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Pursuit of Happiness

The preoccupation of Americans with happiness—their own—is nothing new. But it seems to be increasing in ratio to the growth of evidence that all is not well with our collective state of mind. In the last few months, at least a dozen new books have been advertised as intended to show their readers the road to happiness. And almost every commodity, from tooth paste to automobiles to roller-coaster rides, is sold with assurances that it will bring the customer happiness.

Since Americans have more commodities available and more purchasing power than anyone else, it should follow that the nation is the happiest of all. But statistics for crime, divorce, juvenile delinquency, psycho-neurosis and alcoholism do not bear out that conclusion. A number of contemporary thinkers have been wondering why.

In an effort to find out whether Jefferson's third "inalienable" right—the political right to pursue happiness—is working, Life magazine put the question before a round table of distinguished writers, educators, businessmen, clergymen and others, with Russell Davenport as moderator. What the group thrashed out is reported in the July 12 Life—an article that may become a valuable addition to data on our times and mores.

While poll statistics showed that Americans generally thought themselves quite happy, the experts judged our behavior and found that we are not achieving what we so avidly seek. In their attempts to find why the Third Right isn't working, the round table hit several American customs: "The shallow escape provided by mass media of amusement, for instance, and the machine civilization which takes creative satisfaction away from the worker. Some of the members think the trouble is "inner"—there is a moral anarchy, a lack of ethics; the generation is made up of T. S. Eliot's "hollow men." Others blamed society: The system is working badly and the people are not content.

Leaving the precise definition of happiness to the individual, the members of the Life round table summarized their study as follows:

"If happiness is construed as mere pleasure or self-indulgence, the Third Right won't work. It will prove productive of a healthy society only if the people give it a moral base.

"The strengthening of the Third Right cannot be accomplished merely by reforms from the outside (such as, for example, economic reform). It involves meeting the issues of the inner life. These 'inner' solutions may then be coupled with 'outer' reforms."

It should be noted that the study did not slide into the facile solution that society (the community, the government, . . .) is obligated to provide happiness for its members. While the American system guarantees its members the political right to try to be happy, the individual remains to a great extent the master of his fate. And the round table thinks that is as it should be.

To people just getting used to the idea that society must take care of all their wants, this may seem an extremely reactionary statement. What the study said, in effect, is that no government bureau can supply happiness on receipt of a properly filled-out application blank. It reaffirmed the half-forgotten concept of "rugged individualism" in a moral sense.

Obviously, the round table's thinking is reactionary! It goes all the way back—about 2,000 years—to the apostle who wrote that the kingdom of heaven is within us.

A Great Ship

The rugged battleship Nevada never won such fame as the Missouri, scene of the historic Japanese surrender, or the South Dakota, whose guns fought off an entire aerial armada. But it was one of the great ships of World War II, regardless, and many a navy man will feel a pang of regret that aerial torpedoes finally sent it to its death in the mid-Pacific late last week.

It will be long remembered as a bulwark in the Aleutians, at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Normandy beachhead. But to those who really knew the old vessel it will be remembered for other things, too.

The Nevada, pounded into helplessness at Pearl Harbor, was one of the first great craft to be revived from that holocaust. And it was the scene, on a sunny afternoon in Hawaii early in 1942, of a reverent ceremony in honor of men who died and in honor of men who lived. Adm. Chester Nimitz, with his white-clad staff, presented some of the first decorations of the war on its battered decks just before it was to leave Pearl Harbor for Bremerton to be re-fitted to fight again.

A picture of that ceremony, held during a brief hush of thousands of nearby clattering hammers at the stricken base, was the first wirephoto ever sent across the Pacific to the mainland of the United States. The Nevada never got credit for that. News-men were allowed to say only that the ceremony was held "on a ship." The Japs were not told that the Nevada had lived to face them again.

Two atomic bombs and the 16-inch rifles of the Iowa couldn't sink the Nevada, as neither could the Japanese. But aerial torpedoes now have done their work and the Nevada lies asleep. It doesn't take a sentimentalist to hope a wreath will mark that compass point at times in future years.

