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Our Rights and Duties

What does Sept. 13, 1962, mean to you? This is the last day you may register to vote in the general election this November.

Our Constitution was founded upon the principles of "rights" and "corresponding duties." We were given the rights of freedom, but our corresponding duties, which mean moral and legal obligations, are necessary to perpetuate that freedom. We have been given the privilege of voting, but it is the duty of each of us to exercise this right in order to maintain the ideals of our American Government.

Election day should not be passed over lightly. We must remember our responsibilities as a duty to those who will follow after us, and as a tribute to those who have preceded us.

Let us zealously guard our rights by fulfilling our corresponding duties, so that our children and all succeeding generations may be born free. —Ann Whitter

Closing the Gap

During debate on the Administration's farm bill, Representative Robert Griffin of Michigan offered an amendment that "employees of the Agriculture Department shall at no time exceed the number of farmers in America."

It got quite a laugh. After all, there are only 98,500 employees in the Agriculture Department, roughly one for each 70 of the nation's 7 million farmers.

However, every year the number of department employees increases, and every year the number of farmers decreases.

Not being adept with a slide rule, we can't tell you when, statistically, the time for Representative Griffin's amendment to be taken seriously will arrive. But, like sending a man to the moon, we have a feeling it will arrive sooner than we would have once thought possible.

Sophisticates Abroad

There is a theory that life sometimes mirrors art, instead of the other way around.

Maybe there is something to it. Last week in Manila, two Americans, Eugene Burdick and William Lederer, tried to enter a plush restaurant in Bermuda shorts, were refused, and raised all kinds of red about it.

Not too long ago, there was a best seller called "The Ugly American," all about Americans who make asses of themselves abroad.

It was written by Burdick and Lederer.

Opinions of Others

The federal highway network now under construction is expected to give fresh momentum to the national wanderlust—and frustration to anyone who wants to stop long enough to see anything.—Boons (Iowa) News-Republican.

If our old Uncle were a private citizen, it is not improbable that some of his nieces and nephews would be asking that he be declared incompetent and a guardian appointed.—Vale (Ore.) Malheur Enterprise.

Taxpayer—that's the word we're offering for consideration of editors of any new dictionary. It refers to any good citizen who has become much confused by all the tax controversy going on . . . and sincerely but fearfully hopes it won't finally end up costing him more and benefiting him less.—East Lansing (Mich.) Farmer.

ROYCE BRIER

DeGaulle's Precarious Future Peril to Europe

All Europe faces a perilous situation in the continuing uncertainty over survival of President de Gaulle.

De Gaulle himself is largely responsible for this uncertainty, and the latest assassination attempt against him failed only by chance. The most casual recountal of the event reveals this.

The President was riding with Mme. de Gaulle through a Paris suburb in an ordinary sedan, without bullet-proof glass. He was accompanied by two motorcycle outriders, with security officers in a following car. De Gaulle insists on riding ahead because he wants to set the speed.

Machine-guns fired from two different points on opposite sides of the road, about 150 bullets. Some entered the de Gaulle car, but only a bystander was wounded in the fusillade.

Men of history from Caesar to Lincoln have frequently been careless with their lives.

These two men, for instance, carried out their purposes in the most violent and corrodng upheavals of their societies, yet they seemed unable to comprehend the extreme of hatred they had aroused.

De Gaulle's situation is almost a parallel, and intellectually he knows the Algerian affair has stirred murderous impulses in thousands of desperate men, who consider him a traitor to France and the French destiny.

There is also of course a tendency of high history to make successful leaders fatalists. De Gaulle has repeatedly expressed his contempt for plotters and assassins, and has moved among crowds both in Algeria and France with a minimum of security measures. Somebody had better have a talk with him now, though.

