

Community vs Communism

AT THE HEART of all non-Communist thinking in the West stands the free individual. But the free individual is not the isolated individual.

But no nation or state today can exist in isolation, either. The rampant nationalisms of this period, insofar as they have tended to set free nation at odds with free nation, have only contributed to that all-engulfing collectivist threat which is international communism.

There are Americans today who greatly fear that "internationalism" is weakening vital national interests. Not long ago one of our readers wrote us to this effect:

Our present leaders are so internationally minded that American lives are becoming worthless. . . I would not sacrifice one single American boy for all Europe and Asia put together.

Europe and Asia are morally rotten. They were wrapped up in peace treaties and nonaggression pacts like cocoons. But all treaties so far have proved useless. . .

If we keep on sending our boys, and our guns, and our billions to all corners of the world, we will lose our heritage that was won at such a high cost.

It might be pointed out that the most precious heritage Americans have is their faith in certain "self-evident" truths, ". . . that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness."

Then it might be pointed out that these truths did not spring into sudden being with the Declaration of Independence. They have deep roots in the Hebrew, Greek, and Roman past; they developed through long centuries of common striving throughout western civilization; they leaped forward with the Protestant Reformation; they came to ripeness in the English parliamentarianism and the French doctrine of natural rights which nourished the spirit of American independence; and in the historic manifesto of 1776 they opened the way for America's emergence today as the great and powerful leader of the free nations.

Yet it can occupy that position only as long as it recognizes the common humanity, the common ideals, which unite it with other nations. Moral rottenness is to be found in any country if one looks for it, and it ill behooves Americans to call names at this time. But honest self-interest demands a common front against a common foe, and that front can best be maintained when each of the partners recognizes the very real sacrifices each of the others is making for a common cause.

In an adjoining column will be found a brief but eloquent statement of this truth made almost 100 years ago by the Hungarian patriot Louis Kossuth. The citizens of Massachusetts greeted him at that time with the fervent words: "There is a community in mankind's destiny." Today, more than ever, humanity is on the march. Communism holds out its huge and glittering promises, fraught with tragic deception. No man, no nation, can sulk Achilleslike in a corner in the face of this vast challenge. Either, as Franklin said at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, they must all hang together or hang separately.

Assuredly there is a community in mankind's destiny—and strength in a common faith. —Christian Science Monitor.

Knowledge And Wisdom

SPEAKING before a group of educators, Dr. Harold W. Stoke, dean of the University of Washington's graduate school, said, "For our generation, the man of distinction will rarely be seen with a book in his hand."

Dr. Stoke believes that education for the sake of learning is taking a back seat in today's rush for competence.

He declared, "We have created a society that cannot be run by ignoramuses. We shall see a continuation of appreciation of education, but the type of education may leave us, as educators, unhappy."

Competence, not learning," Dr. Stoke said, "is becoming our accepted goal of education."

Hasn't competence always been the goal of education? The man who has knowledge, but does not have the ability to use it, is incomplete. Someone once said, "Knowledge is the gathering of facts; the ability to use these facts well is wisdom."

World's Bravest Man?

A GENTLEMAN from Paris—Dr. Joseph Markey—should get an award of some kind for being one of the bravest men in the world.

Dr. Markey thinks women are inferior to men, which isn't too unusual, but he says so right out loud. He does research on the potential of the female mind, and he told reporters that the "accomplishment potential of women is staggeringly low."

They shouldn't even be allowed to vote, he plunged on, because "women can't think in sociological areas beyond the narrow horizons of their own small lives."

"It's a melancholy picture," he said. Yes, he's married, and he says all this in front of his wife. "She nods incuriously," Dr. Markey said, "but she is not offended."

Isn't their some noble trophy that can be presented to this man?

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FROM THE CITY DESK

Again, It's Up To The Voters

By HARRI BAKER, Battalion City Editor

In a way, the future of College Station as a community will be decided by the city's voters Jan. 20. That day the people will vote on the school bond issue, which if passed, will provide for the issuing of bonds totaling \$650,000, mainly for the construction of a new high school.

Look at it this way: education is the foundation of any community. Partly because of the high average intelligence of its citizens, and partly because of the excellent grade and high school facilities, College Station has always rated high in youth education.

