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BY BECK

## This Changing World



### THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

## Making Decisions Limited To People Who Are Free

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Only free peoples are in a position to make decisions, but wherever there are free peoples there are decisions to be made. Wherever the hand of despotism is not laid, there are decisions to be made.

We prize our freedom greatly, but with that freedom we are confronted with endless decisions. We must be willing to pay the price of deciding not only the personal course we shall take, but the course we shall take as a free people in world affairs. We should have something to say, not only about the American way of life, but something to say about how the rest of the world will conduct itself, to the end that other nations and peoples will not endanger our peace nor the peace of the other nations in future years. The United Nations is an assembly of nations in which decisions affecting all may be made by free individuals.



Rev. George H. Swift

Not all people like to make decisions. They are tortured by the responsibility it entails. We are told that nervous breakdowns have been brought on by being confronted with just ordinary everyday decisions. Such people prefer to be regimented. They want to be told what to do.

Efforts toward the attainment of world security and world peace, wherein the individual is free to develop his personality in the realm of the spiritual as well as in the material, should have our undivided encouragement and support.

### Bear Misses Sunshine

San Francisco, Nov. 12 (AP)—Mayor Elmer E. Robinson had an explanation today for the reason that the bear he lost on a wager to Chicago's mayor tried to escape from the windy city zoo and had to be shot.

"It was perfectly understandable that the bear was doing," his honor said. "He was heading back toward the California climate."

### SIPS FOR SUPPER

## Plenty of Fuel

BY DON UPJOHN

We haven't heard anything right recently about the Salem man who was supposed to have solved the secret of operating a car on water instead of on gasoline but we suppose in due course it will come to fruition. However, if it was desired to get this sort of operation in general use around here yesterday would have been a good day to inaugurate it.



Don Upjohn

There was plenty of fuel floating around for everybody. The girls at home had better begin talking to the beauty parlors. A Portland concern has been sending some decks of cards to county officials as gifts. The decks are nice ones, they have only one drawback, all of the aces have been left out. The officials are advised that when they attend their conventions in Portland this month if they will call at the office of the firm the aces will be added. "I like the decks better as they are," commented County Judge Murrain. "When I play cards I never get any of them, anyway."

Distance Lends Enchantment. Oidenburg, Germany (AP)—Pretty Sigrid Von Haessler is the envy of other German girls. She claims to have received 3,000 marriage proposals since her photograph appeared in an American magazine (True). Now women are writing to Sigrid from this country where war depleted the ranks of men. They say: "You have 3,000 wooers. You can only marry one. Now about giving me one of the other 2,997?" The letters of proposal have come from many parts of the world. But the 23-year-old beauty is exercising a woman's prerogative. She has not made up her mind. Sigrid, a former doctor's assistant, actress and dancer, was married once before. Her husband was a German naval officer. She told newsmen that two of the leading candidates were a journalist (unidentified) in Tokyo and a chap who sent his mother to convince Sigrid that he was the man.

Normalcy. Madison, Wis. (AP)—About 500 men students let sheep, white mice, guinea-pigs, cats and dogs loose in a University of Wisconsin women's dormitory last night. While co-eds and alumnae stood on chairs and squealed, the men paraded around the dormitory and flung bedclothes off the beds. Campus cop Joe Hammersley pulled up in his squad car, rushed in and, with the help of other officers, herded the men. When Hammersley got back to his car he found it with the tires flat and a well greased pig reclining on the seat. It was, a chap who sent his mother to convince Sigrid that he was the man.

### Bright Smile Worth Bright Dollar

Harrisburg, Pa. (AP)—A smile was worth a bright silver dollar in Pennsylvania's state capital today.

The Harrisburg Optimist club posted members along downtown streets to give away \$1,000 to passersby wearing the biggest and broadest smiles. "The only requirement," explained Optimist President David Porter, "is a great big smile. This is one day we hope there won't be a frown in town."

