

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 around five 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 facts 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 vociferous "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!

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50 YEARS AGO

December 25, 1922

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Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Brown Scribner, 76, were held at the Randall Pease home Sunday with Rev. C. H. Whelan officiating. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

C. F. Davis, Jr. and R. E. Spicer have been drawn from Andover to serve as Grand Jurors at the January term of Supreme Court at Belmont. William Pingrey was named as Trial Juror.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge entertained for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Allie Mead and family, Mr. and Mrs. Benj Conley and Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles.

A. P. Elder has sold his farm of 146 acres located between Rexville and Whitesville to Grant Dibble.

Everett Clark spent Saturday and Sunday with Chas McCormick of Greenwood.

Mrs. McCormick of Andover is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Potter.

Mrs. Addie Green of Alfred was a guest over the week-end of her son, Will Green of Independence.

Mrs. Ed Wilcox spent a few days the first of the week guest of Mrs. Flora Bess of Davis Hill.

Frank Halsey of Andover has moved his family to the Mike Dougherty farm on South Hill, which he will work the coming year.

Mrs. Joseph Sauter of Hornell and Miss Mayme Dean of Lackawanna enjoyed the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dean of South Hill. Miss Dean remained until Thursday.

A. A. Porter is a business visitor in New York City this week.

Prof. Levi R. Tubbs is in attendance at the teachers' convention in Syracuse this week.

Everett Clair is home from Philadelphia to pass the holidays at the home of his father, B. A. Clair.

Raymond Guinn of Port Jervis is passing the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn on First Street.

Misses Mary, Alice and Betty Pardon of Buffalo, spent Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pardon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cannon, Miss Elizabeth and Edward Cannon went to New York City Saturday to pass Christmas at the home of Mr. Cannon's sister, Mrs. Jesse S. Phillips.

January 5, 1923

Mrs. Alice Campbell Rogers, 63, died Monday, January 1st at the home of her son, Hayden Rogers on Greenwood Street. Two sons and a sister survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday with Rev. Royal MacGowan officiating. Interment was in Whitesville.

Miss Lois Mabel Davis and Wilford Seymour Baker, both of Hartsville, were united in marriage Tuesday, January 2nd by the Rev. R. E. MacGowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Griggs of Independence, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Monday evening.

E. J. Kilbane left for Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday to see his brother, Patrick, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis of Davis Hill, spent from Saturday to Tuesday with their son, Uriah and family of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker of Voorhees Hill, are parents of a daughter, Lissa Olive, born December 31st.

Mrs. Clayton Baldwin is spending some time at Duke Center, with her sister, Mrs. Murray, who is ill.

A. L. Rogers passed New Year's at Belmont guest of his sister, Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb.

Miss Mary Conwell of Bradford Pa., is spending a few days guest of Andover friends.

Clarence Hardy of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Miss Doris Livermore of Elmira, spent their holiday vacation guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Georgiana Hardy.

Miss Ann Courtney left Monday

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The bomb shells in Gov. Rockefeller's annual message to the legislature are stiff going off.

How about this one, for example: The governor's proposals to give hard drug pushers mandatory life sentences, along with anyone convicted of a violent crime who was on drugs at the time.

Now name one legislator who could vote against that bill.

But in fact the bill has at least one serious flaw that makes it little short of mockery. For example, the law would be tougher than it now is for some kinds of murder.

Just how patently political the whole idea is can be seen in the reaction of Republican Assemblyman Dominick DiCarlo, chairman of the Assembly Codes Committee that will deal with the bills and a "hard liner" on the whole issue of crime — he pushed the bill last year to restore the death penalty.

DiCarlo pointed out that under the governor's proposal, a drug user, rather than beat up someone for money to buy more drugs would be better off killing his victim — and might just do so, because he could either plead guilty to a reduced charge or after convicted apply for and get parole.

He could do neither under the governor's proposal.

And we are reminded of that study done some time ago by the late Sen. John H. Hughes of Syracuse on a bill passed when everyone was upset and demanding a crack-down on gambling. So the legislature passed a law making it a felony. What happened?

