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LOOKING AHEAD

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We Commend the Clergy

In view of the recent furor in Washington over Dr. J. B. Matthews' American Mercury article, "Reds and Our Churches," reporting that 7000 Protestant clergymen have been listed on the rolls of Communist fronts, some additional facts should be considered:

1. There are 254,191 Protestant clergymen in the U. S. Thus 7000 is only 2.8 per cent of the total. A similar percentage of the 22,459 Catholic clergymen would be only 628; and of the 2350 Jewish Rabbis, only 65.

2. Much of the Reds' front activity is shrewdly calculated to attract the sympathy of churchmen. They seem to be constantly agitating on behalf of the underdog, the "downtrodden." The "down-trodden" were the special concern of Christ and naturally a great concern of conscientious Christian churchmen.

Fronts Are Deceiving

3. Not many people are well informed on the tactics of the Communist conspirators. Americans have been slow in learning that the respectable looking front organization is a trap through which the Reds get money to finance their underground work, foment strife between factions, and recruit converts to the Communist ideology.

When all these facts are considered, I think any fair-minded person would commend the American clergy as a whole for recognizing and remaining immune to the strong but bogus humanitarian appeal of the Communist front apparatuses. And at the same time, it must be admitted that the small percentage that has been lured into front apparatuses has aided an underground conspiracy that is the sworn mortal enemy of our nation—and the Church.

Part of my time throughout the year is spent in the pulpit, in Arkansas and other states. In preaching the Gospel we preach the brotherhood of man. And we endeavor to live it by supporting good causes that give a helping hand to all those who need it.

Studied Tactics

Years ago I began to study Communism and its tactics because it openly declared itself a world-wide atheistic force challenging God. Karl Marx advocated trickery as a part of aggressive atheism. The Communist front has become the center of the Red trickery in America. The hundreds of organizations which the Reds created have been a vital part of the apparatus with which they are determined one day to establish communism as the ruling force here.

The same day Dr. Matthews' resignation from the Senate committee was announced, the Department of Justice designated 62 additional organizations in this country as sub-

versive communist fronts, working through trickery, for the communist cause. This is in addition to the 192 organizations previously cited as subversive. The American citizens who are non-communists but who have been listed as members of any of the 254 organizations now officially cited as Red, have of course been unwittingly aiding the communist conspiracy. Some are preachers.

Genuine Red Clergymen

Various sources have for years recognized that some preachers were Communists. Some were secret Communists before they became preachers. They became preachers to infiltrate the church and influence large numbers of people in church congregations. J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, has confirmed this fact. So has Herbert Philbrick, a loyal, courageous American citizen who served as an FBI counterspy in the Communist underground in Boston. He said several preachers belonged to his underground Red cell.

"These individuals," he told a Congressional committee, "were all Communists prior to their becoming ministers. I actually sat in at a cell meeting at the home of (name given) . . . one of the heads of the Communist party . . . and a member of our cell was a young Communist about to be planted in a seminary to study to be a minister and infiltrate into the religious field . . . that was one of (our) main projects."

This unchallenged evidence does not detract from the fact that the Church is the one great force that ultimately must spell the doom of Communism, and that the vast majority of American clergymen are diligently working toward that end.

Next Tuesday Big Day for Hope

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1953, will be a big day in the history of Hope. At 2:30 in the afternoon, at the office of the clerk, bids will be opened for the drilling of the well and installing the water system.

Before any pipe is laid, the well will be pumped 24 hours and must test out 400 gallons per minute. A 144-inch hole will be drilled and cased way to the bottom. The last several hundred feet to be perforated. The work of drilling will commence about five days after the successful bidder is notified. The well to be finished within 150 days after the notification date.

Easements on Highway 83 Are Signed

Easements that the town of Hope was supposed to get have all been returned and signed. All except one. This one will be turned over to the county commissioners for action. Unless there is some other delay, work on Highway 83 between Artesia and Hope should commence in the near future.

Richard H. Westaway of Carlsbad was a visitor in Hope Monday.

September to Be Conservation Month

Santa Fe, N. M., July 30—"Our future is in the soil!"

This is the theme for the observance of the second annual Soil Conservation Month which has been proclaimed by Gov. Edwin L. Mechem for September.

"Tons of our topsoil are being washed or blown away annually, leaving thousands of acres of once fertile land denuded and barren," the governor declared in his proclamation.