Standing at strategic street corners, Optimist members handed out certificates to pedestrians with the broadest smiles. Each certificate was exchangeable for a brand new silver dollar.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## American Arms Without Friendship Won't Help Europe

By DREW PEARSON

En Route Through Midwest—At Hays, Kansas, yesterday, I relaxed from the alleged crouching position under the cabinet table to tell something about people-to-people friendship.

I hope tolerant editors will forgive me if I devote a second column to the manner in which the American people, with no prompting and little encouragement from their government, have become, in effect, their own ambassadors.

What our diplomats and our military don't seem fully to realize are the following fundamental truths about human nature: You can put all the arms in the world in Europeans' hands, but that doesn't necessarily make 'em right. You can send food and Marshall plan money to Atlantic pact nations, but they don't particularly appreciate it if it lacks the human touch.

We can keep on building A-bombs and 70 air groups and even giant airplane carriers until our pockets are empty and the American people are bled white. But this won't prevent war unless the people of Europe—especially those behind the iron curtain—are so friendly toward the American people that they oppose war.

Now in this columnist's humble opinion, the most optimistic developments in the world today are, first, the fact that certain of the iron curtain countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia—are now restless and leaning more toward the United States. And second is the fact that the American people, tired and discouraged as some of them may be, are still working at wooing friends on a people-to-people basis.

Peace Doesn't Make Headlines. Wars and revolutions make headlines, but man's groping efforts toward peace don't. Sometimes they don't even make the inside pages of the big newspapers. Nevertheless when the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Charleston, W.Va., adopts a plan to bring 20 European young men to West Virginia for one year of employment and study, it's news—important news.

It's also news when the national headquarters of the Junior Chamber writes the state department proposing that it finance the trip of 100 young Russians to study in the United States. This is news first because it takes considerable courage to make such a proposal. It might be misinterpreted as pro-communist by some people. But the young businessmen who later will be helping to run this country have enough confidence in their country to know that once you get a group of young Russians over here—even though communists—they're pretty sure to understand the American people and like them. And if you could get enough young Russians here on regular visits, it would eventually make a real dent in the iron curtain.

The state department, replying to the junior chamber, as usual was evasive. But meanwhile the junior chamber of commerce of Texas has launched a plan called "Jaycee Universal Understanding" under which, for example, Amarillo, Texas, is cooperating with Salzburg, Austria, first by correspondence, later by financing the trip of a Salzburg citizen to Amarillo where they can swap ideas with him and discuss problems firsthand.

LABOR LEADERS HELP. This urge for more contact between peoples isn't confined to little business or to educational groups. It exists also among big business and labor unions. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers has established a factory in Italy to demonstrate American mechanized methods to Italian workers. Irving Brown, of A.F. of L. representative in Brussels, has done more than many American ambassadors to give European labor leaders a true picture of American democracy. And Henry Ford, with no commercial advertising for his cars, is helping the American public to understand the United Nations by televising U.N. sessions every day.

Again, American Airlines selected 30 key newspapermen from key European countries, even including iron curtain Finland, and took them on a complete tour of the U.S.A., all expenses paid. U. S. mayors, governors, and cabinet members were delighted to cooperate.

But when it came to the state department, Stanley Woodward, a stickler for protocol, refused to let them see President Truman. Finally wiser head Michael McDermott of the state department prevailed, and the European editors did see Truman. As a result of American Air-



Drew Pearson

BY GUILD

## Wizard of Odds



### POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

## It's Love That Begins at 40; Hal Has Two Years to Go

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—With politics out of the way for another year, let us return to a quaint, old-fashioned subject that enthralled us all.

I refer to love—l'amour, l'amour, l'amour.

The news from this crowded field is pleasant indeed to those dwelling in the shady years of life. For with no government subsidies of any kind, there has been wrought a "fair deal" for the middle-aged man in the politics of love.

