

The following editorial first appeared Jan. 26 in the Omaha World-Herald. Since that time it has been widely reprinted in many newspapers around the nation. In this traditional Republican area, the editorial should arouse the serious thought and consideration of those who have not read it before. Those who have seen it will certainly find no harm in reading it again.

God Hates A Coward!

For 12 years the Republican Party has been a coward; the worst kind of coward—a moral coward. In consequence it begins to take on the appearance of something the cat dragged in.

It is hard to define as an entity the Republican Party or any other large group of people, since however closely banded together all cannot think alike in all respects. But, speaking broadly, the Republican Party consists of men and women who in firm conviction are opposed to the swift trend toward the omnipotent state that is sweeping over every section of the earth.

But the Republican Party has lacked the courage to say what its rank and file believe. Out of hunger for the fleshpots it has lacked the patriotism, the loyalty, to stand up for the free Republic of the founding fathers and to fight for it. Due to that lack of moral courage, of loyalty to the American creed, the United States almost the sole remaining bulwark against the advancing tide, finds itself without a spokesman, without a champion to proclaim and battle for its traditional, glorious creed.

The fact is known of all men.

Here too, in our own America, the State is taking control and ownership of the people. It is using the power to take to destroy their independence and self-reliance. It is converting free men into vassals and dependents. It is devouring the substance of self-supporting people to render them self-supporting no longer, and to establish a condition of universal reliance upon the biased paternalism of a Great White Father—"Father" corrupted and corrupting, since great powers do corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

The Republican Party has not dared resist the tide; it has gone along with it. Not out of conviction, but out of cowardice. It has not dared to be a "Daniel" to have a purpose and to make it known. Its plea for votes has been the shameful one: "Give us the offices, the power, and we'll give you as much of what we believe to be wrong as will the Democrats themselves.

Americans do not respond to any such appeal. They, too, hate a coward. They despise hypocrisy. They hunger for a leadership of good faith. They will ac-

Internationally Speaking

By Eugene Heez International Market Analyst There are statements which will never go down into history, and there are others which are recog-

Ticklers



"It must be terrible living in the cities. They say the housing shortage is awful."

cept a brave and fighting leadership tainted even with Pendergastism and absolutism rather than a leadership that crawls—and trails its flag.

What a wonderful thing it would be if the Republican National Committee meeting here in Omaha, if other constituted Republican leaders, could realize how desperately these United States need an honest and brave Republican Party—how true Republicans above all others hunger and thirst for it! A Republican Party to raise high the flag of a loyal opposition! Opposition not alone to a misguided and recreant Democratic Party here at home, but opposition tenacious and resolute, brave and unyielding, to all the monstrous wrong and error that today menaces freedom, self-reliance, the courage to adventure, human dignity, in every land and every clime.

How joyously, with what reborn hope, men and women of the ancient faith of this Republic would rally about such a standard! Proud of it they would be in victory. No less proud in defeat!

Surely, surely, it shall not be recorded, by amazed historians of a later day, that when the black flag of Absolutism was raised back in the Twentieth Century, when the fate of all mankind was involved, there was nowhere, in any land, not even our own, an organized body of men and women who had the courage, the devotion, the wisdom, the loyalty to God who made men free, to challenge that foul intruder and to dedicate their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor, to driving him back into the Dark Ages whence he emerged!

Nevad has been sounded such a call to service as rings today in the ears of the Republican Party. Never, for men and women of courage, of character, of conviction, has there been afforded such an occasion for rising to the heights of human devotion to imperishable ideals.

The Republican Party can keep on crawling ignominiously along the dusty trail of an order it abhors but shrinks from challenging. Or it can rise out of the dust of four merited defeats, stand erect and unafraid, proudly to take up the battle for all that free men prize.

Courage or cowardice? Loyalty or recreancy? Conviction or time-serving? It is as simple, as that, ladies and gentlemen of the Republican National Committee.

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Have You Met

The new family from Fenton, Mich.? They're Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson and children, Barbara, and two boys, and a dog named Rover. They are now residing at 1951 Holland. Mr. Carson is a general foreman at the Detroit Transmission Division of General Motors.

