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By JOHN L. SPRINGER
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BIBLE VERSE FOR TODAY: VICTIMITUDES FALL ON ALL, NONE CAN ESCAPE THEM. BUT THE GREAT LOVING HEART OF GOD IS A REFUGE OPEN TO US. HE IS ABLE TO BRING OUT VICTORY OUT OF DEFEAT: Who comforteth us in all our affliction—11 Cor. 1:3.

By the way, whatever became of those flying saucers?

What might be called damning the Republicans with faint praise, Henry Wallace says he prefers Taft to Truman.

Joe Louis has announced that he is going to retire. In fact, he came mighty near retiring when he met Jersey Joe a few nights ago.

If you have not done your Christmas shopping early, it is too late now, but it is not too late to get it done before the light before Christmas.

Latest reports from the battlefield seem to indicate that Jim Farley is being groomed for the second place on the Democratic ticket. Secretary Forrestal will not be a candidate. Farley had not previously returned to the fold, he reveals, because he was not invited to.

Do you think there is too much crime news in The Herald? Some day you should come down and look over our AP reports to find out just how much crime news there really is. The other day an Alabama newspaper, wishing to prove to its readers it did not as a rule publish much crime news, printed all the crime news that came in that day. There was not another line of news in the paper.

A House committee reports that the Communist hope of early victory in western Europe through legal democratic politics is dead for years to come. However, it does not rule out the very definite possibility that the Communists may overthrow the government of western Europe by force of arms. But the Communists have never gotten into power by the expressed will of the people, but only by intrigue, violence and murder.

Further substantiating reports that most Americans eat too much anyway, New York Medical College reveals results of experiments showing that 16 men got along very well for 40 days on a diet of 900 calories a day. The average American gets 3,500 calories. Eating less, as Senator Taft suggested, would not only save food for Europe, but probably improve their health.

Another big-wig politician has been palled on the carpet for feathering his own nest while occupying a responsible government position. Edwin Pauley, a former Democratic Party treasurer, and now Assistant Secretary of War is accused of speculating in the grain market while possessed of certain "inside" information. Of course, no man is guilty until he is proven so, and we hope that Mr. Pauley can establish his innocence.

Everybody wants something done about cancer, but nobody seems to be able to do very much about it. Even the scientists, who eventually might find a cure, are quitting the field, according to the American Medical Association, because they cannot afford to stay in it. They can't make a living trying to abolish one of the greatest curses to mankind. America should be ashamed," says one of them, "that its scientists do not rate as high as its entertainers." Adding that the techniques of treating cancer require many years of hard study, averaging 10 for a general physician and 15 for a specialist, he declared that the salary scale is one that would not interest an ordinary laborer.

Forgotten Belgian King

Much of the world outside Belgium has forgotten that the Belgian king, Leopold III, has been living since the war's end in Switzerland, forbidden to return to his native land without consent of parliament. His brother Charles rules the country as regent. Discussion of what to do about Leopold comes up from time to time among Belgian government leaders, but decisions, if arrived at, have been kept secret.

Despite all the official effort on the part of Belgium and the Allies to absolve Leopold from blame in connection with the surrender in 1940 to the Nazis, he is more welcome in his absence than his presence. Even should he be permitted to return to his throne, his countrymen will find it hard to make out a case for him. His personal niche in history would have been a fairer one, and his line more secure, had he died fighting, instead of living as a Nazi prisoner.

It is impossible for Americans to make a moral judgment in such cases, without more information than most Americans have. Belgium may have saved the world in World War I by giving England and France those three days when it held the forts at Liege. But it did so at a terrible price in devastation. Leopold no doubt remembered these facts. He may have thought it better for his country to yield than be shattered. Perhaps he was wrong. It will take history to tell.

The same may hold true of France. It was a terrible decision to make. It turned out badly. But who can blame those who made it? Who knows what resistance would have done to France? Let the American ask himself what, with full knowledge of World War I and carrying full responsibility for the consequences of his decision, he would have done in June, 1940?

Training Farmers

According to Dr. L. H. Dennis, Executive Secretary of the American Vocational Association, farming in this country is by way of being revolutionized by the veterans of World War II.

Under the guidance of the Veterans Association, thousands of young men are undergoing school-supervised training with the farms acting as laboratories. Under the GI Bill of Rights, with government supervision, the veterans are taking 200 hours a year of classroom instruction and 100 hours a year of individual instruction, half of which is given on the farm.

Over 200,000 young farmers are enrolled. 87 per cent of whom own or control their own farms. They are learning that many farm products can be used in industries, such as the making of textiles and plastics. They are being brought up-to-date on erosion prevention, insect extermination and treatment of animal diseases. To make it worth their while, they are being taught efficiency in marketing and business procedure.

Farmers have in the past been assisted by several agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, and have had it in their power to learn most of these things. This is, however, the first widespread, large-scale program of education for the young farmers in whose hands the future of American agriculture rests.

