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Editorial Page

Cheap Propaganda

Before us is an envelope bearing this return address:

Press Department
Embassy of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Washington, D. C.

It bears a postage meter insignie, charged out at four cents.

Inside the envelope were 14 pages of 8 1/2 x 14 size paper, typed, single-space. The material was entirely Russian propaganda (we'd hardly expect anything else). Principal features were: A chronological summary of notable major events in Soviet industry from November 1959 through October 1960 (month by month); Khrushchev's replies to questions put

to him by PRAVDA's editorial board (in which he takes apart the West's stand on disarmament); some comments on the gold content of the Soviet ruble, etc., etc.

Well, we don't know how we got on the mailing list of the Red propagandists, and it doesn't matter much. We get a lot of junk mail every day.

But, we would be interested in the Russian reaction to a proposal that we set up a propaganda agency in the Kremlin, and that we would be allowed to mail the stuff to any person or group in Russia, and that we could do it as expensively as the Russians do in the U.S.

That would be real interesting.

Still Two Voices

President-elect Kennedy takes office at a time when international communism is re-viving its revolutionary strategy of the turbulent 1930s.

The coming "era of revolutions and national liberation wars" is forecast in the declaration issued in Moscow by the conclave of Communist leaders from 81 countries.

The consensus of specialists who have now analyzed the bulky document is that a major East-West war is unlikely in 1961 — or in the foreseeable future.

Even the Communists, according to the Moscow declaration, now concede that an atomic war will "result in hundreds of millions of casualties" and "cause unheard of damage to whole countries." Once they professed to believe that an atomic holocaust would destroy the capitalist West but spare the Communist East.

Though war in Red double talk is no longer "inevitable," there is nevertheless little prospect of real peace during Kennedy's tenure of office. This, too, is spelled out clearly in the Red document.

The Moscow declaration, like Hitler's "Mein Kampf," is in effect the Communists' blueprint for the eventual global defeat of non-Communist nations. It is undoubtedly the most revealing strategic plan released by the Reds since Stalin's death in 1953.

Whose policies won at Moscow's Red summit conference — Khrushchev's or Mao Tse-tung's?

Since Russia and Red China are irrevocably committed to the overthrow of any state not Communist-dominated speculations of this sort may seem unrealistic. Yet the fact that there is dissension between the two Red giants is vital for the West's survival.

The Moscow declaration is clearly a compromise between Khrushchev and Mao. It is a truce while they jointly subvert the non-Communist nations, especially in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

The declaration says this clearly: "Peaceful coexistence presupposes an intensified struggle of the working class and the Com-

munist parties for the triumph of the socialist ideals."

More significant is the fact that Mao's policy of revolutionary brinkmanship was backed in Moscow by the Reds from Asia and Africa. The party representatives from Latin America — Argentina, Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Uruguay and Chile — also joined Mao's side.

Khrushchev, despite his apparent victory, had to rely mainly on the support of the West European Communists and Moscow's East European satellites.

On the question of revolutions and civil wars in the underdeveloped countries it is Mao's and not Khrushchev's line that the declaration reflects.

"The declaration firmly supports liberation movements and national liberation wars in Asia, Africa and Latin America," is the gleeful comment of Peiping's People's Daily.

According to specialists on communism, there is also nothing in the declaration to prevent Mao's continued hostility toward the United States as leader of the non-Communist camp. Even any mention of another East-West summit conference was significantly omitted.

Khrushchev loves summit meetings where he can gain concessions, however minor, and shine as the spokesman of the "oppressed peoples."

In preparation for another summit the regimented Russian press has gone to some length to describe Senator Kennedy's election as a "repudiation" of President Eisenhower's "war-mongering policies."

Mao is against summits with the "imperialists" especially where China is excluded. Thus, the Chinese press, obviously to forestall another summit, pictures Kennedy as "another loyal slave to U.S. capitalism" who, like Eisenhower, "will firmly continue a policy of aggression and war."

Though the Communists claim to have achieved "socialist unity," this much is certain: there are now two Meccas in the Red church — Peiping and Moscow — and international communism will apparently continue to speak with two voices.



GOALS FOR AMERICANS ...

Individual Development Prime Objective Of U.S.

