

Noting A Hero's Birthday

If there is one American whose courage and fortitude during years of hardship and discouragement gave the nation its opportunity to achieve greatness, through independence, it was General George Washington. The nation's first President, a General who won a war against Great Britain to make the colonies independent of that nation, is rightly remembered each Feb. 22nd and honored as the Father of His Country.

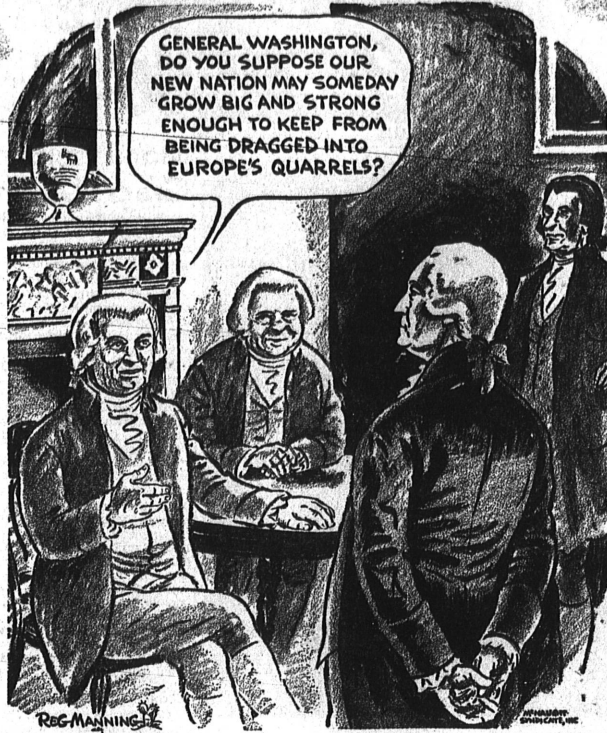
However, the proper observance of Washington's birthday anniversary did not come about overnight after his death. The colonies and the states were slow to recognize the magnitude of the accomplishment and contribution of General Washington. Not only had he won independence for the colonies, he had served as the first President, and he had set the precedent for a two-term limit for Chief Executives.

Moreover, he had established the foundation principles of American governments—one of them being staying out of the affairs of other nations. That policy was the wisest course for the young nation at that time and this doctrine allowed the country to grow and prosper during its early years.

In the last years of his life and the first years after his death, political feeling in the country between the parties was so strong that some of the observances suggested for Washington's birthday anniversary were denounced as political demonstrations. Only slowly did the nation come to recognize its founder, and military hero, as his services to his country merited.

After he died, on Dec. 14, 1799, the Congress—then meeting in Philadelphia—proposed that Feb. 22, 1800, be observed throughout the country with exercises in honor of the first President of the country. This Congressional proposal was widely acted upon and exercises were held in the principal cities.

Thereafter observances of Washington's birthday spread rapidly and, today observance of the anniversary of the birth of our first President, and military hero, is general throughout the nation. This is appropriate since Washington is often under-rated both as a general and as a President. Every American citizen owes as much to Washington, or more, for his freedom and the independence of his country as to any other American hero.



Progress Notes on Reds

The charge by the President of Guatemala that the United States conspired with three Central American nations, in planning an overthrow of the Government of Guatemala, is a serious accusation. It is not often that the United States is accused of such motives.

Such charges always come from the Communists, and the fact that the presidency of Guatemala makes such a claim shows how bad conditions in this country actually are. That the Reds have concentrated on Guatemala for some time, in an effort to set up an elaborate espionage system in Central America, is no secret.

But, only in the last year have the inroads made by the Communists become apparent. Business has left the country because of the state of agitation among the poor. United Fruit and Pan American are examples of U.S.

businesses who have been given the treatment. Now comes the familiar propaganda line of Communist fabricators from the presidency of Guatemala itself. It may be possible that other Central American countries aided in plans for the overthrow of the Guatemalan government, although we suspect this part of the charge is just as untrue as that affecting the United States.

It is known that United States policy in Central and South America is designed to do everything possible to prove to the peoples in these areas that Uncle Sam is not Uncle Shylock, or carrying a big aggressive stick. We do not attempt to overthrow governments in these areas which are unsatisfactory from our point of view—or we would have overthrown the Guatemalan Government long ago.

