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Are You Panic-Prone?

Do you fall for every ominous rumor? Are you nervous about the loyalty of your fellow-workers? Do you suspect your neighbor who reads the New Republic might be a communist? Are you watching for portents of awful things to happen? Does the sound of an airplane at night make you wonder if the Russians are coming?

If the answers are yes, you are probably panic prone and you'd better snap out of it, if you can, H. A. Overstreet, author of the best-seller "The Mature Mind" warns in an article in the June United Nations World.

"Everywhere in the world strange signs point to the disturbed state of the human psyche. In our country we have the legend of the flying saucers. In Europe "miracles" occur with mounting frequency. Mystic religions find a growing number of followers. The dread of devastating war is uppermost in people's minds. Hysteria and witch hunt are prevalent in many countries," Overstreet notes.

Why is this? Because the atmosphere today is supercharged with hostility, the psychologist answers. A great many individuals have developed a hostility pattern of personality; they are vulnerable to panic and feel aggressive toward other persons. Panic-prone persons see enemies all around them. They get particular pride out of warning people about the bogymen. (Sounds like some of the radio commentators!) They are suspicious, narrow-minded, always ready to fight or to flee into some escape hatch of their own. Furthermore, they really enjoy their hostile feelings — which makes it hard to "cure" them, make them cooperative and reasonable.

How, then, are we to get away from that pervasive hostility, that generalized feeling of not liking and not trusting the human race? That is what Overstreet tries to answer in this article, fetchingly entitled: "How to Keep Cool in the Cold War."

"The best antidote for this irrational state of mind is putting one's brains to work at constructive solutions of the problems that assail us," answers Mr. Overstreet. Try to see things whole, especially from the other fellow's point of view. Work hard at your job if it is a useful skill, or learn some useful skill if you haven't one. Be friendly with the people around you. Take on responsibilities, in your family, in the community. Learn to care for those less fortunate than yourself — even if they are people far away whom you will never know.

This doesn't mean you have to approve of everything. You don't have to be a Pollyanna or feel that everything is getting better and all works out for the best. But a little healthy optimism, some good humor, and a few grains of salt ought to go a long way toward making the hot summer and the hot war more endurable. They'll make you more endurable — and more durable — too!

Gromyko's Propaganda

Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko keeps up the Russian propaganda line on the Korean incident. This line briefly is that South Korea attacked North Korea and the latter is repelling

aggression; that South Korea was inspired to attack by the United States; that the United States has interfered in the affairs of another nation and is an aggressor itself. Practicing the advertiser's art of repetition Gromyko rides the word "peace" hard: The United States "has committed a hostile act against peace"; it "violated the peace"; it "is the enemy of peace." By contrast of course Russia is the great big friend of peace.

The purpose of this propaganda is not to convince the world but to control the thinking of the peoples of Russia and its satellites. Let these peoples learn the truth and the position of the Russian government would be weakened in public esteem even if the people could not effect a change.

The Russian line conveniently overlooks several things: That the attack was launched by a strong, well-equipped and well-trained force from North Korea; that South Korea was completely surprised and its army quickly overwhelmed; that the United States too was completely surprised; that the action of the United States was and is prompted under its obligation to South Korea to defend it against attack. As for the United Nations it had to condemn the aggression and seek to end it or else confess its own impotence.

No one in all the world not under the spell of Russian communism will credit the devious reasoning of Gromyko. North Korea's attack was a deliberate adventure in aggression and no amount of propaganda will bury this truth. Because it was deliberate aggression, quite unprovoked, the moral verdict of the world is already delivered against North Korea and against the USSR as its sponsor and advocate.

Pike a Victim of Republicans

A senate committee rejected the president's nomination of Sumner T. Pike, a republican of Maine, for reappointment to the atomic energy commission. It was the four republican members plus Sen. Johnson, Colorado democrat, who applied the axe. Hickenlooper of Iowa was one of the axemen. Having failed miserably in trying to prove his charges against David Lilienthal, he evidently concentrated his fire on Pike and this time used different tactics. Instead of advertising his charges he gathered in enough votes for the beheading.

