

EDITORIALS

A Forgotten Holiday

It has been some time since April 9th was a major observance in the United States. It has been so long many people today do not know the historical connection when the date is mentioned. It is the day General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

General Lee, who had been offered command of the Union Army in the opening days of the gigantic struggle, but who had chosen to give his highest allegiance to his native state, was retreating from an evacuated Richmond when the surrender occurred. His retreat was cut off by Union Cavalry on April 8th and this and the fact that his supplies had been sent to the wrong place, plus the great odds against him, induced Lee to surrender.

April 9th was Palm Sunday in 1865 and the news of the surrender—which came over the telegraph wires, gave the people of the North a cause for great rejoicing on Palm and Easter Sunday of that year. On the other

hand, the surrender was a crushing blow to Southerners who had fought against heavy odds with great courage for over four years.

In an effort to soften the blow as much as possible, General Grant showed the Army of Northern Virginia every consideration in accepting Lee's surrender. When General Lee told him that the cavalry and artillery men owned their own horses, and were small farmers—he agreed they could keep their horses. When Gen. Lee told Grant his men were starving, the Union commander ordered two out of every three of his own rations sent to the starving army.

In the North the surrender, marking the end of a heroic struggle by the brave armies of the North, was celebrated for many years after the event. In recent years, however, the celebrations have dwindled rapidly as other conflicts and time erased the bitterness of that era. Nevertheless, April 9th will always remain a historic day in this country, since it marked the end of the greatest conflict within this country's borders and because it insured the continuation of the Union.

Color TV May Be Delayed

The television industry is now experiencing sharp internal disagreement on the future of color television. Only one major manufacturer, RCA, is apparently ready to go ahead with large expenditures in a mass production effort with the present electronic color tube, accepted as the standard of the industry.

Other set-makers believe new tubes may soon be developed which will make the color tube RCA is now using obsolete. Some manufacturers feel the outlay of many millions of dollars at this time for the setting up of color production facilities would be an uneconomical operation. It is widely predicted by some manufacturers that color television is further away than had been believed.

On the other hand, the Radio Corporation of America is ready to spend another thirty million dollars, if necessary, to get color television production going in the immediate future. This company has promised to produce a 19-inch color tube this year and it is understood to be limiting production of 15-inch color tubes (equivalent to the 12-inch black and white tube) to about 5000.

President David Sarnoff, of RCA, predicts that about 75,000 color TV sets will be in use by the end of the year and possibly a million in use in 1955. Considering the fact that there are now 30,000,000 black and white sets in operation, color television is at least several years away from becoming a mass communication medium.

Spotlight on Geneva

One of the results of the April 26 meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, might be the crystallization of world sentiment regarding recognition of Communist China and her entry into the United Nations. In some world capitals it is now taken for granted that a conciliatory attitude by the Chinese at the Geneva meeting will insure their entry and acceptance into the United Nations.

Even Canada is seriously considering recognizing Communist China if the country's representatives at Geneva exhibit a reasonable attitude. The question is not one of approving the Communist government of China but one of recognizing the Communists as the de facto rulers of China. The Canadians agree with the British that recognition of a situation which exists does not necessarily

constitute approval, or an agreement in political doctrine, but only an admission of the fact that the Communists are the rulers of China.

The United States is apparently not yet ready to see China admitted to the United Nations and is said to be ready to use its veto to prevent such an admission. A major U. S. ally, the French, would be ready to back Chinese entry into the United Nations, and a plan to increase East-West trade, if the Communists would agree to a truce in Indo-China.

If the vast majority of reports from American observers in the Far East are accurate, the Communists seem to be in China to stay for a while, at least. Eventually, this country might have to recognize that fact even though American stdest the Communists and their dictatorship and all it stands for in China.

A Hint for Vegas Fans

The Internal Revenue Service recently came up with an announcement of interest to all crapshooters. It warned them that income taxes on crap shooting winnings are due even if the winnings are earned overseas.

The warning came with an announcement of a settlement in the case of a \$1,106 tax claim of the Internal Revenue Service against a World War II veteran. The claim was settled for \$287.

The World War II veteran was said to have won over \$7,000 while crap shooting in the Army during 1944 and 1945 in France and Germany. The \$1,106 was the Government estimate of taxes due, but the veteran—who is now a day laborer—was only required to pay \$287.

We wonder how the Government expects to enforce this policy, especially with those who visit professional gaming houses, where gambling is legal. One can visit almost any house in a legal gambling town, give his name to no one and either win or lose thousands of dollars. If he wins such money, he can collect it, leave, and no one may ever know the difference.

We believe the Government's warning to crapshooters is a sign of high faith in man, although we doubt if many winners—at least, those who win in professional gaming houses—will be as careful with their returns as they would if a record of such activities were required.

Robots to Europe

An Air Force squadron, trained to handle guided missiles, recently embarked from an East Coast port for an undisclosed destination in Europe. The destination was described by an official source as being "fairly close" to the Iron Curtain.