But this is just the charge that will mislead those Central and South Americans who have always resented the "colossus" to the north, and envied this country for its riches, its power and its leadership. It is the sort of fabrication that appeals to the disgruntled gripers who usually are in the vanguard of Communist organizations.

This charge from Guatemala shows that Communist progress in that country has achieved an ominous degree of success. It is a clear warning that trouble is brewing in Central America, to a dangerous extent, and that even darker days will follow.

Pot Simmers in Spain

Dictator Francisco Franco in Spain would like to have famed Gibraltar and the British fort installations and harbor in his hands. He gets a bit riled every time he thinks about the British base on the southern tip of Spain.

To put the pressure on John Bull, and pull the Lion's tail a bit, the Spanish government reportedly organized student demonstrations against British occupation of Gibraltar. The students fell in line with the idea, and the demonstration was staged.

The British Government thereupon protested promptly to Franco's government and evidently Spanish officials decided it was time to call a halt to the demonstrations. Spain is not yet strong enough to twist the tail too hard.

But students in Madrid who had been demonstrating for Spanish rights at Gibraltar, thought the demonstrations were coming along fine. They didn't see why they should be called off. In fact they told Spanish officers who attempted to quell them to take a leap.

In a dictator country you don't do that sort of thing, and the Spanish constabulary let the students know, promptly, who was the boss man in and around Madrid. He was and is Francisco Franco, a man put in his seat with the aid of Hitler and Mussolini. The students, however, didn't submit lying down. They fought back, and injured police officers.

Students were also injured. The upshot of the whole thing was to stir as much resentment against the Spanish Government as against John Bull. The British, meanwhile, filed a second protest and let the students simmer. All of which goes to show that dictators, even in Spain, cannot always maneuver the people. The people have a disquieting way of sometimes coming up with the truth.

Employment Barometer

The Joint Committee on the Economic Report was recently told by an Administration spokesman that unemployment is expected to level off at a figure between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 "in the foreseeable future."

Whether the Budget Bureau, which made the estimate before the committee, is right, or whether the CIO and AFL are right—in calling for immediate action to check rising unemployment, which they say is a major threat to the economy—will soon be apparent. The voter will not have to wait long to see that question answered.

The Census Bureau has just reported that unemployment increased by 500,000 in January. That put the unemployed total at 2,360,000—the highest figure reached in some years. At the end of February we will have some indication of the accuracy of the Administration's estimate. If there is an increase in any way comparable to that in January, it might cause a lot of quick figuring, reshaping and policy changes in Washington.

THE MAIL BOX

Unemployment Tax

Editor,
Almost daily someone who is applying for unemployment insurance declares, "I've been paying into this fund, and I'm entitled to get my benefits."
This is a mistaken belief that is held by many persons, workers and employers alike.
The fact is that since 1946 the entire unemployment insurance tax has been paid by the employer. The amounts deducted from the workers' checks are for disability insurance only, not one penny is deducted for unemployment insurance.
Many employers' payroll check stubs show that the deduction was made for "unemployment insurance." This fact adds to the incorrect belief that employees pay for unemployment insurance. The department is taking steps which it hopes will result in all payroll check stubs showing that the deduction is for "disability insurance."
RUSSEL R. McCOMB

A Pat on the Back

Editor,
I would like to call your attention to the pupils of Torrance High School who get the bus at Shadycroft and Palms Verdes Blvd. in Allied Gardens.
There are between 20 and 30 of them, and they are very quiet and well-mannered, never raising their voices. In fact, if you didn't see them, you wouldn't know they were there.
When the bus arrives, the boys stand back until the young ladies are aboard.
Who says our young folks are going to the dogs?
MRS. VIOLA KLUG

Traffic Signals

Editor,
I see they finally got the north end of Crenshaw fixed up with lights where it crosses Redondo Beach Blvd. Now what are they going to do to the other end where it crosses Pacific Coast Hwy.?
Are we going to have to wait until several people are killed to get lights and channels there like we did at Newton St.?
JACK M. BEACH