Tildy Takes a Powder

Dr. Zoltan Tildy, president of the Hungarian republic, took a powder when his son-in-law, Dr. Victor Csornoky, was arrested on charges of spying and treason. That was his cue to go down the back stairs and let the communists take over full control of the government.

Tildy was a member of the small-holders' party which won the last elections (1946) handily, much to the disgust of Russians and communists. The latter kept boring from within and last year got rid of the premier, Dr. Ferenc Nagy (who now is farming in America). Tildy accepted the shift in power (as did Benes in Czechoslovakia). The communies had no basis for direct action against him; so they used the device of smearing his son-in-law.

Dr. Tildy is not a politician, but a theologian, a member of the Reformed church of Hungary. A man with that background will not fit well into the communist scheme of things. The apparent plan of the USSR is to purify governments in the satellite states. They want no more Marshal Titos popping up. Even the loyal Klement Gottwald is said to be in line for the doghouse because the Czechs waved the American flag and shouted for Benes at their recent athletic exhibitions.

One need not take the charges against Csornoky very seriously. He was minister to Egypt, returning to Hungary only a few weeks ago. It is hard to see how he could be doing spying against his country in Cairo and if he was committing treason it is not likely he would have gone back home. It was just a game of pool in which Csornoky was the ball to knock his father-in-law out of office, both falling into the bag.

The police state tolerates no dissenters.

Another production record broken: The state's 1947 mineral output had a value of \$16,700,000, reports the Ore-Bin. Previous high year was \$14,065,000 in 1942. Don't get excited, though, over gold and silver and lead and copper. All the 1947 "crop" was from non-metallic sources, except for \$800,000. These non-metallics are the commonplace sand, gravel, clay, cement, coal, diatomite, pumice, perlite.

C. I. O. Splitup Over Politics Held Possible

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
CIO SPLIT UP 18-3
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Before the end of the year, and perhaps much sooner, an event of far more lasting significance than the present acrimony between the president and the congress is likely to take place. For those in a position to know expect the whole pattern of the American labor movement soon to be radically altered by the splitting-off of the CIO's communist-dominated unions from the CIO.

Ever since Henry A. Wallace announced his candidacy, and the CIO's Stalinist chiefs defied the CIO's leadership to support Wallace, there has been no semblance of real unity in the CIO. What little facade of unity still exists will be finally cracked by an action which non-communist CIO leaders will in all probability shortly take.

For the first time in months, CIO President Philip Murray last week visited President Harry Truman in the White House. Murray urged Truman to eliminate all reference to wage controls in his message to the special session. Although Truman refused Murray's request, he did so as politely as possible, and the two men parted on reasonably amiable terms. Accordingly, the CIO is expected within a few weeks to announce support for Truman.

C.I.O. Would Be Split

This action, which will divide the CIO into a large pro-Truman non-communist faction and a minority pro-Wallace communist faction, will merely formalize the bitter division which already exists.

As soon as Murray announced his support for the Marshall plan and his opposition to Wallace, he at once ceased to be "our great leader" in the pages of "The Daily Workers." He became instead the chief betrayer of the working class, and all communist appeals for "unity" abruptly ceased. The communist-led unions began at once to fight Murray's non-communist leadership.

And Murray, now fighting mad, has been fighting back, smiting the communists hip and thigh.

Everywhere, the communists in the CIO have been taking a painful beating. With Murray's blessing, and the not-too-gentle encouragement of the non-communist union leaders, the rank and file have been deserting the communists in droves.

Red Union Under Fire

The electrical workers, the biggest communist-run union in the country, and the heart and soul of communist influence in the labor movement, have also been busy fending off the attacks of the AF of L Teamsters union. The die casters in the mine, mill and smelter workers, one of the larger Stalinist unions, have split off to form an independent union. Joe Curran of the maritime workers and Mike Quill of the transport workers, the two most recent rebels against the party line, have now succeeded, after savage infighting, in purging their unions of communists in key positions.

And so it goes. The communist position in the CIO has not yet disintegrated but it is sorely threatened. The most recent evidence that the next step in the blood-and-thunder drama of the CIO's internal battle will be the withdrawal of the communist-led unions is the reported statement on the west coast of Donald Henderson.

