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## SOCIAL PROGRESS IN INDIA

That the caste system, which for centuries has been the curse of India, still persists in India after six years of independence, with its baleful influence, is the conclusion of Ernie Hill, foreign correspondent of the Chicago News, who has been making a study of conditions existing there today. There are still 70 million "untouchables" despite Prime Minister Jawahar Nehru's contention that all citizens are equal, he reports.

This is particularly true in the central areas, where superstition and ignorance thrive. The "untouchables" according to the Hindu religion, must remain at the bottom of the social level and are not allowed to become shopkeepers, farmers or house servants. These belong to other higher castes from cradle to death and social progress is stymied, as America's Point 4 technicians have discovered, to their dismay.

People of all casts, says Hill, look alike to the visiting foreigner, and it is impossible to distinguish people of one caste from another. It is not a matter of color or literacy, but every Indian can spot an untouchable on sight, and sees that he keeps his place. "His religion makes 70 million human beings untouchable and all cows sacred."

The British in training an army over protests, mixed untouchables with caste Hindus, and some rose to be top officers, but with independence, the old system is returning, and the untouchables are kept out of the ranks. The Brahmins are the officers and caste and nepotism have returned.

In addition to the social problem involved, the rigid caste system produces an impossible economic situation, Hill finds, as no one but the farmer class can till the soil and only the shopkeeper caste can become merchants.

Nehru's efforts to break down the caste system have failed, because they are attacks on the fundamentals of the Hindu religion, which was the reason Gandhi was assassinated by a fanatic. Hill's conclusion:

"India is still 82 per cent illiterate. The superstitions and violent prejudices stemming from Hinduism will never be conquered until a majority of the people can read, write and reason.  
"It will be slow work. Some people say 100 years. Others think that 30 or 40 years may be enough—providing India has a chance to keep after its problem that long."—G. P.

## NAVY MAN IN COMMAND

A year ago the Navy was none too happy at the prospect of a five star general in the White House, for it was assumed that he would favor the Army in those eternal interservice rivalries, as President Truman, a one time major, was assumed to have done.

In November the "worst" happened and in January the general took office. Finally he got around to reorganizing the joint chiefs of staff and what do you suppose happened? Not a general, but an admiral, Arthur Radford, as replacement to General Omar Bradley in the top spot, first time this has happened since the setup was created.

And not just another admiral, but a battler for the Navy in the feuding of the past few years. A man who went all out, who risked his official neck to fight the Army during the previous administration, whom some thought at the time should have been cashiered for insubordination.

But none have questioned Radford's ability, which goes far beyond fighting technique, and includes a broad understanding of national policy and what needs to be done to promote American security, especially in the Pacific region.

President Eisenhower has warned the joint chiefs of staff that he wants them to settle their problems and to agree finally. He wants no majority and minority reports. This is somewhat disturbing, for if these officers cannot agree their frank views ought to go to the White House where the final decision will have to be made.

It is to be hoped that substantial agreement can be reached on the big issues involving the security of the country by Radford and his fellow commanders, but if they can't the White House will have to assume the ultimate responsibility, no matter how unpleasant this may be. For the constitution makes the president the commander-in-chief.

## REDS TOUCH OFF AN H-BOMB

It now develops that we and many others were wrong in our belief that Malenkov invented his announcement about Russian possession of the H-bomb out of whole cloth in order to raise morale in Russia and frighten other countries.

Moscow now announces and our own Atomic Energy commission confirms that Russia exploded such a bomb on August 12, subsequent to Malenkov's announcement, but presumably he knew the experiment was about ready.

How far Russia is along in its bomb program the American public can only guess. Presumably it lags far behind the United States, but Russia has had the atomic bomb for a long time and supposedly has a fair stock pile of these dreaded weapons by now. Russia is also known to possess the world's largest air fleet.

Now that Moscow has penetrated well into the mysteries of the H-bomb, and will continue to do so we can only assume that a war between the two countries will see such weapons dropped on our own cities with consequences too dread to contemplate. But they must be prepared against, insofar as we can.

One hopeful angle is that as Russian capacity to strike us increases, the hold of the Soviet government on the people behind the iron curtain loosens somewhat due to rising nationalism in Germany and other conquered countries, giving the Soviet rulers something worse than American bombs to fear if they lose the dogs of war. We refer to an internal revolution which might start in the satellite states and spread across Russia itself.