THE SQUIRREL CAGE

BY REID BUNDY

It was about a week ago, according to Don Moyer of Torrance Plaza who heard it from a neighbor, that a gentleman of the area rolled his car out of the garage and looked around for someone to give him a push—dead battery, or something.
Stopping a neighbor lady who was about to drive off in the family auto, he explained his predicament and asked for a push. When she agreed, he told her she would probably have to push him 35 or 40 m.p.h. because of the automatic shift in his car.
So the lady went around the block to get behind his stalled auto.
After a few seconds the stalled motorist looked in his rear-view mirror and froze—here comes his kind neighbor to give him a push—forty miles an hour.
It cost more than \$200 to put the rear end of his car back together. At least, that's the way we heard it.

Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answer which will appear in rotation, as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell, Predicts today!

WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:
Citizens of Las Vegas, Nev. will be happy to know that their city will become one of the Pittsburghs of the West when the Martin Arms Company opens their new plant there October 1, 1954! . . . Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, the widow of the late President, will feature romantically in the headlines early this summer! . . . One other widow of a late President will shock the world with her secret marriage soon to be made public! . . . Governor Thomas Dewey of New York will demand that all school teachers in his state receive a raise in pay plus a more liberal pension! . . . New crisis in Indonesia brings peril to India! . . . Austria demands free elections behind Iron Curtain! . . . Super-transcontinental highway to span America voiced by Eisenhower! . . . Italy suffers new effects of nationwide strikes! . . . Greece scene of new surges of earthquakes! . . . Anti-gambling law enforced in Florida! . . . Queen Elizabeth visits America to cement relations! . . . New popularity of golf brings boom for manufacturers! . . . Thousands flee tidal waves in South America! . . . Parrot fever sweeps Mexican border areas! . . . U. S. mails clamp down on phony lottery with seven arrests and convictions! . . . New shrine near Denver heels thousands; . . . New air college built in Kansas equals West Point importance!

A VERY EQUALS PREDICTION:
"When I was a small girl," writes Winnie Laster, "I always had imaginary playmates. One little boy I called Freddie who was always in the attic and on rainy days we would play together. My parents thought these playmates flights of a child's fancy; but years later I saw the picture of this little Freddie exactly as I knew him. Freddie had died of scarlet fever when seven years old and was mother's oldest brother at that time. I know that my mind did not play tricks on me. Many other people since that day have told me of their imaginary childhood playmates and I know that they were not imaginary!" Thank you Winnie, and if any of you other readers have other true ghost stories to tell, won't you send them in to me? You can always reach me in care of the Torrance Herald.

Dear Criswell:
Am I required by law to support my worthless husband?
MRS. L. P.
My Dear Mrs. L. P.
There is no law compelling you to work for your husband. You can tell him at any time to find work or get out. Consult your lawyer at once. You have been much too good to this man who does not deserve a fine woman like you.

Stand by your guns and make him go to work.
Dear Criswell:
Am I the true son of this man or was I adopted?
FRANK JR.
My Dear Frank Jr.:
You were adopted, and if you look into the records this will be verified.
Dear Criswell:
A very important man in our community has been taking advantage of my 16-year-old daughter and now threatens to have us confined in an asylum if we make trouble. Would he do this?
MRS. N. W.
This is the most shocking letter I have received and I know that you are telling the truth. The man can do nothing for you have Justice on your side. Take your daughter to the Juvenile Authorities at once, and let the law take its course. This man will get his just rewards.
Dear Criswell:
How can I convince this old woman that I did not marry her for her money?
R. J.
Dear R. J.
You are trying to convince yourself, not your wife. You are only twenty-five years younger and the deciding factor was her money. She knows this, and the moment she thinks you are tiring of her, she will toss you out, and I predict it will be very soon. She is wise to your little game.

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

CAUSE OF TENSION
UNSTABLE CONDITION: ed schools of thought on There are two widely separated schools of thought on what constitutes a proper atmosphere for the development of prosperity and the maintenance of solvency. At one extreme of these schools of thought sovereignty is vested in the people through a constitution. At the other extreme sovereignty is automatically vested in the state.

