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NEW YORK—An open letter to any child born on New Year's day:

Welcome, to the world, kid. Something new has been added— you! And we need you. The drinks are on the house today. What'll you have—milk?

You arrived with a cry; you'll leave with a sigh, years and years from now. The first thing you got was a free spank on the bottom, and you'll spend the rest of your life trying to earn a pat on the back.

It's a strange wonderland you came into, isn't it? Everything is warm and soft and cozy. But all ready you've got troubles. And big monsters in white coating at you, picking you up, setting you down, wrapping you up and unwrapping you as if you were something being exchanged at a department store.

Set up a cry, kid. Get red-faced and indignant. You'll be doing it a lot later, too. There's plenty to be indignant about.

And your eyes—they don't focus yet, do they? You can't even see what's across the room! Don't worry. The human race has been trying for 20,000 years to see beyond its own nose and only a few have the vision to.

That's right, young fellow. Drive off for a while. Rest up. You'll be awake for a long, long time. People ought to get more sleep as children now. They're living longer all the time.

Do you find it odd to be alive? You probably always will. It's such an odd, unpredictable rhythm of pain and pleasure.

Would you like to know what lies ahead? That's easy. Here's the usual formula:

First you grow up, then you start

growing down. You gum your milk first, then you get teeth, they the teeth hurt and you pull them out, and then you gum the rest of the way. The same thing with your hair. You haven't got much as yet, but you'll get more. You'll spend a small fortune on it, pampering it, cutting it, combing it. And they the ungrateful stuff will turn grey and fall off on the floor, leaving you right back where you are today.

And your bones and sinews? You can't count on them either. They'll grow and get stronger, then they'll play traitor to you, too, as weakness creeps back into them.

What can you count on to endure in your new home of flesh? Something in it is something called a mind, and it is this that will give you most joy or most hurt, become your strongest friend or an interior enemy that will destroy you. Feed it when you are young, however, and it will sustain you when you are old.

What lies ahead, kid? Well, growing pains and puppy love, sunsets and tight shoes, matrimony and the installment plan, work and play and death... the old human drama, as old as the Garden of Eden, as new as you.

Peace blankets you now, but you have come into a world where the war of the guided missile is giving away to wars of the guided missiles.

No child in history ever was born on a more hopeful morning—or faced a more terrible night. It will be your job in your day to make or break the long dreams of mankind. Good luck, kid. And a happy new year!

Sincerely,
Hal Boyle

They'll Do It Every Time



Captive Captain's Wife Tells How Husband's Service Affects Home

(Editor's Note: When the Communists exchanged prisoner of war lists with the U.S. recently, they listed the name of Capt. Harold Kaschko. Palsley, a POW, Capt. Kaschko had previously been reported as missing in action. In the following story, Mrs. Marie Kaschko, the Captain's wife, graphically tells something of the effect of Capt. Kaschko's war experiences on the Kaschko home. Mrs. Clyde Bramlette, Herald and News Palsley correspondent, aided Mrs. Kaschko with her story.)

By MRS. MARIE KASCHKO
As told to Mrs. Clyde Bramlette

I knew I would hear someday today for my little three-year-old son Micky climbed out of bed this morning and looked all over the house for his Daddy who he de-

60 Tree Farms Established

PORTLAND, Ore. — Sixty tree farms were established in the Western Pine region this year to set a new record, the Western Pine Association reported Saturday.

The farms certified by the association covered 777,780 acres, the association said, to bring the total under the program in the 11 western states to 4,500,874 acres.

California topped the region with 10 new farms covering 487,867 acres. That brings the state total to 1,186,923 acres.

Oregon added 108,973 acres in seven new farms to boost the state total to 1,145,141 acres. Washington had 15 new farms with 81,144 acres.

New tree farms ranged in size from 15 to more than 76,000 acres, the association said.

Convict Flees State Prison

SALEM, Ore. — Kenneth O. Smith, a convict, posed as a visitor and walked through the Oregon State Prison gates to freedom.

