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Freedom's Roll Call

The annual "Freedom's Roll-Call" program of Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge now being conducted throughout the nation is calling public attention to the massive challenges to the American Way of Life and the need for every citizen to individually respond to these challenges.

These are turbulent and troublesome times. Our country is in peril because the Communists make it so. The world is in turmoil. Two ideologies are locked in deadly battle for the souls and minds and property of men. On our side are the forces of freedom and liberty led by the United States of America; on the other, the forces of atheistic Communist enslavement led by Russia, Red China, and their satellites.

Which one wins depends primarily on people. To a great extent on us, the descendants of this Republic which was born in 1776. What Americans work for, believe in, sacrifice for, in the end will prevail. Unlike previous perilous hours when threats to our Way of Life have been on military fronts, our self-declared enemy today, tyrannical Communism, attacks us on many fronts.

We are engaged in a total war — economic, political, scientific, social, educational, religious, military, and psychological. The stakes, for the enemy, are mastery of the entire world; for us, human freedom. This World War III can be won by the knowledge and determination of our patriotic people, responsible, resolute, and reverent. It requires of us, knowledge and understanding of the concepts, values, and duties of the American system of free men. We must know the propaganda techniques, subversive methods, and false claims of Communism.

We have the courage to stand up against those threats. Our free people, more active, more determined, and more articulate will win out over their ruthless, swaggering, grim, monolithic society whose goal is world domination and the obliteration of freedom and human dignity everywhere.

Every individual man, woman, and child, company, union, religious, civic, and patriotic organization has a part to play.

One system, and only one, will survive this struggle. We cannot survive by adopting either all at once or little by little the enemies' ideas and methods. Our nation is called on to provide the leadership this occasion demands. We shall not fail. Americans must prayerfully out-think, out-work, and if necessary out-die this monstrous, conspiratorial evil.

May our will power for freedom be as bright a beacon light for peace with honor as our war power is a warning light to godless Communism.

Everyone can take part in the preservation and the perpetuation of freedom under God. Learn what you can do for Freedom and do it — every day.

Opinions of Others

We may well ponder the prophetic warning voiced by Thomas Jefferson long ago when he said: "When all government, domestic and foreign, in little or great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided in one government on another. And will become as vernal and oppressive as the government from which we separated." — *Norfolk (Va.) The Time Advocate.*

Morning Report:

One of the big secrets of the Cold War has now been broken. Our Government has been stockpiling feathers. The Kremlin spies who have been trying to crack this program can now go home.

They can even buy some of the feathers and take them back as proof of what this country has been up to. Because we are now selling what we were stockpiling. The White House must feel the outlook for peace is good.

The General Accounting Office, however, is not so sure. It refuses to tell what the feathers sold for. No use giving all our secrets to the Russians.

Abe Mellinkoff

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Today is a very black day for the Rosenberg children. Yesterday evening, because of the thoughtlessness and inconsiderate feelings of someone in the Hollywood Riviera, our family cat was killed by a huge, ugly German Shepherd, who was allowed to roam the streets.

I shall never understand why people will take the trouble to keep a pet and care so little for him that they will allow such a thing.

Our very precious cat can never be brought back to us, but just knowing that the guilty party will have to live with this terrible deed, might

ease the pain in our hearts. Of course, I am grateful that the dog did not turn on any one of my four children, but that was a possibility. Now that the dog has tasted blood, I shudder to think of his next victim.

If there is anyone in the Hollywood Riviera who knows of this dog or the family who owns him, we would appreciate hearing from them at FR 5-1712, or better still — tell them.

How in the world does a mother help her kids over such a terrible, terrible time, when she herself is so heart sick?

Mrs. Sidney Rosenberg
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I Can't Help Wondering—

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Sugar Latest Commodity To Feel Statists' Touch

OMAHA — Socialism and communism are government ownership and control of the means of production. This means federal, state or city government . . . whether it is here or in Russia. We appear to decry the drift toward collectivism when engineered by Khrushchev and the Kremlin, while we ourselves are drifting in the same direction at an accelerated pace by the day. It is happening here . . . and here is the latest proof.

The State of Alabama has just authorized the City of Mobile to float a bond issue . . . tax exempt, of course . . . to build a \$12 million sugar plant. This is the first time in U.S. history that government has gone into the sugar-refining business in competition with private business. When put into operation this government sugar business will pay no taxes . . . while the private sugar businesses will pay 52 per cent taxes on their profits, not to mention property taxes and other taxes which cut into the private pie.

