

THE MEANING OF PATRIOTISM

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What do we mean by "Patriotism?"

The answer usually given to this question is that patriotism means love of one's country, and this is true enough, but, to be clear, it must be supplemented by a definition of "country." We sometimes use this word to designate merely that portion of the earth's surface wherein we live or wherein we were born, as when we speak of one's "native country" or one's "adopted country"; but the Latin word "patria," the French word "patrie," from which we get our "patriotism," mean something quite different, something for which we have, perhaps, no one strictly analogous corresponding word in English, and which we may translate, on the whole, with a nearer approach to accuracy by "nation" than by any other single term. The "nation," as thus understood, is, however, something very different from the mere chance assemblage of human beings who happen to live at a certain time within a certain territory; it is a composite, spiritual entity made up of all those who on earth have lived, of all those who hereafter will live, as well as of those who live now, under the government to which God has entrusted its guidance. And this conception of the nation as a living organism, distinct, not only from each individual dwelling under its rule, but from the aggregate of individuals who may so dwell at any particular moment, is no less true than profound; the American nation is not one today and another tomorrow, although within every twenty-four hours thousands of Americans are born and other thousands die, many foreigners become Americans and some Americans become foreigners; any more than I am another man at this instant from what I was five minutes since.

A lawyer may be tempted to express what I have just said by describing a nation as a corporation with perpetual succession, but the description, while, in a sense, accurate, would be altogether inadequate and misleading; a nation has a permanent corporate existence, but it is something altogether different from a corporation, even a public corporation, as we use the term. A city or a town or a county is the creature of man; a nation is not. Whatever their antiquity or extent, they exist by the will of human sovereigns; a nation owes its birth and life to God alone. Of course, if you choose, you can convey the same idea in other language; you may say

that the existence of a nation is always due to the working of "historical" or "geographical" or "economic" causes, or to the "logic of events," or to "the force of circumstances," or to "the nature of things," and thus, or in some other way, avoid any mention of God. I have no quarrel with those who so speak or so think; all I mean is that, for those who believe: "God said: 'Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place and let the dry land appear': and it was so," it is no less true that God, not man, has called each nation into being; undoubtedly nations are now dead that once lived, but oceans now cover what was once dry land, and mountains rise and cities are built where was once the seafoam. A nation is, in brief, a person; not a multitude of persons who, for certain purposes, are enabled in imagination or permitted by positive law to act and be dealt with as one; a real, living being, not a fiction of jurists or a conscious creation of the mind; and from the instinctive recognition of the truth and significance of its personality arises the sentiment that we call "patriotism."

It is needless to say that patriotism, as thus understood, is as far apart as are the two poles from a local application of general philanthropy. An American does not love the American nation because Americans are human beings and because he loves all human beings, any more than an individual American loves his wife because she is a woman and because he loves all the half or three-quarter billions of women in the world. A man whose affections were bestowed so impartially would not be an ideal husband, and one whose devotion to his country does not differ widely, in kind, as well as in degree, from the tepid benevolence he may feel for dwellers at the Antipodes is not much of a citizen.

Indeed he is something far worse. When you attempt to spread out wide the disinterested sympathy which one man can feel for another man, you also spread it out thin, so thin that it is often a mere veneer, a fraudulent and pernicious disguise for what is really selfishness, cowardice and sloth masked by hypocrisy. One might as well look to an Oneida community as a substitute for Christian family life, as to what is now generally called "Internationalism" to take the place of those qualities of mind and heart and soul which made Nathan Hale say he wished he had more than one life to give up for his country.

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW TRIER YOUNG MEN TO BECOME ARMY OFFICERS

Great interest in the Officers' Reserve Corps Training Camp at Fort Sheridan is manifest throughout New Trier Township and many of the young men are anticipating the opportunity to receive the valuable instruction to be given. Principal Henry E. Brown of New Trier High School, representative in Wilmette of the Military Training Camps Association, is prepared to receive and pass upon applications of those desiring to enter the Fort Sheridan camp. Like duties will be performed at Gross Point by John Schaefer, in Kenilworth by Clive Taylor and at Glencoe by H. H. Brigham.

These men represent the War Department locally for the purpose of giving information, distributing application blanks to those qualified and co-operating with the examining boards. In a letter from Gen. Thos. H. Barry, he stated that the "Military Camps Association is in complete co-operation with these headquarters and is rendering invaluable assistance to the work of handling the applications for examination for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps."

This association is of tremendous value to the Government in cutting the "red tape" which from time immemorial has bound up the Government officers, and securing the highest calibre of personnel to take these examinations in the shortest possible time.

It is the strong belief of the Military Training Camps Association that a salary of at least \$100 per month will be paid to those who pass the examination and are privileged to attend the camp, but it is high time that citizens of this village were wiring their Congressmen to pass an immediate act in order that the poor man, properly qualified, can attend as well as the rich man, just the same as they do at West Point and Annapolis, as it is only with complete democracy that this contingent of officers should be raised.

