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A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO GOD'S POWER EVEN IN OUR OWN LIVES: And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.—Luke 9:43.

Twenty Years Of Futility

There is something almost melancholy in the final dissolution by Jay Lovestone of his so-called "splinter group" of the Communist Party.

Probably you never heard of Jay Lovestone, which is the ultimate commentary on his 20 years of effort to make the United States go Communist.

In radical circles, however, Lovestone is quite a name. He was one of the founders of the American Communist Party, and in its early days he was the Browder of the movement. He rushed off to Russia for instructions from time to time, and it was because he dared to have a little disagreement with Joe Stalin on a matter of policy in the U. S. that Lovestone was eased out and Browder substituted. Lovestone, then, in the fashion of all zealots, founded his own private Communist Party, and very private it remained, too.

Now, after 20 years, he gives up, and disbands the whole shooting-match. "The existing socialist and radical groups are essentially out of touch with American life and its problems," he says sadly. "They live in an artificial world of their own that makes it impossible for them to see the fatal defects of their existence. They are unable to take a positive, constructive stand on present-day problems."

Well, 129,257,673 people in the United States have known for a long time those same things, which it took Lovestone 20 years of heart-breaking effort to discover.

With the other radical parties it fares scarcely better. Browder's orthodox, or total-immersion Communist Party, has never achieved any mass following in the group it loudly claims to "represent." Communist policy outside Russia has been uniformly a bust. It was largely responsible for turning Germany over to the Nazis. It materially aided the collapse of France. It disrupted the Republican defense of Spain, and brought on the disorders that gave Japan its opportunity to overrun China.

The Socialists, after a brief flirtation with the Communists, have had to start all over again after receiving that kiss of death, and the total vote for all radical parties in the last election was lower than it has ever been in recent times.

Why? Because the common man realizes instinctively what it took Lovestone 20 years to learn—that the programs advanced have little to do with life as we know it, and when applied have brought nothing but ruin and death.

No radical party can ever make the slightest headway in the United States until it convinces large numbers of people that a socialist or deeply socializing program can be brought about in a democratic society. No such example has ever been produced; no convincing demonstration in the conduct of the parties themselves has ever been given.

Americans continue to be reluctant to toss away their liberties, their demonstrated advances, their well-grounded faith in orderly progress, for any will-o'-the-wisp promise of pie in the sky by and bye.

Meeting Reports Are Another Act In Drama Of War

By DeWitt MacKenzie
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As usual the reports of a meeting between the Axis chiefs are surrounded by a fog of mystery so thick you couldn't cut it with a knife—stage-play, of course, but still pretty effective advertising for the firm of Hitler and Mussolini.

The purpose of this hocus-pocus isn't to conceal anything but rather to attract attention. It adds to the impressiveness of the Axis procedure, and is calculated to increase the nerve strain imposed on the enemy. The fact that the world at large, including this columnist, is again paying a penny for a look at this pep-show indicates that the mystery stunt hasn't lost its attraction.

However, there is no mystery about the paramount problems which the dictators have before them. The main questions are these:

1. How to make a killing of Britain within the next few months, before American aid puts the allies beyond the danger mark.

2. What policy to pursue toward America, in view of the all-out program of aid for Britain.

3. What Hitler can do to save Mussolini from being knocked out of the war.

4. How to repair the Axis economic and supply fences which have been badly damaged by the British blockade.

The first of these is the most vital. Mario Appellus, authoritative Fascist writer, today predicts a tremendous Nazi offensive in about two months. That undoubtedly is a pure guess but it looks like a good one. Two months will bring us up close to April and the good weather for military operations.

The matter of saving Mussolini must strain the ingenuity of his partner. Actually Italy's economic and military position is so bad that Duce's salvation would appear to depend on a quick defeat of Britain. Short of that about the

England Reports Damage On Southampton Is Light

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP) — The port of Southampton was one of the cities in Southern England bombed last night by German raiders, it was disclosed here today, but casualties and damage were reported to have been light.

The raiders also attacked South-eastern England and the London area, but were handicapped by thick weather over the English channel.

Five German bombers were said officially to have been shot down last night during the Nazi raids. Four of them were listed as downed by anti-aircraft fire.