Without a new school, this high standard of education will surely suffer. The schools here, as they are all over the nation, are rapidly becoming over-crowded. If the school facilities stay the same, the quality of the education will naturally drop.

Charts Show Increase

The charts at the right show the expected increase in school population. The top one shows the curve for Texas. From about 1947 until now, the curve has risen steadily. The expected curve, based on reliable surveys, indicated that the increase will not taper off until 1960. The curve for the nation as a whole over the same period is almost exactly the same.

The second chart shows College Station's expected increase. It is based on an architect's survey. The curve is again the same. With 861 children in all 12 grades now, 1473 are expected by 1960.

The Reason: War Babies

The reason for the increase is the influx of World War II babies that is being felt in the high schools now, and the Korean War babies that are expected to be in the elementary school grades within the next six years.

The school board here has decided that a new high school is the best way of taking care of the increase. The present facilities, which are inadequate for a high school, will be turned over to the lower grades, and a brand new high school will be built, with all the facilities that the present high school lacks.

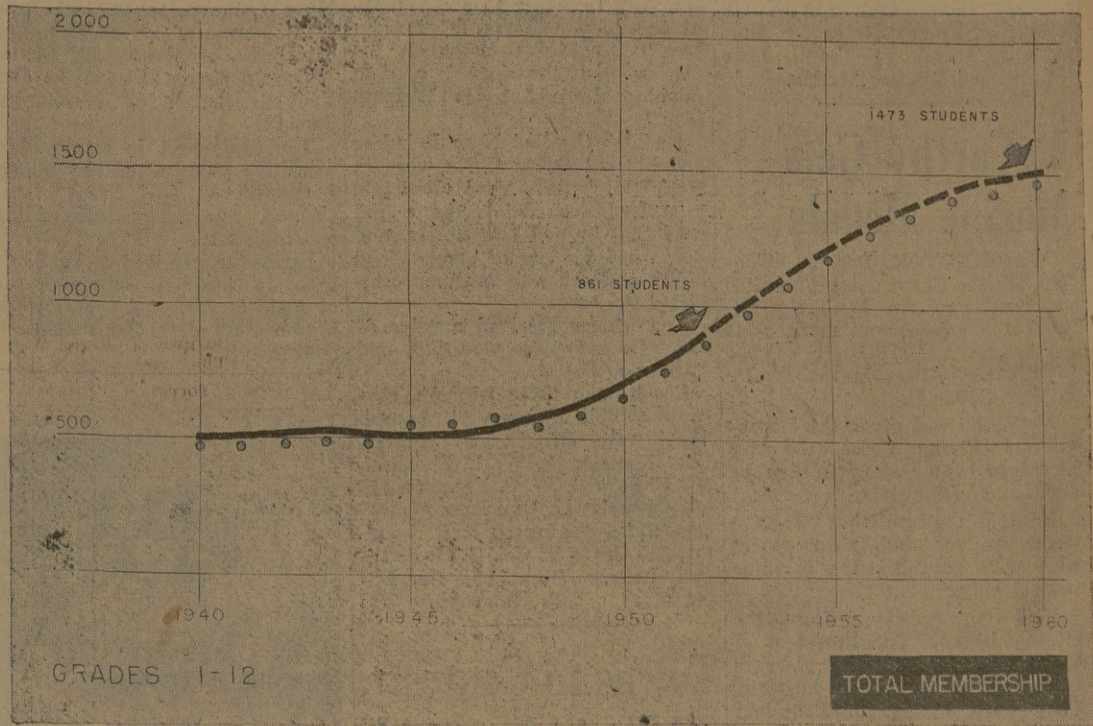
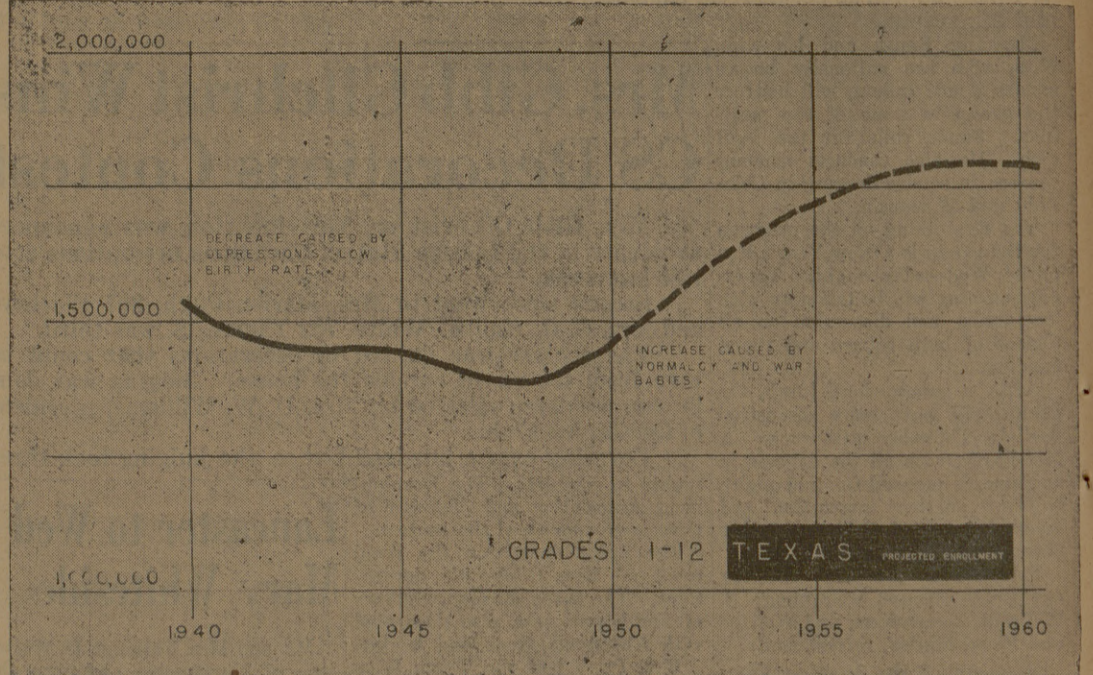
Fifth Bond Issue