NEW TRIER SWIMMERS DEFEATED IN SINAI TANK

Sinai Social Center won a dual swimming meet from New Trier High Saturday night in the Sinai tank. The Seniors won, 39 to 8, and the Juniors, 41 to 26. In the Junior events Joey Lyons established a new A. A. U. record in the 40-yard swim when he made the distance in 0:28 flat. The old record was 0:29. Sinai Seniors established a new A. A. U. record in the 160-yard relay, making the distance in 1:25 3-5. A large crowd was on hand to enjoy the sport.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION

A noted worker for civic improvement was asked the other day what were the conditions that made town improvement societies permanently successful and useful.

"Well," he said, "it isn't anything to do with organization or machinery. Mostly it is a matter of personality. You look up the history of every successful town improvement work, and you usually find some one or two people have gone into it heart and soul and have stayed with it right through."

"Very frequently it is simply some one man's or one woman's fad. There may be a lot of workers who will follow where others lead. But there may be but one or two or a very few who will take the principal responsibility and keep the thing alive and working."

How trifling the rewards of ordinary life do seem compared with the happiness that comes from this kind of community service. The mere money maker or pleasure seeker goes through life and drops out and in a month he is almost forgotten. The man who has made himself felt in some improvement work leaves a record that lives on for many years. It will bring him more pleasure than money and more happiness than houses and land and automobiles. The honor and affection of his townspeople are his.

This village has among its citizens those who have given unselfishly of time and effort. But if there could be more of this public spirited devotion, a greater willingness to work for the public benefit, great advances could be had and our town made the most attractive in this section. Are there not those among us who are willing to heed this call for larger community work?

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WANTED—YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST with housework, mornings. Address Winnetka Talk, A-3. 24-1-2-1tc

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WANTED—YOUNG MAN SEEKS position as chauffeur; single, with good mechanic; shop experience. O. Box 21, Hubbard Woods. T6

WANTED—ODD JOBS BY ELDERLY man all day Thursday and all noons. Phone Winn. 1014. T6

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MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—FURNISHED ROOMS for light housekeeping for 2 adults, dress Winnetka Talk, C-6. T6

WANTED—ROOM AND BOARD for lady and 2 children of 13 and 10 years. Address Winnetka Talk, T6

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I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any debts contracted by anyone myself. J. M. KREGER. T6

GLENCOE MATRON GETS THIRD OF SISTER'S ESTATE

Mrs. Frances H. Boardman Glencoe was notified Saturday she is to have a one-third share of the estate of \$140,000 left by her sister, Mrs. Edith Holcomb Johnson Milwaukee. Mrs. Johnson was widow of the late George H. Johnson, former president of Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee.

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Ruth Layman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Layman of Hubbard Woods, whose engagement was recently announced, has chosen May 14 as the date of her wedding to Amos Edgar Pilgrim of St. Augustine, Fla. The ceremony will be performed in the evening at the Layman residence, the Rev. Frederic S. Fleming of the Church of Atonement officiating. Mrs. H. H. Anning, a sister of the bride, will serve as matron of honor, and George L. Estes of St. Augustine, a cousin of the bridegroom, will serve as best man.

The annual banquet of the Senior Class of Northwestern University will be held Tuesday evening, May 1, at the First Methodist Church. A special event will be made of the affair this year, as a number of the members will leave shortly for army or navy service.

The Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity of Northwestern University will hold their formal dance, Saturday evening of this week at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall. The patrons and patronesses will be Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Balmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wirt E. Humphrey and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lardner.

Mrs. Harry Griswold of Madison, Wis., formerly of Wilmette, has been the guest his week of Mrs. George Gardiner of Kenilworth and of Mrs. Philip Huguenin, 506 Lake Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Dunne, Jr., of Chicago, have taken a house in Hubbard Woods. Mrs. Dunne was formerly Miss Rosina Powers.

Members of the committee in charge of the annual luncheon of the North Shore Catholic Woman's League held a meeting at the home of Mrs. E. C. Weissenberg, 817 Elm Street, Friday afternoon, to make arrangements for the luncheon which is to be given at the Winnetka Woman's Club, Thursday, May 17. The list includes: Mrs. N. P. Anderson and Mrs. J. S. Cook of Wilmette; Miss S. Alles, Mrs. E. A. Gorman, Mrs. J. J. Hartnett, Mrs. B. T. McGovern, Miss G. Murphy, Mrs. Jos. Teske, Mrs. A. E. Tilroe, Mrs. A. J. Vollman and Mrs. E. C. Weissenberg of Winnetka; Mrs. Robert Mehren of Hubbard Woods; Mrs. J. J. Kelly, of Glencoe, and Mrs. William Dooley and Mrs. H. E. Mills of Highland Park.

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Edith Pearson, 1233 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. A. Kelley gave a helpful Bible reading and encouraging reports of the work were given. Letters were read from Miss Lillian Norton, who is doing missionary work in India. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Carry of Oak Street.

The Lambda chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority of Northwestern University will hold a formal dance on Friday evening of this week at the Woman's Club.

GARDEN GROUND DONATED

Mrs. Herman Butler has given over her beautiful tennis court for planting in potatoes and the twin daughters of R. A. Fisher have donated their playgrounds to the same cause.