It will not be possible for long for any private sugar business to compete with a tax-free government sugar business. Margins on sugar are not sufficient to enable private enterprise to compete with socialized or subsidized operations.

It is happening here right under our nose. Alabama and Mobile have just broken the ice in the sugar business, following the thousands of cities in the U.S. who have socialized power and light . . . water, garbage and sewage services . . . operate parking lots, cocktail bars, hotels, marketing milk, growing wheat, producing cement, fertilizers and many other products.

Socialized sugar is just as objectionable to us as socializing anything else. We believe it is against the American birthright of free choice under our Constitution for millions of Americans in 50 states to pay taxes to the federal government, part of which are used to subsidize TVA in Tennessee . . . so a few chosen people can be furnished cheap electric power.

This same reasoning can be applied to socialized sugar in Alabama . . . with the exception that only monies raised in Alabama will finance the Mobile project. But Mobile sugar will be outselling California sugar, Hawaiian sugar or anybody else's sugar on counters all over America, because it will be cheaper. Cheaper only because it is produced under a tax-free government setup.

The original excuse under the New Deal was that public utilities and public services should be under government control because the "government could do it cheaper" (which is false) . . . and because "the government should do for the people what the people are unable to do for themselves." This fooled a lot of people desperately trying to recover from the 1929 depression.

The truth is that government cannot produce any-

thing cheaper. It only appears cheaper, because of the subsidy and freedom from taxes. But to apply the same socialist reasoning to sugar is the height of irresponsibility.

While we are trying to stamp out socialism and communism all over the world . . . spending millions on the Voice of America, U.S. Information Agencies, "Peace Corps," to prove our case of free enterprise and free choice . . . we are promoting socialism here at home. We are fast becoming the laughing stock of foreigners who know the score. The story of socialized sugar in Alabama will have them rolling in the aisles.

This unfortunate decision in Alabama will not stop in Alabama . . . or with sugar. Socialist conflagration destroys others than the one with whom it starts. It will hurt the case of private medicine . . . the case against federal aid to education . . . the case against indiscriminate unemployment compensation . . . the case against more and more socialist give-aways and free rides for the loafers.

Too many Americans yawned years ago when the private utility companies spread

the alarm that "socializing power and light is only the beginning." Even medical men yawned, for they didn't think it could happen to them. But all those who lack concern except when their own ox is being gored . . . are unfortunately getting what is coming to them.

The hunger after political power is insatiable . . . each gulp is but an appetizer for the next. The more government regulates, controls and subsidizes, the more it demands more and more taxes to cover its losses. For government produces no wealth, it only spends the wealth people produce.

The greater the government deficits, the more the dollar is inflated and the greater the squeeze on millions of innocent widows and senior citizens on fixed incomes who are caught in this craze for political power.

We could preserve our individual self-interest by recognizing that the socialization of the other fellow's business or profession is but an entering wedge against the American birthright of individual initiative and free choice. An aroused citizenry can stop it in this year's congressional elections.

Hoppe in Wonderland

An Alphabetical Look at Our Farms

—Art Hoppe

What I love most about America is her abundance. Every time I hear, "Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain," I tend to get misty eyed. So, I'll bet, do our Presidents. It's one of the most horrendous headaches they've got.

But Mr. Kennedy's going to lick it. He's coming up with another "drastic new Farm Program." Which happens annually. He calls his the "ABCD Farm Program." He says this stands for "Abundance, Balance, Conservation, and Development." It usually does.

You see, we've got an Abundance of good things to eat. Which is terrible. So, to achieve a Balance, we've got to grow less.

That's where Development comes in. This year, as usual, Mr. Kennedy has Developed a whole mess more new Quotas, Acreage Allotments, Soil Banks, and Price Supports. They always work fine. In Washington. Allow me to explain.

Let's take Farmer Jones. (We always take Farmer Jones.) Farmer Jones has 100 acres, having owned them since I was in the fourth grade. Last year, he grew 100 bushels. Which are delicious when fried in butter.

This year, the Washington experts decided nobody could possibly eat more than 50 bushels. This is called a Quota. So they divide 100 acres by 2, which is called simple division, and tell Farmer Jones to plant bushels on only 50 acres. This is called Acreage Allotment. Washington then says it will pay him for the 50 bushels he didn't grow on his other 50 acres. This is called the Soil Bank. Which is what farmers laugh all the way on their way to.

