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"Worlds in Collision"

In the January Harpers magazine appears an article that has attracted nationwide comment entitled, "The Day the Sun Stood Still," by Eric Larrabee, one of Harper's editors. It sets forth a preview of the remarkable theory of Dr. Immanuel Velikovsky, which will be set forth at length in his forthcoming book called "Worlds in Collision," to be published by Macmillan.

The article explains the Old Testament account of Joshua and the battle of the Jewish tribes at Beth-Horan:

"And he said in the sight of Israel, Sun stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still and the moon stayed until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven and hastened not to go down about a whole day."

The article states that there are traditions all over the world among the aborigines of America as well as in folk lore of Asia and Europe of a great catastrophe, in which the sun did once stand still, which refers to a disturbance in earth's orderly rotation. The author continues:

"It is conceivable that a large celestial body approaching the earth could exert an attraction sufficiently powerful to slow down its turning and make the sun appear to stop in the sky. The heads of comets are assumed to be composed of clusters of meteorites. If a comet were to come close to the earth, it would be accompanied by meteors, falling in a torrent. The Old Testament, two verses above the description in the Book of Joshua of the sun standing still, contains the following passage: 'As they fled from before Israel... the Lord cast down great stones upon them in Azekah, and they died...'"

Velikovsky will present a great mass of evidence, the result of many years' research, to show that about 1500 B.C., a comet, a new member of the solar system, did pass close to the earth, at the time of the exodus of Israelites from Egypt. Some 52 years later the same comet returned. At both of these meetings with the comet, "according to the memory of mankind, the earth refused to play the chronometer by undisturbed rotation on its axis," and that many times the earth has undergone vast and disastrous cataclysms in which its rotation was interrupted. Larrabee says:

"Dr. Velikovsky brings strong evidence to bear that the comet which so terrorized the earth was in fact the planet Venus—newly born, by eruption from a larger planet. While it was still a comet, Venus wandered erratically, which is why its course was so closely watched, why the Venus Tablets of Nineveh do not seem to make sense, and why the appearance of a comet has always aroused premonitions of disaster everywhere in the world."

The years of terror lasted until the seventh century, B.C. Venus as result of encounter with another body, Mars, lost its tail and took up its present orbit and changed from a wild comet to a tame planet rotating on the serene orbit it now occupies. Larrabee continues:

"There is a hidden purpose in Dr. Velikovsky's book, a warning to the world that threatens to explode with hatred among the nations: the cosmic catastrophes may repeat themselves. 'This world will be destroyed,' reads a passage from the Visuddhi-Magga which serves as motto for his final chapter, 'also the mighty ocean will dry up; and this broad earth will be burned up. Therefore, sirs, cultivate friendliness; cultivate compassion...'"

"Bringing to this perspective all the apparatus of learning—from astronomy and physics to folklore, religion, classical literature, archaeology, geology, paleontology, biology and psychology—Dr. Velikovsky has undertaken the awesome task of making an 'inquiry in the architectonics of the world and its history' and of applying the techniques of scholarship and psycho-analysis to the entire human race."

Certainly humanity, with the aid of science, not content with nature's return to comparative cosmic peace, is doing its best to bring back the "years of terror" on earth with its atomic and hydrogen bombs and synthetically recreate on earth the hell of turmoil and destruction of cosmic power.

Changing Presidential Elections

The senate, by a vote of 64 to 27, has approved a proposed constitutional amendment for abolishing the 162-year-old electoral college system of electing the president. To become effective it still must be approved by two-thirds vote of the house and must be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

The amendment introduced by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (R., Mass.), while retaining the present system giving each state one electoral vote for each senator and representative, would divide each state's electoral vote among candidates in proportion to the popular vote. A state's entire electoral vote now goes to the leading candidate in that state.

Before the final vote, the senate adopted by voice vote changes in the amendment proposed by Senate Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas, which would require at least 40 percent of the electoral vote. If none did, the house and senate would pick the president from the two highest candidates with each member getting one vote. Numerous other amendments were rejected, including the election of president by popular vote and nomination of candidates by nation-wide primaries.

The new proposal is an improvement over the existing electoral college winner takes all system under the unit rule and a bare plurality of popular votes swings a state's entire electoral tally to the high vote candidate.

In the debate preceding the senate's final decision, Lodge claimed his proposal would revive the two-party system and open up the entire nation to intensive political campaigning. Under present circumstances, he pointed out that the candidates are inclined to concentrate their efforts in pivotal states, making only token tries in areas considered safe for their opponents.

Newlyweds Sue Best Man

Minneapolis, Feb. 2 (AP)—Bride and bridegroom sued their best man and his mother for injuries received in an automobile collision on the wedding night.

The suit was brought by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nelson against David Hastay, the best man, and his mother, Mrs. Leona Hastay. Hastay was driver of the car in which the newlyweds were riding when it collided with another.