Gov. Mechem pointed out that farmers and ranches of New Mexico have organized 60 soil conservation districts to cope with the erosion problems on their land. These districts contain more than 57 million acres, or 74 per cent of the state's total area.

"Since soil and water conservation is bringing increasing economic benefits to the people of the state, it is fitting that all groups and individuals, whether government or private, should assist in this program," the governor's proclamation stated.

When Gov. Mechem proclaimed the first Soil Conservation Month in the history of the country for New Mexico last year, one of the most widespread observances in the state's records was launched. The New Mexico Association of Soil Conservation districts, the State Soil Conservation committee, the U. S. Soil Conservation service, Extension Service, New Mexico Bankers association and other groups joined in the observance.

Conservation achievement award certificates were presented by the bankers association to 113 farmers and ranchers representing 22 of the 60 soil conservation districts in the state. These awards, made at nine banquets in various parts of the state went to farmers and ranchers who have completed and are maintaining 90 per cent or more of their planned conservation programs.

More than half of the state's newspapers issued soil conservation editions during September. Businessmen joined with farmers and ranchers at several banquets over the state, conservation demonstrations and field tours were held, movies were shown in schools, grass judging and conservation essay contests were conducted, ministers preached on conservation, and conservation was featured in county fair exhibits.

Practically every soil conservation district in the state already is making plans for the observance of Soil Conservation Month this year, the governor has been informed.

Arbuckles Now 10c

Coffee at the Altman Cafe has gone up to 10c per cup, but, if you want you can bring your own coffee in a jug and it will only cost you 5c for the use of a cup.

Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

Things is to quiet in the east. They have not killed a premier this week that I know of and they generally let me know when they are going to bump off one of them birds. It may be just a lull before the big storm. Like a herd of cattle, they get very quiet before the stampede. Sing Munree is shore throwing the clamps on the truce. One thing he has got them talking about it but that is nothing uncommon. All them dipo knows how to do is talk. The thing to do is cut off the groceries of Sing. Let the hide on his belly get so slack that he can wipe his forehead with it and he will come to terms. Traveling expenses of the dipo going over there would balance the budget. But that would not be right as they would have to go somewhere else to get their money. Everyone of them birds has a different opinion. And I don't think any one of them birds knows any more than I do. And that is very little. I move that Congress be abolished. And the traveling dipo be kept at home and things might straighten out. Stop printing the Congressional Record, put that money into comic books that can be understood by the children. The way it is nobody can savvy what it is all about. Too many be it resolved and wherebys and whereases. Just make it plain English. May the good Lord take care of the politicians. The United States will take care of itself.

Final Plans for State Fair

Near-final plans for the 1953 New Mexico state fair will be made Aug. 1 at a meeting of the state fair commission.

The group will meet to discuss details of the 16th annual exposition, scheduled for the state fair grounds in Eastern Albuquerque Sept. 26-Oct. 4.

The commission, with several new members, is expected to inspect improvements at the \$2,500,000 state fair plant and discuss the rodeo attraction for this year's show.

Commission Chairman Clyde Tingley of Albuquerque has announced that Floyd Rigdon, for 14 years a member of the commission, has been authorized to negotiate a contract for the rodeo show with Beutler Bros., Elk City, Okla., rodeo producers. The contract has not been signed.

In addition, the members of the commission are expected to inspect new construction at the massive site of the state fair, described as one of the best in the nation.

Their tour will take them to a new arts and sciences building, a new building for school displays, and improvements at the rodeo and horse-racing grandstand. They also will view other improvements being accomplished as a part of the long-range expansion program.

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Jody Lawrence

★—————★

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

Fort Vengeance

James Craig
Rita Moreno
Keith Larsen

★—————★

WEDNESDAY

Northern Patrol

Kirby Grant
Marion Carr

★—————★

OCOTILLO

FRI—SAT

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

"Sword of Venus"

Robert Clarke
Catherine McLeod

and

"Iron Mountain Trail"

Rex Allen
Nan Leslie

★—————★

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

"The Hitch Hiker"

Edmund O'Brien
Frank Lovejoy

★—————★

WEDNESDAY

Spanish Picture

Circle B Drive-In

FRI-SAT

Double Feature Program

"Singing Guns"

Vaughn Monroe
Ella Raines

and

"Happy Go Lovely"

David Niven
Vera Ellen

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

"American Guerrilla in the Philippines"

Tyrone Power
Micheline Prelle

WED. - THURS.

