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An Appeal to a Portland Couple

Issuing of a permit to build a large apartment in the heart of the proposed capitol zone may have been the act that will save the two-block wide area for state buildings.

Last November the capitol planning commission suggested that the zone reserved for future state buildings, based on the capitol itself, be extended north from the present boundaries to D street. Since there was no apparent rush to get details of the plan exact, the shaping of the extended zone was left to the natural course of events.

However, a Portland couple, seeking a location for an apartment house, had selected a lot on North Summer street, which would be in the middle of the overall capitol zone, suggested late last year. Since zoning in that area had not been shaped yet to the capitol commission's suggestions, the Portland couple asked for a building permit for the seven-story structure. The request to build was granted since it was legal. The apartment had been planned six months ago.

What had been left to normal events, happened then almost overnight.

The capitol planning commission agreed in a telephone poll to recommend that the state purchase the four blocks immediately north of Center street to secure the capitol zone. The proposed apartment house would be in that four-block area.

Then the city planning and zoning commission took the ball from there and agreed to recommend to the Salem council that a protective zone be established around those four blocks. Although this action would not affect the apartment house permit, it would indicate the city's intentions. This protective zoning would be based on the assumption that next year's legislature would buy the four designated blocks. Property owners would then know what the status of the property would be, instead of being faced with uncertainty. Meanwhile, no new structures, other than residences, could be built in the four blocks.

If the Portland couple can be persuaded to accept an amount equal to the cost of the lot for the proposed apartment house, then the state would be saved the \$300,000 it will take to build the proposed apartment. The Portlanders could then locate their apartment on another lot, possibly in the "fringe" area around the proposed capitol zone, where such structures are encouraged.

If the city council acts Monday night to put a protective zoning cloak over that four-block section, then the city can appeal to the generosity and state pride of the Portland couple to build the apartment in a location outside the proposed capitol zone. Promises have been made by individuals to cover the cost of the lot involved on North Summer street.

Alice in Wonderland Theories

Harry S. Truman in his "state of the nation" and "economic" messages to congress seems to qualify as an "Alice in Wonderland" character promising the earth and the fullness thereof and part of the moon along with it. As an economic seer in his first message he pulled aside the curtains on the year 2000, 50 years hence, when he said we can have a trillion dollar economy. In the second message he modestly lowered his sights into the future to a 5 years and a \$800 billion worth of production for a year apparently to be attained on deficit budgets.

Huey Long used the slogan of "Every Man a King," and a surprisingly large number of people fell for it. It was to be accompanied by confiscating the property of the rich and dividing it among everybody as bolsheviks did in Russia. In the division of course, the people got nothing except compulsory serfdom and lost what little freedom they had to a new group of rulers who live in a luxury surpassing the old aristocracy.

Mr. Truman only promises an income for every worker of \$5000 a year based on increasing national production of \$300 billion this year and increasing annually. He failed to state where this increased production is to be marketed. Now the surplus is being paid by the heaviest taxation in history to recompense producers for loss of profits at taxpayers' expense. Much of the present surplus is absorbed by relief exports to other nations, also paid by the taxpayers. At present we give away surplus production, which is paid for out of the treasury.

Increasing the wages to \$5000 a year, will only stimulate inflation, for the increased cost of living will more than absorb the increased income, as it has in the past, which is one reason the treasury is \$257 billion in the red.

The president's targets sound well and no one will quarrel with them, but they aim at the impossible, having your cake and eating it too. And on top of this, Mr. Truman advocates vastly increased expenditures to promote the "welfare state" along the British path to bankruptcy, by overthrowing the free enterprise system and substituting statism, with its police regulation from cradle to the grave and destruction of freedom and liberty.

The president does not seem to realize that his fantastic commitments for spending unimaginable billions and the crashing weight of the national debt, upon our economic system, constitute the greatest problem of the times and the only solution is putting our house in order and living within our income, not socialistic "planning" which can only end in disaster, devaluation and repudiation.

Man Runs Over a Car

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 7 (AP)—A pedestrian has turned the tables on an automobile. A man ran over a car!

A shiny yellow convertible pulled up for a stop light with a middle-aged woman at the wheel. The trouble came when the woman drove across the pedestrian cross-walk stripes.