He has turned out to be the Romeo of our times. No longer do maidens sigh for the young man with an apple in his hand. They turn to the older gent with a hundred acres of land. But he doesn't win them with his real estate. It's his sex appeal. For it isn't life that begins at 40 for the American man. It's love—you know, l'amour, l'amour, l'amour.

The public awoke to this fact with the discovery that 57-year-old Ezio Pinza, star of "South Pacific," was affecting the weaker sex in a way no other matinee idol has since Rudolph Valentino. This grandpa still has 'em gasping with his bass-beloved "Enchanted Evening."

And it isn't just a one-man matter. The current issue of Cosmopolitan has found the same thing to be true in the movies: the real romantics—the eight top-drawing men film stars—are all over 40.

Among the standouts are Bing Crosby, 45, Gary Cooper and Clark Gable, 48, and Humphrey Bogart, the dean of panda-huggers at 50, one year older than the century he lives in.

But this recognition of the amatory leadership of the time-mellowed male didn't become official—at least not in my mind—until it was confirmed by Dorothy Dix.

I have always thought that Dorothy knew more about love than either Freud or Dr. Kinsey suspected. They had to ask people questions about it. Dorothy just knows all about affairs of the heart—from some interior radar of her own.

Well, l'other day, Mrs. Dix said yes, it was true that men over 40 are most attractive to women. She said girl bobby soxers mightn't agree, but they didn't know any more about men than they did about food. And Dorothy gave reasons.

She said the mature fellow knew more about life, had more to talk about—and understood women better than reckless youths. A bald head and a pot tummy didn't offset the intellectual charm that only years bring, in her opinion.

Dorothy summed it up: "It is because the man of 40 knows women and can play upon them as upon a harp of a thousand strings that makes him more dangerous to women at that age than any other."

Oh, boy! Oh, boy! Oh, boy!

Ladies, I'm giving you fair warning. I'm 38, getting bald, and I'm 15 pounds overweight. But in two more years I'll be a swashbuckling, fascinating devil, looking for his fair share of harp playing.

There's a good gray time a'coming for us all, boys—if our arteries last.

### DEATH RATE GOES DOWN

## Health Tests Said to Improve 'Quality and Quantity' of Life

Rochester, Minn. (AP)—Dr. Russell M. Wilder of the Mayo Foundation here says a scientific experiment in human nutrition has improved the "quality and quantity" of life in Newfoundland.

Wilder was one of nine medical scientists from Canada, England and the United States who made the study. It covered the entire population.

The experiment consisted simply of fortifying margarine with vitamin A and enriching flour with vitamins, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin, Wilder said.

Outward signs of malnutrition became less prevalent in Newfoundland in 1948 than they were in 1944, when the experiment began.

"Much of the apathy and listlessness so characteristic of the 1944 population disappeared," Wilder said.

"Infant mortality rates dropped in the first three years of the test from 102.3 per 1,000 to 81," Wilder reported.

"The bearing of these data on the significance to public health of the bread and flour enrichment program of the United States warrants emphasis."

### Russia's A-Bomb 'Cold War' Weapon

Disclosures by Andrei Y. Vishinsky before the United Nations of Soviet atomic energy progress was not only "saber rattling" but a threat to peace. But they have all the earmarks of bluff and hook propaganda to scare the world into appeasement. The previous admissions that Russia has produced an atomic bomb may be in the same category, part and parcel of Russia's "cold war" of nerves. Vishinsky stated:

"We in the Soviet Union are utilizing atomic energy but not in order to stockpile atomic bombs—although I am convinced that if, unfortunately and to our great regret, this were necessary, we should have as many of these as we should need, no more and no less. We are razing mountains; we are irrigating deserts; we are cutting through the jungle and the Tundra; we are spreading life, happiness, etc."

American atomic engineers and scientists discussed all these uses of atomic power immediately after the war, and dismissed them as impractical, limited save for very special purposes. For blowing up mountains, diverting rivers, an equal amount of TNT would usually be better than the best atomic explosion.

