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FACING EVENTS IN COMING YEAR!

As all of us watch 1950 face out of the picture, we start looking ahead to 1951 with some apprehension. World events have changed plans—perhaps it would be better said: wrecked plans.

Youth today face an uncertainty like they did back in 1941 just after Pearl Harbor. Schools and colleges will be affected in the same proportion. Family lives will be altered. The home life in the world will become one of uncertainty to the point of breaking.

Americans can certainly look forward to regimentation. They can look forward to higher taxes, higher living costs, and shortages of many goods. Industry will suffer from manpower shortages and material allotments. Stores will suffer from lack of goods.

Also this nation must look at its defenses. These are as inadequate as they always have been. However, this time, defenses must be so planned to include protection against atomic bomb attacks as well as possible invasion attempts. Civilians will suffer as much, or more, as armed forces. This must be paid for, thus taking from us some of our earnings which we had planned to use for expansion of business or for home building.

Events in Korea should convince us that our past planning has been wrong—that hereafter we must set the example of world leadership instead of the so-called "dollar leadership." We must be strong instead of being weak and indecisive. Our foreign policy must be rigid almost to the point of being stern. We must accumulate the might to back up any of our demands on nations.

We must aid the world in an awakening of a way of life which will have some understanding. We must act the part at home which we hope to impress upon the world. We must apply the Golden Rule in some shape or form.

The coming year—1951—will be our elevation or downfall—it is entirely up to us in this nation to become united not only in effort, but think and acting as well. It's up to us now.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Brookings certainly looked the part depicted in Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." Christmas day—at 1:30 p. m. there were but four cars sitting on the street, between Hotel Brookings and as far as the eye could see. I just wondered what would happen if some gang had decided it was a good time to strike—to do a job of burglary. Certainly the setting was perfect for it.

It reminded me that we, in this area, must come to some unified decision on civil defense—we must make some plan for handling affairs in case of any

possible aggression. At present a herd of cattle would have about as much unity. All the states, and certainly the larger cities are making preparations. We are forced to follow in some manner.

What would we do here if an atomic bomb were dropped? Are we organized, or so trained to cope with any situation of this type? Are we prepared to be of any assistance in a plan of observation? Radio accounts tell of plans made in California cities for any such event. We sit idly by, not seeming to care.

I have been told by many it is useless—"We are of no importance here. We have no military value. We are safe." That all may be true, but troops are likely to land where there are no defenses—and most likely in such an area as ours. Beaches hereabouts are much better for that maneuver than many our troops landed on in the last war.

Personally, I'd like to see a state guard unit formed here—and, that soon. During the last war, many towns had such units which were so trained that the enemy would have had a "jolly" time getting far inland in case of an invasion. This state guard unit could be made head of the defense unit locally.

There are, in this area, many one-time army officers who are qualified to lead such a unit. It would not be too much of a task for these men to train and organize a formidable unit in this immediate area. This would start the defense plan, at least. It would end the authority to carry on the program.

How many of you Pilot readers have given thought to the many civilizations which have preceded ours on this earth? Doesn't it kinda frighten you to think we are on the waning and last days of ours? Certainly events point definitely that destruction of mankind seems to be the sole aim of some forces in the world.

We have drifted so far to the left that we have chosen to ignore all these points. We do not choose to stop for a minute to reflect upon the aims of society today. Our selfishness is appalling—our lack of understanding of results is equally as mystifying. Students of prophecy point to a great many years of troubled times with a possible climax being seen in the coming year.

These rumblings of war are making people look toward the future with a change of heart. From the failures experience at the United Nations, it scares all people that this change of heart has come too late. The time remaining is all too short, but not exactly out of the realm of possibility.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read what one youth thinks of the future. His ideas, not mine, are expressed that some of the oldsters might learn what the youth thinks today. This thinking, friends, is result of our big blunders in the past. The big question in my mind is "have we the time to back up and start anew on this job of reformation of the world."

What's In Store, '51

By Gene Gould

Each year when New Years rolls around we look at the past one and plan for bigger and better things for the year ahead of us. But this time the future is not as bright. The war against Communism has placed the people of the United States in a situation new to them.

Uncertainty is the keynote for 1951. For the younger generation, it means looking forward to military service, post-poned ambitions, separation from their loved ones, and all the other unhappiness that accompanies a war.

It isn't only the sacrifices of the individual, but the future of the country, and for that matter the world that is at stake. The Russian doctrine is founded on world domination. The United States is at present the only major military power on the side of freedom. This means that if we are to stop communism, the greatest share of the load will fall on our (the youth) shoulders.

Actually, there are only two solutions to the problem. The first, best for the people, the most idealistic, and the most impractical, is the unified world. This is the policy advocated by the churches and is founded on world brotherhood. Under this plan, based on the principle that all men were created by God and are therefore brothers, there'd inter-race understanding and tolerance, working toward the common goal of peace and happiness for everyone.

I will not say this plan won't work, but because of the sociological factors involved and the cultural and environmental differences of the various races, the accomplishment of this ideal is almost impossible on a universal scale. In small groups it not only will work, but does work,—but this does not solve the problem of what to do now.

The only other solution is that of political and cultural isolationism. This would mean, in effect, everybody mind their own business and leave the others alone. We take care of ourselves and let other countries take care of themselves. The only relationship between countries would be in the field of foreign trade.

Of course, the big hitch in this plan is communism. Will, or would, Russia agree to this? Probably not. The United States with the help of a few other nations will constantly be fighting RUSSIAN conquest around the world until we are so weak

ened we will not be able to protect ourselves. The atomic bomb, you say. Where? In the mountains of Korea, in the wastes of Siberia or Manchuria? It won't work. For the atomic bomb to be effective and destroy dollar for dollar what it costs to build one, you need cities. Big cities with railroad centers, manufacturing districts and the other features of a specialized and cultural civilization.

What is the solution? I have none. The only thing you and I can do is to continue to live as best we can with what we have and be thankful we still

live in America. Hope for the future has been the guiding light behind our country. Let's not lose it now. I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone in community a very happy new year.

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My sincere thanks to the VFW and friends who assisted with memorial services for my brother, Sgt. Paul Hamilton, last Saturday. CECIL HAMILTON.

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