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"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

1953 -- What Will It Be?

The New Year offers a life or death challenge. It has grimly walked up and said, "What will it be? More of the same, or something worse?" It is clear that in 1953 we must dig at the roots of the weed, world unrest. All over the world human beings are choosing where and how they will dig.

The savage and jungle-like way in which we live isn't pleasing. It is time new tools of peace were put into use. We threw down the League of Nations. The World toys with the United Nations. None have played foot-tapping tunes on these strange instruments. As yet, we should not expect concerts of great beauty employing these. However, this does not mean that we should club to death those who invented such ideas. Ideas are greater weapons than atomic bombs or cannon. Ideas spring from knowledge. Knowledge can sweep the earth free of the litter of wars.

The poor and ignorant again and again are chewed up by war. Man has been dancing to this, the primitive beat of the tom-tom, too long. From the first earthly cry to the last gasp it has been the boom, boom of the jungle drum of fear. The colorful strains of the violin of the east, the startling blare of the horn of the north and the warmth of the piano of the west must be heard. Composers of great ability must write living songs which blend the tones of each. Waltz music is important to this world also.

The world has had enough of the stupid play of a nation enslaved, or enslaving another. This act is becoming very unpopular. Pus guts, like King Farouk of Egypt, are finding this out. Those who have been nurtured on the pap of blood, sweat and tears may soon discover their hides pierced by a bed of spikes. The masses insist that personal rights come before property rights.

We need those with atomic-age ideas. Science points to a bright new future. If those of science can see it, then those of education can also. Today, as never before,

educators face their greatest task. They can do their bit in keeping us enslaved by telling children that the pounding of the war drum must always be answered by a war dance of blood. We can be free if educators help the young think for themselves.

The unborn minutes of the new year must show some hint of the way in which the tones of human life can be struck so that harmony results. Men everywhere need not be bound by the past. We prefer the union that exists when a natural chord is struck. Those brave men of the new world colonies, who inspired the building of the United States, joined forces in a common goal—freedom. They secured it for their families. Are we the equal of these?

Editorial Comments

A NEW YEAR REVERIE

Suppose someone were to tell the average person: "Cheer up, great good fortune seeks you! Within the next few days, you are going to be promoted to an honorable position for life at \$100,000 a year. Joy, ease, comfort, happiness—and no longer any danger of ever losing the job!"

How they would brighten up and beam with smiles! Now if people would only take the correct road to heaven and act towards God as if they really have in Him a Heavenly Father, then they would find joy in these most joyous words of Christ our Saviour, Who counsels us: "Fear not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give you a kingdom!" That sounds attractive—a kingdom! But people don't seem to care much about such a prospect. The promise of honor, ease, comfort and happiness in this life—that would put them in good spirits, for a temporal gain—they would make heroic efforts. But our Saviour's promise of a glorious kingdom to come—well, that is another thing. They do not seem to trust Him. That is why there are long faces and more gloom; so many taking the wrong road and acting as if they had no Heavenly Father. Yes, it is a queer world, at least many of the people are queer.

You wonder what people are thinking about most of the time. About the fear of another war, perhaps, and the many other things that loom so large to human eyes. But how few there are whose thoughts are occupied with the unending joys of a land where there are neither wars nor depressions. They are children of God and heirs of Heaven, yet the unspeakably rich inheritance of Heaven leaves them cold and uninterested. Yes, it is a cruel world at worst, a queer world at best, where so many people are so strangely inconsistent.

As another example of the need of this quality in the human composite: To be a success in life, the young man, the young woman must first select their future work or profession. After making this decision, they can pursue it intelligently and consistently. A young man cannot study law for three months, then switch over to medicine, then take up engineering, then go back to the law again. Such vacillation would never get him anywhere. A young woman cannot at first enter upon a nursing career, work at it a few weeks, then begin to

study journalism, then take a vacation and again for another period take up an entirely different line of work. All of which applies also to our spiritual avocation, profession. Not the one who works at it spasmodically—off and on—but he who perseveres to the end, is going to be successful.

It comes to pass, however, that in the profession of serving God, there are also distinct types of classes. There is the good, faithful Christian, who earnestly, wholeheartedly endeavors to love God above all things, to love his neighbor as himself.

There is likewise the one who is half-and-half, or even less than that; he tries to carry water on both shoulders, to serve both God and Mammon, to work for a brief period in God's service, then go over to His enemy, then to come back again and so continue indefinitely — on again, off again.

Then there is also the one who has defaulted completely, who has failed utterly and therefore has become bankrupt miserably.

This third or last class is like the soldier who enlisted in the service of his country but, finding the going hard, he deserts and joins with the Russians. Even if he does not actually fight with the Reds, he is lending aid and comfort to them by his presence; moreover, by his failure to support his own nation, he is showing himself to be a traitor, a renegade to that nation. In the same way, to be a traitor and a renegade, a Christian does not have to join a false

religion; if he gives up the practice of his true religion, for worldly ambition, for sinful gratification, or for some other type of pleasure, then he belongs to that class. Many of that class already sleep, as St. Paul states. It is a sobering thought to remember, when the general awakening occurs, these fallen-aways, it is feared, will be among those of whom our Lord said: "They that have done evil shall rise to the resurrection of judgment." —From The Catholic Sentinel.

MEETING NOTICE

For January 1953  
Mill City Lodge No. 180, A.F. & A.M.

Mon., Jan. 5—Special 7:30 p.m.—F. C. M.; refreshment committee—E. L. Graham, Wilson Stevens.

Mon., Jan. 19—Stated 8:00 p.m.—Mill City Night; regular business; refreshment committee—T. Baughman, Ivan Smith.

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IN LINE WITH the self-regulation and self-reliance advocated for youngsters today, good advice to Mom is: "Leave them to the soapsuds." Start early to let the toddler handle bath time. See to it that soap, washcloths, and towels are at hand and keep an eye on the young bather by doing some household task in or near the bathroom. This keeps Mom handy for emergencies, and still gives the young one responsibility for her own bath.

The Debunker

BY JOHN HARVEY FURRAY PH.D.

A SHIP CANNOT BE CHRISTENED WITH CHAMPAGNE.



It is impossible to christen a ship with champagne or any other thing because a ship can't be christened. The meaning of the word "Christen" is to make a person a Christian. So only people can be christened—not ships. The British Admiralty does not use the word "Christen" when launching a ship, but instead uses the following expression: "I name thee so and so." The use of this word again illustrates how carelessness of speech can take a word far from its original and intended meaning.

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