



Let The Young People Speak

Have you heard of the new owner of the valuable dog who felt he should have only the best?

The story is told that first of all an architect was called in to design the best dog house in all of the world. Automatic doors, steam heat, deep upholstery were all in the order of the day. Long and last the project was completed and then it was discovered. After the dog house was built the master discovered the dog refused to use it.

While such a story may seem humorous about a dog it would take on a decided serious note if the subject were young people.

Perhaps it should serve as some type of reminder if we wish to design a youth program, recreation hall or what ever, to call in some expert consultation. Namely, the young folk for which the thing is being designed.

Perhaps we should change our position from standing behind the young people and stand beside them. Their wisdom and judgment may come as a surprise to some.

Point Of No Return

On every trans-oceanic flight there is a mark on the flight chart called "point of no return".

It is that point in flight when fuel limitation will not allow the ship to return to land but demands that the flight continue to its destination. When mechanical difficulties threaten or other flight hazards arise the pilots must turn back toward their base before they reach this point of no return. To determine this point is simply a mathematical calibration.

It is more difficult to make such a fixation in world affairs but of no less importance. If there has ever been a need to find a pathway to world peace it is now.

When our national secretary of defense announced this week of powerful new weapons that will stand us in good stead with any would-be aggressor such re-assurance is hardly of lasting quality. Who will be naive enough to believe that an armament race will lead to peace, or that some magic weapon will make us victorious in event of another conflict. Should we not know by now the unaccountable cost in human life and suffering. Will death leave us with such shortened memories?

It is a question of how far we may travel on our present course before it is too late to turn back. No one will suggest isolationism, but seeds of aggression can never reap a harvest of peace. Peace will be obtained with peace efforts.

Surely a reasonable observation of our world chart would indicate our nearness to that "point of no return". At any cost peace is worth the price.

Some Words of Abe Lincoln (1864) To the 1950 Republicans

Recently the Republican party has, for the first time, begun to produce prolifically. Within a year the script writers for that party have produced one slogan after another, all on the general assumption that the American people will be swept into the GOP parade if that party can produce a catchy slogan.

After the "Welfare State" shibboleth boomeranged a few months back, the copy boys came up with the current bromide "Liberty Against Socialism". Back in April 1864, the first Republican President, the only liberal Republican President in history, had the following to say about "liberty" in a speech at Baltimore:

"The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty, and the American people, just now, are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not all mean the same thing. With some the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself and the product of his labor; while with others the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men, and the product of other men's labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name, liberty. And it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties, called by two dif-

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET
What to Seal in Cornerstone?
Gold Piece, Balloon, G-String

By BILLY ROSE

If anyone is going to lay a cornerstone in 1950, I would suggest he seal up the following items for the benefit of the folks in 2050.

1. A COPY of The Congressional Record. It will make dullish reading, I grant you, but it will prove that our legislators could get up on their hind legs and sound off on anything from the price of asparagus to the plight of the Zuni Indians. And if what's happening in Europe or Asia is the shape of things to come, it will undoubtedly interest our descendants to know that there once was a time when a legally elected representative could shoot off his face without being shot an hour later.

2. A \$20 GOLD PIECE. At the rate we're going, by 2050 a pound of butter may be worth more than a pound of printed money, and there's no telling how much the lucky finder may be able to buy with 20 bucks worth of the yellow stuff.



Billy Rose

3. A PAY CHECK, complete with stub showing all tax deductions. It's my hunch that it will amaze the folks of the future to realize that back in 1950 a guy did have a few bucks left after the government was through with him.

4. A COPY of the New York classified telephone directory to show how enterprising 8,000,000 people used to be when their enterprise was really free and frolicsome.

5. A G-string and a length of cord used in a lynching—two examples of what the 20th Century was capable of doing when given enough rope.

6. A PHONOGRAPH record of "Mule Train," with Frankie Laine's whip alongside it. The song won't make much sense, but I'll bet a cup of uranium it'll whistle better than the Concertos to Collectivist Agrarianism which future Shostakoviches will compose.