"Why don't you back up where you're supposed to be?" asked an angry man in work clothes and heavy shoes yesterday.

"Why don't you mind your own business?" retorted the woman.

Whereupon the man stepped onto the running-board, up on the fender, onto the hood and down the other side. Dents left by his heavy shoes were visible on the shiny hood.

The woman only stared with open mouth as the man walked away.

BY BECK

Action vs. Words



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Genuine Love and Worship Inseparable From Sacrifice

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

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I don't know what we would do without a calendar. I suppose, like so many other things that are distributed free, the calendar is not appreciated unless we mislay it. It is certainly true that business, social, and domestic life as we know them would all be chaos without the guide to planned living which a calendar affords.

Church calendars are as important to a well-ordered religious program as secular calendars are to the daily round of business and social living. The church calendar shows us that January 6th is the Feast of Epiphany, and that we are now in the season of Epiphany for several weeks.

The Epiphany is the celebration of the coming of the first Gentiles to view the Christ Child.

These Gentiles were the three Chaldean Kings, or Wise Men, who were led by the star. The Jews, who were the shepherds, were the angels to the manger.

The coming of both the Jews and the Gentiles symbolized the universal character of our Lord's mission to the world.

It is interesting to note that the Jews who were expecting a Messiah, for the most part have rejected the Christ as such, while the Gentiles have turned to Christ by the hundreds of millions.

It is also significant to note that there is no record of the shepherds bringing gifts or making any outward visible sacrifice, while the Gentile Kings on only braved the perils of a long and difficult journey, but brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The things we receive, for which we make no sacrifice nor render some service, are not often appreciated.

The family, the members of which make no sacrifices for one another or for the good of the family, is in constant danger of disintegration. Every church has its nebulous fringe, who make no sacrifice toward the support of their church, and therefore never become integrated into the life of the church.

The Wise Men, whose visit to the Christ Child we commemorate on the Feast of the Epiphany, left us a great lesson: viz., love and worship, if they are genuine and lasting, are inseparable from sacrifice in one form or another.

It's Not as Cold as Hell

Hell, Norway, Jan. 7 (AP)—The temperature dropped to 40 degrees below zero in Hell yesterday.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

How to Become Famous in the Next 50 Years

By HAL BOYLE

New York, (AP)—The air has been full of lists of the ten most influential figures of the last 50 years.

This is all water over the dam. What every ambitious American boy or girl today wants to know is: "What can I do to become one of the most influential persons of the next 50 years?"

Well, that one is easy. It is no trick at all to name some of the feats that—if you can do them—will make you one of the best-remembered leaders of the last half of the 20th century. How to do them is the big thing.

Starting a third world war would be the simplest way, but who wants to be remembered for that? Making a mint of money and giving a billion dollars to philanthropic causes—as the Rockefeller family has done—is a fine method, too. But it is unlikely that anybody will ever make a billion dollars any more.

So neither by the warrior's trade nor the businessman's largesse is it likely that you will make a great impact on your fellowman during the rest of this century. The big fields of the future are politics, science, literature, religion—and motherhood.

And here are ten ways to make a name for yourself that will ring in the mind of mankind for a long, long time:

1. Unify the world under a single government by peaceful means—not by conquest.

2. Solve the national debt. Even Einstein hasn't done that.

3. Invent a robot that—when you put a quarter in the slot—will figure out your income tax and give you back fifteen cents in change.

4. Write a book with a belly laugh so big it'll give folks a chuckle the rest of their lifetime.

5. Discover a single drug that will cure cancer, ulcers, constipation, hangovers, the common cold and ordinary impoliteness—the six big diseases of civilization.

6. Either found a new religion or dramatize an old religion that will take people's minds off themselves.

7. Invent a plastic folding auto that will solve the parking problem, a car that will go 100 miles on a thimble of fuel. You might as well make the fuel and thimble out of plastic too—everything else is.

8. Develop an essential product that can be made out of silk but can't be made out of nylon—maybe a silk beer mug. No one can be at ease in a world where the silkworm has an inferiority complex. We all have to feel useful to be happy.

