if contacted by a group are happy to work out something constructive.

A. COONEY,
San Francisco.

BAERING DOWN ON THE NEWS

See What's in the Attic

By ARTHUR "BUGS" BAER

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Atheism

To The Examiner:

Just as a great writer said years ago that he would fight to preserve one's right of expression although not believing in the specific opinion, I would agree but can't help commenting on the letter on atheism [Mail Box, Jan. 7].

To me and to all professed Christians, not to have hope for a better life when we leave this one would be tragic indeed. To have no one to turn to, to have faith in during periods of stress and strain would be impossible for most people.

To those who profess to live exemplary lives without faith, one would ask how such lives can be determined if one refuses to recognize the "rules of Christianity" upon which moral law is based.

Yes, one can recognize the right of any one to be an atheist, or anything else, but such a life must indeed be an empty one.

GEORGE S. RHOADS,
Oakland.

To The Examiner:

Regarding the letter I would quote from the Bible, Timothy 2: "Those having the form of godliness but who deny God and His power, from them shall I turn away."

MRS. L. MARTINEZ,
San Francisco.

Crashes & Booms

To The Examiner:

This concerns your imposing headline and subsequent story relating to the unfortunate jet crash of Jan. 8.

It would seem to me that you would underplay the fact there is definite hazard in the presence of a military airfield near a large community like San Francisco. Instead emphasize the fact that the very shield against enemy attack is right in the backyard.

Air crashes happen every day and will continue to happen every day. But the mind of the average reader will resent the proximity of a military airfield if the press presents only the bad points instead of the good ones.

This brings up sonic booms. No one was ever injured by one. The public should be educated that booms are a daily part of modern jet aviation and can hardly be avoided; that in the future even commercial jet carriers will create sonic booms. Then instead of becoming frightened the people would be thankful and a machine defend them.

LT. WILLIAM S. LITWIN,
USNRCTC, University of California, Berkeley.

'Square Deal'

To The Examiner:

The San Francisco city officials should put the heat on the lawmakers in Sacramento so we could have legalized off-track betting and a lottery. It would take the taxes off food and at the same time make available 100 more badly needed policemen to fight the increasing crime rate.

London, Paris, Dublin and Reno have legal bookies and the people get a square deal all around.

WILBUR WOOD,
San Bruno.

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sibilities for the Democratic citation. Each one apprehended himself to an investigation and grew up with the business.

The Republicans have some sharp quizzers of their own. But you don't investigate the Administration when you're in office. Not even on rainy days.

Nobody but nobody conducts an investigation of itself better than a zoo monkey. It eats what it finds.

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