BUCK A CAR NIGHTS!

"The Racket"

Robert Mitchum
Lizabeth Scott
Robert Ryan

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

For my essay today I choose to argufy that folks who have reached the age of 60 or 65 and have always paid their own way—no Govt help—all on their own steam, should get a break on taxes. They have put their off-shoots through school—they have padi all kinds of taxes, fool taxes and all kinds—they have accumulated their own security for their remaining years—will be no drain on the Govt. These folks should be honored—they are of prime stock.

We lend aid to the world—billions of gifts go to the far corners of the earth—to people of all tongues—to people we know but little about—and what happens. Right here our own people get the brush-off. Figures coming out of old Prodigal-town show that to reduce all individual tax bills for young and old, by an amount equal to 10 per cent of dividends received, would amount to 740 million. Can't be done, says Washington-town. But to people we would not know from Adam, we send 5 or 6 or 7 billion—and no questions asked. To reduce the income taxes for only those of 60 and upwards—who have been no burden on Sambo—would be chicken feed.

Yours with the low down,
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**Budget Problem
Is Headache**

It is sad but true that the Administration has found the budget problem an even tougher nut than was expected. Hopes for an early balance of the budget and general tax reduction have faded like cut flowers in the sun. The Administration's supporters naturally attribute this, in large part at least, to the fiscal dirty work done by Mr. Eisenhower's immediate predecessors. Gleefully the Administration's opponents say that it is proof that the campaign pledges made by the victors were deceitful and impossible to realize.

Be that as it may, even the most earnest seekers of tax reductions, Senator Tait among them, now say gloomily that they don't know when cuts can be made. It is commonly said that the big trouble is that major slashes must be primarily applied to military spending. And, in the present state of world affairs, the lawmakers are very wary of taking any chances with the defense set-up.

There is another phase to the matter, however, which is getting increasing attention now, though little has been done about it on a high government level. That is the extent to which government is participating in commercial business activity—often at a heavy loss. It's a good bet that relatively few people realize just how big an operator of business government has become.

Time magazine featured a revealing article on the subject in its July 13 issue. It begins: "How far has 'creeping socialism' crept? Farther than most businessmen think. The astounding fact is that the U. S. government is now operating some 100 separate types of business enterprises in which it has sunk at least \$40,000,000,000. Among other things, the government has become the nation's largest insurer, electric-power producer, lender, landlord, grain owner, warehouse operator and shipowner. It monopolizes the world's biggest potential new industry: atomic energy."

In some cases, Time continues, government went into business because of compelling national security reasons—atomic energy and synthetic rubber are examples of this. But government makes many a product—often at a cost higher than that which private enterprise could and would supply the product—which is in a very different category. Paint, rope, and boxes are examples in this field.

Time goes on to list some of the unnecessary losses that government business operations entail. It owns 122,000 housing units and operates them at a loss. It spends an average of \$625 a lot to store the property of overseas servicemen in its own warehouses, whereas private warehouses, which have plenty of available space, could do the job for \$97 per lot. In order to reclaim scrap iron, a naval air station spent \$30,000 to install a press, even though there was a bigger private press nearby which could have taken care of all the scrap the base had in 10 days time. More than \$43,000 was spent to haul scrap iron valued at about \$4300 from Alaska to California.

So it goes, down an apparently almost endless list. Time's conclusion seems to be very much in point: "When there is a will to get the government out of business, it can unquestionably be done. To do so, the new Administration will have to overcome all the resistance, obstruction, delay and evasion of the bureaucrat-at-bay. . . . But the further it gets into the problem, the sooner it will learn that the only way to stop government in business is to stop it."

Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

I met a very intelligent looking man the other day and he whispered Doughbelly this is very confidential but I think you are crazy. I put my hand over my mouth and said . . . Pard I think you are right. He walked away looking back over his shoulder at me like a mule at a motherless colt. Now that is the way to stop a big argument. I just consider the source like the man the jackass kicked.

And that is the way I look at this Matthews guy accusing some of the sky pilots of being communist things. That accusation is one man's opinion. Why raise such a fuss about it? The papers is giving it a million dollars worth of publicity and it ain't worth a plugged nickle. If they will let communism alone and not stir it so much it will not stink near so much.