9. Discover a gravity eradicator. This will rid man of the burden of carrying his own weight around, end the present apoplexy over traffic jams, and free barbers of varicose veins.

And the tenth avenue to fame? I was going to suggest the invention of a cream that would make everyone really beautiful—not only in his own but in all eyes.

"That would be dreadful," objected my wife, Frances. "Everybody would be bored to death if they couldn't see and appreciate the faults in each other."

She said there should be a place on the list for mothers. A mother who figured out a formula for raising a son to be a perfect husband for any woman ought to go down in history," she said.

"But if all wives had perfect husbands, wouldn't they be bored to death?" I asked.

"Not in the next 40 years," said Frances.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Taft Predicts GOP Will Not Recapture Senate in 1950

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—For republican ears only, Senator Taft gloomily predicted that the GOP will not recapture congress this November, and as a result the issue of the "social state" won't be decided until the 1952 presidential election.

Talking shop with GOP senators behind closed doors, Taft solemnly added that he himself didn't care to come back to the senate "if the republican membership is decreased."

Taft took the floor after colleagues hailed his re-election as the most important to the republican cause. New Hampshire's tart-tongued Senator Charles Tobey almost turned the meeting into a Taft rally with an emotional speech.

"The most important thing to the senate and the country is to re-elected a man who has had guts to vote how he stood," rang out Tobey, who disagrees with Taft as often as any republican in the senate.

Tobey even offered to "talk to some of the people of Ohio—some of the humble people."

"All the people of Ohio are humble," chirped Taft's junior colleague from Ohio, "handsome John" Bricker.

Taft then stood up and told applauding senators: "I don't want to come back if the republican membership is decreased. I want to see all of you come back who are here now—and a few more. I don't expect the republicans to get a majority in November, but the important thing is to win some gains. The whole issue of the social state won't be settled anyhow until 1952."

Main issue of the GOP senatorial meeting was whether to draft a statement of GOP "aims and purposes" for the 1950 campaign. Opinion on this was by no means unanimous. Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., astute Massachusetts blue blood, spoke for the majority when he reluctantly agreed to a statement of GOP aims. Normally he would be against such a statement at this time, he said, since both parties set down their aims in the 1948 platforms.

"But in view of all the publicity," Lodge argued, "if we don't restate our aims, it might look as if we didn't want to."

Lodge also pointed out that contributions had stopped flowing into the GOP campaign chest and suggested that a statement of aims might increase the flow.

But Colorado's Senator Eugene Millikin shook his bald and shiny head.

"If you have a statement of aims to please not the little contributors, but the big contributors," he warned, "it would take us back not to the oxcart but to the antediluvian age."

Maine's Senator Owen Brewster broke in tauntingly that he had heard Lodge remark on a television program that he was in sympathy with only 80 per cent of the republican platform anyhow.

Sen. George Aiken of Vermont then jumped up and announced he favored 90 per cent of the republican platform—"probably more."

"What part of the 1948 platform do you want to change?" Aiken demanded.

But his question was never answered. In the end, the conference agreed to appoint a committee to help draft a new GOP statement. This brought two senators to their feet to announce they would refuse to serve on the committee. They were Senators Wayne Morse of Oregon and Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa, who said they preferred to run on their own records.

It was clear that the 1950 campaign was on.

Note—There was one new voice at the GOP senators' conference. He was newly appointed Senator Harry Darby of Kansas, who recited a short statement that he would try to measure up to the standards set by his fellow senators.

"You'll have to do better than that," boomed Senator Vandenberg merrily.

NEW A-BOMB PLAN

Inside reason why David Lilienthal postponed his resignation from December to February 15 was on Truman's personal plea that he stay on for six more weeks to prepare a new international control plan for atomic energy superseding the old Baruch plan.

The Baruch plan was conceived on the idea that Russia would not have the bomb before 1954. In other words it was based on an American atomic monopoly. Since Russia now has the bomb, the Baruch plan is outdated, and Lilienthal is framing new proposals to be submitted to the United Nations this spring.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

John L. Sullivan, former secretary of the navy, is branching into public relations. He will be the new chairman of Allied Syn-

dicate—a New York public relations firm.

