

Editorial

# The Seeds of Fascism

Some thoughtful people have expressed a fear that a form of Fascism may, in time, reach power in this country. If it ever does, it will be the evolutionary consummation of a trend which has been subtly and insidiously undermining free institutions for many years.

The matter is not an easy one to discuss with any precision. For one thing, the meaning of words often tends to blur, and the problems and situations they are intended to describe often lose contrast. One totalitarian state — whether it be called Fascist, Communist, or anything else — is very much like another in its fundamentals.

That aside, the causes of Fascism, and the tools which are used to create it, are spotlighted by history. The technique is to bring about a marriage of the instruments of power in a nation — its government, its industries, and its labor in cases where the unions are strong and wield vast influence. The ambitious leader uses these instruments with the utmost care — and the utmost cynicism — to achieve his purposes. He woos industry, by convincing it that by going along with him it will achieve an advantage over labor. And he woos labor with precisely the same siren song in reverse.

The stage is set for Fascism — or totalitarianism of any kind — when the resources of a nation become overly dependent on its government. And, certainly, we have moved far in that direction. The government is the principal customer of many huge companies. Beyond that, government, by its laws and regulations, its bureaucracies, its thousands and one departments and agencies, and its own business operations, plays a dominant role in the life of the nation that would have seemed both impossible and intolerable even half a century ago.

Wars — hot and cold — past, present and possible — have been enormous forces in producing this trend. A fifty-odd billion dollar defense budget alone is a continuing threat to fundamental liberties. All we can do about this is to minimize that threat in every way possible, by working to prevent government domination of our lives in every area where the national security does not clearly demand it.

Beyond this, the Fascist danger lies in areas which have no connection with our safety in a chaotic world. These areas we describe with a general term — the Welfare State. This, carried to its logical conclusion, is a state in which government is all things to all men, offering a dubious cradle-to-the-grave security. The cost in dollars — tax dollars — is exceeded only by the costs in loss of liberty, self-reliance, and individual pride and responsibility.

So the seeds of totalitarianism exist. Only an informed and determined public, dedicated like its forebears to the principles of freedom, can make sure that they will not sprout into choking weeds.

LANDRUM, S. C., LEADER: "A headline told us that the national debt passed the \$300 billion mark for the first time in history. Uncle Sam had better make some other arrangements for his debts. Most of us are up to our necks in our personal debts, too."

NOGALES, ARIZ., HERALD: "The Russians have indicated that they will superimpose the profit system upon their Communist economy. . . The purpose is to increase production by giving those involved a personal reason to produce better. So the Russians have comprehended at last that men work better and plan better when there is the incentive of bettering themselves. Meanwhile, at home, we who brought the profit system to its highest state of productivity, seem to be losing our grasp of the essential principle."

BRANSON, MO., LEADER: "Quoting Thomas Jefferson from memory. 'That government is best which governs least.' So Jefferson probably wouldn't be overly enthusiastic about our government today. His was one of the strongest voices in opposition to centralization of power in the federal government in the early years of the United States. Even the Hamiltons of that era would be appalled at the monster now reaching for the last freedoms left to Americans."

ALTOONA, PA., MIRROR: "In some sections of our nation the shackles that bind the minds of men have not as yet been entirely opened. Nor is the attempt to create new slave conditions abandoned in this year of our Lord 1963. There are those among us who would enslave vast portions of our population by taking away from them the very last vestiges of self-reliance. Under the guise of liberalism they seek to make millions of people subservient to their wishes through programs that at first glance appear to be for the welfare of those whom they would enslave. They want to feed them, clothe them, provide housing and medical care for them, but they expect in return obedience at the polls, so that their masters can even further enslave those who do work through taxes, dues and regulations."

HILLSBORO, ORE., ARGUS: "Financing of medicare or anything else through social security can only have the effect of increasing the cost of doing business and boost the tax load of employees."