The Nelsons also sued Robert L. Schroeder and his aunt, Mrs. Ida Capistran, driver and owner of the other car. Donald, 21, asked \$10,000 for shoulder injuries. Barbara, 20, asked for \$5000 for rib and head injuries.

BY H. T. WEBSTER
How to Torture Your Wife



KRISS-KROSS
This Lunch Counter Won't Sell You Doughnuts to Dunk

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

There's at least one lunch counter in Salem that doesn't allow its customers to dunk doughnuts. The place is located at 445 Court street. Go ahead, try it. Ask them for coffee and doughnuts. We guarantee you'll get a reply...

about preserving the clock, anyhow? ... The up-again, down-again Wheatland ferry goes back into use today after a long period of idleness.

Common practice about the streets these days is rapid movement of arms, legs, etc., in order to keep warm. Oh, how we envy those people who can wiggle their ears...

Roy Remington, purchasing agent for the state board of control has bought enormous quantities of anti-freeze for state vehicles recently. A few days ago, Remington showed up at the State House late. His car had frozen up...

St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 2 (AP)—For more than a year, store manager Deryck Cawthorn tramped the streets looking for a house for his family. He found one yesterday—a couple of hours before he was ordered transferred to Marshall, Minn.

Hollywood, Feb. 2 (AP)—A bunch of giggling gals behind the town's fancy candy counters know all about who's romancing who before the gossips do. But they guard their secrets like the hydrogen bomb.

The folks who sell candy say they were the first to know Clark Gable was getting serious about Lady Sylvia Stanley, and they have some pretty hot tips on other celebrated cooings, too.

The Marilyn Maxwell-Andy McIntyre merger wasn't any news to Seligman either. McIntyre dropped by months ago to ask what Marilyn's favorite candy was. They told him chocolate-covered nuts.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
Frankfurter Brought Many Men To Capitol, Most Good; Few Not

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Ever since the Acheson statement supported Alger Hiss, congressional corridors have been teeming with comment regarding the so-called Frankfurter "red-hot" and the supreme court justice who has put Hiss and Acheson plus so many other men in key spots in Washington.

This columnist has no reason to love Felix Frankfurter. Not only have his supreme court opinions been a disappointment, but twice in private supreme court discussions, Frankfurter has berated this writer, and on one occasion demanded that he be jailed for criticizing certain supreme court moves.

When Chief Justice Vinson and a majority of the court ruled against any criminal action, Frankfurter even went over their heads, through a friend, to the justice department and demanded prosecution.

However, in the spirit of fairness—which Justice Frankfurter has not always shown to others—I should like to review the whole list of so-called "red-hot" whom the supreme court justice has brought to Washington.

Most people don't remember that Frankfurter's influence began long before the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. As a Harvard law school professor, he enjoyed a unique relationship with two of the greatest supreme court justices—Oliver Wendell Holmes and Lewis D. Brandeis—in that each year he selected the brightest Harvard law graduates to be their law clerks.

In addition to this, Frankfurter was consulted by many republicans on government personnel. During the Hoover administration for instance he was solely responsible for the appointment of Joseph P. Cotton as undersecretary of state, who, though a Wall Street lawyer, turned out to be one of the finest of state department officials in two decades.

It was during the Hoover administration also that the famed Tom Corcoran, later brain trustee to FDR, got started in government. Corcoran had been sent to Washington by Frankfurter as Justice Holmes' law clerk, and then joined the RFC under Eugene Meyer, a republic-

can. And though some people, including Frankfurter, soured on Corcoran, his final impact on history, in this writer's opinion, will be on the plus side.

Thomas D. Thacher, able and conservative, who served as Hoover's solicitor general, was also a good friend of Frankfurter's and owed his appointment partly to the controversial gentleman from Harvard.

Stimson Was Frankfurter Man—Frankfurter was also 100 percent responsible for the appointment of one of our finest elder statesmen, Henry L. Stimson, as FDR's secretary of war. The two had served in the U.S. attorney's office in New York when they were young. Furthermore, Felix also had a finger in the pie regarding the appointment of Republican Frank Knox to be secretary of the navy, though the two were not close.

Robert Patterson, Stimson's undersecretary of war, and later secretary of war, was also a 100 percent Frankfurter appointment.

Here is a partial list of the other so-called hot-dogs some good, some bad, some indifferent, but on the whole an amazing and constructive contribution for one man to have placed in government office.

Francis Biddle—Former attorney general, former circuit court judge, solicitor general, and presiding judge of the Nazi war crimes tribunal. Biddle was former secretary of Justice Holmes and was recommended to his first government post as head of the labor board by Frankfurter.

David Lilienthal—Former head of the Tennessee valley authority, now chairman of the atomic energy commission.

Wiley Rutledge—Now deceased and a great justice of the supreme court, was never a Frankfurter protegee, but Frankfurter helped pick him for the court. After the appointment, however, they consistently disagreed on court opinions.