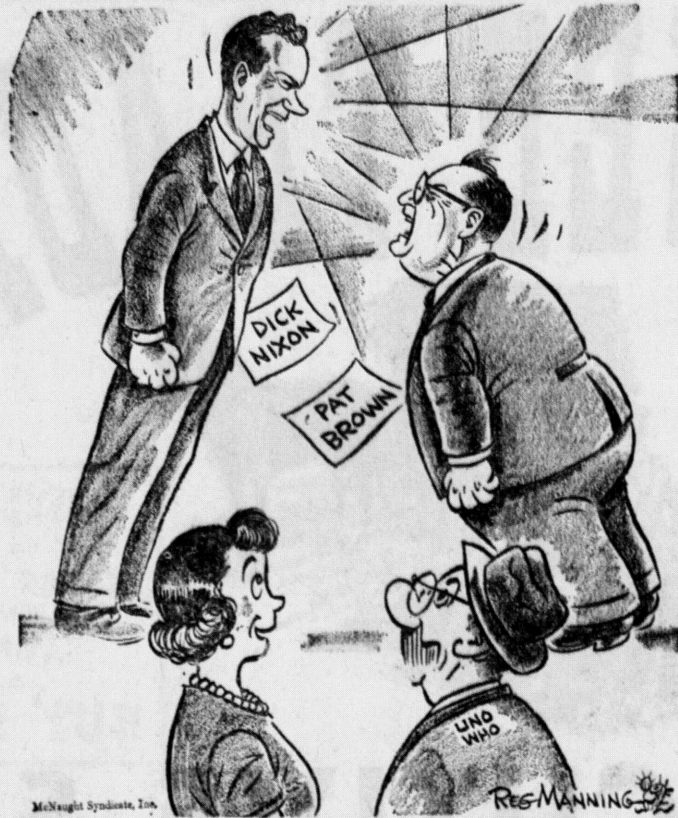
Last week's attempt was manifestly made by members of the Secret Army Organiza-

tion, embittered Rightists, many of them cashiered from the French Army for treasonable activity on both sides of the Mediterranean.

Nor are these men all captains. They have at least the sympathy of many ranking officers in the Army, and a large segment of civilians which cuts deep into the French society. They are essentially Fascists. They are willing to see de Gaulle destroyed, and they hope that in the resulting chaos they can attract millions of moderates fearing a Communist takeover.

There is little doubt that, if successful, they would set up an authoritarian or military state. You could expect an attempt to reconquer Algeria. But an even greater danger for Europe would be disruption of the Western democratic hegemony. From a Continental viewpoint this would play into the hands of the Soviet Union.

Think They'll Ever Agree To Debate?



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Anti-Communist Pledge Is Lost in the Shuffle

Republicans, at their annual convention and State Central Committee meeting, adopted a strong resolution denouncing communism.

Two weeks later it was the Democrats' turn. At their annual Sacramento gathering on Aug. 25-26 a resolution aimed at denying Communists "membership within any official or semi-official branches of the Democratic Party" was introduced under the auspices of party boss, Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh. But it never was enacted.

Does this mean that the majority of Democrats are any less aware of the Red menace than the majority of Republicans? Hardly.

What it does mean is that the Democrats have gotten themselves fouled up in a curious trap of their own contriving.

Many sincere liberals in the Democratic party have been unfairly accused over the years of being soft on communism because of their ardent defense of freedom of speech. No freedoms are absolute, because all freedoms tend to impinge one upon another and balance has to be achieved in an orderly society. In their devotion to the abstract cause of absolute freedom of speech, liberals have tended to forget that freedom can be abused, eg. the familiar example of crying "fire" in a crowded theater. That forgetfulness has sometimes placed them in an indefensible position.

When the right-wing John

Birch Society burst into the news, liberals jumped with joy over some of the more odious statements of its founder and proceeded to equate it with the Communist party.

The only trouble is that the Birch Society doesn't equate with the Communist party. Civil liberties for Communists have been curtailed in this country because they are agents of a foreign power and are pledged to overthrow the government by force. The right-wing extremism of the Birch Society equates with the left-wing extremism of organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Americans for Democratic Action, both of which have long been favorably regarded in liberal Democratic circles.