## THE FRONTIER

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# Frontiers Ago

## 50 YEARS AGO

The O'Neill and Atkinson Presbyterian Sunday school have tendered and accepted a challenge to a contest for an increase in membership collections and other points of efficiency characteristic of a well appointed school for the study of the scriptures. . . A prairie fire on the meadow south of the railroad yards Friday evening assumed threatening proportions for a short time. . . The tile floors are being laid in the Golden hotel building, the work being in charge of experts in that line. . . A land contest case is in progress at the O'Neill office in which J. T. Brady seeks to secure the entry made by F. A. Hoyt, the land involved being in the Inez neighborhood. . . Miss Mary Hanley went to Peru Sunday morning where she will enter State Normal school.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Several members of the Lions club will go to Atkinson tomorrow evening to attend a meeting of the Atkinson Service club at which Biff Jones, athletic instructor for the University of Nebraska will be the principal speaker. . . The Ash Grove Project club met with Mrs. L. A. Hansen Jan. 19, ten members and one visitor being present. . . The stockholders of the O'Neill National Farm Loan association held their annual meeting in the city on Wednesday. . . The Holt County Publishers association held their annual meeting in the office of the Frontier last Monday morning, with all members of the association present except one. All officers were re-elected including D. H. Cronin of the Frontier, secretary. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beaver of Deaver, Wyo., arrived in Holt County to spend a week visiting relatives and friends.

## 10 YEARS AGO

The O'Neill region was battered by an 18 hour storm last Thursday during which gust of wind raged up to 50 miles per hour. . . Mrs. Mabel L. Gatz, widow of the late Edward Gatz, died in St. Anthony's hospital where she had been a patient for 10 weeks. . . Henry Loflin of Lawrence, Kan., arrived Monday to succeed Burl Munsell as manager of the company owned Gambles store in O'Neill. . . A 1953 version of an Irish emigrant reached O'Neill Saturday in the person of Miss Katherine Sheila Gregory, 17, who crossed the big pond herself. She is the niece of Mrs. Mary Donlin of O'Neill. . . Porch lights will be burning for an hour throughout Holt county on the night of Thursday, Jan. 29 when the mother's march on polio will be launched as the climax to the 1953 march of dimes.

## 5 YEARS AGO

An O'Neill Miss "has arrived" as a New York City model. In a multicolored advertisement in Time magazine, Miss Bernadette Hynes is pictured in an office setting in a full page layout which extols the merits of Weldwood walnut paneling. . . J. L. Murphy of Sioux City, husband of the former Ruth Pribil of O'Neill,

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died in Sioux City. . . A preview of O'Neill's new Safeway store, corner of fifth and Douglas streets has been scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27. . . Mr. and Mrs. K. L. VanVoorhis spent from Wednesday, January 15 until Friday in Columbus and Albion. Mr. Van Voorhis attended Consumers Public Power district manager's meeting in Columbus. . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. John McCarville, son, John Thomas on January 17.

# The Long Ago At Chambers

## 50 YEARS AGO

Rodell Root and Mr. and Mrs. Evert Lee were Chambers visitors Monday, coming over in Rodell's new car. . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jeffers and son, Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Putnam arrived Sunday from Innisfail Alberta, where they have been the last year. . . "Down Maine" will be shown at the Opera House on January 30. It is a drama of common life. . . The Chambers Commercial club met Saturday night in Dr. Oxford's office, and decided on printed forms for gathering the statistics of the resources of Southern Holt. . . The following have paid up their subscriptions the past week, Robert Franks, Dr. Oxford, Willie Jutte, M. L. Wintermute, Lee Wintermute, O. O. Snyder, C. W. Farrier, W. W. Farrier, H. W. Webb, Joe Richardson and C. E. Burch.