Officers Blame Tragedy On Brooding Of Aged Man

SAGANAW, Mich., Jan. 20 (AP) — The brooding of 71-year-old John Grzybowski over an alleged \$50 theft was blamed by Patrolman Walter Zielinski today for the fatal shooting of four persons and the critical wounding of a fifth at the home of Grzybowski's son-in-law Vincent Tremzalski, who was one of the victims.

Patrolman Zielinski found Grzybowski dead on the kitchen floor shortly before 1 a. m. today, a 45-caliber revolver in his hand. The weapon had been fired six times, with Grzybowski apparently using the final bullet on himself, said Zielinski.

MRS. VAUGHAN HOME FROM DALLAS HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Vaughan returned to Midland Sunday night from Dallas. Mrs. Vaughan had been in a Dallas hospital for several days but was sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital shortly before Mr. Vaughan returned from the furniture market at Chicago. He rejoined her in Dallas for the trip home.

best he can hope to achieve would seem to be to postpone the day of the Fascist collapse.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

Misleading Miles.

Realization that our oceans no longer form the great barriers they once did reveals that some places we once thought remote from the U. S. now are closer than we think. Figuring distance as the crow flies, how would you answer these questions about mileages between the old and new worlds?

1. Is it farther from Washington, D. C., to Washington State than from Dakar, Africa, to Natal, South America?
2. Are the Azores closer to New York than the Hawaiian Islands are to San Francisco?
3. Is it farther from Newfoundland to Ireland than from New York City to Mexico City?
4. Is Miami closer to Natal, South America, than Gibraltar?
5. Which is the farthest: from the Panama Canal to New Orleans, from New Orleans to Seattle, or from Seattle to Siberia?

Answers on Classified Page.

Chief Justice To Swear In O'Daniel

AUSTIN, Jan. 20 (AP)—While the newly-covered 47th legislature worked on organization details, interest today centered on an elaborate inauguration program, including an old-fashioned free barbecue for the swearing in of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel and Lieutenant-Governor Coke Stevenson Tuesday.

After Speaker Homer Leonard of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tem Clay Cotten of the Senate assemble the Houses in joint session on a platform over the capitol terrace, Rev. M. E. Sadler of Austin will deliver the invocation for the inaugural proper.

Presiding Judge F. L. Hawkins of the Court of Criminal Appeals will administer the oath to Stevenson and Chief Justice James P. Alexander of the Supreme Court will swear in O'Daniel.

Midland Ranchers And Citizens To Barbecue At Pecos

Midland ranchers and citizens attended the largest celebration in history of the Pecos Valley Livestock Association Saturday at the organization's annual barbecue in Pecos.

Included among Midland people at the event were Sam Preston, Bob Preston, Spence Jowell, and J. C. Roberts, County Judge E. H. Barron, scheduled to speak was unable to attend.

The program was held at the high school auditorium, and the barbecue at the legion hall. A business session in the afternoon was followed by a square dance that night at the high school.

98-Pound Woman Gives Birth To Quadruplets By Caesarian Section

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Jan. 20 (AP)—Mrs. Eva Swanson, 35, who weighs 98 pounds and was previously childless, gave birth to quadruplets, three girls and a boy, by a caesarian section today in St. Anthony's hospital.

Dr. R. A. Gilmore, her personal physician, announced the multiple births, a comparatively rarity in medical annals, and said Mrs. Swanson, only 4 feet, 11 inches tall, was "fine."

The hospital for convenience sake named the babies "Swanson one, two, three and four." They were placed immediately in incubators and given oxygen. Mrs. Swanson normally weighed 98 pounds and is small in stature. Medical authorities said quadruplet births occur only 179 times in 120,000,000 births.

Ministry Reports 3,784 Raid Deaths In December

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Ministry of Home Security reported today that 3,784 civilians were killed and 5,044 injured and hospitalized in air raids in Britain during December.

Casualties for November were 4,588 dead and 6,202 injured. The December casualties brought the announced civilian toll from air raids since last June 18 to 23,081 dead and 32,296 injured.

WIFE OF WORLD WAR PRIME MINISTER DIES

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Dame Margaret Lloyd George, wife of Britain's World War Prime Minister, died today at Crickieth, Wales.

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but one of several Texas power systems. These transmission line inter-connections give Texas a "network" of power facilities greater in scope than the much publicized British "Power Grid" which still functions, despite the invaders' bombs. The defense needs of the nation for electric power are in safe, responsible hands. The power companies of the nation have done the job well; completed it in advance of need. Electric power's defense is... "READY."

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