This is indeed a dangerous time, whether you live in an American city or in the vast realm governed by Russia, and whether you are a citizen of a free country or ruler or slave in a totalitarian land.

## NAZI JAILED

Hamburg, Germany (AP)—Dr. Werner Naumann, former Nazi bigwig now a leader of the Nazi-type German Reich party, was jailed by West German police for a few hours last night. Naumann said it was a "mis-

understanding." He was arrested when he failed to heed a police warning not to attend a party rally. Naumann explained later the warning was received at his party headquarters but not by him personally.

## WHILE MADAME WORRIES ABOUT HEMLINES



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Suppressed Report Criticizes Medics Opposition to Drug

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Ohio's statisti-

cal John Bricker ordered it suppressed before even reading it, but a confidential report on cancer has been sent to his desk highly critical of the American Medical Association for attempting to suppress a new drug which helps to relieve cancer.

This blistering report was prepared under the direction of the late Senator Tobey as chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and was submitted to Bricker, the new chairman, by the investigator appointed by Tobey.

The report charges: 1, that "the AMA has been hasty, capricious, arbitrary and outright dishonest" in its opposition to the cancer drug, krebiozen; 2, that AMA's treasurer, Dr. J. J. Moore, "attempted to get the distribution rights" for krebiozen for two Chicago businessmen, and, after failing in this, "he embarked upon a course to ruin . . . the drug"; and 3, that "public and private funds have been thrown around like confetti at a county fair to close up and destroy clinics, hospitals, and scientific research laboratories which do not conform to the viewpoint of medical associations."

Finally the report suggests that "the machinations of Dr. J. J. Moore could well involve the AMA and others in an interstate conspiracy of alarming proportions."

These shocking charges are based upon the investigation of senate agent Benedict Fitzgerald, who was given a secret assignment by the late Senator Tobey to investigate alleged AMA hamstringing of cancer research. The probe was kept secret because Tobey feared the powerful doctors' lobby which last year was listed as the No. 2 lobbyist in Washington. The lobby spent \$309,514.93 last year to influence congress, making it second only to the electric power lobby.

**BRICKER SAYS NO**  
After Tobey's death, Bricker, who replaced him on the Interstate Commerce Committee, promptly ordered the investigation stopped. He refused to so much as see Fitzgerald, though the investigator offered to fly to Ohio at his own expense for an interview. Instead Bricker's office ordered Fitzgerald to "forget" the whole thing, and above all, not to talk to the press. If he followed these instructions, Fitzgerald was told, he would be "taken care of."

However, Fitzgerald wrote a sharp letter to Bricker, saying he was "surprised and even shocked" at the runaround. He then sent copies of both the letter and his report to every senator on the committee.

Irony is that Bricker's own senate partner, the late Bob Taft, was killed by cancer. Tobey, on his own deathbed, sent Fitzgerald to New York with some krebiozen for Taft. However, the doctors refused to use it, citing the opposition of the AMA.

Fitzgerald's report does not claim that krebiozen is a cure for cancer. It simply sets forth the results of the research so far, adding: "The heavy toll of life being taken by cancer

requires a searching investigation."

In particular, the report cites the finding of Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, vice president of the University of Illinois Medical School, who directed medical research for the Navy during World War II and discovered a chemical to make sea water drinkable and an ointment to protect the skin against extreme heat and cold. He has also made other important medical discoveries, such as enterogastrone for treating peptic ulcers. Dr. Ivy is so respected in medical circles that he was also called upon to evaluate cancer therapy for the American Cancer Society and expose quack treatments.

In the case of krebiozen, however, Dr. Ivy did not find that it was a "quack" drug. He tested it first on animals to make sure it was nontoxic. Then he tried it out on cancer patients.

"On the conclusion of his preliminary study," the Fitzgerald report states, "he issued a statement that 70 percent of the cancer patients receiving krebiozen derived benefits from the new drug ranging from relief of pain to complete healing. A 1,000-page compilation prepared by him, supplemented by laboratory records, gives case histories on 500 patients treated by 232 doctors in 150 clinics and hospitals throughout the country."

