

From Where We Stand . . .

The Importance of the Political Minority

The farmers like Johnson; the city people like Johnson; the suburbanites like Johnson; the rich like Johnson; the poor like Johnson; the Protestants like Johnson; the Catholics like Johnson; the Jews like Johnson; Hubert Humphery likes Johnson; and Lyndon Johnson, especially, likes Johnson — then who in the world are the 26 million-plus imposters who voted against "Big Daddy"?

They are what has traditionally become known in democracies as "the voice of the minority". Granted, this year, they are more of a minority than usual, but they are a voice. Whether they will whisper or will shout remains to be seen, but they have a duty to be heard.

In our unique two-party system the minority may truly be called the conscience of the majority. It is their job to keep the majority honest, so to speak, and to see that they represent all the people, not just the better than 50 percent that elected the majority. Historically, the minority has been invaluable in helping to shape the policies of our nation, and they must continue in this role.

Right now our two-party system is at its weakest point in history. The Republican party has been badly split into two camps. The people apparently have overwhelmingly rejected the Conservative philosophy. In effect, they have said, "Barry, it's too late for the individual; it's too late to put the brake on the federal government; deficit spending and welfareism are our way of life now." Some observers will state that this is the only conclusion that can be drawn from the election results. We have too much faith in the wisdom of the American people to believe that their vote was an all-out endorsement of Johnson's policies. We believe that many votes were cast in fear and misunderstanding. Fear that what the Democrats said about Goldwater was true, and a combination of fear and misunderstanding of the challenge that Goldwater offered America. The analysts may be kicking this one around for some time.

But, whatever the reason, we must pick up the pieces now and go forward. In a democracy we accept the will of the majority — not blindly, and not without protest where protest is due — but to the outside world we must present one united front. At the same time we must try to strengthen the minority position and restore its effectiveness. The minority still has an important duty in writing tomorrow's history; we must not

neglect that duty.
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Morality By Legislation

In spite of the constantly increasing number of illegal and criminal acts in this country, we Americans seem to maintain an unshakable and childlike faith in the ability of the law to solve all our problems. We seem to feel that all we have to do is to pass a law and a particular crime will cease to exist. This completely disregards all of the human frailties and the environmental garden in which they grow.

Perhaps the classic example of the failure of man to legislate morality was the Volstead Act (Prohibition). Some forces considered the manufacture and consumption of alcoholic beverages immoral, and they were influential enough to get this belief set down as the law of the land. The deluge of immorality that followed the enactment of this law is history. Many of our social problems today can be traced directly to the conditions that were set into motion as a result of that act. The gangsters of that era (and perhaps not only of that era) were smarter than the legislators. They knew that one of the chief ways to create demand for something was to tell people that they couldn't have it! Before the legislative bodies woke up to reality the gangster element had become established in the permanent positions of wealth and power that enable them today to buy laws and legislators that suit their purposes, and to perpetuate many of our social ills.

The new Civil Rights Law is a case in point. Few would deny that the wrongs that this law was designed to correct were intolerable. But the law went far beyond reason and common sense. But important laws seldom seem to be born in an atmosphere of common sense; more often they are forged in the emotion-charged arena of public opinion. Eventually the American people and their legislators will make this law work. First they will test the constitutionality of some of its provisions; then they will amend it more in line with reason. Gradually, tempers and emotions will cool, and wisdom and decency will prevail. This is the way a law becomes a reality, and this is the way that social progress is made.

Justice in man's dealing with man can not be commanded by any law. It can be, and must be, encouraged by just laws, but we hope the final solution will always reside in the hearts and minds of men.

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The judges for the steer events were Hereford, Bob Scarth, Animal Science Department, Penn State; Angus, Flory, RD 2 Lititz; light-heavyweight, Randy Scott, Chester (champion Angus and

gentlemen were joined by grand champion steer); heavy-weight, Reba Werkheiser, Northampton. **HEREFORD:** light-weight, Scott Shoemaker, R.D. 1, Kirkwood; mediumweight, Jay Nissley R.D. 2, Mt. Joy; light-heavyweight, Tom Houser, Lampeter, (champion Hereford, and reserve grand champion steer); heavyweight, James P. Thompson, R.D. 1, Oxford (reserve champion Hereford) **COUNTY TRIOS:** 1-Chester, 2-Northampton; 3-Lancaster, 4-Dauphin.

