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What It Will Take

Drastic changes in the social and economic life of this nation—some of which are of deep significance and some of which are frightening—are occurring at an increasing rate.

We had best all be fully aware of them, for if we do not adjust to them—or take steps to see the changes go in the proper direction—we are, as a nation, going to be in deep trouble.

It has always been our belief that mankind, the social animal, has at least the potential intelligence and ability to do much to formulate his own destiny. But if this is to be—if we are to do more than drift in the tides of economic and social change—it's high time we start doing some deep thinking about where we are going, why, and what to do about it.

THIS has always been an expansionist economy, based in large part on economic freedom regulated only in the public interest. But of late years, for whatever the reason, our rate of growth has slowed and slowed again, except when given the artificial stimulation of a war, cold or hot.

One economist, Paul McCracken of the University of Michigan, points to certain danger signals, including a proportionate 50 per cent decrease in the number of patents being applied for today, and a similar decline in the initiation of new small business enterprises over the past four decades.

Mourning over the sins and shortcomings of the younger generation has always been a pastime of the older. Yet can it successfully be denied that the standards of work and initiative and courage and industriousness of the younger generation leaves something to be desired?

WE HAVE always prided ourselves on being a moral nation. Yet where is the morality in denying to nearly one-fifth of our citizens equal opportunity for success and self-fulfillment solely because of race or color?

Where is the morality of giving fame, adulation and fortune to entertainers far in excess of that we accord to the men we entrust with our very destinies?

Where is the morality of spending billions for weapons of mass annihilation, yet quibbling over a minuscule fraction of that to improve the education and opportunity of our young people?

WHERE is the morality—may, the intelligence—in spreading warren-like subdivisions, highways, acres of parking lots across our choicest agricultural land?

Where is the morality—where is the sense—in polluting our air and water, in blotting out our fairest views of nature—the nature from which we all once sprang, and which we desperately need to sustain us?

Where is the morality in allowing a major fraction of our population to live in filth and degradation, in hunger and sickness, in ignorance and poverty?

WHERE is the know-how and intelligence of which we boast when we permit 6 out of every 100 of our working force to wait in frustrating, crime-breeding idleness, for lack of work or for lack of the ability to work?

Where is the Christian humility to which so many of us pay lip-service when we cut short the lives of the poor, deformed, ugly souls who never had any real chance in life, yet allow prosperous murderers and other predators to go free, or at worst sweat out a short term in confinement?

Where, most of all, in our hearts is the feeling of brotherhood of which all great religions speak, and which the morality of the golden rule demands, and which, if truly felt, would wipe out these injustices and social stupidities overnight?

ALL, of course, is not black. The outlook is not wholly bleak and forbidding. There are rays of hope and light around.

But sometimes, on a gray day, it seems they are so few and far between that optimism flees, and only a barren pessimism for the nation and the race remains.

Mankind has learned to control—and all too often spoil—his environment. When is he going to learn to control himself, to put to work the lessons he has learned but never practiced, to set up for himself a set of working values that will allow him to fulfill his potential?

IT IS going to take more than this type of mourning and wailing to do the job. But a certain amount of mourning and wailing may be necessary to wake up the slumbering, latent powers of the human mind and spirit to do the job.

Much has been done, over the centuries, to alleviate human misery and injustice. But much, much more remains to be done.

The task will take enlightened, inspired leadership. But more, it will take enlightened, inspired and intelligent fellowship.

Most of all, perhaps, it will take the universal realization that individual rights must be sacred, and that one of these individual rights—and a high privilege—is the imperative necessity for cooperative endeavor for the greatest good for all men.—E. A.



"Mind you, I don't say they do, but I wouldn't be surprised if the government lied to the people on occasion. Look at the things they say in campaign speeches!"

Signs Indicate Red China Attempting To Avoid Dependence on Soviet Russia

By K. C. THALER United Press International

London—(UPI)—Red China is looking beyond the Red bloc for economic supplies, apparently to free herself from dependence on Soviet Russia.

This intention has been spotlighted by the current visit to Britain of Red China's vice minister of foreign trade, Lu Hsuehchang, who is touring British industries in search of machinery, chemicals and even planes.

This is a considerable change from the days when Russia sent generous supplies to her Communist ally as well as thousands of experts to build factories and advise Peking on a variety of industrial problems.

Russian supplies have dried up in the wake of the ideological conflict between the two Communist giants and the experts have been withdrawn or have been told to go.

Coupled with bad harvests and ill-fated economic experiments in China, the Russian aid-freeze has virtually paralyzed a sizeable number of major industrial development projects, according to reliable information reaching here.

