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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The best public measures are seldom adopted from previous wisdom, but forced by the occasion. — Benjamin Franklin

EDITORIALS

COULD STRONGER STATES SOLVE PROBLEM?

Without attempting to solve the present political problems facing the people of this country as they contemplate the increasing cost of government or to decide where government spending should stop, we call attention to the dangerous practice of deficit spending in times of relatively great prosperity.

If the United States government cannot reduce its national debt, in the midst of a prosperous era, one wonders whether the debt will ever be reduced. It may be, of course, that the growing wealth of the nation will enable it, in future years, to carry the burden of the present national debt without too much strain. Nevertheless, if the cost of government continues to go up and governmental expenditures are financed by deficit-spending, no one can predict the end.

It is quite apparent, however, that if such a course is pursued by the United States, the kind of government we will have will be quite different from what we have hitherto known. The government will take over more and more of the responsibility that was formerly attached to individuals. Those with wealth of any kind will be taxed more and more to provide equality of everything for those who have not. For various reasons, earned such equality.

While we are not wise enough to say when such a thing would occur, it is obvious that, at some point, the government would dominate a completely regimented society.

Discussing this general problem recently, James A. Farley, former postmaster general, urged a decrease of federal grants to the states, asserting that if this trend is not discontinued, the states will gradually give up all of their responsibilities and the federal government will absorb them. This process has been going on for many years and, in the end, the result will be the one Mr. Farley predicts unless some intelligent effort is made to strengthen the financial position of the states and other local governing-units.

TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC

With almost all of the four hundred thousand members of the union who mine soft coal on strike and with the nation's stockpile depleted by the three-day work-week, the president reluctantly invoked powers of the Taft-Hartley Act, which he has repeatedly said should be repealed.

There are a number of members of congress who agree with the president that the obnoxious law should be repealed, but who, unlike the chief executive, have insisted that the new law should contain adequate powers for the president to use if a strike imperils the national health and safety.

Mr. Lewis, the doughty leader of the miners, is an old antagonist of the president. He has, knowingly or not, given great strength to the insistence that any new labor law shall contain adequate clauses to protect the health and safety of the public.

"DIVORCEES ANONYMOUS"

From Chicago comes the story of a young attorney, whose practice included many divorce cases and who, after trying to reconcile a couple in his office, happened to run into a former client. She won her divorce but he asked her to go in and convince the other couple that a divorce would be a mistake.

The woman succeeded and, as a result, there was formed a group of women, under the name, "Divorcees Anonymous," to do what they can to prevent young couples from breaking up their marriages.

The attorney, Samuel M. Starr, says that the organization has thirty-five active members, has been set up as a non-profit corporation and will issue charters for

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Our optician tells us that glasses have an amazing effect on vision. We have found that true — especially after they have been filled and emptied several times.

You cannot be just a little dishonest anymore than you can be just a little bit dead.

A savage is a person who has no debts, deficits, or H-bombs.

The telephone company tells us they need one million new poles every year. Might be a good idea for farmers to raise telephone poles.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says it isn't will power a girl needs nowadays. It's won't power.

Most people seem to be able to stand adversity. That's more than we can say for prosperity.

A Chicago man who beat his wife every day for a week has promised the judge that he will not do it again. That's good. It doesn't hurt any man to make these little sacrifices once in a while.

Americans are forgetting how to walk, a noted writer states in a magazine article. We've found, however, that walkers have learned how to jump, and that helps some.

If you expect home-town trade, it might be a good idea for YOU to trade at home.

branches in other cities. The members work for nothing except the satisfaction they experience from saving a marriage that apparently is about to go on the rocks.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Will Minford of Murray sold 32 head of 1,188-lb. steers at the Omaha market at \$10.40. . . A family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Meisinger, Louisville, was held honoring Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meisinger, who were departing for Los Angeles, California, to make their home. . . February 24th Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petersen celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home. . . February 25th Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer of Nehawka observed their 25th wedding anniversary. . . Stephen DeVoe, Marie Lentz, Renee Brown, Albin Chovanec and Allan White placed first in the local declamatory contest at P. H. S.

20 YEARS AGO

G. W. Bell Co. of Omaha opened up new line of sand pits north of this city along the Platte river. . . Announcement made of the availability of natural gas for Plattsmouth in near future—large main to supply Des Moines and other Iowa cities to cross river at this point. . . Post office at Eagle was broken into and robbed. . . Greenwood high school basket ball team was winner of Cass county tourney held at Eagle.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

IMPORTANT THAT U. S. NOT BE PUT ON SPOT BY MOSCOW AS WARMONGER AND POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR; AMERICANS WORRIED OVER ACHESON STATEMENT ON RUSSIA; BROADCASTS ON "WHAT'S AHEAD" BY STATE SECRETARY SUGGESTED.

(Editor's Note: Drew Pearson's column today takes the form of a letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson on the all-important question of peace in the atomic-hydrogen race with Russia.) Honorable Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. Dear Dean:

I have been thinking of you a great deal lately—thinking of the very unfair criticism heaped upon you and thinking also of the carefree days when you and I used to ride together and talk rather banteringly of the "career boys" and their mismanagement of world affairs.

Now you are in a position where you can influence those affairs more than any other man in the western world, at a time when the world needs leadership more than ever before, and at a time when it sometimes seems the best things in life are about to come crashing down around our ears, while most of us stand petrified, powerless to act.

I have been thinking what I would do if I were in your place. Frankly, I don't know. I am a reporter and you are secretary of state. I have never been celebrated for my modesty or my reluctance to tell other people how they should run the government.

But I do not know what I should do were I in your shoes.

If you do call a conference to discuss an atomic-hydrogen agreement, it is a foregone conclusion that it would fail. The Kremlin being what it is, you cannot win.

And if you call such a conference, it will be interpreted as a sign of weakness, a

Laff of the Week



"JUST A SECOND, DEAR! LET ME GET IT IN BEFORE YOU TAKE IT OUT."

diplomatic surrender.

DOOR-PUSHING RUSSIA

I remember that, about four years ago, when you were still under-secretary of state, you told a friend that Russia was like a thief going down the street trying every door latch to see which one it could open.

Most people wouldn't have believed you at that time. They were so anxious to get along with Russia. But you were right. Russia is going down the highways and byways of the world pushing at every door. If she can't get into Berlin thanks to the Berlin blockade she pushes into China. And after that she tries the latch keys of Burma, Indochina and the Philippines.

So I can understand and heartily agree with your recent statement that the only thing in the world Russia understands today is force.

However, if you and the nation whose foreign affairs you guide do not take some step toward a discussion of the world's mad drift toward war, we are likely to be branded as warmongers and potential aggressors. And in this day of psychological cold warfare, when the twisted mouthings of Moscow can do such damage, it is important that we do not put ourselves on this spot.

AMERICANS CONFUSED

I remember that, when I first came to Washington as a very green newspaperman, you were extremely kind to me. I have never forgotten that. And although I have sometimes been vigorous in my criticism of state department affairs, if there is anything I can do for you in the difficult job you now hold I should like to do it.

And perhaps the only thing I can do as a newspaper reporter is report to you how the American people feel today. I think it is important that you, as secretary of state know how they feel, and I believe I am a good enough reporter to report on it.

They are confused, frustrated and torn with dread. When they think that their children might have to go out and fight again they go almost numb. They would fight ferociously if this country were attacked, or if they saw any way that could stabilize the world for a long time to come. But they will not participate in a distant overseas war except in a limping spirit of performing a dreary duty.

This is not pleasant to contemplate, but I am afraid it is true. The American people simply do not want to fight another war if they think it will lead to more wars.

LEADERSHIP WANTED

That is why they are worried over your statement that the only thing Russia understands is force. Accurate though you unquestionably are, the American people want to see something further ahead than the clash of force. They want to see the goals we are aiming for. They want to see leadership.

The American people, though confused, disappointed and frustrated, are the most intelligent in the world. Frequently they are ahead of their government, ahead of their newspapers, ahead of those who profess to lead them.

