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Modern Art Red Inspired?

Go into many of our art museums and galleries founded to promote art and culture and you will find the fine paintings and sculptures of Americans stored away in the basement where they are hidden and the crazy quilt neurotic jigsaw puzzles of the "modern art" given the place of honor despite the fact that they defy our cultural tradition. Where came this revolution in art that is styled by its advocates "real American art," though originated abroad in decadent cultures?

That this "modern art" was part of communist propaganda to demoralize Americans by destroying their culture by substituting subversive isms is the contention of Congressman George A. Dondero of Michigan, who for 20 years has represented his district in Congress. In a speech recorded in the Congressional Record he gives names, facts and dates to prove his assertions. He says:

"The art of the isms, the weapon of the Russian Revolution, is the art which has been transplanted to America, and today, having infiltrated and saturated many of our art centers, threatens to overawe, override and overpower the fine art of our tradition and inheritance. So-called modern or contemporary art in our own beloved country contains all the isms of depravity, decadence, and destruction.

"What are these isms that are the very foundation of so-called modern art? They are the same old lot of the Russian Revolution, some with transparent disguises, and others added from time to time as new convulsions find a new designation. I call the roll of infamy without claim that my list is all-inclusive: dadaism, futurism, constructivism, suprematism, cubism, expressionism, surrealism, and abstractionism. All these isms are of foreign origin, and truly should have no place in American art. While not all are media of social or political protest, all are instruments and weapons of destruction."

How these isms destroy specifically is defined as follows: Cubism aims to destroy by designed disorder. Futurism aims to destroy by the machine myth. The futurist leader, Marinetti, said: "Man has no more significance than a stone." Dadaism aims to destroy by ridicule. Expressionism aims to destroy by aping the primitive and insane. Klee, one of its three founders, went to the insane asylums for his inspiration. Abstractionism aims to destroy by the creation of brainstorms. Surrealism aims to destroy by the denial of reason.

Dondero claims that the four leaders of the cubist group are Picasso, Braque, Leger, and Duchamp. The artists of the "isms" change their designations as often and as readily as the Communist front organizations. Picasso, who is also a dadaist, an abstractionist, or a surrealist, as unstable fancy dictates, is the hero of all the crackpots in so-called modern art, and a communist, he asserts.—G. P.

Sir Anthony Eden's Resignation

The resignation of Sir Anthony Eden as prime minister of Britain at this particular time might be said to put him in a bad light. The resignation came after failure of British-French military intervention in Egypt, for which Eden was largely responsible, and at a time of strain in British-American relations. He was severely criticized both in this country and at home.

But this judgment of him, we believe, would be unjust. Eden is not a man who would quit under fire. His record in war, diplomacy and politics justifies no such judgment. His resignation is a jolt to the Conservative party, which he well knows, and we can't see him quitting the field at such a time unless impelled by something beyond his control.

So it is only fair to assume that his resignation was, as he said, because of falling health, to a degree that endangered his ability to serve effectively in high office. He has been under terrific strain for many months. What the ultimate political effect will be remains to be seen.

Eden and Winston Churchill, his immediate predecessor as prime minister, were, in that office, alike yet different. Churchill was rugged and strong, Eden suave and strong. When Eden became prime minister President Eisenhower praised him as an "outstanding spokesman of the free world," dedicated to the cause of peace and freedom. He said Eden was "a great successor to a great prime minister."

In his earlier public life Eden was firm in diplomacy and unswayed by dictators. He stood before Mussolini in Rome and lectured him about the invasion of Ethiopia, and the Italian dictator was nettled because "the British government sent a little boy to deal with me." On a fruitless disarmament mission to Germany in the early 30s he lectured Hitler, and when that dictator, insulted by his visitor's youth, went into a harangue about his love of peace, Eden relaxed in his chair and yawned. And the Nazi newspapers called him "der Eden Knabe" (the Eden boy).

When Eden became prime minister in 1955 Mussolini and Hitler were 10 years dead, the one at the hands of his countrymen, the other by his own hand.

Protection for Husbands
A Salem octogenarian bachelor is among those honored (by mail, not female) with membership in the "Husbands Protective Association," organized at Newark, N.J., seemingly with the beneficial objective of inducing wives to be kind to husbands.

"American men," states the notice, "make the best husbands in the world—honest, dependable, hard working, good providers. They are kind, considerate and affectionate." Well, at least some of them are.