The re-orientation thus enforced on Peking's ambitious leap-forward planners also extends to all appearances to the field of external trade.

Peking swallowed its pride when it had to look to the West—Canada and Australia—for wheat supplies in the past year or two to ease the country's famine conditions.

Now that the harvest has improved, Red China's leadership is looking for industrial supplies, again outside the Red bloc, thus indicating they don't expect much help from Russia for some time to come.

But they have little to offer in exchange and are ostensibly short of foreign currency to pay for coveted supplies.

Furthermore, the range of goods which they can buy in the West is also limited, by the security embargo which prevents NATO allies from exporting strategic materials behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains.

Experts in London believe the current Chinese soundings in Britain are in themselves a telling indication that Peking does not expect Sino-Soviet relations to return to what they used to be. Nor apparently does Peking want to revert to total dependence on Russia and face the risks which such policy involves.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann (c) 1953, The Washington Post

THE CLAY REPORT The Clay Report on foreign aid deals with an immense subject in a few pages. For that reason alone it will not furnish the general public, which includes most members of Congress, with enough material for that serious reappraisal which has become so necessary.

The report mentions most of the questions which have to be asked, but what it gives are its answers, and not the facts and the reasoning by which its conclusions were reached. As a result, the ordinary reader receives little more than a bundle of declarations as to what ought and ought not to be done. He gets little help toward an enlightened debate.

There is an explanation for this. The committee, which consists of 10 eminent men, was appointed last December "to advise the President, the secretary of state, and the administrator of the Agency for International Development." Quite evidently, that is exactly what it has done, and done it, appears, with profit to the administration. The report is not really a public document meant to clarify a public discussion. It is, so to speak, an inter-office memorandum for the insiders of the administration and is no doubt highly significant and indelible to those who have taken part in the conferences which are not reported in the report.

BECAUSE it is the kind of document it is, it will, I am afraid, provoke unfortunate reactions abroad. It is peppered with criticism which, because it is anonymous and not specific, could apply to some or all of the recipients of foreign aid.

No country would be able to tell whether it is or is not being criticized. Furthermore, the report contains a sweeping criticism of all our allies, including Canada, for what they do or do not do in foreign aid.

I am sure that this was not the intention. But I do not think it is merely charitable to say that the committee was so intensely concerned with advising the administration insiders that it did not realize what its report would sound like to the vast world of the outsiders.

IF the report was to be a public document, and of course it had to be, it should not have declared only its conclusions. It should have argued them persuasively. In my view, this was entirely practicable since the main theme is sound.

Thus, it is quite true that "we are trying to do too much for too many too soon, that we are overextended in resources and undercompensated in results, and that no end of foreign aid is either in sight or in mind." It follows, rightly enough, that we should not try to give aid to the 95 countries and territories which are now receiving it, and that we should, instead, focus our aid so that it is enough to do the job in key countries. We must find a way to stop diluting and diffusing it all over the globe. Let the bridges we have to build be fewer, but let all of them cross the river.

The committee is quite right, I believe, in advising the administration to let colonial Africa depend chiefly on Europe for aid. And if I read between the lines correctly, it is asking the administration to concentrate aid for Asia, apart from the military subsidies, on India and Pakistan.

WHEN it comes to Latin America, the report shows little evidence of a serious knowledge of the actual problem of inducing the Latin peoples to emerge from their primitive past into the modern age. In fact, there is a considerable ideological confusion in that the report seems to say that the only alternative to communism is the American form of private enterprise.

That is not true. There are many forms of a mixed economy—some of them very successful in Europe—which are quite different both from Soviet communism and American capitalism.

Whether we like it or not, most Latin American countries are pointed toward one form or another of a mixed economy, and we should not give them the impression that we are incapable of understanding why they are pointing that way.

... Communications ...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

The Cathedral To the Editor: Occasionally, a great idea appears on the horizon, seemingly to emerge from the sea like a Debussy cathedral. And if it is strong enough, it will fight the tide and not sink back into the waters, but will remain there in reality, with the sun shining on it, for centuries. Its stained glass windows, its spire, tolling bells and echoing organ, may perhaps bring hope to those who thought there was no hope.

Recently, an idea came alive for a program of music therapy at Oregon State Hospital, an idea that would lead in part to the healing of the mentally ill, bringing creativity and beauty into the lives of those who might be passing into an otherwise vegetable existence. The enduring strength of this idea emerges from the fact that because there is greatness in music, and good music is great, the program itself can be built on magnanimity and human understanding. This is remarkable, because the mental patient is desperately searching to be in proximity to these elixir again for himself—evenually to reflect them, and be in harmony with positive living. More concretely, in unique facets of music there is also gentle discipline and organization.