Warden Virgil O'Malley said Smith made his escape Sunday. Smith, 23, was serving a seven year sentence from Marion County for robbery and burglary since Aug. 1950.

O'Malley reported that another escapee had been caught. He is L. E. Enfield, 19, who escaped from the prison farm Saturday. Enfield was picked up near Olympia, Wash. where he had wrecked a car.

This Guy Had It Pugged Right

One local early-morning disc jockey started things off just right for the New Year.

Top record on his turntable was one dedicated to the morning — "Sick, Sober and Sorry."

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clared had been here in the night. Micky has not seen his Daddy since he was 21 months of age and must have dreamed that Hal was here. After looking several minutes for him he said "I guess Daddy left again." I just knew then that I would hear from Hal today.

I sat by my radio listening to night for his name to be called once I almost choked when I thought the announcer who was reading the list alphabetically had reached the K's but he went back and read Capt. Harold Kaschko! There it was, the name I had so longed to hear called. No, I didn't laugh and I didn't cry, I just shook as if I were suffering from palsy and I couldn't talk.

I am very very happy for this

Now, who fights wars? We chumps with boys; Harry has only Margaret to sing his joys.

It's we who pay with our taxes, too.

Then fight again to get them through.

Our own old "Gabe" in his daily news says: "Away with agenda, buy military shoes."

"Put 'em on men who are crazy for mink."

"Let them hear artillery rattle and clink."

When Harry was warned of his foolish erring he said he scented a very red herring.

Between you and me, it's plain from the sink, He and his pals were smelling a mink.

Prosperity doesn't mean a reign of greed, Let's vote, not cry, for the change we need.

Let's vote us a clean-up, take nothing less; We've had enough, vote out this mess.

Harry now said he has cleaned his slate. But you must agree it's too little, too late. Just right, tho, for '52 When he tries to hookwink me and you.

NO SYMPATHY FOR HARRY
By Gertrude Lawson

(This poem was written in answer to one entitled "In Sympathy" and signed M.F.B. which was published last April 12 in the Poets Corner—H.S.)

Sympathize with Harry, said M.F.B. I'm not very bright, but I fail to see

How loyal Americans can do any less Than to blame Mr. Harry for our awful mess.

He doesn't like war... no, not he. But goes for a bloody fight, you see?

He has "improved our country" so very much That he takes to the radio to tell us such.

He counts us dumb, says "I'm their choice," "Why should I listen to an opposing voice?"

"I can do as I please, I don't have to think," "If I let all my pals get their share of mink."

Then he sits him down to conitate. Thinks he: "War made Franklin up-to-date;" "Democrats, to keep in the win," "Must keep our dollars in a spin."

"Congress won't go for this, I know," But Franklin's way sure spread the dough.

"I'll go around them, not even ask; "No one dares take Harry to task."

Several of Harry's Corps of Honorable Men seem to have skidded, time and again:

To Harry 'twas just some innocent fun Like getting shot with an unloaded gun.

But now Dear Harry sure understands About having a White Oliphant on his hands.

So Harry howls in righteous wrath. In the ranks of graft he'll cut a swath.

The bad ones he'll kick thru the gate. But, brother, he started years too late.

And long ago it would've been best Had Harry taken the old nose test.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Hungarian consulates in New York and Cleveland have acted in compliance with the State Department order that they close up shop.

An attache here said personnel at the New York consulate was to finish moving before the Monday midnight deadline set by the State Department. Early Tuesday a newsman went to the consulate and found the building deserted, its lower floor apparently emptied of furniture.

The consulates are ordered closed after Hungary held four American armistice until the United States paid a total of \$120,000 "fines" assessed against the quarter.

Seaside Train Now Thing Of Past

PORTLAND, Ore. — The last passenger train between Portland and Seaside will run Jan. 15. The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad is dropping the service despite some protests—because of what the company calls financial loss from light patronage.

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