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"Our Santa Claus Complex"

In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post, William Vogt, scientist and writer, author of the best seller, "Road to Survival," which painted a dark picture of the multiplying peoples and wasting riches of natural resources, questions the wisdom of President Truman's "bold new program" for developing the globe's undeveloped areas of the earth at American taxpayers' expense.

Under the title of "Let's Examine Our Santa Claus Complex," Vogt cites his own knowledge of people and countries gathered as chief of the conservation section of the Pan-American Union and in other jobs dealing with the earth's resources and first hand study of the "undeveloped areas and backward people" of the world. He would supplant visionary utopian do-gooding with old-fashioned American horse-sense.

For many years, the author states, we have been making out technology and know-how available to people of other countries, and cites the efforts of soil conservation service, the training of foreign students and the cooperative experiment stations abroad, the cooperation in health, education and agricultural projects under the leadership of Nelson Rockefeller.

Then there is the sending of scientists, scholars, and technicians abroad by the state department, the financing of translation and foreign publications of scientific work, the exchange of student scholarships, and other uplift efforts, none of which results could be characterized as providing what Mr. Truman calls "triumphant action against hunger, misery and despair."

"No matter what programs develop, the president's proposal is certain to affect the American people for years to come. In the Atlantic Charter we expressed a pious hope for a world free from want, and our failure even to begin to realize this has resulted in bitter disappointment. Especially in Asia it is being used by the communists to turn millions toward the Red orbit.

There are about 1.5 billion people living with standards far below ours concentrated in the "undeveloped" areas. Africans are 95 percent illiterate, East Indians and Chinese 85 percent. These people are dominated by ancient superstitions and beliefs and extreme conservatism and resent efforts to "improve" them and often oppose efforts of do-gooders.

"One of the problems that should give the American citizen, already staggering under the load of taxes and the national debt, a healthy skepticism is the possible place of loans in the Point IV plan. Government in vast undeveloped areas is unstable, corrupt, devoted largely to exploiting its subjects, and often already overburdened with debt and with little prospect of solvency.

Acheson's "danger line" needs further explanation.



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Don't Wait Too Long to Buy Day-to-Day Ticket to Happiness

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

There would be little progress in any sphere of activity without planning ahead. The future needs must be taken into consideration in any building program, whether the program has to do with building factories, homes, lives, careers, or businesses.

Many of the comforts of life and some of its pleasures, which he day by day denied himself and his family, could have made his life fuller, happier and probably a much longer one.

I was buying a train ticket a short time ago when a hard-working business man whom I knew well, stepped up to the window and bought two tickets to New York.

He turned to me and said: "I've worked hard for 35 years and saved my money. My wife and I have never taken a trip together in all these years. But we have denied ourselves the things others seemed to enjoy in order to be able to retire now and travel and do many of the things we always wanted so much to do."

Child Takes Lightning in Stride
Arkansas City, Kan. (AP)—Little Linda Allen, 6, slept when lightning struck very close. The child escaped injury as a lightning bolt passed through her bed, tearing a foot rest off a chair at the foot of the bed but failing to disturb the slumbering girl.

Auto Looked Good to Dobbin
Gig Harbor, Wash. (AP)—The horse and buggy days are still around, but Ol' Dobbin was glad to see an automobile. The horse, belonging to John Carrier, fell into a 12 by 12 foot tank when plunking gave way as he tried to walk across. Two auto wreckers hauled him out.

SIPS FOR SUPPER

Loyalty

County Judge Grant Murphy, who with Mrs. Murphy has been taking a vacation trip in California coupled with attendance at a national meeting of county officers at Oakland, showed up at his offices a little ahead of the expected time Saturday.

Honeymoon on the State
Trenton, N. J. (AP)—New Jersey gave love and matrimony a boost today. The state division of employment security declared that a worker who takes time off to get married and gets fired is definitely entitled to receive unemployment compensation. It added, however, that such a matrimonial-minded worker must have given advance notice of his plans to his boss. Taking time off for marriage after appropriate notice is certainly not misconduct, the division held.

Speeding Excuse Falls Flat
Detroit (AP)—Judge John D. Watts was not impressed by William Johnson's excuse for speeding. Johnson said his car was leaking oil and he was hurrying home before it ran out. The judge said \$50 and six months probation.