This is the fifth school bond issue in the last 14 years, and the third in the last five years. None of the others, however, has amounted to over \$125,000. This one is high, because there is a lot of work to be done, and mainly because the school board wants to get all the money at once, rather than having to ask several times.

One of the nation's top school architects, Bill Caudill, has been chosen for the job. A specialist in school buildings, he has gained national recognition for his work all over the country. Several plans have already been drawn up for the proposed buildings, which would be the most modern possible.

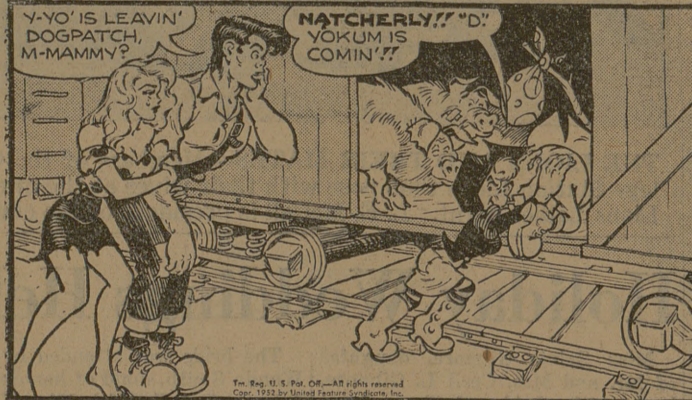
Weigh all the considerations carefully before you go to vote, and, above all, be sure to vote.

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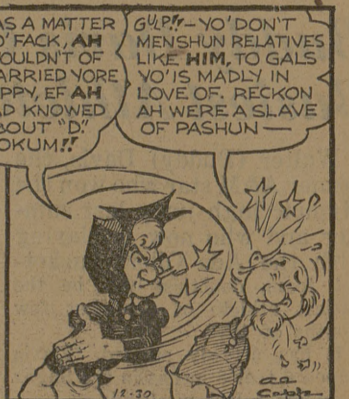
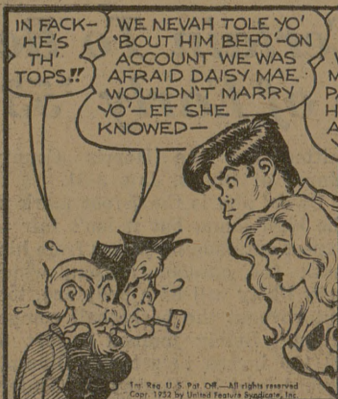


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