7. A COPY of James Thurber's "Is Sex Necessary?" to show the kinds of questions we are asking ourselves. And a copy of the Kinsey Report to show the kinds of answers we are getting.

8. A TOY BALLOON filled with hydrogen to prove that this destructive gas was once used in the public interest.

9. A PRINT by Picasso. This cultural left-over may amuse our 21st century friends, and if it doesn't it will at least teach them that there once were countries where even a

Communist could paint as he pleased.

10. A COVER of TIME magazine—the one with the picture of Mark III, the electronic computing machine developed at Harvard. Also the accompanying article suggesting, on the basis of Prof. Norbert Wiener's new science of cybernetics, that the world may eventually be ruled by this machine's offspring, since the machine's brains are getting larger and larger while man's brains are getting smaller and smaller. It will probably startle the cellar-dwellers of 2050 to learn that there was a time when people were only thinking of the machines taking over.

11. A SNAPSHOT of the immigration buildings on Ellis Island. Generations hence, people may be curious to know what the island was used for, because by then it will probably be a launching platform for robot missiles, and similar knick-knacks. Next to the snapshot, an 8-by-10 glossy of the new U. N. building on First avenue, wrapped in a copy of the song hit, "But I Can Dream, Can't I?"

12. An architect's model of a voting booth. And with it, instructions on how you can pull a lever and vote a straight ticket, or slip off any candidate you don't like and slip on the one you favor for a particular office.

I'd take it kindly if the man laying the cornerstone were to make certain that the curtain is on the model—that bit of cloth which makes it possible for one to vote without a cop peeking over his shoulder. This little curtain, I suspect, is darn near the most important piece of equipment we have in 1950, and judging from what's happening to it elsewhere in the world, it may be as rare as the dodo by the time another cybernetic century rolls around.

ferent and incompatible names—liberty and tyranny.

"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act, as the destroyer of liberty, especially as the sheep was a black one. Plainly the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of the word liberty; and precisely the same difference prevails today among us human creatures, even in the North, and all professing to love liberty."

Editor's Letter Box:

Letter to the Editor:
Dear Editor: I have been following your editorials rather closely, agreeing with some and disagreeing with others.

I shall be honest in saying that I felt for some time that your viewpoint on unionization was not complete. However, if confession is good for the soul this should be of some value to me. After some investigation on my part I fail to see any real reason why the Gates and Detroit school boards do not call for an election to determine the sentiments of the people.

If the people down at Mill City have voted for it and if we would also vote for it then nothing should stop us from having that new school. Maybe you could say something in your paper to encourage such an election in Gates and Detroit. At least as one taxpayer, I should favor such a move.—Mr. Shepherd.

LEE TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Rev. E. F. Lee will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. service at the Free Methodist church this Sunday, L. G. Gould, pastor announced.

The communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the service. The regular monthly business meeting of the W. M. S. will be held at the parsonage Tuesday, May 2. All members are urged to be present and friends are invited.

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The story of the settling of the west was told by folk songs and choral poetry. Characters included Indians, pioneers, prospectors, gamblers, tramps, Paul Bunyan and the James brothers. The pioneers were called onto the stage by an old wagon train horn and the call of "timber" brought on the loggers.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

His Punch
is His Signature

Was on the train up to Central City the other day and when the conductor came around, I asked him why their ticket punches make such odd-shaped holes in the ticket.

"Every conductor in the country has a different design for his punch," he tells me. "Some even show up a fellow's preferences. Now take mine. The hole it makes looks like a beer goblet."

Sure enough! Then he went on to say that the punch is just like the conductor's signature. Makes it easy to trace tickets ... to check up if something happens.

From where I sit, even though your ticket is punched differently from mine, it still gets you where you're going. Just like people with their opinions. You might like coffee, another person, tea—and I'll settle for a temperate glass of beer. But what does it matter, so long as we respect the right of the other to have tastes and opinions? We're all trying to go in the same direction—towards a friendlier, more pleasant world for all of us.

Joe Marsh

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