As to the women, states the notice, "Every single girl knows she's just got to get married. When the right man comes along, she goes all out to catch him. They become engaged and set the date. Then:

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Rare Transformation Noted In Nixon's Political Life

By RAY TUCKER
WASHINGTON, January 10—Richard M. Nixon will soon be known as a roaring liberal and a world humanitarian, instead of a vindictive and reactionary partisan, as his enemies label him, at the pace he is now traveling on and off Capitol Hill. Rarely has there been such a political and personal transformation in American politics.

The Vice President's friends insist that there is no ulterior motive in this metamorphosis, and that the California is not grooming himself for the 1960 Presidential nomination deliberately and consciously. They say that he is simply rising and growing into new and heavier responsibilities, as so often happens with a public figure. They maintain that qualities always latent are revealing themselves under trial.

President Eisenhower's aides deny flatly that the White House has given Nixon the center of the stage for political reasons. They describe him as neutral in the 1960 contest. They advance logical reasons for the Vice President's current good fortune.

Duties Delegated to Nixon
For one thing, the President's health forces him to delegate many important duties to the V.P., whose job would be a sinecure otherwise. Secondly, F.D.R.'s failure to confide in Harry S. Truman on public affairs, and the latter's tragic mistakes in his early days in the White House, made a deep impression during and after World War II.

Finally, Ike has found Nixon to be capable of substituting for him, and an excellent liaison man with Capitol Hill. The No. 2 man has not yet fallen down on any of the missions entrusted to him, which is more than can be said for some other aides and Cabinet members.

Save for a less intimate personal relationship, Nixon is rapidly becoming for Ike the same sort of handyman that Harry Hopkins was for F.D.R.

Sen. Knowland Commended For Early Revealing of Plans

By DAVID LAWRENCE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—Politics and the ambition of men to serve in high office sometimes lead them to surrender convictions to expediency or to report to artificial ways of seeking to gain prestige.

It is, therefore, refreshing to note the forthright way in which Senator William Knowland of California, at present Republican leader of the Senate, has announced a year ahead of time that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the senate in 1958.

This gives Mr. Knowland the opportunity to steer an independent course in the present session—to express himself in support of administration policies when he agrees with them and to dissent when he feels impelled to do so.

The post of Senate leader was never intended to be a "rubber stamp" affair. Both in the Democratic and Republican parties in the Senate during the last half century, the elected leader has reserved the right to transfer to a committee chairman or to a deputy leader the task of guiding an administration measure through the Senate when he feels conscientiously a difference of opinion.

The late Senator Barkley in 1944 differed with President Roosevelt on an important tax bill and, when a veto came, the Kentucky Senator resigned his leadership position—only to be re-elected by an almost unanimous vote of his party in the Senate in one of the most striking examples of a vote of confidence to a Senate leader that has ever been witnessed.

For a United States Senator does not cease to represent his own constituency just because he happens to be elected leader of his party. Senator Knowland, for example, must vote as he thinks the people of California want him to vote or as he himself feels he should, even though it may not seem on the surface to be popular.

But behind the announcement of Senator Knowland that he doesn't intend to run for the Senate again is no circumstance in any way related to differences he may have now or have had with the Eisenhower administration. In fact, he has supported the President's position on major policies more frequently than any of the so-called conservatives in either party. At so, if he nurtures any presidential ambitions of his own for 1960—after possibly a period in the Governor's chair in California—it would serve no useful purpose for him to be known in the political world as a dissenter from the Eisenhower policies. Whoever is nominated in 1960 for the presidency on the Republican ticket will have to run on the Eisenhower record anyway or else be in the position of offering an alternative that necessarily implies a divided Republicanism.

Mr. Knowland is one of the most conscientious men who ever entered public life. He candidly says what he thinks and is not given to wishy-washy statements of evasion so common in present-day politics. He is unquestionably a presidential timber. He has the mind of a great statesman; for he is not unwilling to risk popular disapproval again and again by expressing himself forthrightly in accordance with deep-seated convictions.

This correspondent has not discussed with Senator Knowland his recent announcement or his reasons for making it at this time.

STARTED WHERE WE FINISHED
Sherman County Journal
How one starts on the new year probably depended a lot on how he ended the old one.

DON'T TALK TOO WISELY
Somerset Maugham
At a dinner party one should eat wisely, but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely.

THEY'LL WIN IT
Edmund Burke
Depend upon it that lovers of freedom will be free.

Relief Pitcher



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Men and Women at Best Are Ever Only Friendly Enemies

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—By contrast with comments by the poor man's philosopher:

Every war in history has ended except the war between the sexes. It goes on.

Since love is always a kind of fuel, man and woman remain at the best friendly enemies in a saw-saw war in which no final victory is possible for either side.