Though Dr. Ivy had once served on its board, the AMA promptly censured him and expelled him for three months from the Chicago Medical Society. Because of the controversy, he also took a leave of absence from the University of Illinois and was prevented from continuing his research there.

The Fitzgerald report points to Dr. J. J. Moore, for ten years treasurer of the AMA, as "the spearhead behind attempts to have the drug ostracized."

### FOUR SENATORS KILLED

Fitzgerald wound up his report with this appeal: "May I, with propriety, call your attention to the tragedy which has invaded the United States Senate. Four great Americans—Senator McMahon, Senator Wherry, Senator Vandenberg, and Senator Taft—were all stricken down with this dread disease. We are under a compelling moral obligation to the memory of these great public servants and to the untold millions of cancer sufferers throughout the world to carry on this investigation."

**NOTE 1**—Senator Bricker's office, when queried, stated flatly that Bricker intended to do nothing about the cancer report. Asked whether Bricker had read the report, the reply was "no."

**NOTE 2**—Many doctors disagree vigorously with the American Medical Association, feel that it has gone too far in engaging in politics.

### MAILBAG

**CORRECTION**—Although the name of Congressman William Green, Pennsylvania democrat, appeared on an official request to the Defense Department for transportation to Europe "about August 15," his office states that he had no intention of going to Europe and that Chairman Dewey Short of Missouri misunderstood when

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### 'Prophecy in Stone' Set Aug. 20 as Day of Destiny

By RELMAN MORIN  
For Hal Boyle

New York (AP)—Well, folks, today's the day.

This is Aug. 20, 1933, a date marked for destiny, according to people who believe in the "prophecy in stone." They expect an event of vast importance to take place somewhere in the world today. Exactly what, deponent saith not. But we shall see what we shall see, to coin an old phrase.

Briefly, and leaving aside the heavy mathematics, the situation is this:

Some 5,000 years ago, more or less, the grand pyramid was built in Egypt, within sight of the slow-flowing Nile. It became the tomb of a King, Cheops, and his queen. It was a mighty mausoleum, a monument to man's ego, a miraculous feat of engineering—and presumably nothing more.

But was it?  
For about a century now, scientists have been prowling around the pyramid, inside and out, taking measurements. They noted that the four sides of the base correspond to the cardinal points of the compass. And they found the aperture focused on the North Star.

Other facts emerged, things that seemed to indicate the pyramid was something more than just a pile of massive stone, honeycombed with passageways and the crypts of the king and queen.

In 1884, Charles Piazzi Smith, royal astronomer of Scotland, brought out a book called "Our Inheritance in the Grand Pyramid." The Abbot Moreux of France followed with additional calculations, based on his measurements.

They theorized that the pyramid had been built in conformity with some orthodox astronomical principles—principles well known in modern science, but presumably far beyond the knowledge of the ancient Egyptians.

From this came a still more sensational theory, namely, that the pyramid foretells the whole future of this world, the fate of nations, the wars, Armageddon, and so on to the end.

Hence, "the prophecy in stone."

I do not recommend Brother Smith's book as light summer reading out in the hammock. It is rough going.

But as I gather, the distances of the corridors, the angles of the passageways, the intersections of ground lines, and in fact the relationship between each of the various parts of the pyramid—all these things symbolize some significant event on earth, past and future.

The Crucifixion, the flight of the Israelites from Egypt, and so on, presumably are marked. So, in this theory, are coming events.

However, the batting average for the "prophecy in stone" has not been very high, so far. Some predictions never came off at all. The calculators fixed a number of dates which already have passed without any notable happenings. And they seem to have missed, entirely, that fateful day, Sept. 2, 1939, when the second World War started.

This, of course, was a considerable oversight, to say the least.

So new measurements were made, and new calculations drawn on a different basis. That produced all the decisive points of World War II—but the re-figuring was done after these events took place.

In any case, long years ago, the men who try to read the "prophecy in stone" set down

today, Aug. 20, 1933, as a day of destiny. It would be nice to know what the pyramid has in store for us.

Maybe somebody will announce the invention of 4-D. Maybe Malenkov will disband the Red army. Maybe Christian Dior will come out for no skirts at all.