The squadron handles pilotless bombers, which are capable of carrying atomic bomb warheads. The pilotless bombers are expected to join another atomic weapons outfit in Europe thus giving United States forces in Europe both a short and long range offensive capability.

The pilotless aircraft are known as B-61 Matadors, and are reported to have a speed of over 600 miles an hour. They are capable of being controlled at a range of several hundred miles.

Announcement of the sailing of this squadron marks a milestone in U. S. policy. The bomber squadron is the first long-range pilotless weapon, capable of carrying atomic bombs, to be added to U. S. forces in Europe. Heretofore, only piloted planes, from European or nearby bases, have been available for atomic tasks. No doubt the event will not be missed by Moscow.

Any Cowboys, Gran'pa?



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WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:

Franco, the present Dictator of Spain, will take active leadership in forming a new Anti-Communist Bloc in Europe with Spain as the corner stone, which will bear much influence in South America, and will strengthen America's position in both spheres! ... One of America's best known radio TV commentators who has made many enemies by his Anti-Catholic and his Pro-Communist views, will be quietly deported back to his native Canada because of his illegal entry into this country! ... Barbara Hutton should watch her health more closely than she has!

YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE

Midget atomic bombs perfected to new terrifying destructive power! ... 50,000 unwelcome guests listed by our State Department in America. ... California Little Lindbergh Law extended to narcotics and morals fields! ... British Laborites press for meeting of Big Three with Red China accepted as equal! ... Unspeakable scandal reaches into British Royal family in spite of international hush-hush methods! ... New price rise granted community bus companies in spite of citizens' protests! ...

COMING HUSH HUSH EVENTS

A bitter behind-the-scenes battle will soon emerge into the

open over cotton. Many industrialists who have a stake in ersatz, artificial or plastic materials and have waged a complete underhanded campaign to discredit cotton for all uses where a substitution could be made, but it is my personal prediction that cotton again will be King, and the South will again come into great economic power and use this new leverage to better the living conditions of every person south of the Mason-Dixon line! ... The Federal Post Office will bring the wrath of the Leftist Charity Organizations who channel money to Communist causes, by clamping down on their treasonable activities through demanding that a Loyalty Oath be signed by all employees and applicants for Postage Permits to do bulk mailing!

prove that 1955 will truly be the woman's year! ...

HEWH-1605: You will be quite pleased with the coming election of the new president, for his last initial will be H! ...

Mary T-2030: Your husband will completely recover if he has full personal expression and then he will be strong enough to be completely normal. It is not your fault nor the children's, but it is sometimes his own attitude! Prayer will open a new door and a new-found happiness!

Lillian GC-3945: You will be able to sell your home by placing a huge sign on the lawn FOR SALE SACRIFICE which will attract someone from out of the state who will pay your price. Some smart detective work on your part will locate your bottle! ...

Mona F: Your sainted mother will be called to the Golden Shore before the year is over. You will not have one tear left, for you have shed them all over her miserable plight. The prayers of all our readers are with her in this time of pain!

Mrs. VB-2647: Your husband will stay in his present work and work part time, for someone else who is in the same line your husband wishes to open up for himself for at least six months. You are both worthy.

C. D. K-2826: You will do part time work. You have no one to blame but yourself, as you have turned down many good jobs which would have improved your way of life. Another chance will come very soon, and with your pension coming from the Veterans Administration you will have clear and smooth sailing! I cannot sense it is the fault of the Republicans when you turn down job after job chances. Your brother is quite right in his attitude. Your experiences during the war were most brave and the Government will reward you.

Irene A-1028: Your father will slowly recover under the expert care of his doctor. Your husband will remain in the same employment for the time being.

Buster A-500: Your wife will never take you back in a thousand years. At last she has found someone who treats her with kindness and the respect she should have had from you. You never kept one marriage vow!

R. M. C-222: You have the blood of this girl on your hands as surely as if you had plunged a knife into her heart, for it was you who arranged for the operation which ended her life. You also killed your own son at the same time.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

THE UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN AWAY ENOUGH

Each time I return from a trip abroad I hear it said here that "the United States should try to understand the world and other people." My considered retort usually is that it's about time that the rest of the world tried to better understand the United States for a change. I believe we have done most of the "understanding" for too long a time already.

We have tried to "understand" the world to the tune of over \$100,000,000,000... a hundred billion dollars that is, since World War II his sum is unprecedented in world history. From World War I to World War II we have cancelled out debts to our Allies of over \$15,000,000,000, with more cancellations on the way. During World War II we gave our Allies gifts, under the title of Lend-Lease, over \$50,000,000,000 and received in return less than \$8,000,000,000. Of this sum Russia got over \$13,000,000,000 and paid back about \$2,000,000,000 in reciprocal lend-lease. The balance is lost so far as repayment is concerned.

Since the end of World War II over \$31,000,000,000 has been distributed under the Mutual Defense Assistance Act and what is known as the Technical Cooperation Act, with Uncle Sam doing most of the operating. These figures do not include other hidden contributions, such as the "agreement on tin" through which more millions will be paid by U. S. consumers in order to "stabilize" the price on the world market, mostly for the benefit of the outside world. Since we buy most of the tin, we will pay most of the artificial "premium" agreed upon by the rest of the world.