They are way ahead, in my opinion, of the day when the state department helped insert the "veto" in the Dumbarton Oaks agreement, thereby bogging down the United Nations for years to come. And they are far ahead of the assistant secretary, Jack Hickerson, who talked so disparagingly before a congressional committee on the possibility of world government.

Today we are in a new world of atomic weapons and jet-propelled speed planes, and the American people realize that we cannot still apply horse-and-buggy politics. If our weapons are atomic, then our politics must be atomic also.

All this, I say, the American

people generally understand. But they do not always understand silence on the part of their leaders. They do not understand and abrupt press hand-out on the momentous question of making the hydrogen bomb with no appeal to the rest of the world for regulation and cooperation.

And they do not understand wise cracks or cuss words in connection with foreign policy.

Even if the facts are not pleasant they want a solemn diagnosis of what they face.

They can, if absolutely necessary, bear more sacrifices, but they do not want to be kept in the dark. They want to know.

Therefore if you could give them a series of broadcasts outlining what is ahead, it not only would be universally welcomed but might prove a turning point in the moulding of our foreign affairs.

You will be surprised, I know, to get a letter from a hardbitten, thick-skinned so-and-so like me, and perhaps I shouldn't be writing you, but I lay awake nights thinking of the dread prospect of my children going to war again and I know that several million other Americans are doing the same.

So please forgive this outpouring and call on me if I can help you at any time. Sincerely, Drew Pearson

Blue Devils Lose Thriller Friday, 50-49

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three field goals and Matzke with one fielder. The score was 38 to 34 at the quarter ended.

In the final quarter of the game the teams continued their furious battle that was anybody's game until the final whistle. In the quarter Johnson again led his team with three field goals and three free throws. Renter and Macasa each a field goal and Stubbs a free toss. For the Blue Devils Dasher was a whirlwind with five field goals. Rohan and McCormick a field goal apiece and Janecek a free throw. In this frenzied ending the Blue Devils slipped ahead 49 to 48, when with seconds to go Macasa slipped in a bucket for Lincoln and won by a margin of 50 to 49.

The box score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth		Lincoln Teachers	
	fg ft pf tp		fg ft pf tp
Rohan, f.	1 0 0 2	Renter, f.	2 0 1 4
Dasher, f.	9 3 3 2 21	Dittenber, f.	0 0 1 0
McCormick, f.	3 4 3 10	Matzke, f.	6 1 4 13
Janecek, c.	2 1 3 5	Johnson, c.	11 5 3 27
Ofe, g.	3 1 4 7	Macasa, g.	2 1 4 5
Ashbaugh, g.	2 0 3 4	Stubbs, g.	0 1 1 1
	20 9 15 49		21 8 14 50

MURDOCK WINS GAME

The Murdock high school basketball team on Friday evening at their home court, were the winners over the Alvo team by the score of 54 to 26.

The high point man for the winners was McDonald with 14 while Kinney led the Alvo scoring with 13 points.

HAS APPENDECTOMY

Beverly Ann Trotter, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Sedlack, of this city, is a patient at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha where she was operated on for appendicitis on Saturday.

A classified Ad in the Journal costs as little as 35c.

CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN — The Nebraska woods are full of people who want to be legislators.

More than seven times as many candidates have filed with the secretary of state as on a comparable date in 1948.

With 19 weeks left until the June deadline for filing, 36 men had sent notifications to Secretary of State Frank Marsh of their candidacy for the jobs which pay only \$872 a year.

In the last week in October 1947, 19 weeks before the March 4 deadline on filings for the April primary in 1948, only five persons were listed as candidates for the legislature.

Incumbents have almost matched those who seek to take places. Sixteen have said they want to return, while 18 newcomers have entered the race, along with two men who were beaten last time out.

At this writing, no filings had been received from 17 of the state's 43 legislative districts. Contests are shaping up in eight districts where two or more candidates are in the running.

Four senators have said they are through:

William Metzger, of Cedar Creek, 3rd; Cliff Ogden, Omaha, 10th; Louis Holmes, Grand Island, 30th, and Willard Wilson, Holdrege, 36th.

