

Hope Seen For Man Yet; Emancipation May Be Just Around The Corner

Is Homo Americanus a bumbling, ineffectual, insecure creature? There are legions of experts who answer "yes." But there are dissenters from this popular view — and a ray of hope for man. Here is the last of a four-part series giving the opinions of professionals and ordinary males — on both sides of the question.

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NEW YORK (NEA)—If World War I was the war to liberate women, as social theorist Robert Herz holds, then World War II probably will head the chapter entitled: "The Struggle To Free Men."

Only after American armed forces came home to post-war life did sociologists begin to document how the swords had been beaten into diaper pails and the Modern American Male had been beaten into a mother-substitute, a group automaton, a jackal following the lions of industry to find some scrap of security.

But is it that bad? Is American manhood really what Dr. Nathan Ackerman finds men think of themselves: "A passive, inadequate, immature, jealous boy who brings home his fear of defeat by his competitors?"

In the bright light of statistics there is some doubt visible.

Is manhood losing its sense of self, of individuality, of independence as the forces of Group, club and personnel office take over?

"We tried that business of testing and conformity," said Henry Blackstone, president of the Servo Corporation of America, "and that's exactly what we got in return: A sameness of ideas and pretty dull ones at that. Cooperation is necessary, sure. But individuals can cooperate."

Nor does modern man seem to take his on-the-job hypnosis very kindly. The sniveling, gutless little fellow annually steals enough on the job to let business detective Norman Jaspian say:

"Over 50 per cent of the nation's financial statements and inventories are falsified. Management and labor are sacking their own companies and either selling or using what they steal."

The Organization Man, it seems, is successfully pursuing the Virile American Dream of "Everyman His Own Boss."

At home, one hears over and over, manhood has become merely a mother-substitute—whatever that means. If it means cooking, cleaning, washing and marketing, then this nation was pioneered by a bunch of emasculated men, for explorers, cowboys and farmers had to do all those chores.

And if "mother-substitute" means that men are expected to take an active part in child-care and rearing and be a cooperative mate with his wife, then listen to psychiatrist Milton Saperstein, author of "Paradoxes in Everyday Life."

"Certainly it is more agreeable to be loved than feared. And there is a satisfaction to be gained from participating intimately in family matters, from mothering as well as fathering, which is rooted in the profoundest depths of personality."

This, then, means the end of the Autocrat of the dinner table. But before you shed tears over his disappearance, listen to social anthropologist B. J. Macklin:

"Men have really been liberated from old stereotypes. They no longer have to hide their sensitivity, tenderness, humanity. We are beginning to learn what older cultures have known for years."

And from a follower of social analyst Erich Fromm: "The seeds of domination lie in dependence. The dictator or the tyrant at home dominate their subjects in order to depend upon them. In reality, these authoritarians feel quite inadequate in themselves."

With his preferred position gone and his authority questioned, The Modern American Male is envied paradoxically and relentlessly for his freedom by the Emancipat-

ed American Woman, according to an NEA Service report on the subject by writer William Longgood.

"What worries me," said a middle-aged grandfather (who is also a Columbia University professor), is not my daughter's seeking for freedom—but the kind of freedom she's seeking."

He spelled the difference as "freedom-from" vs. "freedom-to." It's easier to fight for freedom from restriction—which is where women are today. But if they ever get past simple rebellion, he said, and gain their freedom-to make choices, they will find themselves burdened with what every man knows: Responsibility.

"It's that constant knowledge of responsibility for his free choices," he said, "that can make a strong man with deep convictions look wishy-washy."

But even harried by doubts, frayed by feminine challenge, confused by imperatives, today's man is more of a hero than his wife. "In my practice," one family pathologist said, "more boys want to be like their fathers than girls want to be like their mothers."

"There is something in the American family that is not good for her sons," it is reported. That something is usually called "Mother." But one nationally-known therapist shakes her head: "Any mature, intelligent, sensitive person can rear children of either sex if he or she has to. History is full of such illustrations."

In the end, the saga of The American Male must conclude where it began: On the corner in front of the cigar store on a Saturday night. Listen to one young buck, idly flipping a quarter into the air as his ancient ancestor must have flipped an arrow-head while he pondered starting the human race:

"Man, this is a long and lonely life and hardly anybody survives it. And I've got a lot of things to figure out. Then maybe I'll get married—and maybe not. And no little girls is going to tell me different."

Auction Yard Funds Gain

RED BLUFF — Approximately \$40,000 in six per cent Red Bluff livestock auction yard debentures have been purchased by 63 livestock producers in Northern California in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 each, Donald M. Smith, chairman of the general committee for the yards stated recently.