Snowy Day

I love the ivory whiteness of the snow, Scattering downward from a leaden sky. I love to watch each snow-flicker passersby. And little errant swirls that dance and blow Hither and yon... as if they liked to play Like children play. And every ridge and heap Along the walks and fences, and the steep High drifts along the road that block the way. Intrigue me... diamonds spilled about... the fringe Of slender silver shafts with rainbow tinge Across my window pane... each bush and tree In patterning of crystal filigree... This vast array of shifting, drifting sand Has changed the world into a fairyland.

—BEATRICE McDONALD

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO February 17, 1899 The Rev. H. S. Justema, former pastor of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church this Sunday, has been elected for his morning service "The Gospel, the Greatest Moral Force," and at the evening service will talk on "Deserving to See Jesus."

Little Rita Robertson, better known as "Slivers," investigated the old trick of putting his tongue on the eye blade of an axe one morning last week with the usual result. "Slivers," since then, hasn't had much to say.

For about two weeks we have shored coal in and carried about while the mercenary stayed below the 0 on our thermometer. Last night we came to the conclusion it was raining coal, because it was only after we blew four times at the candle that we found out the flame was frisk fast to the wick.

Mrs. Nettie Waldo and Mrs. Harriet McCracken will lead the local WCTU for the coming year. Mrs. Waldo's resolutions emphasize its efforts to make Birmingham a nicer and more desirable place in which to live.

Thanks, Bro. Jewell, for your cordial invitation to attend the 25th annual meeting and banquet of the Oakland County Pioneer Association, to be held at the Oakland County Court House next Wednesday. The program is certainly attractive and a delightful time may be expected.

20 YEARS AGO February 21, 1929 Birmingham is still shivering from the record drop taken by local thermometers Wednesday, when at 2 a.m. the temperature stood at 2 below zero. The cold spell started with a high wind and snow storm Monday, and has continually increased. Motorists who were riding overturned after striking a drift.

Dr. Clayton Gracey, with his two children and a guest, Mrs. H. Booth of Toronto, were injured Sunday while coasting near the Gracey home. The toboggan on which they were riding overturned after striking a drift.

Two tired, foot-sore lads were apprehended by local police Saturday night, said that they had been hiking in through Oakland county in search of the "big lakes" they had heard about. The boys, aged 14 and 15, were taken from their home in Highland Park, where an intensive search was being conducted for them.

An inspection of furnaces is to be made in Oakland County by the newly adopted smoke ordinance. The measure will not only eliminate the smoke nuisance here, but will also enable householders to check fuel waste which might otherwise go unnoticed.

G. A. Ziegler has been named president of the Birmingham YMCA to succeed J. B. Howarth, retiring president. Ziegler has said he will continue with many of the plans introduced by Howarth in which the Y has closely supported a variety of community enterprises.

5 YEARS AGO February 17, 1944

A special fire prevention school will be held in the Birmingham fire department tomorrow. Members of the department, under the direction of Chief V. W. Griffith, will give instructions to businessmen and householders on the best known methods of preventing fires.

Ralph J. Coryell, Jr., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Coryell, has been awarded a John McMillen regional scholarship in engineering at Cornell University according to word received from Ithaca, N. Y.

At a ceremony held Sunday afternoon the members of Neely Flash, however, no synchronizer is an automobile Blood Bank Unit to the American Red Cross. W. C. Wacker made the presentation in behalf of the Chapter, which was accepted for the Red Cross by Harry E. Hoey, county chairman.

Mrs. Carl W. Meyer will be in charge of the Victory Garden deck which will be located in the Municipal building during the month. Applications may be made there for garden plowing



Possible Effects of Peacetime Military Spending Begins to Worry Congressmen

(Special Story From Our Washington Bureau.) By Joseph A. Dear

WASHINGTON—Main Street USA has a vital stake in the workings of the National Defense Establishment from an economic as well as a security angle. Last year Congress seemed chiefly concerned with military aspects of defense. But this session effects of our peacetime military spending. This isn't so surprising when it's recalled that the \$14.3 billion proposed for the armed forces this year is more than twice the total budget of the first Roosevelt administration.

Too Much to Digest Whopping as the proposed budget is, some high officials think it isn't high enough. The services are represented as having asked for \$25 billion—which apparently was too much for the White House to digest.

And there will be furious fights when that service is to get what portion of the \$14 billion, even if spending is held to \$12 billion. Already congressmen have let it be known they want the Air Force to get some more than it would now. (It would get \$4 billion to buy 1,669 planes this year if the budget is adopted as is. This would make the total strength about 7,000.)

