

As We Live

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Attitude Affects Both Quantity And Quality of Production

How you feel about what you are doing will have a great influence not only on the quantity but also on the quality of what you do. If you are bored, for example, you will not attack the work in the same spirit as if you were interested and enthusiastic.

The person's attitude toward what he does is greatly influenced by the circumstances under which he undertakes the work. If he is forced to do something by someone else, naturally he will not feel the same way about it as he would, had he chosen to do the same thing himself. Working under force is always accompanied by a resistant, rebellious attitude and this militates against what the person accomplishes.

Because certain things must be done, whether in the home or in the business world or community, it should be obvious that those whose responsibility it is to do these things should have favorable attitudes toward them. Then the work will not only be done better but the worker will be happier while on the job than he would if his attitude were unfavorable.

Attitude More Favorable

It is a well-known psychological fact that people's attitudes are always more favorable toward things they want to do than toward things they do not want to do but which they feel, for one reason or another, they must do. Therefore, it becomes a problem of making them think they want to do these things which they must do.

How, you may ask, can this be done? The answer is by letting the person have some say or some choice in what he must do. This may mean only that he decides the sequence in which the different steps in the work will be carried out or that he decides what method he wants to use in doing it.

When a person is given some opportunity to make a choice, he at once begins to feel that he is the person who actually wanted to do the job. He realizes, of course, that he is being paid for it or the woman realizes that it is a part of the responsibility she assumed when she decided to marry. However, the person's attitude toward what he knows he must do will be greatly improved if he can feel that he is his own master and, as a result, the work he does will be better than when he feels he is little more than a slave.

LETTERS FROM READERS
"Busy" complex: "One of my

friends is always 'too busy' to do this' or that. I know she has a home and family but so do most of us. Can you explain why some people are always talking about how 'busy' they are?"—R. T.

(A) A person with a "busy complex," like your friend, may be a poor manager and, as a result, never get things done. Most "busy" people however, are suffering from feelings of inadequacy and inferiority which they try to compensate for by telling everyone how "busy" they are. This, they believe, will create the impression in the minds of their hearers that they are important people and, as a result of their importance, they are kept busy all the time.

While they are in the process of trying to convince others of their importance, they often succeed in convincing themselves that they are people of great importance.

Forgetting birthdays: "My husband is a devoted husband but he often forgets my birthday or some anniversary, then he is terribly embarrassed. Should I just ignore his forgetting?" — Mrs. U. T.

(A) I think it would be much kinder to your husband if you would tactfully remind him of your birthday or some anniversary than to ignore his embarrassment or try to convince him that his forgetting doesn't bother you. You could say, "Shall we invite your parents to celebrate my birthday with us?" or "Shall we plan a little party for our wedding anniversary?"

"Hates" His Home: "My 15-year-old son says he 'hates' his home and can't wait until he is old enough to leave. Should we ignore this?"—H. S. T.

(A) When a teenager says he "hates" his home, it usually means that there is some friction with his family. Don't ignore his "hates" but try to find out what is back of them and then correct the causes. This is essential if the family is to be happy.

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Nehru Gets Airliner After Russian Visit

New Delhi—(U.P.)—Premier Jawaharlal Nehru received a Russian-built IL14 airliner Saturday as a "reminder of the historic visit to India" of Communist Boss N. S. Khrushchev and Premier N. A. Bulganin.

He christened the two-engined plane Meghdhoot (Messenger of the Clouds).

Nehru said the plane will be a "constant reminder to us... of the friendship of the Soviet leaders and of their historic visit to India."

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Ike Campaign Team Forming For 1956

Washington — (U.P.) — The 1952 Eisenhower campaign team is forming again to line up slates of pro-Eisenhower National Convention delegates for forthcoming state primaries, reliable informants reported Saturday.

Evidence of the team's work already has shown up in New Hampshire and Wisconsin. Minnesota is reported next on the list.

One probable result of the group's work would be to keep it in the saddle at the 1956 convention if President Eisenhower should decide against seeking a second term.

However, members of the team were said to be glowing with extraordinary — if still unexplained — confidence that the President will run again despite his heart attack last Sept. 24.

It was learned there have been at least two meetings in the past month — in New York and Washington — of Eisenhower backers. They included men who led the 1952 pre-convention drive to win the GOP presidential nomination for Mr. Eisenhower.

Chief objective of this group is to get pro-Eisenhower delegates to the National Convention elected at party conventions and particularly in the state primaries while Mr. Eisenhower's intentions remain undisclosed.

Boeing Announces Jet Airliner Proposal

Seattle, Wash. — (U.P.) — Boeing Airplane company Saturday announced details of a new, larger and longer-range jet transport which will be known as the Intercontinental.

The Intercontinental will be licensed for a gross weight of 290,000 pounds — 25 tons larger than the Standard 707 — making it the largest jet transport offered by any manufacturer in the world.

Concurrent with the announcement, Boeing President William M. Allen and Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan American World Airways, revealed that Pan American has ordered 12 of the 575-miles-per-hour Intercontinental jet transports.

The new Boeing planes will be substituted for a portion of Pan American's original order under an option provision of the original contract for 707 jet Stratoliners, announced on Oct. 13.

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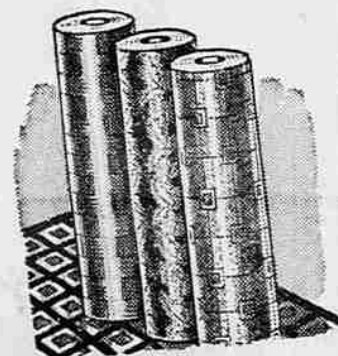
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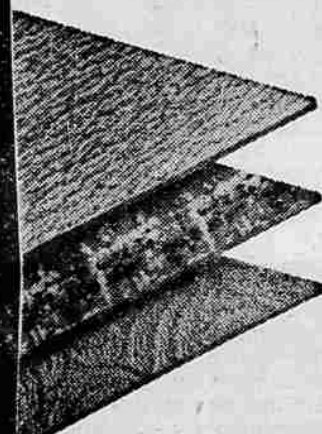
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