U. S. Army Seeks to Swap Corn for Polish Rye

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The senate watchdog committee is investigating a deal whereby the army plans to acquire 300,000 tons of Polish rye from behind the Iron Curtain.

The British people don't eat much rye, but the German people thrive on it. And, since rye is cheaper than wheat, the U.S. army is satisfied to feed the Germans as much rye as they will eat.

U. S. millers, realizing this, bought up several million bushels of Canadian rye off their hands for fear of discouraging U.S. rye production. This leaves American millers holding the rye bags.

NOTE—The army made one other deal with Britain for Polish rye last winter. At that time 50,000 tons of corn were traded for 50,000 tons of rye.

TALE OF TWO CITIES
In two widely separated American cities, two attempts are being staged at encouraging people-to-people friendship—the only sure way to prevent war.

Philadelphia is the oldest international house in the country, established to house and encourage foreign students in the United States.

Jacksonville, Alabama—is located the youngest international house in the country, established for the same purpose and objective.

Philadelphia, third largest city in the U.S.A. is called "the city of brotherly love." Philadelphia lived up to its traditions by founding the first international house in the entire country. But now, sleepy Philadelphia feels less brotherly.

GORE CELEBRATES
Congressman Albert Gore of Tennessee celebrated his victory over the Brannan Farm Plan at a drinking party in his office. One of the most jubilant guests was Tom Hitch, president of the Tennessee farm bureau, who promised to support Gore for the senate if he would help defeat the Brannan Plan.

CUGAT'S COMEBACK
Suave, Cuban-born band leader Xavier Cugat is a handy man with a fast comeback and he also knows his Latin-American politics.

FANTASTIC ANGLES TO CASE
Message in Bottle Stirs Interest in Huge Fortune
London (AP)—A London lawyer voiced regretful doubt that a message washed up in a bottle on a San Francisco beach would give him a \$12,000,000 Singer Sewing machine fortune.

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Secret of 326 Years Kept From Women of Family

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—The Avedis Zildjian family has held a secret for 326 years.

"We don't tell it to the women," said Zildjian. "The father tells it only to his eldest son, and in time he tells it to his eldest son. In this way we keep the secret."

These musical noise-makers are as old as the Bible, but the Zildjian family has been manufacturing them only since 1823. It was in that year that the first Avedis Zildjian, a Constantinople alchemist, discovered a secret process for making an ideal cymbal metal from an alloy of tin, copper and silver.

"It is easy to analyze the alloy we use," said the current Avedis Zildjian. "But no one can put it together—and some of the biggest metal companies in the country have tried."

His 12-man factory at Quincy, Mass., now turns out thousands of cymbals yearly. The work is all done by hand, and it takes 45 days to turn the rude metal ingots into sounding brass. They must be hand-hammered from four to six times.

"It isn't easy to hammer cymbals," said Zildjian. "It takes a man at least six years to become skillful."

The cymbals then are stored in vaults anywhere from six months to 20 years until each reaches its proper resonance. Zildjian now has 40,000 in the process of aging.

"And they have 40,000 different tones," he said. "Find two that are alike and I'll give you \$1,000—and the cymbals, too. In 45 years in this business I've never heard two that sounded exactly alike."

It is this variance in tone that accounts for the volume of the cymbal business. Professional drummers collect them like postage stamps.

"Harry Edison, the cymbalist for Toscanini, has three chests full—about 200," said Zildjian. Zildjian last year also began to manufacture gongs, and he says he is the first man outside China to do so. It took him six months to make the first one. Now he is turning them out in 27 weights and sizes.

How long does a cymbal last? "A hot drummer like Gene Krupa wears out a cymbal in two months," said Zildjian. "In Guy Lombardo's band, which plays softer music, a cymbal is good for at least two years."

But in the Metropolitan Opera orchestra the cymbalist only goes "crash, crash, ker-plunk" maybe three times a night. His cymbals ought to last forever.

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Mrs. Rollie W. McDowell became a mother for the first time Thursday afternoon when a TWA transport landed at Lambert-St. Louis municipal airport with her husband and two children in Cork City and said, "I knew I wanted them the first time I laid eyes on them."

He kept the adoptor proceedings a secret from his wife, however, intending to surprise her when he got home. So completely unprepared was Mrs. McDowell that she was out shopping last night for bed, clothing bottles and food for the youngsters.



Drew Pearson



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER