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Live Words

Governor of a Good State
Makes Himself a Good Speech

Here, messieurs are four paragraphs which are packed with all the emphasis that deep conviction can bestow upon words. They are worth this reading if you missed them on first publication, or a re-reading in any case.

North Carolina aspires me to pride her 3,500,000 people in unbroken solidarity to the cause of real Americanism. The people of North Carolina believe in full and complete national defense on land and sea and in the air. They believe in re-equipping the necessary men and means to accomplish the desired end of maintaining our own freedom and independence and saving our land from the blight of war and the destruction of the American way of life. In order to achieve this result, they are willing to travel the pathway of sacrifice.

"North Carolina also desires that we have been feeling to fight to maintain elements too long already. My personal view is that the time has come when the Congress of the United States ought to outlaw the Communist Party, the Nazi Bund, and every other organization which seeks the overthrow of our Government. I believe in free speech, but that freedom should not extend to organizations which admittedly owe first allegiance to a foreign power and seek the destruction of the government under which they claim protection.

"We hate war. We believe in peace and love it. We love peace so well that we are willing to fight to preserve it, if need be. We believe the best security for peace is full and complete preparation for national defense.

"I covet for America the moral and spiritual leadership under God for the distracted peoples of the earth and a major share in the rebuilding of the wrecked civilization of the world." Clyde Hoey, Governor of North Carolina, preceding the President at the exercises Monday to dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Two Behind

Labor Chiefs at Last
Share a View in Common

William Green and John L. Lewis, the two warring chiefs of labor, have found common ground at last. Both were probably never in complete agreement, or more in, than in their labor day pronouncements.

Voluntary enlistment and Mr. Green must be given a fair trial before conscription. He felt that it was the duty of the President to define the nation's needs in manpower and to recommend a conscription program to fulfill them.

Volunteering has been going on for months with only small success, and that confined largely to certain sections of the country. And as for the rank and file of labor, which is neither more nor less than the rank and file of the people, it has long ago accepted the principle of conscription as essential to it and in keeping with our will to defend this democracy.

Mr. Lewis, characteristically, suspected a dark plot. "There is something sinister," he said. "What kind of a foreign policy, what kind of military and naval policy demands an army of four millions?"

That's to be answered in one word—Hitler's. Hitler's foreign policy, Hitler's military and naval policy demand a U. S. Army of four or as many millions more.

And the exponents of the times demand, and are freely receiving, in most cases, the full co-operation of labor. In fact, there are signs that the Labor movement has marched away out in front of the two leaders, leaving them to harangue each other in the rear.

Side Issue

Judge Howard Overlooks Main Point of Gregory's Charges

It is too long a time that Judge Howard of County Regency's Court takes toward Mr. L. O. Gregory, whose title is assistant to the Attorney General but who is selling Commission of the Government. Mr. Maxwell's illness, Mr. Gregory has had nothing to say in derogation of the court which would warrant Judge Howard in threatening, with evi-

dent feeling, to put him in jail if he didn't come a-running.

What was the action of Mr. Gregory that precipitated the row? Why, it is that his announcement that the State had found, in studying the records of the Mecklenburg court along with others throughout the state, that a certain automobile agency held mortgages on an astonishing number of bootleggers' cars which were turned back to the lien-holder after being confiscated and soon reappeared with brand-new titles and brand-new license plates.

It was (2) his instructions to the State Patrol to void the licenses of automobile holders registered in the names of non-existent persons.

It was (3) his declaration that the State had the authority to revoke the licenses of drivers who were acquitted of driving drunk but who "were plainly drunk at the time of arrest," and that it intended to revoke such licenses.

He said too that in Mecklenburg County more acquittals were handed down in drunken driving cases than in any other county, and he called off a howl.

Judge Howard was stung, and quite naturally, we suppose, into retorting that the facts had been grossly misrepresented.

But he sent his defense to the "acquittal" portion of Mr. Gregory's statement, a charge which seemed somewhat incidental to the more important disclosures about spurious mortgages on bootleggers' cars and titles issued to fictitious persons.

If the State knows of such practices County Recorder's Court should be offering to help break them up, not calling names.

Two Can Play

The President Takes a Bold Step in Time

One of the most audacious actions ever to be taken by this Government is the President's swap of the 50 destroyers for rights to naval and air base sites in British possessions. Not only the nature of the exchange but the method of it, by Executive authority under the very nose of Congressional indifference on the point, are certain to set off a future of approval and disapproval.

Despite the President's ingenious argument, that these bases are essential to our defense and that therefore the swap is taken in the interest of defense—nobody will be misled into thinking that the sending of the 50 destroyers wasn't done for its own sake, to help Britain in its hour of peril rather than, primarily, to obtain rights to bases. Certainly, Mr. Hoover and his staff will not be deceived by this pretended reason. They know why the destroyers are to be sent, and they will cite international law (which they have so freely abused when it suited them) as the basis of this country has violated its neutrality. But the President's method of it, by allowing its territory to be the basis from which a hostile expedition is equipped and sent forth.

But what if, in cultivation of their good opinion, the President had refrained from sending the destroyers? It is precisely because of the Nazi cause in the vain hope of appeasing Hitler and befriending the enemy of all freedoms in the world today that nation after nation has gone down before the Nazi juggernaut, which respects nothing save greater efficiency. It is precisely by hesitating to declare open enmity for the Nazi cause in the vain hope of appeasing Hitler and befriending the enemy of all freedoms in the world today that nation after nation has gone down before the Nazi juggernaut, which respects nothing save greater efficiency.

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But non-belligerency about represents the true mind of the people of the country, and if that is the only stigma they wish to wear in return for furnishing vital aid to a friendly nation whose eyes to our cause, doubtless we shall bear up under it.

As a Boy
Is Taught

By William L. White

NEW YORK.—The boy is only sixteen years old and has attended Nazi schools in Germany ever since he was nine.

Hitler came to power in 1933. So maybe you'd like to know what seven years of Nazi schooling does to a human mind—even to a boy.

"I was taught," he says, "because he is part Jewish, might have reason for being skeptical of what the teachers said."

"How did they explain that Germans are superior to all other peoples?"

"That is because of the ice age," answered the boy.

Since he has been in America only a short time, his English is still and school-bookish.

"What is the ice age have to do with it?"

"It was when the ice receded, two thousand years before Christ."

"Don't you mean twenty thousand?"

"No," said the boy firmly. "Two thousand. I learned this in school." "But how did that cause Germans to be superior?"

"Because the first part of Europe to become clear was a region which is now on the old frontier between Austria and the Reich."

"What part?"

"The region where the Germanic people were born," explained the Jewish boy. "And after that, the rest of Europe became clear."

"What part?"

"The rest of Europe was under the law," he said. "That makes Germany superior."

"Because since three two regions were first to be cleared out, the German people living in them first learned the use of fire, and so on to make weapons for war, and tools to till the soil, and so on to their Germanic people, and so on to be the oldest and best in Europe."

HISTORY IN A PICTURE

But if these things are true, why is it that in England and France and all over the world, it is taught that the first civilization first began in Egypt, and that the Phoenicians first developed the alphabet?

"They explained to us in our school that other nations are jealous to reduce my weight for a special purpose. Accordingly I gave up the practice of eating which had become quite a habit with me and lost seventeen pounds in thirteen days. And it had taken twice this to accomplish the purpose. I intended it still should have been done, or twice that. I mention this as a qualification for discussing the subject below."

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I say this not from the American point of view but from consideration for the people themselves. Always, everywhere throughout history, the northwesterly causes, the people have endured through poverty, starvation and privation and it is only from the background of such that all that is good in our present world has sprung.

Assuming that we could feed these people without running foul of Britain and without starving any more of our own poor than will be allowed to starve otherwise, cannot it readily be imagined that the self-respecting people of Europe themselves will hate us for it? If during peacetime 5 per cent of the people must starve for the benefit of liberty, is there any sensible reason why in an emergency such as the present the other 95 per cent should not do the same?

It may be said that the loss of life would be on the whole and unfortunate. This doubtless is true.

Mr. Billoppe

Indentification

One of the great advantages of a Rumanian vacation is that it enables you to extend your acquaintance among persons from other cities and other parts of the country.

It would be a shame to overlook any precaution for preserving such changing friendships. Therefore it is advisable a day or two before you set out for home to purchase an inexpensive notebook and set down therein the names of the persons you have met while they are still fresh in your mind.

Under the names of the friends should be set down home address, approximate age, color of eyes and hair, height and weight, business or profession, and other political affiliations, colleges attended, the number of their children and the age and sex of the same.

There should be also mention of their favorite pastimes, with special reference to their ability at tennis, golf, fishing, sailing, archery, croquet, bridge, an excellent financial position based upon this they have thrown out as to the location of their home, exclusive suburbs, number of master bedrooms and baths and the wealthy people with whom they claim acquaintance.

A space also should be provided for remarks, containing notes on the circumstances under which the persons were met, general characteristics and peculiarities, and on how much you can believe of what they have told you. If you intend at drawing a sketch of each person may be attached.

If you are fortunate enough to do this you will be protected in the very likely event that your undervalued friends will be forced completely out of your memory a couple of weeks after you get back home.

—CHRISTOPHER BILLOPPE.



Letters to the Editor:
Food or Liberation?

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—MAUDE EDGEWORTH

This Country Will Fight
To Save Its Freedom

Dear Sir:

People everywhere are asking the question: Can democracy stand the test of time and be able to win over dictatorship governments that do not permit the great mass of their people to express themselves in any way or have any part whatever in their government, that force obedience to the wishes of the dictator?

To Americans a government of the people for the people, for the good of the people that insures liberty, justice and equality is the only one to desire. Because of this fact we were willing to pay with blood the price of freedom, and feeling that all other nations should enjoy what we demanded for ourselves, we have never ceased to ask the liberty of a country however weak or for any cause we may have been able to offer for our conduct.

To individuals we give liberty of worship, speech and thought. Liberty that cannot be taken away except by the process of law. We have never ceased to ask, especially to give absolute freedom.

Side Glances

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By Hugh S. Johnson

WASHINGTON.—Senator Pepper wants the President to have the power to "suspend all statutes" in preparation for defense and insurrection should the United States be attacked.

Senator Pepper says: "If this be dictatorship, make the most of it." It happens to be Patrick Henry in revolutionary times when he said: "We must become Nazis to fight Hitler."

All this was in debate on amendment to the selective service law, to permit the Government to condemn and "take over" any existing manufacturing plant when it is unable to arrive at an agreement with the owner of such plant or facility for its use or operation.

These boys hunger for limelight

Nobody ought to take Senator Lee and Pepper seriously. They haven't enough on the ball to be listened to or make the news in any other way than by shouting at each other. They couldn't dare put any such nonsense as a screaming proposal to destroy democracy and Hitlerism America in a supposed defense of democracy and nationwide rejection of the whole philosophy of the "New Deal" and its underprivileged Senators—publicly starved. They don't even get any exercise except hurling the Constitution and jumping at conclusions.

It is ludicrous to bridge them this rare chance to put their names in the news by shrieking as war-madened lunatics as Chief Crazy Horse in an old-time Sioux sun-dance.

If it is important at all, it is only as a warning to what a sane General can be incited to do and senators can be incited to do. The Senate is on Capitol Hill and not in the country. That feverish atmosphere is a poisonous one in which to plan and legislate our preparation for defense. It has already resulted in a selective service bill that may be later amended to take as full of holes as a cane chair bottom.

ABOUT AN RADICAL

AS PAVED HIGHWAYS

The debate on which these two quicksilver rows was hardly more satisfactory. It was on the amendment for permitting the commandeering of manufacturing plants. It was rushed in to permit Senators up for election and politically terrified about voting for necessary selective service. It is a far cry from a sane campaign alibi by saying: "I would not vote for conscripting men until I had voted for conscripting wealth. I value a life more highly than a later." The latter hypocritical "sanity" was actually used in the debate.

The actual amendment was perfectly correct in principle and will be objected to by no informed person, although it is hastily—and, therefore, non-sensitively—worded. This fake or fraud in it is that it is no more a conscription of wealth than the usual and frequent peacetime process of condemning a right-of-way for a railroad across a farm is a "conscription of wealth." It authorizes the taking of private property for public use exactly as contemplated by the Constitution. But since, as specifically provided by the Constitution, the owner is entitled in "just compensation" and if the statute had not provided for that—as it did—it would be wasteful. Just another hunk of hypocritical humbug to impose upon the trust and credulity of the time of the people. There are few more discreditable episodes in recent legislative history.

IRONPANTS YEARS

TO TELL THEM HOW

On top of all that, the amendment is perfectly sterile. The Government isn't asking people for their plants. It wouldn't know what to do with them if it got them. It is blunderingly seeking favorable contracts for production. It might use the commandeering of a plant as a threat to get lower prices, but it would be a bluff. It wouldn't get lower costs for the Government to take, pay for, and operate any plant. It would mean the same cost of the product much higher.

What this contract situation needs is a statutory power of priority and compulsory orders—But this pail, pail, compulsory terrified Congress don't seem to have the time or the courage to do something to study, learn and attack our real problems of defense head on.

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