John J. McCloy—A very able assistant secretary of war, head of the world bank and high commissioner to Germany.

James M. Landis—Former head of the securities and exchange commission, director of civilian defense, and head of the civil aeronautics board.

Lloyd Garrison—Dean of the University of Wisconsin law school and chairman of the Hoover board.

Other Frankfurter men include Francis Bess, formerly of the justice department; Joe Raab, formerly of the housing authority; Donald Hiss, brother of Alger, now a member of the Acheson law firm; Adrian Fisher of the state department; Judge Nathan Saragold, former of the interior department; Milton Katz, an EC ambassador under Truman; and the late Roosevelt man remaining in the Truman entourage.

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White Collar Zoo



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POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER
Now They're Listing Parlors in The New York Social Register

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Chalk 1950 down as a complete failure for me. We've gone and missed it again. Missed what? Why, missed having our parlor picked as one of the ten best-dressed living rooms in Manhattan.

The selection was made by some housekeeping firm that says it manicures most of the mansions "listed in the social register"—although I thought the social register catalogued people rather than homes.

The firm said it chose the top ten living rooms from some 500 nominees. And it estimated the value of the furnishings in the lucky winners at about \$500,000—or \$50,000 a room.

There must be some error here. Could any living room actually cost \$50,000? What would they paper it with—mink?

Who were the winners? Well, 960 Fifth avenue (Mrs. John Reed Topping) placed first. The second place living room declined to give its address, but admitted it was owned by Elizabeth Arden, a lady who has notions about lotions.

Then, third, came 550 Park avenue, lived in by Mrs. Danny Kaye; fourth, 20 East 60th street, inhabited by Mrs. Deems Taylor, and fifth, 630 Park avenue, where Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart dwells. All the other prize-winning living rooms from the tony upper East Side except 25 Central Park West, a dark horse entry from the other side of town, in which Ethel Merman sings after supper. It placed eighth.

What worries me is what happens when I go home to 541 East 20th street, Apartment 8-F. That is where my living room hangs out. How can I face it? The first thing it will say is,

"Don't try to hold the news back from me. Why didn't I win?"

"What's the matter, do I need my rug lifted?" it will plead. Or—

"Tell me the truth, is my radiator showing?"

This will go on for days and days, with my living room developing more and more of an inferiority complex.

"Oh, you don't have to tell me—I know I'm hopelessly out-of-date," it will sigh. "Just mahogany and old lace—that's me. I've had my day. You should have gotten yourself a younger living room."

Then my living room will begin to brood—and blame me. "Look, big boy," it will sniff, "if you'd spend a little money on me maybe all the other parlors in town wouldn't be laughing at me."

"I'm just as good as any other living room at heart."

And it will go on: "I found out that those prize-winning living rooms had \$50,000 worth of frou-frou in them. You know what you spent on me altogether—\$884.33? No wonder I look like I don't have anything to wear."

Believe it or not, I'll then have to start borrowing from the bank to pep my old living room up.

"Enough of this mongrel Victorian scrap," it will say. "I'm going futuristic even if you have to henna my sofa."

And by the time we win a prize, well, I'll be living over the hill in the poorhouse, and East 20th street, Apartment 8-F, the neighborhood hockshop owner will be sitting in my living room awaiting to accept its medal.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN
Bomb Development Only Way To Insure Country's Security

By DeWITT MacKENZIE (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

President Truman's order to the atomic energy commission to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the "so-called hydrogen or super-bomb," was of course anticipated as a measure of defense "against any possible aggressor."

However, many folk will be shocked at being brought face to face with the necessity of going ahead and developing this new horror-weapon of untold destructive power. The question naturally had arisen in most minds whether there wasn't some way in which this might be avoided.

The answer to that, I believe, had to be "no" if the security of our country was to be insured.

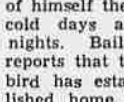
There is no indication, as I see it, that there is serious danger of another world war in the near future. It could happen, but it isn't likely.

However, this cold war in which we are engaged—this conflict of the isms—is a fight to a finish. There is small possibility of any compromise.

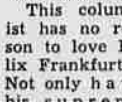
This means we must be prepared for contingencies. We can't run the chance that the other fellow may have the super-bomb before we get it developed, for that would lay us open to a possible lightning attack which might knock us out overnight. And we may be sure that the other fellow is thinking of his own security in similar terms.

It is, of course, a damnable shame that such atomic weapons of war should have to be built in this day and age. Thinking along this line, the London Daily Mail, one of Britain's most widely read newspapers, editorializes:

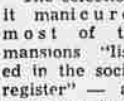
"The question is: Can we do anything about this new menace before it splits the world? Even if the United States



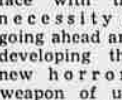
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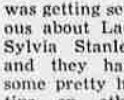
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