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Ike Can Use Democratic Advice

"Peace, it's wonderful," as the fabulous Father Divine so often remarks. We are referring, of course, to the calm that has followed the political storm. But we regard this hiatus as something like the stillness at the heart of a hurricane. Pretty soon we'll be buffeted by th eother side of the twister on our course back to constitutional government, freedom for free enterprise and respect for self-reliance.

In fact, we have been needled out of our complacency at the Eisenhower victory by a thoughful letter from Forrest E. Finley, business consultant and old Washington hand, who says he is "more and more convinced that the American business community is entitled to as many plaudits as the GOP for the prospect of a new Administration here in Washington."

". . The vote at the polls," he continues, "indicates that a substantial majority of Americans believe in the need for a return to private initiative." But, Mr. Finley is fearful that American public may have been softened up by "the planned economy to a joint where the job of stiffening their backbones, and keeping their resolution of November 4 from melting away "may become the most challenging public relations effort which has ever been undertaken, by the American business man."

We agree with the gentleman, but we hope he is thinking of the Great American Editor too, when he refers to "the American business man". For it is these editors of great papers and small (and some of the smallest are the greatest,if you know what we mean) who, fighting steadily for the past 20 years, have done more than any other segment of the nation to bring about this victory of basic American ideals. Nor do we think G. A. E. is now going to relax, with the job half done . . . or let the business men of his town forget their responsibility of proving to everybody that business was right in endorsing Ike.

Fullfiill the Promise

"No spoils belong to the victor in an American election today," declared Clarence Francis, famed board chairman of General Foods, in an Armistice Day address "It is the obligation of him who wins and him who loses . . . to bend every effort cooperatively for the best possible administration on behalf of the people as a whole.

"If we can fulfill the promise this election holds," he said, "I see ahead a continuance of healthy economic activity, increasing employment to meet the needs of a growing population, and a high level of wages and purchasing power."

Mr. Francis stressed the point that "There is only one way in which we can maintain . . living standards, defend liberty, improve our government ,and make a secure place for economic freedom—and that is to do it our selves. . . We can no longer continue, he said, to "let George do it."

Declaring that we should take "another look' 'at our citizenship, he reminded his hearers at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Grocery Manufacturers Assn. that it involves duties and responsibilities as well as privileges. "Our government won't get beyond control of its own citizens if we take an active and unselfish hand in its operations at every level, not just once every four years, or every year, but week by week and day by lay."

Two Killed in Kent During Snow Storm

Fatally injured when a converted Army transport truck went out of control in Kent county were:

Robert Minch, 18 of Worton, Miss Rose Higgins, 19 of Rock Hall.

The accident ocurred about 1:30 A .M. at the intersetion of Piney Neck road and State Route No. 288, Trooper First Class J. W. Eckstorm, of the State police barracks at Easton, reported.

Trooper Eckstorm said the converted army truck failed to make the turn, swerved into a private road and into a ditch, stopping abruptly after it brushed a utility pole.

The door at the right swung open and the two young people were thrown from the vehicle, probably striking the pole, the investigator said.

It was snowing heavily at the time and the highway was slushy, Trooper Eckstorm reported.

He identified Franklin T. Higgins, 23 ,a nephew of the dead girl, as driver of the vehicle. A third passenger, the trooper said, was James Reynolds, of Piney Neck. Neither was hurt.

Higgins, under a technical charge of manslaughter, was in custody at the county jail Sunday night police said.

The Kent county accident was the only one of serious nature reported during the hours of the storm, but many roads were made hazardous and a number of drivers left their cars, to return for them after rising temperatures improved conditions, the State police said.

State Roads Commission snow plows and cinder trucks opened temporarily locked highways in Western Maryland, and all roads were reported cleared before midday.

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