Exhilaration is present for one working in this field to comprehend the common bond that exists when a hospital group spontaneously sings together "Rock of Ages" or "America, the Beautiful." Discerning the paths in the music of a patient having knowledge of the piano who might play the "Moonlight Sonata" or some other classic, is an experiment in depth.

Recognition by the therapist of any minute spark of creativity is a little walk with God, particularly when he watches it evolve into an integral part of the patient's life; when he sees that the ordeal for the patient of waking up in the morning to face another day is not quite "so" bad anymore, for the sun is shining through the windows again and this new individual has found identity. Then, finally, letting this sudden interest be for the individual a gracious handshake with the community—a stepping stone in his transition to a better life.

Betty Cullers, 615 Bress ave., Salem, Ore.

Liked Lecture To the Editor: We were indeed very much pleased and also intrigued, having the rare opportunity to hear Daniel W. Fry lecture and postulate on the probabilities of human life on other planets.

Mr. Fry pointed out that the Old Testament Bible mentioned 18 places where the earth had been visited by outer-space men in ancient records of the prophets. He also stated that our astronauts were only going into inner space—not outer-space as heretofore called.

Our impression of the speaker in brief is, Mr. Fry is endowed with a most vivid imagination, great ambition and boundless energy, likes traveling and enjoys the great outdoors, and is a tireless soul in probing the mysteries of the universe.

We are happy to have attended the discourse. Bert Kissinger, 322 South Riverside ave., Medford.

Tax Thoughts To the Editor: This letter has gone to the Ways and Means Committee, State Legislature, Salem, Ore.

Gentlemen: Mr. Frank Bash, president, Oregon School Boards association, and member of the board of School District 549C, has urged residents of this area to write you in regard to property tax as regards school support.

I have read many suggestions for solving this problem but find none that seem to contain the answer. In viewing this, I feel that one should consider the whole system of education from top to bottom.

While I can see little to be done to relieve the situation at the local level itself, I do think a few changes here would have a considerable effect at the higher levels, and with this in mind, may I suggest a few changes.

I would propose to stiffen the requirements for promotion below high school graduation and abolish the practice of passing pupils on "condition" below high school level, as is now practiced. This would weed out the deadwood, lighten the burden of teachers without harm to the pupil. It further would establish a better quality of students going on to college by removing those who seek higher schooling because it is the thing to do and give more opportunity to those who are desirous of such instruction and are capable of absorbing it to a useful degree.

One is only kidding themselves when they think all pupils will make use of higher learning if are capable of acquiring it and applying in later life. This is evidenced by the number of college graduates in common labor. While I expect much opposition to this thought, I still see no point in educating any and all in order to find the few.

Further thoughts on reducing the burden of property tax, that include the increasing of income tax and applying a sales tax, seem to offer little relief due to the fact property owners have incomes and would also purchase articles coming under sales tax, therefore it would be like taking out of this pocket instead of that pocket, but taking it anyway. Gentlemen, this seems in line with the thinking of the man who wished to cut his dog's tail off but resolved to cut off one inch at a time so it would not hurt the dog so much.

In summation, I feel that a great deal can be accomplished by economizing, streamlining and bringing into line the more realistic and dropping unnecessary.

C. R. Burrill, 834 1/2 Cherry st., Central Point, Ore.

Epilepsy To the Editor: Epilepsy is a disorder of the nervous system which can be treated and controlled. According to medical authorities, some misconceptions have been sanctified by law and social attitudes. Eight states deny epileptics the right to marry. Many colleges and universities and some public schools do not admit epileptics (Epileptics are usually of high intelligence, and the chances of an epileptic having a child with this disorder are only about 1 in 40).

Doctors know how to determine who has epilepsy, how to treat and control it. But they do not yet know how to cure it. It may be due to head injury, infection, tumor. It is not known what precipitates seizures, although emotional tension or over-fatigue can sometimes trigger them.

More than 6 out of 10 epileptics are subject to grand mal seizures. The person usually loses consciousness and falls, body muscles tighten, head and limbs jerk violently.

Petit mal seizures usually occur in childhood. It is a brief loss of consciousness. About one third of adult epileptics have a psychomotor seizure. During an attack, the victim behaves oddly. He may throw things or just stare, mumble or pick at his clothing. He may also become mentally disturbed.