By HENRY M. WRISTON
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One of a series of easy-to-read condensations from chapters written by eminent American authorities for book publication by Prentice-Hall with the Report from President Eisenhower's Commission on National Goals. Edited by Ray Cromley for Newspaper Enterprise Assn. (Copyright 1960, the American Assembly.)

There are many legitimate goals for the United States. The central goal should be a renewal of faith in the infinite value and the unlimited possibilities of individual development.

Endless talk of the need for capital and machinery obscures the far more vital need for brains. The most severe limitations upon expansion of the economy are deficiencies and rigidities in the skills of the work force.

Some crafts and professions pursue restrictive practices which deny many competent people access to their skills. Restrictions should fall and an effort should be made to recruit more able people, rather than exclude them.

The first way to expand prosperity and attain economic growth is through a larger reservoir of people with higher competence.

It is irresponsible to talk as though arms, munitions and money were primary in military security.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gold Question

I have been a reader of your (Frank Jenkins') column for a good many years and enjoy reading your views. However, in your column the other day with regards to the gold prices you say that we don't dare raise the price as we would only create more inflation.

You will recall F.D.R.'s act that took us off the gold standard which changed our dollars so that today on the world market our American dollar is worth only twenty-five cents.

Now, if our new president would have the guts and fortitude to come out like F.D.R. did and bring gold up to the present price of the dollar, or \$105 per ounce, put an embargo on gold mined in foreign countries and put a ceiling on prices and wages at the same time, then we could not have inflation but it would stop our outflow of gold and again we could retain our position in the world market of gold. At the same time, look at the people that this would employ almost overnight which, I might add, is badly needed right now.

I read an interesting note in the San Francisco Examiner by Henry C. Alexander, Board Chairman of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, who recommends vigorous steps to correct the deficit in American foreign payments and the outflow of gold. His solution is, and I quote, "No. 1. That the residents of the United States should be prohibited from holding gold anywhere in the world. They are barred from owning gold in

curity. The first necessity is more people of transcendent capacity and skill.

The importance of scientific and technical skills is appreciated. But they will not be enough. We need people with such sophisticated knowledge and such calm judgment that no mass excitement could trigger an unnecessary war.

Exaltation of one-man "leadership" leans in the direction of Fascism and Nazism. The urgent need is for widely distributed, not overcentralized, leadership and in many different fields. Many people must play important roles lest the democratic process be ultimately prostituted to dictatorship.

Once the individual as a physical, intellectual, moral integer is put at the center, acceptance of tyranny, tolerance of totalitarianism and readiness to exploit the ignorant and the poor have been made impossible.

The American system is built upon the thesis that conformity is not the way to progress. Without independence of mind there is no freedom for the individual. We do democracy no service in seeking to inhibit thought — free, wide ranging, hazardous.

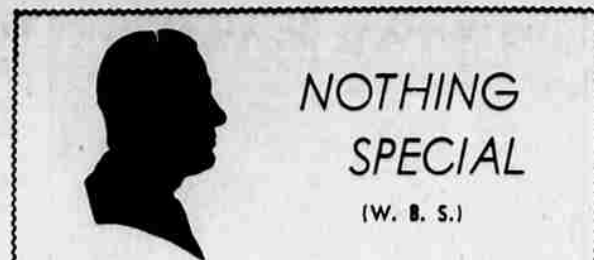
The education process should never be distorted by the nation's "need" for scientists, engineers, doctors or any other specific profession or skill. The nation needs philosophers, poets, artists, critics — and a thousand other sorts of people — in numbers which "manpower analyses" can never estimate.

For some years now, organization has seemed to mean more than individuals. The program of national defense has been so huge that stress has been on "team work." Even in science, group enterprises have seemed dominant ever since the Manhattan Project produced the atomic bomb. Industry has become huge and corporate; unions have developed in size, structure and resources. Politics has seemed to depend more on organization than upon ideas.

The United States, but some Americans deal in gold abroad." He made no mention of who these Americans were that deal in gold abroad. But, why should we as American citizens be barred from holding gold or owning gold when the rest of the people of the world have all they want. "No. 2. That the requirement of a twenty-five per cent gold reserve against the notes and deposits of Federal Reserve Banks be repealed." This leads me to believe that the Federal Reserve then could print all the money they chose to without any restrictions. This being the case, we should forget gold entirely.