The anti-Communist resolution introduced at the Democratic State convention failed to pass because of its wording, which pledged "to take all legal steps to deny membership in any of the official or semi-official branches of the Democratic Party to members of any totalitarian organization . . ."

The phrasing was intended as a pot shot at the Birch Society, which is accused of being a totalitarian organization because its membership is secret. But the same terminology would apply to the Civil Liberties Union and the Americans for Democratic Action, neither of which opens its membership rolls for public inspection.

Rightly, the resolution was defeated because of concern by key Democratic leaders that its adoption could lead to party boss control through the power to purge the membership rolls of Democratic clubs.

But the cause of anti-communism got lost in the shuffle.

There were two rounds of applause at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. One was for the announcement of a federal grant for a local project, the other for a resolution against government spending.—Bruce Kennedy, Greybull (Wyo.) Standard.

"A government that's big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take everything you've got."—Lynn H. Carpenter, Dundee (N. Y.) Observer.

"Organized labor has been losing the sympathy and tolerance of the people generally, because of the few labor leaders who have acted as dictators in the unions they handle and their ignoring the rights of others."—Chester P. Bailey, Mansfield (Pa.) Advertiser.

"The growth of the United States has resulted from private enterprise and from the profit earned through trade and commerce. It has not come from government business operations."—J. Morris Richards, Winslow (Ariz.) Mail.

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Some More Lessons of A Lifetime of Living

When people abroad ask me what made America a great country . . . my pet answer is that our forefathers founded it to secure freedom of their faith . . . not seeking riches, real estate or wealth.

A reckless driver is usually the one who passes you on the road no matter how fast you're going.

We used to go to the movies for shock treatments . . . now they bring them right into our living rooms.

Love would have disappeared long ago if it were left entirely in human hands.

Be glad for the bad examples you notice. They help to avoid them in yourself.

Money alone cannot get you real friends . . . but money alone can sure get you a lot of enemies.

Since we cannot control either our birth or our death . . . we can concentrate on enjoying the interval.

There's no difference to us in a Hindu woman screwing a jewel in her nose . . . than in an American woman screwing it in her ear.

I suppose women would not try so hard to conceal their age . . . if men acted theirs.

Too many women I meet are married to money, not men.

A gourmet is usually a glutton with money to burn. The way a man looks often makes his words unbelievable.

People who say "let's face it" usually don't want to.

In the eyes of the law a fellow is considered to be a man at 21 . . . but in my estimation he is not a man until he proves it.

To be a speaker is to say something . . . that's the obvious difference from a good talker.

Persons who want to do good discover as many obstacles as those who want to do bad.

Most of the greatest achievements in the world were once considered impossible. Tell this to your son when he wonders what's ahead of him.

Gaining respect is much more important to this columnist than gaining a following.

The case of Caryl Chessman . . . rapist, kidnaper, given 12 years in which to prove his innocence . . . is the best proof of the greatness of the American system.

A friend of Lloyds of London told me that his company will insure anything . . . with only one exception . . . the chance that a marriage will last. "Only God," he said, "can insure that one."

Just one little fly in the wrong place can destroy anything from a multi-million dollar rocket . . . to a Beethoven symphony, should it land on a switch or on the conductor's nose.

I have no quarrel with the egoist . . . except when he considers others inferior.

It is possible that God permits sin . . . to prove that sin is its own worst punishment. If you were to pick up an old stray dog and befriend him, he would not bite you. This is one of the difference

between a man and a dog. It usually takes about 25 years to prepare a good impromptu speech on where we're heading in the world today.

Prosperity depends upon consumption . . . consumption depends upon production . . . production depends upon incentive . . . incentive depends upon profit . . . profit depends upon capitalism . . . therefore, prosperity depends on the free investment of capital for profit.