Winners in the various other events were: **ANGUS:** light-weight, Ruth Ellen Bartiam, Chester, mediumweight, Judy Flory, RD 2 Lititz; light-heavyweight, Randy Scott, Chester (champion Angus and

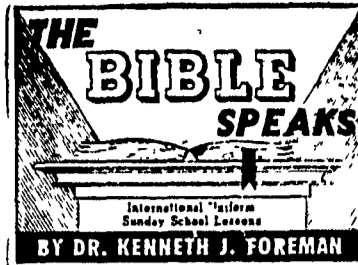


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THE BEST advertising is not in print. Manufacturers set aside enormous sums to full-page ads in newspapers or slick magazines, for posters and billboards, for spots on TV, and so forth; but what no company can buy is the best advertising of all — word of mouth. One person telling another; I've tried it, and it's great! is the surest way of getting the truth — if it is true — spread around among the population. You can pay to have lies printed, but you can't pry people to lie about your product, word-of-mouth advertising is generally truthful.

For Truth, not trifles

Christian life is more than talk. It begins with faith, and this is a matter of attitude, of response to God, not of words. The real test of a Christian is never first of all. What does he say? Nevertheless words are a part of the Christian life, and an important part too. Man is a word-using and word-making creature, and if Christianity were a silent wordless thing, it would be unfitted for the life and needs of men. The amount of words poured out in conversation every day is enormous, no one can count them; but how many of those are Christian words? This brings up another question: What kind of talk is Christian? For one thing, the Christian speaks up for truth, not lies, — of course. Many books today, many speakers from public platforms, many editors, feed the public with lies or half truths. The Christian man will not ask first of all what is pleasant and popular, but what is true. A lying Christian is no Christian at all. But the truths

for which Christians speak are the important ones.

For those who have no voice

A communist will tell you that all religions, including Christianity, are gigantic frauds; tranquilizers to make people forget their fears and troubles; and that only communism has any real interest in the people on the bottom levels of society, the poor, the depressed, around the earth. This is one of the communist lies. A great deal was said and done for the oppressed and voiceless of the world long before any communists were heard of. For example: In England, when machines were first used in industry, much of the work was done by little children, as young as seven years. Their working hours were from five A.M. to eight P.M., standing all that time. In the mines it was even worse; little children five years old, boys and girls, had to drag tubs of ore out of the mines, through roadways often under 28 inches high, — for a sixteen-hour day. Those child workers were voiceless, they needed a voice to speak loudly for them; and it was Christian voices, especially that of Lord Shaftesbury, one of the great Christians of any century, who roused the conscience of England, and changed the laws A "Christian" who is silent about injustice when he has a chance to speak, a "Christian" who is blind to injustice hardly deserves the name of Christian.

For Christ

A Christian's witness, then, is always for truth; always for justice; and also, first and last, for Christ. Speaking up for Christ seems often more difficult than speaking for truth and for the victims of injustice. Don't we often leave all the witnessing for Christ to the preacher? But the fact is, if we do that we are dodging what can be not only our duty but our delight. What does it mean, really, to "witness to Christ?" It just means speaking up for him. When you hear some one talking-down a Christian truth, whenever you hear some one denying that Jesus was right, whenever you hear Jesus ridiculed as long out of date, or hear Christians caricatured as starry-eyed fools, then is the time to speak a good word for him. Speaking out for Christ means letting people know you are a Christian.

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Make Farm Show Entries

The 1965 State Farm Show will be held January 11 through the 15th. The entry deadline for dairy and livestock classes is November 16. Health requirements are definitely outlined and will soon be needing some attention on show animals. Exhibitors are urged to obtain a copy of the Premium List and follow the regulations.

To Remove Fire Hazards

Stove pipes and chimneys in houses, barns, and tobacco cellars will soon be getting more daily use; many fire hazards are present in loose mortar between bricks and blocks in chimneys, and around improper fitting stove pipes. This is especially true in tobacco cellars. A thorough inspection is in order.

To Topdress New Alfalfa Seeding

Many farmers are concerned about the future of the August seeding of alfalfa that did not do much growing until October. The severity of the winter will determine the outcome of these seedings: with good snow cover during extremely cold, windy weather, they could survive; otherwise there could be widespread winter-killing. A light application of strawy manure before Christmas might give some protection from the freezing thawing action.

To Shred Corn Stalks

There are many reasons to shred corn stalks whether or not they are to be used for livestock bedding. Corn borer infestation may be reduced by eliminating the stalk as a harboring place over winter. Soil and wind erosion may be reduced by having a ground cover of shredded fodder. We urge more farmers to pay more attention to these problems and possible solutions.

Trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.