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Restoration Of Perspective

For those of us who had hoped for some dramatic or world-winning statement from President Kennedy in his address to the United Nations Assembly, that we experienced a big disappointment is putting it mildly.

At the same time, we understand and appreciate some of the limitations the President labored through. However, for all of the high-sounding talk, we think that the United States is still on the defensive in the international word game. Still, we must admit that the President's talk cut some of the margin from the Communist lead in the race of words and propaganda.

The United States, often driven onto the defensive by clamorous Soviet slogans on disarmament and Berlin, has the makings now of a new initiative which could have forceful impact around the world.

For years the Kremlin has trumpeted, with undeserved effectiveness among the world's naive and gullible, that it favors "general and complete disarmament." All specific, enforceable proposals advanced by others have been dismissed as obstacles to the broad goal.

Never has Russia defined the means by which this objective would be achieved and safeguarded.

President Kennedy, speaking for free men weary and troubled over Soviet efforts to preempt this field by hollow slogan, seeks to take back "general and complete disarmament" as the proper possession of those who mean sincerely to establish and enforce it.

In his United Nations address the President spelled out main elements of a general plan now offered to the U.N. He struck directly at the Kremlin's false front on disarmament.

"General and complete disarmament must no longer be a mere slogan, used to resist the first steps. It is no longer to be a goal without means of achieving it, without means of verifying its progress. . . . It is now a realistic plan, and a test—a test of who is only willing to talk and who is also willing to act."

On the issue of Berlin, the Soviet Union tries endlessly to persuade the world it wants only a "peace treaty" with East Germany, and that the West is making warlike preparations to block that aim. Again, Kennedy spoke sharply to the point:

"It is absurd to allege that we are threatening a war merely to prevent the Soviet Union and East Germany from signing a so-called 'treaty' of peace.

"The Western Allies are not concerned with any paper arrangement the Soviets wish to make with a regime of their own creation, on territory occupied by their own troops and governed by their own agents. No such action can affect either our rights or our responsibilities."

Thus the president lays open the Kremlin fraud that peace in central Europe hinges on conclusion of what amounts to an internal Soviet-East German agreement. The real danger, he stresses anew, is the Soviet threat to the freedom of West Berlin's people, to our rights in and to that city.

As he applied himself to the Kremlin and disarmament matters so badly misunderstood in so many parts of the globe, Kennedy performed an important exercise in the restoring of vital perspectives.

Free men must hope that the President's listeners at the U.N. are capable of the balanced understanding he credited them with when he spoke.

How About Patriotism?

"What's Happened to Patriotism?"

That striking—and chilling—question forms the title of an article in a current magazine. The article is condensed from a speech made by Dr. Max Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools at La Canada, California. And his opinion is that we have, in effect, been making patriotism obsolete.

He says: "We have been so busy educating for 'life adjustment' that we have forgotten to educate for survival. Words that America once treasured as a rich legacy, that once sounded like trumpet calls, we have allowed to fade from the classrooms and the consciousness of the pupils; 'Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable. . . . We have met the enemy, and they are ours. . . . Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute. . . . In too many of our schools you

can search for these towering phrases in vain."

He adds—and this is certainly a matter of the utmost significance: "Patriotism feeds on hero worship, but education during the past three decades had deliberately debunked the hero. The quest of the Golden Fleece has been crowded out of our textbooks by the visit of Tom and Susan to the zoo."

In sum, in too many cases our schools emphasize the trivial, and minimize the vital. Unless that trend is reversed, the nation will face the darkest of futures, in which standards will wither swiftly away, cheap material considerations will outweigh all others, and we will have neither the will nor the ability to survive the attacks of a determined and dedicated enemy.

A Duty Abandoned

An urgent domestic problem has to do with "backdoor" financing for federal projects of various kinds. There are a number of devices employed in this, but all of them have one thing in common—they raise and spend billions in ways which evade the Constitutional provision that the House of Representatives shall have control of the nation's purse strings. In other words, when the "backdoor" approach is used, Congress loses, practically if not literally, its power over appropriations.

This is a very important matter indeed. According to Representative Pelly of Washington, writing in Tax Review, proposed back-

door spending measures before this year's Congress added up to nearly \$24 billion. And since 1932, \$140 billion in backdoor borrowing has been authorized, while only \$65 billion has so far been repaid. An example is the \$13 billion owed the Treasury by the Commodity Credit Corporation. There is grave doubt if any large portion of this loan ever will be repaid, according to Mr. Pelly.