Because no two people respond to drugs in exactly the same way, it may require several months, testing various combinations, before physicians determine the right regimen for each case.

Various organizations raise the funds to sponsor research. If you are unfamiliar with any group that approaches you, it is a good idea, as with any charitable organization you do not know, to check first with the local Chamber of Commerce or Better Business Bureau, the National Epilepsy League, 203 North Wabash ave., Chicago 1, Ill., or the United Epilepsy Association, 113 West 37th st., New York 19, N. Y.

(Name on file) Medford.

Happy Homes To the Editor: Medford citizens have an opportunity coming up that could mean a great deal to their families. Experts in the field of child guidance, steeped with information, encouragement, enthusiasm and experience, have consented to hold discussions all day Saturday at the First Methodist Church, March 30. It will be the First Southern Oregon Family Life Conference held here.

Almost everybody goes whining their life away, complaining about their lot, but not too many really do anything to help. There are a few, though, that will try anything once. The committee on Family Life Conference is working diligently to see if people will break down and come to a conference that could enhance family values and have amazing results. If even one question that was bothering you could be answered, think of the results. Less tension, less worry, more happiness, more fun as a family. Simple. Our attitudes toward life and our children can either make or break us.

We are greatly honored that our local speakers were so kind and quick to respond to our need of educated and experienced leaders. It will indeed be a treat to hear ideas from Dr. Malcolm Hammond of Ashland, Dr. Alexander Foley of Medford, Miss Shunway of Medford, the Rev. C. McDonald of Medford, Mrs. Irene Bond of Lebanon, and Mrs. Dorothy Gates of Lebanon.

We are most interested in getting young couples to attend. It will be difficult enough for them without having to pay babysitters. Will generous Medford volunteer homes for them? Will parents make it a point to be there March 30 come what may?

A thought keeps nagging me. We all know of a certain country that is delighted about the decline in the belief that a family is important. Stay away and prove them right. Don't call me and volunteer to babysit. Who wants happy, love filled homes anyway?

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO March 27, 1953 (Friday)

Jackson county Easter Seal campaign funds total \$3,630. City of Ashland wins \$25,000 damage suit in circuit court.

20 YEARS AGO March 27, 1943 (Saturday)

Mail Tribune editorial urges women to answer "urgent appeal" from U.S. Army for 100 more WAACs from Oregon. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The Older Girls with gardens report onions, which they socially shun, are coming up better than the things they like with salads."

30 YEARS AGO March 27, 1933 (Monday)

Gov. J. L. Meier studying testimony regarding Jackson county sheriff; decision not expected for week. L. A. Banks, ex-editor and orchardist, indicted for first degree murder of constable, lodged in Jackson county jail, brought here from Josephine county jail where he was lodged immediately after shooting due to "sentiment in Medford at high heat."

40 YEARS AGO March 27, 1923 (Tuesday)

Farmers without irrigation pray for rain. The Pacific highway crammed with autoists enjoying the bright sunshine and balmy air.

50 YEARS AGO March 27, 1913 (Thursday)

"Build Up Oregon" adopted as official state slogan. Third social hour of the valley socialists planned.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. For what is the Bendix Trophy awarded? 2. What is ASCAP? 3. Was Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables" a hero, or a villain? 4. Was the American Red Cross originated by Florence Nightingale, Clara Barton, or Mabel Boardman? 5. What is the capitol of Costa Rica? 6. Zenith is the opposite of n—? 7. A famous canal was opened in the Western Hemisphere in 1825; name it. 8. For what large U. S. city is "Gotham" a nickname? 9. Were there any Jews in the American Colonies in 1775? 10. What country is the largest contributor to the budget of the United Nations?

Answers: 1. Air Racing. 2. American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. 3. Hero. 4. Clara Barton. 5. San Jose. 6. Madrid. 7. Erie Canal. 8. New York City. 9. Several Thousand. 10. U.S.A.

LOSES BATTLE

Woodridge, N.J.—(UPI)—Frank Palischak, 25, of Plymouth, Pa., lost a battle with a 45-mile an hour wind Tuesday night while driving his tiny foreign car on U.S. 1. Police said the wind lifted the car off the road and turned it upside down. It skidded 20 yards on its roof, but Palischak received only minor injuries.

Contrast

In the past year, two boxers have died in the United States from ring injuries, and a third is still in a coma, with little chance of recovery.

In the past 86 days, 101 persons have died in Oregon from traffic accidents—44 of them within the last 27 days. What is the moral—if any?—E.A.