The military even competes with the public in buying train seats. A large portion of the \$400 million for moving personnel goes to railroads.

Too much for the military could mean economic collapse; too little might be more calamitous. To find the right answer is the dilemma of your congressman.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



A picture every parent likes—and easily made using open flash.

Pictures With Open Flash

WHILE indoor pictures can be made in a number of ways, as we've pointed out, one of the easiest methods is by flash photography. Flash photography is of two types—synchronized flash and open flash. In the former the flash bulb is discharged at the precise moment when the shutter is open, through a synchronizing mechanism, often built into the camera. With open flash, however, no synchronizer is used. The camera is simply set for "time" or "bulb" and placed on a firm support. When you are ready, open the shutter, discharge the flash bulb, and close the shutter. That's all there is to it. The beauty of this method is that it is usable with the simplest cameras. All that you need is an inexpensive hand-held photoflasher and a ready supply of bulbs. And while you can't shoot on the fly as you can with synchronized flash, you can make fine indoor pictures with but little equipment. To begin with, the subject is too near to the camera to be overexposed. Flash hit from too far away and your negative is underexposed. So remember these figures for open-flash shots with box cameras. With roll films of average speed the lamps should be held 6 to 10 feet from the picture subject using a No. 5 flashbulb. With fast films the same bulb may be used 10 to 17 feet away. With fast films, too, you can use 2M bulbs at a distance of 6 to 10 feet. And for close-ups, using a close-up attachment over your camera lens, an 8M-2 1/2 to 6 feet from the subject is recommended with film of normal speed. Three things, however, should be remembered in making open flash shots. One is to support the camera firmly, on a table or tripod, since the shutter will be open for a comparatively long period. The second is to be sure no room lights or reflections shine in your camera, again because the shutter will be open for longer than usual. And third, when using a flash bulb close to your subject, as in 2 to 4 feet, cover the flash reflector with a handkerchief to cut down the light.

Michigan Mirror INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By Gene Allemen LANSING—Confused Republican bigwig, still bewildered from the November election shock, were weighing this week the merits and demerits of a new issue for the coming spring election.

The issue is more emotional than rational. It doesn't have much to do with maintenance of state highways for good or worse; or whether Michigan boys and girls are getting a good deal in education; or all of the other things candidates for office confuse when they're voting votes. These would be the stuff about which speeches are written.

Being emotional in its substance, the issue would be controversial and highly explosive. Some leaders counsel that "sleeping dogs" should not be disturbed; others think that the dogs are far from being asleep; that slumber, that they already have Republican legislators up a tree, and so the party might better face the music and get going—to mix the metaphors.

All of this cryptic stuff is professional. It's the kind of thing that State Democratic convention at Grand Rapids.

Here it is, as facts readily bear out—Old-time Democrats, such as those who once joyfully followed Murray D. "Pat" VanWagoner, witnessed the "capture" on Feb. 5 of the state Democratic organization by the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The party boss was not the youthful Governor Mennen Williams, the Groszette beneficiary on Nov. 2 of CIO "yes" votes and GOP "no" votes.

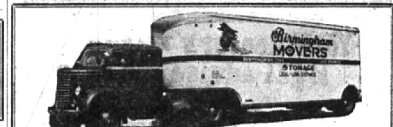
The new party boss was August Scholle, president of the CIO state council and chairman of the union's Political Action Committee. It was the astute Scholle who presented a slate of candidates to be nominated for the spring election.

Disposition to his state collapsed. Favored candidate of "old-line" Democrats for state highway commissioner because of the candidate's capabilities and the well-run campaign directed by C. W. Lucas, secretary to former Governor Van Wagoner, the Harvie hand-wagon was "running smooth. That's—until Scholle's nomination of the CIO choice for highway commissioner was John H. McCarthy of Mt. Clemens, the independent of public instruction, B. Burr Sherwood of Stambaugh.

Some executives were also unorthodox politically in the fact that the state chairman, John R. France, was completely ignored. If the right answer is the dilemma of your congressman.

Have You Met The newcomers from Syracuse, N. Y.? They're Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coyne and children, Connie and Tommy who are now making their home at 230 Linden. Mr. Coyne is manager of operations and reports for the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lau of Howell, Mich., and their son, Scott who are making their home now at 1940 Greenfield? Mr. Lau is with the Avon division of Borg Hicks Griffiths, law partner of



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