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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

Tuesday next, all of us will pause from our usual labors to observe the birth of One whose teachings have been our way of life for almost twenty centuries. Too many will fail to grasp the full significance of the day. Too many will celebrate the feast of Bacchus, thinking little of the original meaning of the event.

This year isn't a great deal different than so many down through the ages—we have war today. Wars have been with humanity about half of the time, since the very beginning. Yet, with all the intelligence the human race professes, there seems to be little wisdom gained from any of the past experiences—all because the spirit of Christmas has come to be the spirit of Bacchus.

Great would be the lot of the world if all the war energies and costs would be devoted strictly to those efforts which would better mankind. Think what misery could be averted if war machines were turned into implements of industry to those down-trodden peoples of so many backward countries.

In your observance of Christmas, meditate on the lot of the world if all of us would but "live" just half the spirit of Christmas—its original intention.

The Pilot force, including those who act as "eyes" to furnish the news items, wishes that your Christmas be the merriest ever, but at the same time wants you to think seriously upon the future, if we must survive.



It would take more than a blizzard to stop us from sending you these wishes for a Merry Christmas and loads of Yuletide fun.

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By DEWEY

Again Christmas is with us, and again we feel the urge that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Were that feeling but spread out over the year, were we only able to feel a little more kindly to our fellow man, what a difference it would make in our American way of life.

Revelations of the rottenness among the high government officials does not help one to feel a little more kindly toward our fellow man. Was impressed by what Cecil Brown, world traveler and radio commentator, had to say about that when he completed his around-the-world trip a week ago.

His words were vitriolic, he did not pull any punches in his telling the people of this country what he thought of the present government officials, who are so greatly responsible for the world conditions today. Brown emphasized that all the world distrusts the United States, and that it is no wonder, now with all this exposed government corruption.

Come next fall there must be a change of officials, if this nation is to survive. Certainly one cannot be so partisan to say that things will work out under the present regime. There must be a new list of officials in the entire government. There must be a house-cleaning of the dead wood which is drifting about on the present scene.

Going back to Christmas again, How many of us are really imbued with the actual meaning of the event? How many of us are willing to see ourselves as other people might? How many of us are willing to admit our weaknesses or faults? When these are answered in the affirmative, it is likely that there is hope.

This area should, by now, be aware that there must be some unity among everyone in the vicinity. There must come about a new and deeper understanding of the problems of the other man. There must be greater ethics in business practices, and there is only one way to accomplish this —by understanding. What are you going to do?

It is remarkable how complete the stocks of the local stores are for the shopper. Went about in a casual way several times—and I am amazed to find the big stocks. Certainly people of this area are more fortunate than in many places.

Noted, too, that many local people are aware of the fact, as there is greater "shopping at home" this year, from my observations about town.

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