There is a third school of thought with a very nice sounding name. This school is called the middle-of-the-road, and the people constituting it call themselves middle-of-the-roads. Their stand obviously is a compromise in which both the other schools lose, and which, in fact, gives only temporary benefit to anyone; for it offers a condition of instability which must yield to further compromise. It is pertinent to note, however, that this further compromise seems always to be toward state sovereignty.

GRAPH OF INSTABILITY: This situation can be graphed on a straight 45-degree diagonal to a right triangle where the co-ordinates represent increasing governmental controls vertically and decreasing freedom for industry and individuals horizontally. Moving from left to right on such a graph, the diagonal will rise from what we know as a free capital enterprise system to a completely controlled state enterprise setup (totalitarianism).

The middle of the road will then be halfway up on the diagonal and should remain there. Unfortunately this hypothetically restful state of affairs at midpoint on the diagonal is non-existent. Actually it represents a state of tension which starts as the diagonal begins to rise and increases with it, but not proportionately to it.

I know of no effort on the part of any political-economist to calculate this tension curve, but it probably is in the nature of a hyperbola where the foot of the curve is at the point on the diagonal which we have called the "middle of the road." Such a curve rises very gradually at first, and consequently falls below the political-economic-diagonal until it has passed the middle-of-the-road foot, when it begins to rise rapidly and crosses the diagonal far up on the state control side.

TENSION FEEDBACK: This point, where the tension curve and the diagonal intersect, is a desperate point both for the people and the government involved. Historically, this point of intersection forecasts a situation of bloody revolution—internal civil war. It is precisely because the tension curve increases at all points that a middle-of-the-road stability cannot be maintained, for all

points on the diagonal reflect the growing tension among a people and their leaders.

The rising tension indicated by the hyperbola demonstrates the impossibility of any government to solve problems for its people. The noted British economist, John Jewkes, has stated this very simply in his book, *Ordeal by Planning* (MacMillan, New York):

"The more threatened (government planners) are by failure, the more savage will be their efforts to make (their planning) succeed at any cost. The more apparent becomes the insolubility of the intellectual problems involved, the crazier and more irresponsible will become the efforts (of the planners) to solve them." He notes immediately that it is the consumers, meaning all of us, who are the victims of such planning. And it is because we are the victims of the planning that tension rises, whether we know the cause of this tension or not.

I have offered a theoretical picture of political-economic conflict and have given an economist's (Jewkes') simple translation of this conflict as food for thought, especially and immediately for farmers.

PRACTICAL SIDE: Secretary of Agriculture Benson recently stated the practical side of this problem when he said: "The surest way for any group in this country to commit economic suicide is to forget the ultimate consumer."

Benson noted the increasing problems of surpluses as a direct result of planned subsidies, and the increasing tension of the urban population due to high prices brought about by high supports. He accurately observed that it was not price supports that made this country great, and that if they had had price supports when they were making harvest we probably would still be producing great surpluses of that.

The problem of disposing of these steadily increasing surpluses is representative of intellectual failure on political planning. Secretary Benson warned that unless this problem is met in a practical way, farmers will get less than parity for their products in spite of all the subsidies and guarantees that have been in effect for the past five years.

BENSON'S SOLUTION: In the light of federal failure to control surpluses and prices, Benson said, "You as farmers can do a better job of managing your own business than anyone else from an office in Washington."

Just as this is true for farmers it is likewise true for every other segment of the economy. All of us would do well to consider this very obvious situation if we want to stop rising tension and the complications involved in additional controls.

THEY SAY

Harry S. Truman, former President:
"Our personal liberties in the United States may be threatened, but they're not in danger."
Dr. William Kaufman, Boston doctor:
"Money-sickness is the most common psychosomatic illness of our times."

IT'S A FACT by JERRY CAHILL

SIMON LAKE
Inventor of the modern SUBMARINE
WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE PROPOSED THEIR USE FOR VESSELS OF WAR!
HE BUILT FLEETS FOR RUSSIA, ENGLAND AND AUSTRIA BEFORE THE U.S. REALIZED THEIR VALUE.
GENERAL'S WAR PRIZES OF 11 BOATS WERE BUILT FROM PLANS STOLEN FROM LAKE!
NO MODERN SUBS COULD OPERATE WITHOUT USING LAKE'S PATENTS!

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