Howard W. Blakeslee, Associated Press science editor, summarizes the following facts concerning Russian claims:

"No atomic explosive which is smaller than our first atom bombs will explode at all. It takes as much of any kind of atom-splitting stuff as made those bombs to get any explosion. There is no way of slowing down an atomic explosion. It is either big, or none at all.

"There is no way of splitting an atom bomb, or any atomic explosive, into small parts. This is one of the real handicaps for atomic blasting for construction work.

"One atom bomb, or its equivalent in atomic explosive, cannot make more than a little dent in a mountain.

"There is the precious nature of atomic explosive which might sharply limit use for blasting. It would be like using gold instead of powder for digging ditches. It cost us \$2 billion to make the first bomb.

"In the special circumstances where an atomic explosive might be preferable, there is an added handicap of making the ground radioactive. The radioactivity would hang on for years, always presenting hazards."

American atomic scientists were convinced by Vishinsky's statement that the Russians haven't any atomic stockpile and don't know much about atomic energy—at least their UN spokesman didn't. Vishinsky admitted that he didn't know where the Soviet Union was making or using the bomb, which it refuses cooperation for global control.

If skilled Americans who have been working for many years on atomic energy and perfected a bomb four years ago, and have spent billions of dollars since its experimental development, have not yet solved the problem of its beneficial use, how could the backward Russians in 3 years accomplish it? The day of miracles is past—except for Soviet propaganda.

### The Philippine Election

The election of Elpidio Quirino as president of the Philippines, who defeated Jose Laurel, leftist and former Japanese puppet ruler during the war, means the continuation of the present Philippine-American tie-up in the economic and military fields as stipulated in the Bell act and war damage acts of 1946 and in the military agreements of 1947.

Laurel, who is an able and experienced executive, is avowedly anti-American because of racial discrimination he received here as a law student and his imprisonment by the American army in Japan. He holds that the Philippines destiny is to return to Asia and stop looking westward, and would in all likelihood, make a tie-up with communist China—and probably Soviet Russia.

During his campaign Laurel claimed that he accepted the puppet presidency under the Japanese to save his people from further brutality and torture, from patriotic motives, and his heavy vote from Japanese hating Filipinos indicates many believed him. Since his release from prison and repatriation after the war, he has conducted a systematic campaign against giving Americans equal rights with Filipinos in the exploitation and development of natural resources and submitted a plebiscite on the question in 1947. He has attacked American political and economic policies in the island and opposed the military bases agreement as making the Philippines an American puppet, in his "destiny call" to the Filipinos.

Quirino, who became president through the death of President Roxas, is not as colorful or able a man as Laurel, but sound on the western democracy platform and will aim to realize the safety and security of the Philippine nation by continuing American ties. Moreover, Senator Fernando Lopez of Iloilo who has been elected as vice president, will be a tower of strength to the administration. He is a lawyer of renown as well as an experienced executive in the field of high finance and business. His integrity of character and identification with the masses is the base of his popularity.

### Strange Bedtime Hours

Sheffield, England, Nov. 12 (AP)—Life for 61-year-old Robert Crabtree is just one round of hard work.

He told a bankruptcy court he worked at night at a mine and by day selling fruits and vegetables in order to earn a living and pay his creditors.

"When do you sleep?" the court asked.

"I have one hour in bed in the morning," he answered, "three hours in the afternoon and all day on Sundays."

### Women Are Smarter (He Says)

Pullman, Wash. (AP)—Harry Chambers, registrar at Washington State college, has come up with some statistics on last year's students which indicate: women are smarter than men; spring does not cause a lapse in grades; married men make better grades than bachelors and veterans are still earning top grades.

### Choice Meal of Rattlesnake Meat

Tucuman, N. M. (AP)—Mrs. Jack Latham was startled as she began dressing a chicken—there, poking out of its gullet, was a rattlesnake's tail.

Her husband split the fowl open. Just as they suspected, it had swallowed a 13-inch rattler, head first.

The Lathams and their four guests ate pork.