Postmortem, Hickenlooper says that Pike has opposed developing the hydrogen bomb. Pike denies this, says a year ago he was open-minded, but later became convinced we should proceed with H-bomb research. If he had resolutely opposed work on the H-bomb we would have had good scientists in his company. Dr. Balcher, former member of the commission, is very skeptical of the utility of the hydrogen bomb. What Hickenlooper wanted wasn't the H-bomb but a victim.

Senator Morse says President Truman should "propose whatever steps are necessary for a settlement" of the switchmen's strike on five railroads. That is easier to demand than to execute. Truman would certainly welcome suggestions on how to end the strike and still not lose any votes. Compulsion is still an ugly word in industrial relations.

Racing Touts In Egypt Need Touting

By Henry McLemore
ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, July 4
As I wrote once before after visiting a race track in Budapest, a sucker looks like a sucker in any country. In Hungary years ago I took charge of me the instant I entered the grounds.



Today, at the Alexandria Racing Club, I wasn't halfway through the turnstile before the Egyptian boys had me by the lapels and expressed a wholehearted desire to share their misinformation with me.

With a discernment of which I am not at all proud I settled on a venerable looking old gentleman who assured me that three of his sons were jockeys who provided him with inside dope on every race.

When the field came out for the first race — for maiden Arabs, weight for age — my new-found friend said there was only one horse in the race, the rest didn't matter. He told me to put all I could afford, and a little more, on Muselli, owned by Abdel Aziz, and trained by S. Solomoniades.

There is no trouble in placing a bet at an Egyptian track. Honestly, there is a window for nearly every customer. There is no such thing as waiting in line. The track craves your money and does everything possible to see to it that you can lose it quickly and comfortably.

And the track has not overlooked any possible means of betting. There is not ONE daily double, but daily doubles on the third and fourth races, the fourth and fifth, the second and third, the third and fifth, and the fourth and sixth.

There is straight pari-mutuel betting and what is known here as the twin tote. The twin tote is nothing more than the quincella featured by our dog track at home. In the twin tote you bet on your ability to pick the first two finishers in a race.

My tout had me betting in every conceivable fashion, and during the afternoon we managed to get one winner, who paid the handsome price of ten cents to the dollar. I discovered later that the one winner he picked was the Egyptian counterpart of Citation, and he didn't need the assistance of his three sterling jockey sons to make the selection. The horse won by fifteen lengths if he won by an inch.

The odds are never posted before a race. If you want to know the price your horse will pay you have to buy the odds from one of the dozen or so men whose sole job is to sell odds. As the odds are constantly changing you have to buy six or seven sets of odds before you make your bet.

I have seen few if any more beautiful tracks than the Alexandria Racing Club. It is small compared to American tracks, but the shade trees and flowers make it twice as pretty as, say, Belmont Park. The paddock is far and away the prettiest paddock I ever saw anywhere. It is a riot of color with bougainvillea, royal poinciana trees, roses, pansies, and a dozen flowers I have never seen before.

It's worth losing your money just to see the superb Arabian horses against such a background. No, I take that back. I would rather have a winner running in a brick factory than a loser going seven furlongs in the Garden of Eden.

At the end of the day my tout with the fox on said I could give him whatever I wanted for his services.

I trust a dirty look is negotiable in Egypt, for that is just what he got.

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'POINT OF NO RETURN'



Comes the Dawn

by Conrad Prange

One Salem man who spent somewhat unhappy Fourth was Marion County Deputy Sheriff Bill DeVall... seems Bill went fishing at Suttle lake over week end and on way up ran smack into deer... bounding buck nearly obliterated all grill work in front end of auto... when he saw damage to car Bill says he nearly burst into tears... deer killed on the spot... in addition to all the trouble the DeValls caught not a single fish...