## 25 YEARS AGO

About a dozen members of the Chambers Baptist Gospel Team with their leader, Ward Smith journeyed to Fairview Friday evening and conducted an evangelistic service. . . Word was received by the J. W. Walter family, the first of the week, from Mrs. E. C. Walter, who recently underwent an operation for gallstones at a hospital in Clarfield, Minn., stating she was feeling a little better. . . Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shonka entertained Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dye and little daughter, Emma Rae and Miss Helen Wald to supper in honor of their son, Donald's 7th birthday. . . Miss Dorothy Christon who teaches north of O'Neill, spent last weekend with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Thorin and family. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker returned to Omaha Thursday of last week, Mrs. Baker returning Sunday evening, Craig remaining until the end of this week.

# Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

Mrs. Kitty Fry entertained the United Presbyterian Women Thursday afternoon at the church annex. Ina Bennett assisted with the lunch. Mrs. Ralph Shrader gave the lesson from the Bible in Genesis "A call and a Promise". Mrs. Wilbur Bennett reviewed the chapter on Korea in the book "East Rim of Asia". Mrs. Dale Napier led the prayers on Egypt and Synods in the eastern area of the United States. Mrs. Wayne Shrader, president, presided at the business meeting. Fourteen answered roll call. Mr. and Mrs. Web Napier and Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gunter are in charge of the program for family night Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the annex. Members are to answer roll call Thursday, Feb. 21 with a verse from Exodus. The Golden Township held their annual meeting Tuesday after-

noon, Jan. 15 in their voting place. They voted \$2000.00 budget, the same as last year. All new members on the board this year, Homer Rutherford as clerk, Deemer Johnson as Justice of Peace and Robert Van Horn as treasurer. The retiring officers were Clerk, Raymond Schmidt, Justice of Peace, Martin Helmrick and Treasurer, Lionel Gunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and Sonja were overnight guests last Monday at the Frank Emsick home in Omaha, Reta stayed at the Robert McDaniels and Nancy and Susan were guests at the Melvin Napier home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Biddlecome were guests last Sunday and Monday at the Keith Biddlecome home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierson visited in O'Neill Thursday afternoon.

The Seek and Share club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Wendell Switzer, Mrs. Walter Miller helped with the lunch. Mrs. Wayne Shrader and Mrs. Dave Anson gave the lesson on Management and Mental Health. Fourteen members and three visitors. Mrs. Alphonse Woslager, Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Robert McDaniels present.

The Riverside Missionary Society met Friday evening at the Grant Mott home with ten members and one visitor, Mrs. Alfred Doud, present.

Julie and Jody Fry had a slumber party at their home Friday. Present were Cathy McDaniels, Becky Miller, Jane and Linda An-

son, Linda Striker, Patty Lofquist, Kathleen and Cindy Spangler, Carol, Reta and Nancy Napier and Janet Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Taylor went to Omaha Tuesday, Mrs. Taylor took some tests in the Methodist hospital, she will have surgery Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers are helping with the work at home.

Beth Rotherham spent Friday night with Mary Jo Lofquist and Terry Lofquist stayed with David Rotherham.

Ellen Miller was an overnight guest Friday of Donna Striker. The Leo Miller family had coffee after the basket ball game Friday evening at the Wendell Switzer home.

Richard Napier visited in Norfolk Friday. Glenda and Leroy Napier were overnight guests Friday at the Rol Hord home.

Bennie Taylor came home Saturday evening for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walters and family visited last Monday evening at the John Napier home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller arrived home Thursday evening

from Denver, Colo., they also visited relatives in Washington. They have been gone about four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink visited at the Dave Pollock home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller went to O'Neill for supper Thursday, it was in honor of both couples wedding anniversaries which were in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Scheer, Mrs. Chet Taylor and Susan and Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mott and Tammy were O'Neill visitors last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader and Eddy Shrader took Alice Shrader to Grand Island Tuesday evening, she left there by train for Oregon and will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier spent Saturday night and visited Sunday at the Duane Jensen home in Newman Grove. Their niece, Susan Napier and Julie Fry accompanied them.

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