Understanding a Two-Way Street

It is unfortunate that the careless methods of our financial aid made us vulnerable to the common impression that "we bribed our way around the world." In some cases our generosity has backfired, because we got people used to hand-outs and when they had to be curtailed, resentment set in. This is usually the case, whether you're dealing with relatives and friends, or with nations. Nevertheless, the time comes when we reach the bottom of the barrel and scraping beyond that point is likely to wear out a hole and ruin the barrel itself for any future use. And besides, it has become apparent in this declining U. S. market that some sort of "Marshall Plan for Americans" might not be out of order. Certainly a "Marshall Plan" for new school houses and better salaries for teachers and public servants might benefit all of us at home, not to mention some real reductions to back-breaking taxes in every category.

In plain language, the U. S. has done enough for the time being. It has expended its wealth and its manpower and its blood upon the altar of "understanding" of less fortunate nations. It has helped its friends and rehabilitated its foes. It has made a most ambitious effort to an honorable understanding with Russia, both in direct money-gifts and indirectly through the United Nations special agencies of which Russia contributed little or nothing. It is not good sportsmanship for the British press and the French press and the Italian press to call us "Uncle Sucker." In their groping for appropriate slogans, "Uncle Sucker" is better for size. Our position is not without merit. We have pushed our way around a little bit. But it is the height of magnanimity to give away so much and ask for so little. In our financial sacrifices we might have appeared to want a little more credit for the generosity from those receiving it. If this has created resentment abroad, then let it be said that for \$100,000,000,000 the world could very well afford to "endure" this "defect" in the American character.

How They Operated

The Report published for the first time part of a secret memo, date November 25, 1946, prepared by an intelligence agency of the U. S. Government, identifying other espionage cells. Here is the condensation: "The head of one cell was N. Gregory Silversmaster, connected with the U. S. Treasury. Another head was William L. Ullman, a Major of the U. S. Air Force attached to the Pentagon Chiefs of staff, who photographed classified information regarding U. S. war plans and reports of the F.B.I. which had been furnished to G-2 (Army Intelligence). Another head was Victor Perlo of the War Production Board, and in his cell he had Charles Kramer, an investigator for Senator Kilgore's Committee and Donald Wheeler of the OSS."

The Committee states in its report: "that the above information was made available to the President of the United States."

In addition, the United States through its treasury and private contributions, has paid out billions more for disaster relief, war relief, and every form of international clarity, to friend and foe alike.

U. S. Extremely Generous

It is argued by some that most of our financial aid has been ostensibly for military purposes. Which means, to defend free people against the encroachments and enslavement of Communist-athemism. We can see little difference as to what use these billions were put by our Allies. The fact is that the U. S. taxpayers are out this huge sum of money and are now paying interest on a \$275,000,000,000 debt of their own with no end in sight. It would have been better, of course, if this huge financial aid could have been spent for tractors, housing, food and health. Others say that this financial aid helped to defend the U. S., too. Of course it did. But they make it sound as though it were an imposition that this stupendous sum was expected to help the U. S. somewhere along the way.

Substantial portions of our economic aid were diverted to lick poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy all over the globe, as a weapon against Communism, which thrives on chaos and hopelessness. This aid served U. S. interests by bolstering nations with important strategic materials, frequently the target of Communist conspiracy. All this is a form of "understanding" the rest of the world.

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IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

LAW IN ACTION

ADULT MAKES CONTRACTS WITH MINORS AT HIS PERIL

Seventeen year old Jimmy and his friends planned to give a dance with Jimmy to hire an orchestra. The Zorch Orchestra agreed to play.

But, the day before the dance, Jimmy called and cancelled the appointment. The orchestra had turned down other engagements for this affair, so it tried to collect its fee from the boy.

The orchestra could not. An unmarried minor has the right, until 21 years of age, to disaffirm a contract he has entered into. There is only one exception: He is bound by the law to carry out his contracts for "necessaries" - those things he needs for his physical well-being at the time they are supplied to him. For example, food or clothing may be necessities.

The right to disaffirm belongs only to the minor and not to the adult with whom the minor makes the contract. The contract is not void, but voidable by the minor. Susan adult enters into a contract with a minor at his own risk. If the minor has received property as a result of the contract and still has it in his control, he must return it if he wishes to disaffirm. This does not hold true if the minor was less than 18 years old when the "contract" was made.

When a woman marries at the age of 18, she is said to be "emancipated". Therefore, she cannot disaffirm her contracts. But if she marries before the age of 18, she is not "emancipated" until she becomes 18 and may disaffirm them.

For reasons which the legislature has not disclosed, a man who marries remains a minor until he is 21 years old. His contracts are no more binding on him than if he were single.

In this sense, the orchestra was not a necessity. Jimmy had the legal right to disaffirm his contract. This right to disaffirm a contract goes on for a reasonable time after the minor comes of age.

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