

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK! An Editorial

The average life of each of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years, and their progression seems to have followed this sequence:

1. From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
2. From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
3. From Courage to Liberty;
4. From Liberty to Abundance;
5. From Abundance to Selfishness;
6. From Selfishness to Complacency;
7. From Complacency to Apathy;
8. From Apathy to Dependency;
9. From Dependency back to Bondage.

In less than ten years the United States of America will be 200 years old. And, from the looks and appearances around us, it would seem as if we are in the 8th period — doesn't it?

We are sure that all serious thinking people can put approximate dates to the stages from 1 thru 7.

From our recollection, the latter part of stage 5, namely the Selfishness, became manifest shortly after the outbreak of World War II.

Many people became money hungry when they saw the big pay that was available in the defense plants. Patriotism was subjugated to the value of the almighty dollar and draft dodging became very noticeable.

During World War II, Labor Unions that controlled part of the Nation's defense effort were allowed to go out on strike for higher wages. This, despite the fact that many of us on the combat fronts were receiving an average of \$60 to \$74 a month and were risking our lives daily. What would have happened if we had gone on a strike for more pay and less hours?

After World War II, we seem to have traveled along the 6th stage, as the Korean conflict came along. We, as a Nation, lost many Soldiers — but this wasn't even considered a War! Instead of emerging victorious, the best thing that was accomplished was a compromise with a stalemate!

We lost a great deal of "face" with the free people of the World as a result of the settlement of this conflict. Now we are embroiled in Vietnam and many vocal, not so called "Citizens are demanding that we QUIT — before we achieve a decisive VICTORY!"

Yes, we passed thru the 7th stage quickly when we allowed the "Reds" to establish an accessible base in Cuba — just a few short miles from our "Home Shores."

Now it appears that we are well into the 8th stage as our Leaders, Workers, and Unions demand more and more of management! These people want to be taken care of practically from the cradle to the grave. They want to work fewer and fewer hours — make more and more money — do less and less at their jobs — live higher and higher — and spend more of their time playing and vacationing.

And, with the establishment of "Medicare" as well as "Medicaid", besides reading about the ambitious spending plan of our Governor — these ideas seem to be Quite Popular! But — Just WHO is going to earn the money to make this Welfare State possible? Taxes are so high now that many ambitious people have to work at a regular job and have at least 1 or 2 part time jobs on the side in order to afford to live at the social level they desire. And, this is just the BEGINNING!

Let's see if we can't get people around us interested in how our Tax Dollars are being spent — and help put a stop to this deplorable inflation and waste of our financial resources!

If we don't — our Apathy will allow the majority to turn into complete Dependency — and from there it's just a short step to complete BONDAGE!



50 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1920

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Miss Reta Vivian Slocum and Carlyle DeMarr Myers were united in marriage Saturday evening by Rev. William P. Trowbridge.

New license plates are required after February 1st. Minimum fee of \$5 for four-cylinder cars and \$10 on six cylinder cars.

R. K. Hammond has been appointed policeman for the Village of Andover and has been sworn into office.

The roads have been so blocked by the heavy fall of snow that our rural mail carriers were unable to cover their routes this week.

Mrs. Jesse Baker and two daughters went to Corning the last of the week where they expect to make their home while Mr. Baker is working there.

Miss Annette Taylor passed the week-end at the home of Frank Mead in Elm Valley.

Mrs. F. S. Potter returned Friday from Paynesville, where she had been visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

George Fuller of Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. O. Comstock and other Andover friends this week.

40 YEARS AGO

January 10, 1930

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Mr. and Mrs. George Baker entertained at a family dinner party at their home on Rochambeau Ave. Saturday evening in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Adams were hosts at the Annual Voorhees Hill Community dinner on New Year's day. Forty-six neighbors were present.

Misses Loretta and Rose Harrington of Middletown, N. Y., were recent guests of their aunt, Mrs. James Dean and family of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Garvin and sons returned to their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday having enjoyed the Christmas week with relatives on South Hill and Andover and vicinity.

Wallace Clarke of Independence spent part of his Christmas vacation in New York City.

Mrs. E. R. Crandall and children of Alfred, who have been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence, returned to their home Thursday.

Robert O'Dell of West Greenwood is spending a few days with Ivan Brown on Kins Hill.

Miss Emma Kemp of Millport was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Greene of Davis Hill. Mrs. Greene returned home with her sister for a visit.

Norman Tracy returned to Buffalo on Sunday after spending the Christmas vacation at his home.

Miss Mary McKinley returned to Rochester last Tuesday after spending the Christmas vacation at her home.

Mrs. Louise Corwin of Dowagiac, Michigan, is visiting Miss Arvilla Bullard.

Daniel Flynn, who was home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Flynn, has returned to Arcade. Miss Gertrude Flynn has returned to Dunkirk after spending the holidays with her parents.

Charles Burdick has returned to Coldwater, after spending the holidays with his brother, Menzo Burdick and other relatives in Conville, Pa.

Mrs. Kenneth Blackman and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles, returned to their home in Hinsdale last week.

