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Propaganda of Villification

It is rapidly becoming an accepted method of American propaganda to magnify trivial matters and to denounce individuals and measures upon the theory that if enough noise is made, the public will be convinced that something is wrong.

This seems to be the tactics of many pressure groups and some individuals. It cannot be successfully rebutted except by those in a position to know the true facts and, then, if these individuals have intelligence to present the facts and the courage to defend the individual or measure unjustly assailed.

In a government, like that of the United States, in which the people are represented by those elected by them, there is a need, it seems to me, for the people to have some faith in their elected representatives.

Certainly, it would be dangerous to have one man, whether in Congress or otherwise, if he could, by persistent attacks upon the integrity, loyalty and intelligence of a public official, create a situation in which the individual would be sacrificed, regardless of the conviction of the majority that he is a good official.

Undoubtedly, many officials have been put on the rack of public opinion and crucified by the insistent propaganda of a few vociferous individuals. Finally, even the friends of the individual, and the individual himself, came to the conclusion that the good of the operation requires the elimination of the individual.

We do not agree with this theory, which is based solely upon the possible adverse political effect of false propaganda, the fact is that integrity in public affairs requires that a just, loyal and efficient public service be supported and that the responsible authorities stand by any man unjustly accused.

In the long run, the propaganda makers will learn that their tactics are not successful. If they are allowed to win, regardless of the merits of the individual or measure involved, the nation will be run by a minority, which, through the years, will become smaller and smaller.

Generosity to Friend and Foe

As of the end of June, foreign governments had received credits from the United States Government in an aggregate total of \$26,700,000,000 in the last four years.

Accustomed as the American people are to the spending of billions, instead of millions, the significance of the generosity of the United States, to other countries, is apt to be overlooked.

Certainly, the assistance that this country has extended to other friendly nations in an effort to help them overcome the losses resulting from the recent war is without parallel in the history of the world. It is evidence that the United States wants peace in the world and is willing to spend some money in an attempt to get it.

'No History, Logic or Reason'

Since 1886, the United States Supreme Court has held that a corporation is a "person" and, therefore, entitled to the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The absurdity of such a conclusion is patent to anyone who considers the question involved. The Fourteenth Amendment was passed to protect the rights of a special class of human beings in this country but astute lawyers for corporations quickly seized upon its value in connection with regulation of corporate affairs.

The decision of the high court was referred to recently by Justice William O. Douglas, in a dissenting opinion, when he declared that there was "no history, logic or reason" behind the judicial decision. He considers it "starined" construction to call corporations "persons" and expressed the view that the 1886 opinion constituted "a substantial revision of the famous amendment."

The Printing Press

I am the printing press, born of the mother earth. My heart is of steel, my limbs are of iron, and my fingers are of brass.

I sing the songs of the world, the oratories of history, the symphonies of all time.

I am the voice of to-day, the herald of to-morrow, I weave into the warp of the past the woof of the future. I tell the stories of peace and war alike.

I make the human heart beat with passion or tenderness. I stir the pulse of nations, and make brave men do better deeds, and soldiers die.

I am the laughter and tears of the world, and I shall never die until all things return to the immutable dust. I am the PRINTING PRESS!

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

(What They Say Whether Right or Wrong)

Cyril Forster Garbett, British Archbishop:
"Communism flourishes most of all in the countries where poverty is greatest."

Paul Bestor, New Jersey banker:
"Only when agriculture prospers can industry be successful."

Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister:
"We have succeeded in creating intimate relations with France, as a contribution to the unity of Europe."

Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary:
"One step to confidence would be Soviet non-interference with the internal affairs of independent states."

Jacob L. Devers, General, U. S. A., retired:
"The ability to strike first, and swiftly, may mean the difference between a country which lives and a country paralyzed and destroyed."

William C. De Vane, dean of Yale University:
"The veterans have brought maturity and seriousness of purpose to the campus."

J. D. Crump, president, National Wholesale Druggist Association:
"The sovereignty of the state is being destroyed by the subtle and surest process I know in the tax programs of the Federal government."

Paul Robeson, Negro singer:
"Today, nobody dare speak out

for anybody, or they will lose their jobs."

Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary:
"Although Communism has superseded Czarism, certain objectives of Russian policy remain basically the same."

Harry H. Vaughan, U. S. General, Presidential military aide:
"There are only two people I have to please, President Truman and Mrs. Vaughan."

Eugene Tatom, Commander, U. S. Navy:
"Contrary to popular opinion, the effect of the atom bomb is rather limited in its area of destruction."

Frederick Clark, director, Regional Plan Association:
"Increasing mobility of persons and goods has tended to disperse residential, manufacturing and trade activities into the environs of metropolitan cities."

W. W. Butterworth, Assistant-Secretary of State:
"Men are convinced by what they have seen or heard that sickness, drudgery and want are no longer the inevitable lot of humanity."