There'll be no more strain on senators' voices in the remodeled senate chamber. A four-hour acoustics test by the Bureau of Standards demonstrated that senators can now whisper their speeches and still be heard.

The annual income-tax headache will be bigger this year. Uncle Sam has sent out 593,000,000 tax forms—39 different varieties.

Senate democratic leaders are strengthening their hand to put over President Truman's tax proposals. The democratic majority on the key senate finance committee is being increased from 7-6 to 8-5. This should give the administration the balance of power on taxes.

George Kennan, chief of secretary of State Acheson's planning department, has been making a special study of the fall of the world's great dynasties, going all the way back to the collapse of the Byzantine empire. He is trying to forecast what will happen when Stalin's dictatorship collapses.

Then Bradford began his commentary on "Samson and Delilah."

"The story is not hard to follow," he said. "It's merely the tale of a big strong boy called Samson who needed a haircut, and a sweet girl known as Delilah, who knew her way around with a pair of clippers. Incidentally, she is the only lady barber mentioned in all operative literatures."

He was off to a good start and before the half-hour program had ended the radio station had answered more than a dozen complimentary calls from listeners who had never appreciated opera before.

Last year Bradford received a reprimand from a listener in

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.

White Collar Zoo



Sneaking home early

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Far Eastern Debacle Won't Be Settled by U. S. in Formosa

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

President Truman's blunt declaration of American intention to keep hands off the controversial island of Formosa strikes us as calculated to prevent any other zealous individuals from rocking the international boat in Asiatic waters.

It is flat notice to the world that "the United States has no predatory designs on Formosa or on any other Chinese territory."

In short, America has no imperialist ambitions. The president's statement also will tend to counter-balance Britain's speedy recognition of the Chinese communist regime before Washington is ready to act on that matter. It will make clear that there is no connection between Formosa and American non-recognition.

There are of course those who place a high military value on the great island of Formosa. However, the Washington administration obviously doesn't believe the strategic worth is sufficient to warrant the United States getting involved militarily.

American military intervention in Formosa could produce conflict between Russia and the United States.

Did you ever stop to think what that would mean? It would mean that America would have to operate from sea and air, far from home, against an enemy strongly entrenched on the Asiatic continent. What a prospect!

Anyway, quite apart from the difficulties of the position, America doesn't want war. There are other ways of settling world affairs.

One way is to continue encouragement of nationalism. President Truman's announcement is, I take it, calculated to reaffirm America's stand against imperialism and for national sovereignty.

This whole, vast Asiatic political problem revolves about the question of nationalism. The Russian brand of communism is internationalism under which all nations would place their sovereignty in the hands of Moscow. Marshal Tito's break with Russia was over that very point—his refusal to surrender Yugoslavia's sovereignty.

The many countries of Asia which now are emerging into political consciousness are nationalistic. Complete self-determination and absolute sovereignty are their aims. The more nationalism there is in Asia, the greater the barrier against the advance of communism. Therefore democracy's cue is to boost nationalism.

In the eyes of many observers the problem of the Far East is much broader than Formosa. This war of ideologies—this armageddon which is boiling up among the many nations of the populous Orient—will be settled on basic principles.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, and one Formosa isn't likely to settle the Asiatic conflict. Whatever military value Formosa may have must be gauged by its relation to the whole issue. Thus we hear from President Truman:

"The United States has no desire to obtain special rights or privileges or to establish military bases on Formosa at this time."

Whether anything will happen to change that estimate remains to be seen.

How Bad the Smog Is in L.A.

San Francisco, Jan. 7 (AP)—The smog in Los Angeles is so bad a doctor from that city said:

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70 Years of Married Life

Bremerton, Jan. 7 (AP)—A young-in-heart couple about to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary had this advice today for newlyweds:

"Stay at home and save your money."

The spokesman was Mrs. Frank Houde, of Tracyton. Her husband—as most husbands do—remained in the background and let "mother" do her talking.

The Houdes will not reach their anniversary until next Tuesday, but will hold a family celebration tomorrow so that five daughters, 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren all may attend.

Houde, a retired carpenter, is 77. His wife is 88. They were married in Hawick, Minn.

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