Now we get to Conservation. What Farm Programs aim at Conserving is the Farm Vote: This is done by Serving the American Farmer Better.

You see, once we've got Farmer Jones to grow less through Quotas and whatnot, we then send around Federal agricultural experts to teach him how to grow more.

Farmer Jones understandably, if unpatriotically, loves to grow things. So he soaks his remaining 50 acres with the latest Federal fertilizers and — presto! — this year he grows 75 bushels. Which is 25 more than anyone wants.

Washington, of course, buys up these extra 25 bushels. This is called Price Supports. Then Washington squirrels them away in the attic at a storage cost of more than \$1 million a day. This is called Nonsense.

It would be cheaper, of course, to give our surplus bushels away. It would also be more Christian, seeing that two-thirds of the human race goes to bed hungry each night. But we can't give away more than a dribble or we'd bust the world bushel market. And we can't have that. It would make the bushel market proprietors mad.

Well, Mr. Kennedy's ABCD Farm Program can't compare with my EFGH Farm Program, which I've mentioned before. Mine stands for Every Farmer Gets Helped.

And what we do is pay farmers not to grow any more farmers. If they do, we buy the surplus farmers and store them away. Because it seems there's nothing more surplus in a hungry world these days than a man who loves to see good things grow.

Failing that, I think we ought to at least change the words to "America, the Beautiful." I mean all this stuff about "amber waves of grain." And "the fruited plain." Why keep reminding ourselves of our handicaps?



ROYCE BRIER

Muzzling of an Earlier Army General Recalled

In view of the flurry over "muzzling" the military, heard in recent weeks at the hearings of a Senate subcommittee, you may be interested in a celebrated case where a general spoke — and acted — out of turn, and was cashiered for it.

He was John Charles Fremont, our own Western Pathfinder hero. At the opening of the Civil War many, including Fremont, thought he was the Coming General.

President Lincoln sent him to the Western command at St. Louis. Fremont was an abolitionist, and in the summer of 1861 Lincoln was not. His immediate purpose was to save the border states, Missouri and Kentucky, which contained many anti-secession slaveholders. If these states were lost to the Confederacy, the war was almost lost.

Egotist and mystic, Fremont did not understand this.

Under the impact of guerrilla violence about him, he issued a "proclamation." Unauthorized persons under arms would be shot. Then he declared freemen the slaves of enemy slaveholders. By implication this extended to Kentucky.

This was emancipation, while the President had been flatly pledging that the gov-

ernment did not intend to intervene against slavery in states where it existed. The abolition radicals wildly hailed Fremont, contrasting him with slow-poke Lincoln. But Union slaveholders in both states yelled double-cross. In Kentucky one new Union regiment disbanded in disgust.

Lincoln threaded his way, wiring Fremont "in a spirit of caution, not of censure."

Fremont, deafened by abolition applause, would not back up. He sent his wife, Jessie, daughter of the late (Unionist) Senator Benton of Missouri, to the White House. She found Lincoln unsympathetic with the sandbagging, and made a scene. She quoted Lincoln as saying, "You're quite a female politician."

Anyway, Lincoln was determined that the President would make national policy, not a major general. He countermanded Fremont's "proclamation," sent an order relieving him.

Fremont's grandiose body-guard made delivery difficult. The order was voided if Fremont was about to fight a battle. Fremont tried an overnight deployment to beat it, but the Confederates retired — no battle. Fremont gave up.

He was ordered to minor commands in the east, where he had no marked success. The Pathfinder did not take part in the ensuing great battles — where the glory was.

Quote

"In these perilous times, what the world needs is a summit meeting on the level." — W. Harvey Hurt, Waynesboro, (Miss.) Wayne County News.

"Some of our jug-headed officials in Washington—particularly in the executive branch—seem to think profits are unimportant to people in business. They should realize that the Federal Government's own income depends on the profits everybody makes." — C. L. Blanton Jr., Benton (Mo.) Scott County Democrat.

"Our first grader brought home her first six weeks' report last week. Highly satisfactory in the traditional 3 R's, her 'Personality Traits' chart was labeled 'slightly immature.' When did it suddenly become a sin for a 6-year-old to act like a child?" — Mrs. Martin Ford, Harmony (Minn.) News.

"What they need in the electric brains department is one that will get us out of all these troubles that human brains get us into." — Richard Mayer Jr., North Vernon (Ind.) Sun.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.