Herbert Hoover, former President:
"No bureaucracy can create or sustain a system of morals or the inspirations of spiritual life."

GOLDEN GLEAMS

On earth there is nothing great but man; in man there is nothing great but mind. —William Hamilton.

Little minds are interested in the extra-ordinary; great minds in the commonplace. —Elbert Hubbard.

There is no fundamental difference between man and the higher animals in their mental facilities. —Charles Darwin.

The mind can weave itself warmly in the cocoon of its own thoughts, and dwell a hermit anywhere. —J. B. Lowell.

'Tis the mind that makes the body rich. —Shakespeare.

Measure your mind's height by the shade it casts. —Robert Browning.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

In Their Turn
It was inevitable, of course, that the fashion people turned out that list of "best-tailored" women. What we're awaiting are their nominees for the ten "best-trimmed" husbands. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Real Need
Announcement is made of an electrically operated window for standard installation in houses. Now what is really needed is one that will close automatically when a rain threatens to spatter the sills and curtains. —Elgin Courier News.

Pastures
Horse cavalry may be obsolete, but according to Representative Horan, of Washington, the Army still has three million acres of grazing lands. The Navy holds a hundred thousand acres. (Retiring battleships to pasture?) —Tax Outlook.

Like—
Like coffee, canasta is a South American import that keeps you up —and Carmen Miranda wasn't exactly a sedative. —Washington Evening Star.

The Reader's Forum

Letters to this column are encouraged, subject matter is not limited, but contributors are urged to be as brief as possible and to sign all letters (Names will not be printed if so specified).

The Editor,
Manassas Journal.

Dear Sir:
I have seen several eggs with three yolks but must agree that an egg with three "yokes" must really be something to write about! Did Miss Cornwall say whether they were oxen yoke?

A READER.

Who Knows

1. Who is the "Father" of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act?
2. How many "all-dry" states are there in this country?
3. When did the U. S. get possession of Guam?
4. What particular atomic development occurred on July 16, 1945?
5. Identify the rupee; krona; guilder; drachma; dimer.
6. Which are our three leading coal-producing states?
7. How many women are holding Federal jobs?
8. Who is president of the 1949 session of the U. N. General Assembly?
9. Which United Kingdom export to the U. S. has been bringing Britain the most dollars.
10. What five nations make up the "Soviet bloc" in the U. N. General Assembly?

The Answers

R. Ukrainan S. S. R., Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Washington Notes

U. N. CORNERSTONE LAYING

President Truman has accepted an invitation to deliver the main address at a cornerstone ceremony on the Manhattan site of the United Nations' skyscraper headquarters to be held on October 24. To mark the occasion the 59-nation General Assembly will hold a special outdoor session at 42nd Street and the East River, the foot of the six-block international tract.

GOVERNMENTAL PAYROLLS

Government payrolls — Federal, state and local — totaled \$1,210,000,000 for the month of July, according to the Census Bureau. This was equivalent to about \$7 for each person in the population. Average monthly earnings of the 5,418,000 governmental employees were \$223 last July, compared with \$214 in July, 1948.

PENSION INCREASE

President Truman has signed a bill increasing disability and dependency payments to World War I veterans by an estimated \$112,000,000 yearly.

IMPORTS RISE

United States imports increased from \$455,000,000 in July to \$490,000,000 in August, a gain of \$35,000,000 according to the Commerce Bureau. The rise in imports of copper, lead and tin bars was chiefly responsible for lifting receipts of metals and manufacturers.

1. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State from 1933 to 1944.
2. Two — Oklahoma and Mississippi.
3. In 1898, by the Treaty of Paris, after the Spanish-American War.
4. First atomic bomb was exploded at Alamogordo, N. M.
5. Currencies of Burma, Denmark, The Netherlands, Greece, and Iraq, respectively.
6. West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.
7. Approximately 480,000.
8. Mrs. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines.
9. Whiskey.
10. U.S.S.R., Byelorussian S. S. R.

PEOPLES BARBER SHOP
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TRAVELERS

A total of 1,956,424 persons traveled between the United States and foreign countries by sea and air transport in the period of July 1, 1948, to June 3, 1949, according to the fiscal-year report of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This total does not include the number who left the country by way of its land borders. It represents an increase of 158,363 travelers over the 1947-48 total of 1,310,061 persons.

GI INSURANCE

Payment of the \$2,800,000,000 GI insurance dividend will not start until the first of 1950, according to Harold W. Breining, VA official. Reports that the checks might start coming out before Christmas are "absolutely without foundation," according to Mr. Breining.

Several Insecticides Are Dangerous

The honeybee stands in some danger, along with other less desirable inhabitants of the insect world, of a few of the new potent insect killers.