Hughes discovered that just one person was even arrested on the charge and no one was ever convicted.

The prediction here is that if the bill passes and becomes law the same thing will happen. Just for example, knowing that if they convict they are sending the person, probably a teenager, away to jail for life with no chance of parole just won't do it.

Prosecutors, jealous of their records, won't press such charges unless the suspect literally has fangs

for Port Jervis, where she will begin work in the silk mill there.

Dorothy and Marlon Clark of Hartsville, spent their holiday vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wahl went to Dansville last week with B. Doran and spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Mary Murphy.

Mrs. Harold Horton and babe Marion, returned to their home in Buffalo, Saturday, after spending the holiday week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

40 YEARS AGO

January 6, 1933

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Gardner of Wellsville, are parents of a daughter, Gail Elizabeth, born January 2nd. Mrs. Gardner was formerly Mary McPetridge of Andover.

Miss Rose Elizabeth Greene and Milton Pierce Emerson were united in marriage Christmas Eve, December 24th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Greene of Railroad Valley, by the Rev. Edgar D. VanHorn of Alfred Station.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, Jr. of Springville, N. C. are the parents of a daughter, Florence Parker Boyd, born on New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padden and children have returned to their home at West Greenwood after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Dell of Dryden Hill.

Miss Hilda Clarke of Independence, accompanied Miss Hazel Clarke to her home at Little Genesee for a few days visit.

Miss Jane Crandall returned to Alfred, Wednesday, after spending a few days guest of Mary Spicer

growing out of his head and takes dope right in front of the jury.

Rightly, Rockefeller admitted that the \$1 billion spent on the drug problem so far has gone down the drain without any visible result.

If he wants to do something constructive, the suggestion is that he begin by doing something about the mess of our state courts.

The legislature was not so quiet about another new proposal by the governor in his speech — an Inspector General for primary and secondary schools in the state.

The governor's reasoning seems simple enough: He created an Inspector General for the Department of Social Services and at least created the illusion that something is being done to cut down on welfare fraud and mismanagement. So why not do the same for the schools?

Well even if the idea is a good one, it has at this point at least little chance of getting through the legislature. Welfare was one situation. Almost every legislator could agree that welfare was a problem, and more importantly, the department was in disfavor with legislators.

But education is another matter. Ewald Nyquist, the education commissioner, was quick to oppose Rockefeller's IG idea, and significantly, he is not in any trouble with legislators. They are not out for his scalp — not like they were for that of former welfare commissioner, George Wyman.

Finally, in general the governor's annual message had a curious twist. In the beginning he talked about all the town meetings he attended and how one of the biggest impressions he got was that people are fed up with a state bureaucracy that grows bigger and bigger and more and more unresponsive.

Then he proceeded to outline a litter of proposals that in many cases added up to doing little more than adding more layers to the bureaucracy.

of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson of Elm Valley, are parents of a daughter, Virginia Ileen, born Friday, December 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Garvin of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean.

The Misses Agnes and Gertrude Joyce of Buffalo, spent New Year's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce.

Fred Snyder returned Tuesday to his home at Kansas City, Kan., after visiting his sister, Miss Mary Snyder and other relatives in Andover for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reimann of Angelica, were New Year's Day dinner guests at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cornell and two sons of Jasper, Miss Agnes Fisher, J. A. O'Leary, Miss Mary O'Leary and Miss Anna O'Leary were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher and family.

Mrs. and Mrs. James P. Greene of Washington, D. C., were guests of Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Greene Tuesday and Wednesday.

January 13, 1933

P. J. Lynch, 58, died Thursday, January 5th at his home in Hackensack, New Jersey. His wife, six children, six brothers and one sister survive.

C. S. East of Railroad Valley, Erie Section Foreman at Alfred Station, has been awarded a prize for the best section between Salamanca and Hornell.

Mrs. Mary Lovell Perry, 71, died January 5th. Six daughters, five sons and two brothers survive. Funeral services were held Sunday with burial in the Lovell Cemetery.

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