Fillings by late last week included ("indicates incumbent"): 4th district, R. W. Brennan, Omaha.

5th, Norris P. Crafts, John J. McMahon, Harry A. Foster, Omaha.

8th, John J. Larkin, Jr. Omaha.

9th, Edmund R. Caldwell, Paul Manhart, Omaha.

10th, William Mountain, Omaha; W. Stuart Campbell, Waterloo.

12th, W. H. Hasenbrook, West Point; L. Paul Johnson, Oakland.

13th, Hal Bridenbaugh, South Sioux City.

15th, Charles Wilson, Norfolk.

16th, L. M. Shultz, Rogers.

17th, O. H. Person, Wahoo.

18th, H. P. Heiliger, Lincoln.

23rd, Art Brown, Friend.

24th, H. K. Diers, Gresham; Evan Miller, Benedict.

25th, Lester Anderson, Aurora.

26th, Ed F. Luszenski, Columbus.

27th, Glenn Cramer, Albion.

28th, Frank Nelson, O'Neill; Fred J. Jungman, Atkinson; Norris W. Coats, Stuart.

29th, Hugh Carson, Ord.

31st, W. Halsey Bohlike, Hastings.

32nd, C. R. Lindgren, Campbell.

33rd, Holly Hodge, Orleans; Ed Hoyt, McCook.

34th, W. J. Williams, Ravenna.

36th, Herbert J. Duis, Gothenburg; Max W. Junkin, Smithfield.

38th, Harry Pizer, North Platte.

41st, William Fern, Chadron.

42nd, Otto Prohs, Gering.

The hospital division of the state health department had some good news for Nebraskans this week. Said Verne Pangborn, director of the division, almost every section of Nebraska except the Sandhills area soon will have hospital facilities.

A dozen communities have spent or are spending \$4½ million dollars for new hospitals which will accommodate 259 patients. Plans for an additional \$1,672,000 investment for eight other hospitals with 173 beds are now being developed.

Pangborn's report covered the period from October, 1946, when the federal government first agreed to put up a third of the cost of building or equipping hospitals.

In the Sandhills—the Alliance - Broken Bow - Valentine-Ogallala area, the population is too thin to support a hospital, Pangborn said.

About 90 percent of the federal money available to Nebraska has already been allocated. The state hospital advisory committee will meet early in March to consider applications for the remaining funds.

Gov. Val Peterson and a lot of other Nebraskans were wondering this week why the state was not asked to send a representative to the crime conference called by U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

"To my knowledge," said the governor, "none of the midwest states were invited, although they have shown successful leadership in dealing with gambling."

Statehouseers especially could not understand why Attorney General James H. Anderson, whose whirlwind crackdown on gambling last fall brought him and this state national fame,

DALE CARNEGIE
AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Man Likes Sound of His Name

CHARLES E. PARKER, Ferguson, Missouri, has written me of a discovery he has made with regard to a trait common to almost every individual in the world. Yes, you too, no doubt have this trait.

Mr. Parker deals in real estate and is connected with the Yorktown Realty company in Ferguson. There was a tract of land in his town that he felt could be made productive. But the owner wasn't interested in selling. It was Mr. Parker's idea to get control of this land and further a promotion for dividing it into panels and putting buildings on it. This would not only be financially profitable, but it would help in the housing shortage.



Carnegie

So he called on the owner, a George Rowland. Although he pictured the plan, and Mr. Rowland's profit, in glowing terms, he made no impression on him—or apparently he did not. Before he left, and as a last bit of persuasion, he said he would like to see such a subdivision called Rowland Court, as a lasting memorial to the man who had helped to further the promotion.

Two days later, Mr. Parker met a man who asked about Mr. Rowland's land and made a good offer for it. This prospective purchaser himself had talked with Mr. Rowland and made no progress.

Because he never turned down an opportunity, rather than because he had any feeling that he would be successful, he again called on Mr. Rowland and told him of the offer. Again he seemed to have made no progress. He turned to go, but suddenly Mr. Rowland checked him. "If he sold the property would it be written into the contract that the subdivision would be called Rowland's Court?"