And this argument about burning the books. That is a wee bit silly. Has the people got to the point where they don't know what is good and what is bad? Can't they make their own decision any more in this day of so-called higher education. We are giving Moscow too much publicity. Seems like they are going to liquidate one of the big boys over there

and listen to the political press scream. That is nothing uncommon. It has been going on for years. One of our big scientists humped up and said that Russia had between 200 and 500 A-bombs. Anybody might guess that close. It don't look to me like he is so smart. As long as this United States stays as it is—the best country in the world (with all its political twists)—there is nothing to fear. The big men in Washington Squall Wolf and it's just a harmless house cat. They want more advertising and that is a good way to get it.

There is nothing to get excited about until Congress sputters birth control on the cows and sows and as long as there is calves borned and pigs coming into this world and a surplus of wheat. And the good mother earth grows beans and corn—we can have beef, beans and corn bread and take care of our own business. We will get along.

Hope News

Henry Schmidt who was here from Philadelphia visiting his sister, Mrs. W. E. Rood and family left last Thursday for Phoenix, Ariz., where he will be the guest of W. E. Rood, Jr.

Clem Weindorf and family spent Sunday in the mountain section enjoying the shade and cool breeze.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Coates were in Artesia Monday.

Mrs. C. Hanna was here Tuesday. She was accompanied by a Mrs. Coe, better known here as Miss Selby, who lived here years ago. Mrs. Coe was looking for her mother's grave in the Upper Cemetery.

Lois Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Cole of Carlsbad, was on a 4-H dress revue program on television Tuesday night.

Suzie Buckner, granddaughter of Mrs. Buckner visited her and Hollis over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prude of Fort Davis, Texas, visited with Mrs. Ella Buckner Friday. The ysaide Madeline Prude was looking fine and in good health.

Lee Madron and two girls, who have been touring the south and east returned home Sunday and left for Phoenix Monday night.

Mrs. A. J. Fisher and daughter Lessee of McDonald Flat, was here Monday visiting friends.

Mrs. Felix Cauhape was in Artesia Monday and brought back a television set which will be erected on the ranch.

The state highway department had a young man stationed in Hope Monday counting the number of cars passing through.

Valentine Cauhape was in from the ranch Monday.

We would like to have you stop in and see our many gift items as well as useful household gadgets.—P.V. News, Hope.

Pilar Ardunez was in Artesia Monday. His wife who has been in the hospital will soon be well enough to be returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Harris and family were in Ruidoso over Sunday.

Workmen are making improvements at the Church of Christ this week.

M. C. Newsom was in town Monday after lumber for repair on his residence.

Mrs. Mert Sullivan and children of Carlsbad, stopped in Hope Tuesday enroute home from the mountains.

Quite extensive improvements are being made at the Church of Christ. Four classrooms for the Sunday school are being added and the church building modernized.

It is not too early to begin to think of Christmas. We have a nice line of box Christmas cards as well as imprint samples for those who wish their names on their cards.—P.V. News, Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Madron have returned from an extended vacation. They came back to rest up.

"The Unknown Years of Jesus"!

. . . Manuel Komroff, noted Bible student and historian, discusses the legends surrounding Christ's mysterious disappearance previous to his ministry . . . cites astonishing evidence that he spent these "missing years" in England. Don't miss this timely article in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

The first meeting of the school board was held Monday night. Hope will have a high school for 1953 and 1954. After that it will be discontinued. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea, Mrs. Anderson Young and Miss Verna Tyner have been hired to teach.

Come in and see our beautiful dolls, Dolls with hair to be curled, toys and games as well as all occasion cards and stationery.—P.V. News, Hope.

Did you hear about the Hope citizen who lost a baby calf and found him the next morning at the bottom of a cistern. Fortunately the cistern was dry. A rope and a ladder were secured and the calf was hauled to the surface, none the worse for his experience. And about the man who raises chickens, but does not believe in feeding them. One day two pullets came home with a note tied on their wings asking the owner to please feed your chickens, the neighbors are getting tired of buying feed for them. A man was here this week looking for a location for a service station.

Being world minded is one thing but shootin' square with our own folks is where charity begins. That is pretty straight and brisk thinking says Henry. Thank you, I says, and I am happy to see you are catching on—HAPPY—your ownself.

THIRD. The company will comply with all reasonable rules and regulations of the Village and with all ordinances now in effect or which may hereafter be passed insofar as they do not conflict with the terms or purposes of this franchise.