Mr. Alexander says "maintaining freedom of currency exchange is essential to the defense of the dollar. Allowing a few individuals to own gold overseas is not." In other words, Mr. Alexander is of the opinion that the people of the United States will take only what the banking interests want them to have, that we Americans can do only what we are told to do and that we will have only the money that they want us to have. I do hope that our incoming parties will have the foresight not to lead us off the deep end and to give us back some of the freedoms that our country was founded on.

A. L. Vincze



NOTHING SPECIAL

(W. B. S.)

I don't know what we'd do without at least one, but it often seems at this time of year that the calendar people overdo production. There must be considerable money wasted on the things.

The World Calendar people are working hard, as usual, espousing a calendar that will give us a permanent, never-changing calendar. The world calendar would have each quarter and each year begin on a Sunday. This means that Christmas would be on Monday, always. New Year's Eve, however, would be on a World Holiday, a day which is shoved in between Saturday, Dec. 20, and Sunday, Jan. 1.

Leap Year's Day would be another world holiday, following Saturday, June 30. One good element of the world calendar would be that all holidays would fall on the same day each year. February would gain two days — 29 and 30. March loses its 31st and so would May and August. April gains a 31st day. What happens to people who have birthdays on March, May or August 31, is not quite clear. Maybe they just forget the whole thing. And maybe I should, too ...

This little bit of information got me to wondering about the origin of the calendar. As far as I know, the present one has been in existence for 10, these many years. Reference books reveal this:

Long before Caesar's time, March was the first month of the year. Its "Calends," first day of the month (whence came the word "calendar"), came supposedly at the vernal equinox, now usually March 21. But so badly did the Roman calendar fit the seasons that only two years before Caesar died, March was arriving in mid-summer.

That old calendar was based on the moon. There were 12 lunar months — Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Iunius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, December, Ianuarius, and Februarius. They added up to only 355 days. But the seasons, then as now, took 364 1/2 days.

Thus, occasionally, a 13th month had to be inserted. It followed the 23rd day of February which then was known as "terminalia." The priests of pre-Christian Rome's Pontifical College had authority to decide when the leap year occurred and they often juggled the calendar for political purposes.

Finally, in 46 B.C., Caesar took the advice of the Alexandrian astronomer Sosigenes and abandoned the lunar year. To bring the months back to their proper places, he gave the changeover year a grand total of three months. It was rightfully dubbed "the year of confusion." I remember of reading some place where it (the change) made a

shambles of trade as it was then known.

Even under the workable new Julian calendar that went into effect on Jan. 1, 45 B.C., the months still had Calends, Ides, and Nones. In the longer months of 31 days, the Ides fell on the 15th; in others, on the 13th. The Nones occurred on the ninth day before the Ides. Roman dates were calculated as so many days before the Calends, Nones, or the Ides.

The Julian calendar has had significant changes only since the days of Caesar. Its year actually was 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long for the true solar year that guides the seasons. Thus the calendar "clock" ran slow, and the spring equinox came earlier and earlier in March. In 1582 Pope Gregory proposed dropping 10 days to bring it back to March 21.

The Gregorian calendar was only gradually adopted — not until 1752 in England and its American colonies, where even then the legal year began on March 25, but it remains the western world's standard to this day.

The only suggestion that I have to offer is that we set up a system of weather-making first. Then, we fix up a calendar to match. Then, on the day it's supposed to rain, it rains. And so on. Honestly, though, I just don't have the time to get the whole thing figured out before Jan. 1. So, you go right ahead.

As long as we're on the subject of closing out the year, we might as well take up another aspect of the season, and solve a common problem.

Businessmen who have carried us on their books for these past 11 months or so, get downright demanding come the end of the year. They want their dough. On the other hand, we — the consumers — have a downright aversion to paying up. I have here a couple of suggested replies to insistent bill collectors:

"Dear Sir: I have your collection letter of the 25th, and am happy to give you the following information. We have divided our creditors into three groups:

Class A: Those who will be paid promptly.

Class B: Those who will be paid sometime.

Class C: Those who will never be paid.

"In consideration of the friendly tone of your letter, we are promoting you from Class C to Class B."