So the battle was over. Merely because a man loves the sound of his own name. Yes, many a friendship has been founded on the simple and easy act of calling a man by his name. Remember that when you meet a stranger. Remember that, too, when you meet your friends of long standing.

was not asked to attend.

"It would seem to me the federal officials would like some information from people who have whipped the problem on the local level" the governor said.

State Labor Commissioner Donald P. Miller has reported that unemployment continued to rise in Nebraska last month to the highest level since 1948.

Miller said that on Feb. 1, 16,497 jobseekers registered in state employment offices. This was 2,000 more than on the same date a year ago. The state may be nearing the seasonal employment peak, the commissioner believes. There was no evidence of additional layoffs in January, other than in the construction business, which is directly affected by the weather.

The newspapers of Nebraska won a victory in their battle to lower rates charged by bus lines for hauling newspapers. The state railway commission set the rates at a penny a pound, with a \$3 monthly minimum.

Under the schedule effective last Nov. 1, newspapers were charged 25 cents a bundle, under a one-ton minimum. This

the papers protested, was exorbitant and more often than not, made the cost of transportation greater than the profit.

Attorneys for the Lincoln Star and Journal and the Omaha World-Herald suggested the \$3 minimum. R. F. Kennedy, of the Columbus Telegram said this would put a load on small newspapers, but that he would agree to it if all others did.

SHORT SHOTS in the Week's STATEHOUSE NEWS

The chairman of the Nebraska Petroleum Industries Committee said his group will continue to battle the governor's highway program. He answered an editorial question of the Lincoln Journal as to whether the resignation of John Ainlay as executive secretary of the committee, would mean a let-down in the scrap.

Gov. Val Peterson has invited representatives of the Nebraska Motor Carriers' association to meet with him to discuss spring road conditions. The legislative council subcommittee studying organization of state government, will hold a public hearing at the capitol, February 25.

Use Journal Want Ads.

SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD
MR. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS
Associate Editor Parents' Magazine

ALLING MARRIAGES are as symptomatic of the tensions of our times as plagues in the middle ages were symptoms of ignorance of the origin of disease, as well as of lack of sanitation. Tackling the problem of wholesale contagion led in a few hundred years to the germ theory of disease and to the science of immunization, along with the enactment of sanitary laws.

At long last we are turning scientific inquiry to the appalling divorce rate, as the Pasteurs and the Ehrlichs of the past century concentrated on finding the causes of disease, refusing to believe that plagues were the scourges of God. Already many of the root causes of failure in marriage are being brought to light. That is, each divorce is no longer looked upon, as it was in our grandmother's day, as a shocking moral failure on the part of two people alone. Each case can now be examined in the light of thousands like it in an attempt to find the "carrier germ" for the various types of broken marriage.

Slowly this body of knowledge, contributed to by ministers, doctors, psychologists and others working in the field of human welfare, is being made available to unhappy wives and husbands, as well as to young people considering marriage. Books are being written as guides, courses on marriage are given in colleges and a few high schools, magazines know that service to their readers must include insights into marital problems as it!

well as child care, cookery, dress-making, home decorating and other time honored subjects.

As an example of the trend, a quarter of a century ago it was thought that all mothers and fathers needed to make them successful parents was more and better understanding of their children. Now we know that understanding themselves is equally as important.

One new source of help is the marriage counselor who diagnoses and treats marital problems. As a profession, marriage counseling requires years of training—7 or 8 years of college in addition to clinical experience. Since it is often the counselor's job to refer his client to another specialist if he sees that the case requires the help of a psychiatrist, doctor, lawyer, etc. he must have a working knowledge of these professions.

The American Association of Marriage Counselors has a through the work of a committee of its members set up standards of certification for marriage counselors. Because no one knows better than the duly qualified how much harm can be done by quacks, the association has provided this safeguard against the bungling of "do-gooders," as well as against venal incompetence.

Not only your own happiness, but the security and happiness of your children, depends on making a go of your marriage. You wouldn't try to fight disease without professional help. If you feel your marriage is slipping, why not seek equal sound advice on how to steady insights into marital problems as it!