War And Peace

It is indeed a slender thread, or a group of such threads, that holds our civilization together. General George C. Kenney, commander of the United States Air Forces Strategic Air Command, says the basic motor city of Detroit would merely become a "primary target" in case of another war, with a "super blitz" operating instead of a mere ordinary blitz. And even a super blitz has limits.

"If we can keep ahead with our technical development, we will be all right," he says. "But if we allow ourselves to get into a position where we have to pit man power against man power, we will be playing a losing game."

Like the "baseless fabric of a vision," as Shakespeare expresses it, this great and gorgeous group of nations that we have built in both our old and our new worlds might disappear and "leave not a rock behind."

That is one of the chances we take in lying. But it is also one of the things most worth thinking about, in an age and a nation not particularly given to unpleasant thoughts.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

CHRISTMAS WRAP: Ach, misse house see a shambles, Bundles here unt bundles dere! Look, how der Mama scrambles Mit der wrappings every where. "Tie die!" "Tie dat!" all der day! Such big headaches Weinacht brings. Dat for me all I can say: JOEST A HOLIDAY MIT STRINGS!

8th Annual Festival Coming To Palatka

THE WORLD TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

There is no occasion for excitement among either friends or foes of Russia, in Moscow's announcement of decision to devalue the ruble as a counter-measure against the inflation which has beset the country.

Inflation isn't a malady which attaches itself to any particular form of economy, but is as common as measles in these unhealthful post-war days. Even mighty America has a rash and the sniffles. So we shouldn't jump to conclusions about the seriousness of the Soviet sickness, despite the fact that a fortnight ago rumors of the forthcoming devaluation precipitated wild buying of durable goods of all sorts, ranging from clothing to choice china.

Naturally the Russian man-in-the-street and his family are far from happy to have the axe applied to their savings. The Moscow radio said the exchange rate for cash will be as high as ten old rubles for one of the new issue, and a ninety per cent slash in hard-earned savings is tough. There's some easement of the hardship in the qualification that for deposits in savings banks, amounts up to 3,000 rubles will be exchanged at the even rate of one for one. Also, the government promises that rationing will be abolished on all food and industrial goods this month.

The official decree regarding devaluation said that the new currency is necessary because wartime monetary issues and a flood of false rubles put out by invading German troops inflated the economy so that some goods have been selling for 10 to 15 times their prewar prices. The decree also aims at speculators who have been "accumulating great amounts of money, aiming at profits at the expense of the population."

When the so-called "panic-buying" began some folk hastily decided that Russian economy was collapsing. However, close observers declined to adopt this thesis. U. S. Under Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett told the Senate Appropriations Committee that the situation didn't indicate a breakdown of Soviet economy, and that it would be a mistake to attach too much importance to the Russian buying spree.

Of course this appraisal has to do with the current situation in Russia, and has no bearing on what may develop there in the future. The fact that there is inflation in the Soviet Union now obviously doesn't prove that the Communist system of economy can't be made to work, any more than inflation in the United States proves that an economy based on private enterprise is wrong.

So far as the economy of Communism is concerned, only time will demonstrate exactly what effect it will have on Russia and the countries which Moscow has brought under Red domination. One thing seems clear, and this is that a totalitarian government can make any sort of economy—no matter how extreme—work for a time. We saw Mussolini do it; we saw Hitler do it, and we have seen the Muscovites do it. Few things are beyond a police state which has the power of life and death over its subjects and can make them use beans for cash if it wants to.

However, the fact that an economy can be made to work under duress doesn't prove it to be good. There are many economists of the Western World who believe strongly that the Communist economy will blow up in due course. But there seems to be little disposition to accept the present inflation in Russia as providing support for that belief.

PALATKA, Fla., Dec. 15 (Special)—The Eighth Annual Palatka Festival will be staged in the Palatka Ravine Gardens on February 22, 1948. Harry C. Brown, chairman of the Festival Steering Committee has announced.

Contestants, chaperones and accompanying Jaycees will arrive on Feb. 21, and social affairs are being arranged for their pleasure during the afternoon and evening, Brown stated. Miss Love Lindsey, the 1947 Astoria Queen, of Ocala, now a student at Duke University, will be invited to attend as a special guest.

Cotton Mills Need Large Replacements

ATLANTA, Dec. 15 (AP)—Trade sources roughly figured last week that cotton mills in the South need to spend well in excess of \$375,000,000 more than they have been able to accumulate in reserves to replace average machinery, buildings and equipment.

The estimate was based on a survey of the whole industry just completed by Textile Information Service, which reported that half of all equipment needs replacing. The amount in excess of reserves the entire industry needs to spend was placed at \$500,000,000.

The survey said that depreciable assets such as machinery and equipment originally cost more than a billion dollars but that to replace them now would cost two billion. Reserves set aside during the useful life of equipment were based, in accordance with tax regulations, upon the original cost.

The average life of textile machinery and equipment is figured at 27 years; the Information Service said, and for the entire 27 years previous to the end of the war, profits in the industry were only a billion dollars.

"It is estimated that half of all equipment needs replacing today," the survey said. "This is partly because of the inability to replace equipment in the depression years, but more particularly because of the unavailability of new machinery during the war years and the terrific strain of continuous operation."

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