Some of your co-workers, acquaintances, neighbors, or even some friends — and sometimes even the closest relatives . . . resent your success. They envy you for having a pretty wife . . . they dislike you for being so happy, or dedicated to a set of principles. They object to your individuality for not following the pack and your courage for being uncontrolled by habit. They pick your brain for what you know and then pick on it in defense of their pet ideas. They cover your aggressiveness and initiative and cover up by passing the word around that you are arrogant. They can't keep up with your drive, so they refer to you as a show-off and a publicity hound. They are awed at your contacts with important people and then suggest privately that you're a name-dropper.

So, if you're lucky enough to possess one or more of these attributes . . . you are paying a high price every day around the clock as a self-made target for human envy and resentment.

I notice frequently among world leaders and world shaking events . . . and among little people . . . that very often they have to lose before they can finally win.

Our Man Hoppe

Have Faith—and Go Underground

—Art Hoppe

I don't wish to make you nervous, but the Full Gospel Assembly has gone underground again.

It's a periodic thing with the Full Gospel Assembly. Every once in a while it gets the heavenly word down in Benson, Ariz., that the world is about to end. And underground it goes. The last time was back in 1960 when the Assembly dug in for 42 days before receiving divine assurance that all would be well. For a while.

This time, the mayor of Benson, Mr. Peter B. Wilhelm, is pretty sore about the whole thing. "I hope they stay under for six months," says the mayor grumpily. "They're giving the town a bad name."

And the school superintendent, Mr. Ronald Jenkins, is equally irritable. He says he is going to punish the children of the sect very severely for playing hookey should they not come up out of that ground when school opens Tuesday. If, that is, the world doesn't end in the interim.

And that, of course, explains all the civic anger.

Back in the good old days any oddball preacher worth his salt predicted the end of the world with regularity. Not only was it good publicity, but there is nothing to loosen the spirit of human generosity in a congregation like the imminent arrival of Judgment Day.

"Friends," the preacher would say, "I have divided the Epistles by the square root of the Apocalypse and performed a Deuteronomy on the result. There is no question about it. The Good Lord will destroy the world at 11:53 a.m. a week from Tuesday. Hallelujah. Please pass the hat."

And at 11:45 a.m. a week from Tuesday, the preacher would announce: "Friends, I am informed by high sources the Good Lord has changed his mind. All due to your prayers. Hallelujah. Please pass the hat."

It was a grand system. The faithful were instilled with generosity and learned the value of prayer. And everybody else would chuckle and shake their heads over the predictions of all these nuts.

Because everybody else knew down inside that the Good Lord wouldn't really destroy the world. He must love it as much as we. And we were all comforted and made secure by this faith.

But nowadays it's different. Nowadays all sorts of nuts are predicting the end of the world. Like our scientists, our generals and our leaders.

"Nuclear war means the end of civilization," says Mr. Kennedy. "But, by George, if that Krushchev doesn't back down on Berlin . . ." "The same to you," replies Mr. Krushchev, "with mustard on it." And our scientists are busy building better bombs to blow up the world with.

Most of us, I'm sure, still have faith in the Good Lord won't destroy the world. But the thing is, He doesn't have to. Not any more.

So you can't blame the city fathers of Benson for not being as tolerant of the Assembly's predictions as once they might. After all, the Assembly's got a lot of expert opinion on its side these days. Indeed, predicting the end of the world and going underground has become a sane and rational act which . . .

Hold it. The Full Gospel Assembly's popped out once again to face the future with renewed faith. What are they, a bunch of Nuts?

Morning Report:

Painless taxes are the easiest to get past our statesmen in Washington. They just voted up the price of letters by a penny and figure this will extract a cool \$450,000,000.

Nobody will complain, because we letter writers don't have a lobby to scream for us. But if Congress tried to nip the manufacturers of horse collars for \$450 it would sound like a national scandal.

The trouble is that we users of the postal system are hopelessly divided. None of us mind spending a nickel to send in for a rebate from the tax people. But it seems a monstrous price for paying the monthly bills by mail.

—Abe Mellinkoff

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"I realize it's hard to settle down after vacation . . . but I bet you didn't spend that much time looking at Old Faithful!"