Well, by midnight tonight we ought to know. Watch the papers and stick close to your radio.

## Objects to Nudist Booth at State Fair

To the Editor:

We noticed in the Capital Journal, also heard it over the radio, that the Oregon State Fair is to have a nudist booth.

It seems to us that our Oregon State Fair manager and State Fair board should not tolerate such a booth at our State Fair.

The public gets far too much such crummy stuff without a nudist booth at the fair.

If the manager and the State Fair board allow a booth of this kind, we and many of the Oregon State Fair goers will not attend.

We have plenty of worth while exhibits in our state for display. Let's have our state of Oregon put on only the best and decent.

A born and all-time Oregon resident.

ISABELLE DITTER,  
Aumsville, Ore.

## NEEDED HIS UNIFORM

San Francisco (AP)—Police Captain Leo J. Tackney, off duty and in civilian clothes, complained to the chief that an unidentified municipal bus driver became "belligerent" when he was told to move his double-parked vehicle.

Tackney said the driver thumbed his nose at him "offered abuse and further stated that he didn't give a damn for me."

"The action of the bus driver was anything but cooperative," Tackney said.

## GOT PART OF IT BACK

Los Angeles (AP)—Wesley Lee Hersperger felt sorry for three men who said a bandit stole \$180 from them.

Hersperger, 46, offered to help track down the bandit. He said they forced him to rob a gas station of \$50.

## Salem 18 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL  
August 20, 1933

Howard Maple, assistant football coach at Willamette university, who had been playing professional baseball in the midwest, had arranged to leave for Salem soon, said "Spec" Keene, head Willamette coach.

Experiments had been conducted at Brooks to determine the value of precooling celery for shipment.

Independence ferry had started running on a 24-hour, three shift schedule to handle traffic to and from the hop-yards.

Marion county had engaged space for a single booth at the state fair this year rather than the double space had by the county for the past 30 years.

Frank Davey had the distinction of being honor guest at a party at Silverton celebrating his 85th birthday.

Will Rogers and Wiley Post, who had been close together in death, were many miles apart as a sorrowing nation prepared to pay final tribute to their memories.

A combined city-county building to replace the old Marion county courthouse had been proposed at city council by Alderman John D. Minto.

Alderman David O'Hara had become mayor to Salem during the vacation absence of Mayor V. E. Kuhn.

Wednesday had been proclaimed visitor's day at new county shops on Silverton highway.

Stockholders in the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill had met to decide whether or not the mill should be liquidated and cease operation.

## MOTOR VEHICLE GAIN

Albany Democrat-Herald

Linn county has been keeping well up to the rest of the state in the number of motor vehicle registrations as given out by the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office.

The increase in registrations in the first six months of 1933 over the top figure of 1932 in Linn county was 748, making the total as of June 30 last 15,140. Meanwhile the state gained an almost even five percent, matching the increase shown here.

Lane, Marion and Benia counties showed approximately the same rate of gain.

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## OPEN FORUM

### No. Fraternal Feeling By Carpenters' Union

To the Editor:

Withdrawal from the AFL by the Carpenters' union is typical of that organization, which has never been a comfortable bedfellow for other unions, having a penchant for putting its cold feet on their shrinking backs.

It takes good care of its own members but never allows fraternalism to impinge on business. It has always demanded independence for itself, so perhaps it should have it, like the UMW, the ILWU, the railroad men, and others.

There are too many hierarchies in union organizations, and it seems that height makes those at the top dizzy so that they can no longer see the needs of the workers in the shade cast by politics and big business.

In one of the small cities in the state of Washington a few years ago the unions decided to stop paying rent and build a labor temple for the use of all the unions. They expected the carpenters to contribute work, but managed to get from others enough money to start the project.

Every carpenter refused to act on a committee, and when the time came to dig the basement the carpenters moved out and built a hall of their own a few blocks away. They are rigid union men but do not affiliate.

A. M. CHURCH,  
1400 North Summer St.

he made the request for transportation to Europe for Green.

M. R., Atlantic City, N. J.

Best answer to Governor Driscoll's supposed dependence on GOP boss Hap Farley is that at the last session of the New Jersey legislature, Driscoll forced through a badly needed jury reform bill, despite Farley's bitter opposition.

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