General Exodus Seen

Henderson is the pro-communist boss of the tobacco and agricultural workers. According to reports received in CIO headquarters here, Henderson said a few days ago that he had no intention of repaying a large sum of money which his union owes the CIO. Henderson cannot make good this threat and stay in the CIO. His statement is taken by CIO leaders here to mean that he will lead a general exodus from the CIO of the minority of communist-run unions.

If such an exodus takes place, it will not be essentially because of the beating the communists have taken, or because of Henry Wallace. Rather, it will be one facet of world communist strategy. And what makes a final split of the CIO seem all the more likely is the fact that it would fit neatly into the developing international communist pattern. It would be the American equivalent of what has been happening in recent weeks in Europe.

Healthy Trend Hailed

There, on orders from communist boss Andrei Zhdanov, the communist parties are being transformed from mass parties into elite parties, wholly dependable instruments of Soviet foreign policy. The French labor

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"We shouldn't complain, Agnes . . . In some countries they never see steaks at all but WE can go into any store and look at them . . ."

Philatelists' Calendar for 1948

The Post Office Department has issued the following list of all commemoratives now scheduled to be issued for the remainder of 1948:

(STAMP)	(POSTOFFICE)	(DATE)
U. S.-Canada Friendship	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Aug. 2
Francis Scott Key	Federick, Md.	Aug. 9
Salute to Youth	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 11
Oregon Territory	Oregon City, Ore.	Aug. 14
Harlan Fiske Stone	Chesterfield, N. H.	Aug. 23
Palomar Observatory	Palomar Mountain, Calif.	Aug. 30
Clara Barton	Oxford, Mass.	Sept. 7
Poultry Industry	New Haven, Conn.	Sept. 14
Gold Star Mothers	Washington, D. C.	Sept. 21
Fort Kearny	Minden, Nebr.	Sept. 22
Volunteer Firemen	Dover, Del.	Oct. 4
Indian Centennial	Muskogee, Okla.	Oct. 15
Rough Riders	Prescott, Ariz.	Oct. 27
Will Rogers	Claremore, Okla.	Nov. 4
Fort Bliss	El Paso, Tex.	Nov. 8
Moina Michael	Atlanta, Ga.	Nov. 9
Julieta Low	Savannah, Ga.	Nov. 15
Gettysburg Address	Gettysburg, Pa.	Nov. 19
American Turners Society	Cincinnati, Ohio	Nov. 20
Joel Chandler Harris	Eatonville, Ga.	Dec. 9

movement has already split open and the Italian labor movement will soon follow suit.

If the communists split off, the CIO would immediately institute a no-holds-barred raiding campaign on every communist union. There is little likelihood that under such circumstances the communists could long maintain their position. In the end, except for a tiny communist splinter group, communist influence would almost certainly be eliminated from the American labor movement. That would be an entirely healthy development, not only for the labor movement but for the political future of the United States.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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honor than winning a battle. All the winner got was a crown of wild olives — no medals or plaques or contracts, though when he got home his state honored him like a war hero.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France has credit for the renewal of the games, the first of which was held in Athens in 1896. Later, wars have suspended the games, instead of the reverse. While sometimes there has been gripping and dissatisfaction over the games, on the whole the experiment of a United Nations in athletics has worked pretty well. This year Russia isn't playing — to be sure, so there is no veto on which race comes first; and Romania stayed at home. But on the opening day a Czech army lieutenant set a new Olympic record for the 10,000 meter run. And a pair of Hungarian swimmers qualified for finals. Americans had their pride humbled when they made only third in the high jump; but they did well in other events.

For the ancient Greeks, the Hellenic world, which included Greece proper (Hellas), the Ionic islands, the littoral of Asia Minor and the heel of Italy, and colonies as far west as Sicily, was the whole world. Other peoples were the hated Persians and the untamed barbarians. The Olympic games were not only competitions, — they were popular assemblies, about the only unifying affair for the Greek world. We moderns have made the competition worldwide; but it is too much to hope that it will break down barriers among peoples. When the contestants go home they still are Czechs or Dutch or Swedes or Poles. Perhaps the cumulative effect will be peaceful. At least when they are running races they aren't shooting at each other.