"Worst of this whole thing," says Bill, "is that during hunting season you can't find a deer within flying distance of a highway. And in summer you can't avoid the horned beasts." Inasmuch as state game commission claims game animals in state belongs to them Bill is considering suing the commission for allowing its property to run loose.

And speaking of Suttle lake—fishermen in this area are raising a chorus of complaints against the speedboats on the lake which, it would seem, are about as popular with anglers as a leaky boat.

One of the busiest men in Oregon now is Gov. Douglas McKay. The horseman governor should be getting plenty of his favorite sport these days—riding horses and seeing them in action. He has appeared or is slated to appear in rodeos and other shows at Albany, St. Paul, Molalla, McMinnville and others over the state.

Handsome silver and gold trophy given to out-standing cowboy at St. Paul rodeo was donated by Sid Stevens, Salem jeweler... Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Davidson out Liberty way south of Salem have a poinsettia cactus in yard with blooms measuring nearly 9 inches in diameter... weiner 68 inches long on display at meat market in Krueger market on Lancaster drive... first aid car hit one of busiest days Tuesday patching up kids with short legs who handled firecrackers with short fuses.

Displaying of the flag on Independence Day seems to be losing ground or something—as is most of the traditions and meaning of July 4th... used to be that nearly every house and building hung out Old Glory on that day... remember the gadgets holding a bunch of small flags which nearly all motorists used to sport on their car radiator caps on fireworks day?...

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Is no trouble telling little Ivan about bees and flowers... but is problem how to tie in glorious leader and party line..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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such securities as common stocks. Of course only tested common stocks would be considered eligible, but already a strong demand for stocks has developed for investment of endowment and trust funds because of the higher yield they offer as compared with government and corporate bonds.

In New York state executives of big life insurance companies are preparing a bill to permit them to invest up to five per cent of their assets in common stocks. Some states already permit such investment of life insurance reserves; but not New York. If this is allowed the companies hope they will be able to increase the yield on their investments which has suffered under the decline of interest rates. One effect too would be the increase in the market for high grade common stocks. Investing the steady flow of premium income and reinvesting funds received in principal payments on loans are a tremendous responsibility, both for the magnitude of the sums involved and the care that needs to be taken to get sound investments and as favorable a yield as finance conditions permit. The big companies of course employ large staffs in their investment departments — and if they start buying common stocks they will have to increase their staffs to sort the good from the indifferent or poor.

Organizations which have become large investors in securities of all kinds are the investment trusts, of which there are many. They enjoy greater freedom of action and as a rule they invest far more heavily in common stocks, hoping for appreciation as well as larger current income. They make no guarantee of performance either on dividends they pay or on value of the principal. Returns and values fluctuate with the markets — and with the quality of investment intelligence exercised by the managers. The post-depression record for investment trusts has been much better than the pre-depression record, which partly is due to regulatory legislation.

These constitute the great fields of private investment and reservoirs of capital: banks, insurance companies, savings and loan associations, investment trusts. Each has its place in the scheme of things. In the aggregate they form the great bulwark of private capital finance. As they keep their health they sustain America; and a healthy America sustains them.

from treachery and sabotage, and defeat Red attempts "to pull the rug out from under American lads now dying in the battle against communism" in Korea.

The bill, sponsored by Mundt and Senators Ferguson (R-Mich) and Olin Johnson (D-SC), would require the registration of communist party members and bar them from appointive offices in the government.

Only two states, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have been completely mapped by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "As he went to leave the room, he slipped and fell."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "antipathy"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Redundance, vengance, obeisance, consistency.
4. What does the word "superficial" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with an "at" means "to reduce to nothing"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Just as he left, he slipped and fell." 2. Pronounce antip-a-thy, with accent on second syllable. 3. Consistency. 4. Understanding only the ordinary; not learned. "A superficial mind finds it difficult to grasp these truths." 5. Annihilate.

Reds Fighting Exposure Bill

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP)—Senator Mundt (R-SD) said tonight that American communists are waging a "highly-financed" campaign to block pending legislation to expose them.

The legislation is needed, he said, to protect the home front

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