Exhibit 2:
"I don't like the insistent tone of your letter. Every month we put our old bills into an old sombrero, and my wife, blindfolded, picks out one of them. The lucky one that's chosen gets paid. Unless you stop sending us those snooty letters, come next month, we won't even put your name in the hat."



THE DOCTOR SAYS ... New Drugs Help Victims Of Acne

By HAROLD T. HYMAN, M.D.

Written for NEA
Until recently I was reluctant to recommend special types of treatment for the pimply youngster who failed to control the eruption of acne through conscientious application of the home treatment plan, previously detailed.

Attempts to correct the balance of hormones in the blood, by giving effective doses of female sex hormone (estrogen) over the necessary period of years, invites risks for girls as well as boys.

Long-term treatment with anti-infective agents attacks the problem at the wrong end, besides placing a heavy strain on the family pocketbook.

X-ray treatments may not, in themselves, deliver enough dosage to encourage the later development or growth of a malignancy. But when the dose they deliver is added to the amount of radiation each of us receives from atmospheric and food contamination, there may be a risk that's far too great to assume in order to get rid of facial blemishes.

A few months ago I was able to report the first promising approach to solution of the acne problem.

Following the discovery that the tissues, but not the blood, of acne patients contained an excess of sugar, a team of Canadian physicians decided to treat what they called "skin diabetes" with one of the drugs used in the treat-

ment of true diabetes mellitus. For their experiment, they chose tolbutamide, a sulfa-like drug sold under the trade name of Orinase. To their delight, the experiment proved successful. Shortly thereafter, confirmation was obtained from American observers.

Since the drug cleared the eruption without lowering the blood sugar, it appeared likely that, as in the case of true diabetes, it produced its happy effect by stabilizing the glandular imbalance, perhaps by direct or indirect action on the pituitary governor.

It is, of course, too soon to be certain of the tolbutamide effect, and of its safety when given over the necessarily long period of time.

Its administration merits consideration, under strict medical supervision, in the cases of youngsters who have failed to benefit from conscientious trial of the home treatment plan, of sensitive adolescents who go into a "tail spin" each time a pimple puts in an appearance, and especially of personages whose career or livelihood is so dependent on facial appearance.

For a copy of Dr. Hyman's leaflet "What About Hardening of the Arteries?" send 10 cents to Dr. Hyman, care of the Herald and News, Box 489, Dept. B, Radio City Station, New York 19, N.Y.

BARBS

Garden time is all over, but a lot of people still are spreading the dirt.

It's a happy home that is built around a friendly family.

No matter how old you feel, you are never as old as you are going to be.

Some couples get along in fine shape simply because the wife has a will of their own.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Why are bad dreams called nightmares?

A—"Mare" refers to a fiend supposed to oppress people during sleep.

Q—Does the National Park Service own any lighthouses?

A—One, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, operated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Canadian Province

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1, 6 Capital of Newfoundland
11 Hebrew acetic
12 Reiterates
14 Resource
15 Bring into syntax
16 Roman monetary unit
17 Viscous liquid
18 Revenue Cutter
20 Body of water
22 Napoleonic general
24 Arousal
25 Goddess of the dawn
27 Feminine nickname
28 East (Fr.)
29 Abstract being
30 Collection of savings
31 Perched
32 Rugged mountain crest
34 Be sick
35 Scottish alder
36 Measures of cloth
38 Enlited (ab.)
39 Southern general
40 Summer (Fr.)
42 Exploits, Gander and Humber are among its most important
45 Try
46 Solid (comb. form)
49 Attemptless
50 Merits
51 Doctrine
- DOWN
1 Ornamental stamp
2 Onagers
3 Flows out
4 Born
5 Powerful explosive
6 Kind of modern plane
7 Cheese
8 Hours (Fr.)
9 Feminine appellation
10 Female saints (ab.)
12 Venerates
13 Uncommon
14 Reverential fear
15 Plea
21 Spotted
23 Rave
26 Domestic slave
28 Sincere
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32 Corner Brook and Grand Falls
33 Number
34 Girl's name
35 And
36 Gaelic
38 Formerly
43 Sea eagle
44 Legal point
46 Craft
47 Falsehood

Answer to Previous Puzzle