Mrs. Mary McTigue, who died in Corning last week, was buried in St. John's Cemetery, Andover, Saturday.

Miss Florence Cocoman of Andover and James J. Baker of Wellsville were united in marriage at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Andover, Thursday, January 9th by Rev. C. E. McHugh.

Miss Jessamine Baker returned to Ithaca Monday after passing the holidays with her mother, Mrs.

ALBANY
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by Alex Rankin

To some observers the annual battle of Albany is over before it had a chance to begin.

This is based on the fact that the three men who run things in the state Capitol during the legislative session, Governor Rockefeller, Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr. of Montauk and Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls, have said they will approve the restoration of enough funds in the coming state budget to make up what the local school districts around the state would have lost this year in state aid.

Last year the legislature not only cut back state aid for schools that year, but for this year also. Such a move will cost about \$150 million this year — but about \$300 million more in 1971.

Costs always double the second year of an increase in state aid because of the difference in the beginning of fiscal budget years for the state and the school districts.

State fiscal year begins April 1. But school fiscal years begin six months later in September, so the

state only has to come up with six months of state aid the first time around.

The leaders have also agreed to hike the flat grant to welfare recipients.

And there goes the two biggest issues of the session.

Abortion reform will get nowhere this year, for the same reason that a lot of other proposals won't go anywhere — this is an election year for the governor and the legislators. They will not risk the loss of the Catholic vote by passing an abortion reform bill.

By the same token they will not risk the Jewish and Protestant vote by passing legislation giving state aid directly to parochial schools.

The best guessers say next year's budget will reach a new record of about \$7 billion. The leaders have pledged themselves to no tax hikes.

But they are remarkably silent on whether or not it might be possible to have a tax REDUCTION this year.

Jennie Baker and other relatives

Miss Florence Burdick has returned to Schnechtady after spending two months with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick.

Mrs. Mae VanZandt left Thursday for Syracuse after passing some time with her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan.

30 YEARS AGO

January 11, 1940

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B. A. Clair, 79, died Wednesday, January 10th. A son and a sister survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Susan Guskie Rogers, 55, died Monday, January 8th. Two daughters, two sisters and a brother survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Miss Roberta Church substituted in the Jasper School last week in the Second and Third Grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Norton have moved from Tip Top to Angelica, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Miranda Atkins is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Earl Green of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Clarke and Jerry, Mrs. Carrie Slade and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke, returned to Independence Wednesday after a five-day visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Slade of Olney, Md.

Messrs. Charles Spicer, Richard Vernoy and Donald Lewis returned to their school work at Alfred, Wednesday, after spending the holidays at their homes in Independence.

Herbert and Clair VanSchaick of Voorhees Hill were guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hawks of Independence from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Raymond Church spent the week-end at the home of her son, Lytle Church of England, Pa.

William Pease attended an insurance meeting held in Bath Tuesday and Wednesday.

Clarence Mills of Houghton passed from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tassell of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cornell and sons, Jean and Donald of Jasper, have been guests at the home of her brother and sisters, Charles Fisher and the Misses Agnes and Alice Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brown and daughter, Mary, have returned to Addison after passing several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. Clifford Wilkins and Mrs. John Phillips of Wellsville left Tuesday for Orlando, Fla., where they will pass the winter.

Jack Saunders who has been spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder, has returned to his studies at Severn School, Severna Park, Md.

Mrs. Cora Potter spent several days this week in Allentown at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins.

Mrs. H. L. Woodworth of Purdy Creek, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Woodworth.

Luke Dougherty spent Sunday and Monday in Friendship, called there by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Alice Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilbane and son, Paul, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald in Salamanca, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Franklyn Murphy and daughter, Ellen Marie of Hornell, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg from Thursday until Saturday.

Withholding Tax
Rates And Tables

The Internal Revenue Service assured employers today that preparations are being made to furnish, at the earliest possible date, the rates and tables to be used for withholding income tax from wages of employees paid on and after January 1, 1970.

Computer runs have already been made to determine the rates and tables which would be prescribed if Congress and the President approve the withholding provisions agreed upon by the House and Senate Conference on the Tax Reform Act of 1969 (H.R. 13270), John E. Foley, District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Buffalo has announced.

If these provisions become law, the seven Regional Internal Revenue Service Centers will, as soon as possible thereafter, mail individual copies of the rates and tables to each of the 4.5 million employers who withhold income taxes. The rates and tables will be issued as a 24-page supplement to the regular Employer's Tax Guide (Circular E).

The new bill, as approved by the conferees, introduces a low income allowance and would reduce the surcharge portion of the withholding tax from 10 percent to 5 percent between January 1 and June 30. It also would eliminate the surcharge altogether from withholding starting July 1. Before that employers will be mailed a completely revised Circular E containing updated instructions as well as post-July 1 rates and tables.

The Internal Revenue Service recognizes that some employers may not have adequate time to prepare for the January 1 change-over in withholding. Therefore, employers are urged to do their best in installing the new rates and tables as soon as possible. Good faith efforts to do so will be accepted as substantial compliance with the law, Mr. Foley said.

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