Marriage is no ultimate peace settlement of this strange conflict. Marriage is a kind of give-and-take truce, the terms of which change from day to day. It is an endless adventure in armistice between two united but different people, whose challenge is to find so much loving satisfaction in their long private war that they escape its greatest danger—discovering they are state-mated.

Who is the aggressor in the long war between the sexes? Women never lose all their hostility toward men, according to Dr. Allison Davis, a University of Chicago psychologist.

Blaming this attitude on the fact that in America women occupy an inferior position, Dr. Davis told a Detroit sorority convention:

"Yet once they become reconciled to the feminine role, most of their hostility toward the male is dissipated, but never all of it."

Another psychologist, a fellow called Sigmund Freud, postulated the theory that feminine envy of the male begins as soon as girls realize they can never be boys, and that they bear a grudge ever afterward.

This has always seemed to me an ivory tower idea if ever there was one, a theory based on the male conceit that women, if they had a voice, would prefer to be men. It implies that man is the stronger sex and women resent men because life forces them to

lean on him—in other words, it is the resentment a slave feels in his heart toward even the kindest master.

But isn't this theory actually an example of mistaken male egotism?

The truth is—as later research has shown—that women are biologically far superior to men, and more adaptable. They can subsist on less food than men. They can save money better. They can stand weather—changes better. They can stand loneliness better, and civilization better.

They are more practical in every way. This is proved by the fact they outlive men while accomplishing two feats beyond the capacity of men—the wearing of girdles, the bearing of children.

Women envy men? It is the other way around. The hostility men bear toward women is based purely on fear—the instinctive realization that women are stronger in mind and will and have the power to change them from the carefree, boasting bums nature intended men to be.

The hostility of women toward men, on the other hand, is a recognition on her part not that she is dependent on him but that life has given her the role of being missionary to a savage. It is the hostility perfection always feels toward the imperfect.

What is the prospect of a happy ending in the war between the sexes? Practically none.

The gulf, if anything, appears to be widening. The American woman is getting stronger and more powerful in every field, from the kitchen to the Congress. Despite pension plans and a shorter work week, the American man has been unable to overcome his natural-born weaknesses and keep up with her. She still outlives him,

No Love Lost Between Eden And U.S. Secretary Dulles

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—It was almost four years ago that Sir Anthony Eden and Secretary of State Dulles began weaving a net which brought Eden's career crashing to earth, although neither knew it at the time.
It was in March 1953—Dulles had been in office less than three months—that the American government began urging the British to pull their troops out of the Suez Canal, where they had guarded the waterway 70 years.

Salem 30 Yrs. Ago

Jan. 10, 1927
Don Upjohn, Capital Journal's Sin for Supper, had written: "We have just passed through two heavy frosts—the one nature gave us the other morning and Walt Pierce's administration. Now we've got another for 40 days. (Henry L. Corbett, president of the senate, and John H. Carkin, speaker of the house on this day 30 years ago convened the 34th legislature in a session that lasted longer than 40 days.)"

Razing the huge stone walls, only remaining relics of the \$1,000,000 fire that destroyed Mt. Angel College monastery Sept. 22, 1926, was under way on this day in 1927.

E. H. Burrell 238 High St. had advertised Phico Radio "A" and "B" socket power to run any radio from your electric current. . . . absolutely no hum, no distortion. (Look to your attic—you may find there a dusty old radio battery eliminator among the joists. That and a bottle capper, also popular in 1927.)"

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The angry Nasser seized the canal July 26, 1956. This was the beginning of the big disaster for Eden. The British and French talked of attacking Egypt but this country urged them to calm down. The United States, Britain, France and some other countries which used the canal came up with a proposal that the canal should be under international control. But Nasser had already said there could be no such thing. So he said it again and rejected the plan.

The British and French were still ready to fight. Dulles came up with another plan—apparently more to stall for time than anything else.

By now the British and French wanted no more part of Dulles' ideas for settling the problem. Apparently with no thought of the consequences, they attacked Egypt.

The United States, Russia and the United Nations teamed up in condemning them and telling them to quit and go home. They did. And when they did they acknowledged to the world that Britain and France were, for all to see, second-rate powers.

'We're Regusted'
Corvallis Gazette-Times
We are disgusted with the comments of the L.A. sports writers about the Rose Bowl game. None of the Southern teams would have done any better and few of them would have done as well. They seem to forget down there just what little success they have had since the Big Ten pact was initiated. It was no disgrace to lose to a team like Iowa by two touchdowns and if we hadn't got off to those two early fumbles the game might have been entirely different.

A Blow at Tradition
New Orleans Station
If you are a hunter and haven't been shot at yet, then it could be you have hit upon the same thing researchers did on the West Coast. You could have been wearing a yellow cap.

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