In addition, he said, other ranchers have promised to purchase another \$10,000 worth.

Construction of the \$179,000 plant which is slated to be the most modern in California will begin September first, he stated, providing an additional \$25,000 in debentures are purchased by that date.

Specifications for leveling, packing and surfacing the grounds, yards for 2,000 cattle, pens for sheep and hogs and buildings are now being completed and should be ready for bids by September 1, he added.

Smith was informed recently by Valley Livestock Marketing Association officials that debentures will be issued to all purchasers as of August 1 and will bear interest at six per cent from that date. Subsequent purchases will bear interest as of date of purchase.

California Crop

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The State Department of Fish and Game says a census of pheasants shows a good supply of breeding birds in the Central Valley area. The department said the population of breeding hens is up five per cent this year in the Sacramento Valley, and about six per cent in the San Joaquin Valley.



"No little girl is going to tell me different."

Space Education Proves Popular With Youngsters

By MARY LOU ROWE

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Well, naturally, it took a woman to think of the nation's first program of space education for the younger set.

She is Mrs. Jo Lee, of the Buhl Planetarium, who proposed the program last April and promptly found that interest in outer space is orbiting among the 8 to 14 year olds. Some 670 youngsters from all over the country enrolled for the "Junior Space Academy's" summer course.

Mrs. Lee said this new interest may have been started by television and comic books, but the real stimulus came from the satellite launchings.

Instructors say the children take their classes seriously. They have shown an unusual amount of understanding in space travel and astronomy. Parents report that the youngsters seek additional information through outside reading.

Regular summer activities, such as camping, baseball, and swimming, have taken a backseat to space studies. One mother had arranged to send her son to camp for six weeks and even had paid the tuition. Then the boy refused to go. He didn't want to miss that much time from the academy.

Instructors reported that girls take as much interest in the course as boys. The young ladies march boldly up to the front of the classroom, but the lads stay far behind. So each day the instructors have to mix the group.

Girls also keep pace with the boys in understanding the subjects and show as much talent in highly technical and difficult classes, such as telescope making.

The program includes group discussions, projects, and lectures by experts in the fields of nuclear research and development and education. Classes include space mathematics, designed to encourage the youngsters in further study of math and to impress upon them the importance of math in space travel.

At the end of the course, the academy will hold a space congress. Children will show their parents what they learned, and scholarships for fall classes will be awarded to outstanding summer students.

There's no pulling the wool over the eyes of these future space men and women, instructors said. When the youngsters are in an astronomy class, they don't want a lecture on rockets.

One staff assistant entered his classroom and began reviewing rockets and fuel. He drew a blank stare from the students. Bewildered, he switched his discussion to rocket formulas. Still blank

Senator Has Chapter In New Book

A new anthology entitled "Among the Mormons," contains a chapter by Richard L. Neuberger, junior U.S. Senator from Oregon. The volume, which is published by Alfred A. Knopf, is edited jointly by Professor William Mulder of the University of Utah and Dr. A. Russell Mortenson, editor of the Utah Historical Quarterly. Senator Neuberger's chapter, which bears the title of "Perhaps the Mormons are Pointing the Way," appeared originally in his own earlier book on the Northwest, "Our Promised Land." It describes the workings of the Church Welfare Program, through which the Latter-Day Saints have sought to keep their people off of public charity by maintaining cooperative food plants and similar enterprises.

The chapter by Senator Neuberger emphasizes the agricultural aspects of the Church Welfare Program, which furnishes canned goods, clothing and other necessities to Mormons who may be in need.

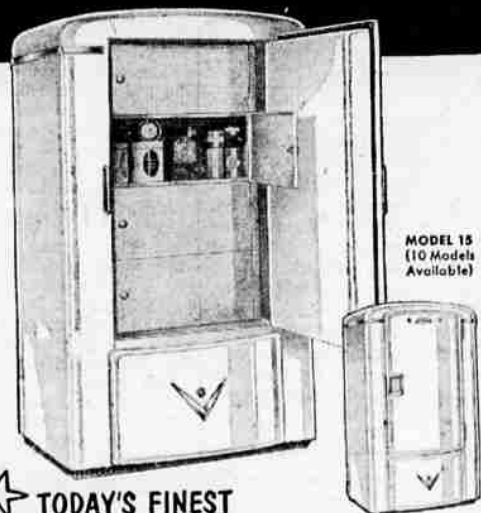
Among other contributors of chapters to "Among the Mormons" are the late Bernard DeVoto, Wallace Stegner and Dale L. Morgan.

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