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By Lichty

Woman Accidentally Shot At Target Practice

JEFFERSON — Mrs. Harold Morrisette is in the Albany General hospital recovering from gunshot wounds received when she accidentally shot herself while target practicing with her husband.

While shooting, her husband handed her the pistol, but forgot to put the safety catch on as was his custom. It discharged in her hand, the bullet striking her right kneecap and lodging in her shin. Before she knew what had happened, the pistol discharged again, barely missing Morrisette.

Capitol Properties Buys Out Forest West

SILVERTON — Capitol Properties, Inc. of Salem has purchased the interest of Forest West in the Silverton Farm Equipment company and will assume complete control as of August 1.

Founded by Roy King of Waldo Hills and Forest West in 1945, King sold his interest to Capitol Properties last July.

The Safety Valve

Goes After "Parlor Pinks" To the Editor:

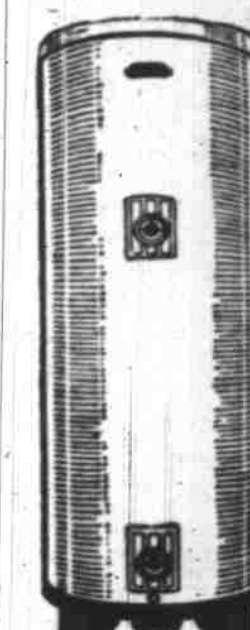
Your short reply to Mr. Lovell's letter in the Safety Valve was a dandy. Prof. Lovell's reply to the suspension of the Washington U professors was somewhat garbled and not well written. But his defense is typical of the parlor pinks, who if they disagreed with the Russian government would be taken out and shot before sunrise.

Wallace is the darling and tool of the Russians and their American stooges. These parlor pinks including Lovell parade under the guise of academic freedom are far more dangerous to the U. S. Let Mr. Lovell go to Russia and see for himself the millions in the labor camps who live in worse squalor than our own cattle and hogs.

Why does the U. S. spend billions to feed Europe and be prepared for possible war against the Russians and then allow these par-

lor pinks to spew their revenge and hate; to run at large and spread false doctrines in our schools and colleges and proclaim the name of Hitler and Stalin as martyrs under the false promises and half truths under the guise of patriotism and free speech and so called academic freedom.

Sincerely,
S. A. Meyers
West Salem.
(Editor's Note—Dr. Lovell is not pro-Russian but an academic liberal.)



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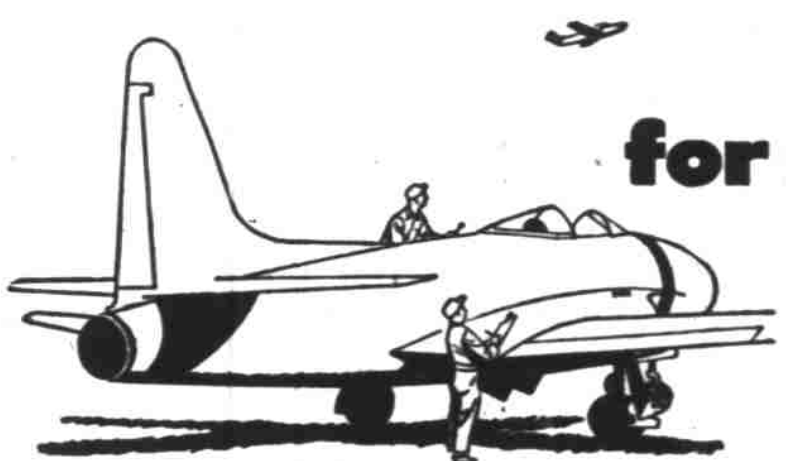
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Under the new Selective Service Act, 15,000 18-year-olds within limited monthly quotas may volunteer for service in the Air Force for one year.

While it may be necessary to restrict general Air Force enlistments in coming months, there will be no restrictions on the re-enlistment of former airmen who apply within 90 days of the expiration of their current enlistment period.

Selective Service defers high school students until graduation, college students until the end of the school year. So finish your education and plan to come into the Air Force as a volunteer.



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Full information about these opportunities for volunteers can be secured at any Air Force Base or Army and Air Force Recruiting Station.

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