Dr. J. M. Grayson, associate research entomologist at V. P. I., says, however, that chemicals such as toxaphene, DDT, and DDD, can be efficiently used for pest control without seriously affecting honeybees. It is "likely" that the phosphate insecticides, such as parathion, HETP and TEPP can be used in the concentrations necessary for pest control without serious injury to bees, if they are applied when bees are not visiting the treated plants. Dr. Grayson explains that very small amounts of the phosphates are needed and that they lose much of their toxicity in a relatively short time.

Damage to bees from the use of BHC at recommended rates probably will not be serious unless treatments are applied when plants are in bloom.

Dr. Grayson warns against using chlorodane carelessly around honeybees. The chlorodane is highly toxic to honeybees, and its residual action extends over a period of three or more weeks.

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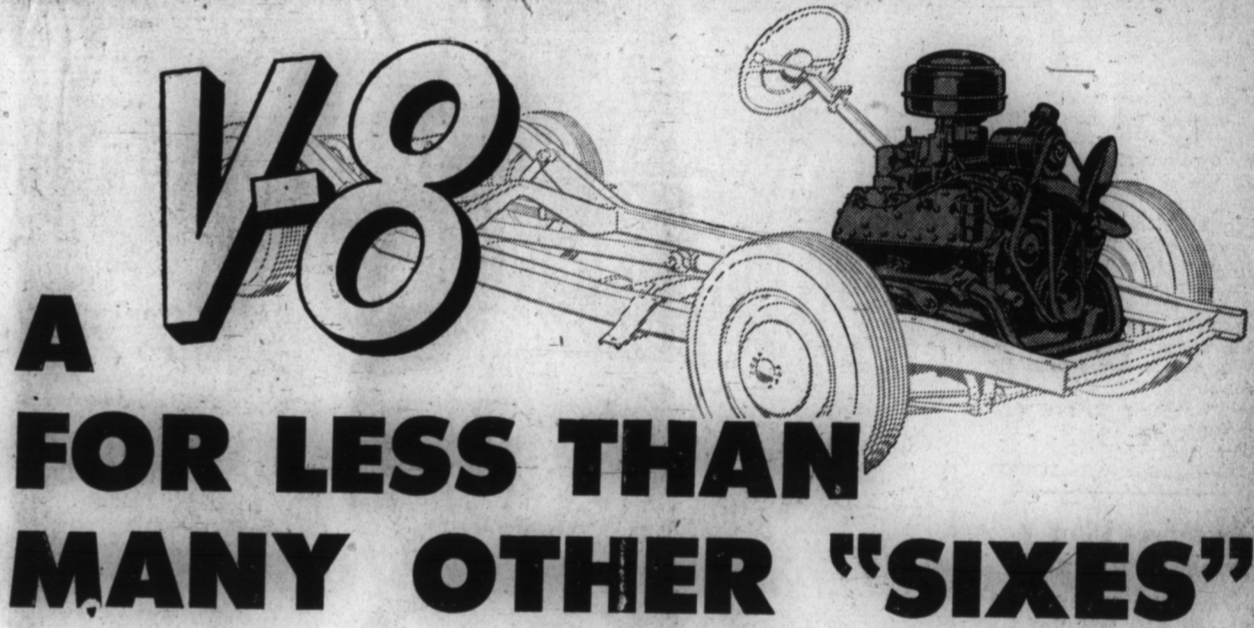
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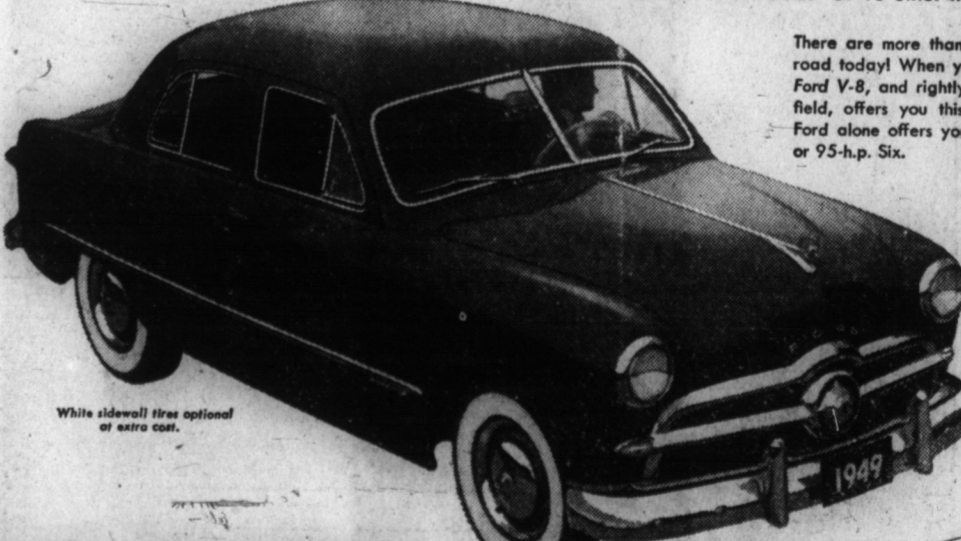
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