Congress has no greater duty than that of controlling the spending of the people's money, and appraising and debating every budget. In the case of backdoor financing, that duty is abandoned.



Writer Observes Dissension In Third Year Of Castro's Regime

Editor's Note: Nearing the end of his third year of power, Fidel Castro is facing increasing problems in bringing about communication of Cuba. In the following dispatch Milton Carr, who has reported Latin American affairs for 17 years and recently returned from a month in Havana, pinpoints growing dissension and Castro's counter-measures.

By MILTON CARR
United Press International
A painting was hung recently in the lobby of the National Bank of Cuba. It depicts an attack eight years ago on an army barracks, marking the start of Fidel Castro's campaign to overthrow the government of Fulgencio Batista. In the painting are Castro, his brother, Raul, and others who took part in the July 26, 1953, attack. In the upper left hand corner

are crossed Cuban and Communist flags. This is a measure of the extent to which Castro and his associates have gone in the swing, no longer disguised, of Cuba to communism. Cuba today is a country beset by food shortages, inefficiency and growing dissension. Shortages, which have become more acute in recent weeks, have set people to grumbling—particularly the housewives who spend much of their time standing in line for food and other essential items.

Castro's move to communism has given many Cubans cause for second thoughts about their national hero. But the bearded prime minister still enjoys the support of a large segment of the population and he has taken the necessary measures to prevent those who do not agree with him from doing anything about it.

With each passing day, Castro adds to his stockpile of weapons which already exceeds that of any other Latin American country. His internal network of spies, informers and political commissars is growing, along with his armed forces.

Each residential block and each center of employment has its Committee for the Defense of the Revolution (CDR), a group of five persons whose function it is to spy on their neighbors and fellow-workers. By recent official count there were more than 100,000 such committees in Cuba—half a million informers in an island of 5 million inhabitants.

Houses are searched without warning, often late at night, and their occupants carted off to jail if a weapon or anything suspicious is found. A letter from a person outside of Cuba, a name in an address book, a short-wave radio might be enough "evidence" of counter-revolutionary activity.

Jails and prisons are so crowded that many prisoners sleep on bare floors. In this atmosphere, the once happy, fun-loving Cuban is forgetting how to smile. Doctors report an increase in the number of patients with nervous disorders. Violent arguments erupt on the streets and sidewalks over incidents that normally would have gone unnoticed.

One thing that strikes the returning visitor to Havana is the impression of general inefficiency under the socialist system. Service in nationalized stores, hotels and restaurants has deteriorated markedly. Waiters and clerks appear sullen, with no desire to serve or sell.

Many of the present shortages, aside from those items formerly imported from the United States, can be attributed to inefficiency in government handling of agricultural and industrial production. The government explanation is that more people are consuming more under the socialist system.

Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Thursday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of the year with 87 to follow in 1961.
The moon is approaching its new phase.
The morning star is Venus.
The evening stars are Jupiter and Saturn.
On this day in history:
In 1881, Spanish painter Pablo Picasso was born.
In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon Jr. completed the first nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean. They arrived in Wenatchee, Wash., 41 hours after they left Japan.
In 1954, Italy, Yugoslavia, the United States and Great Britain signed a pact settling the partition of Trieste.
A thought for today: British writer Charles Dickens said: "Detestation of the high is the involuntary homage of the low."

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

The Lady Who Went To Dinner

(The Wall Street Journal)
There's no doubt about it; we just don't view with equanimity all the signs of progress in this world. And certainly not the prospect that our summer evenings will be full of instant potato salad.

Real potatoes are a real man's dish. Even just boiled they are palatable, if you can escape the parsley and sprinkle them with salt, pepper and butter. And when they are baked long and lovingly in the oven, or finely sliced and fried just to the right point in a big pot of deep fat, then they are truly delectable.

But in summertime there is some deep affinity between the female spirit and potato salad, which is a concoction of tired spuds which have slumbered long in the refrigerator and are cemented with mayonnaise to odds and ends of old celery, cucumbers and radishes. That the sum is less than the whole of its parts makes it a rarity in the culinary arts.

The saving grace, at least at our house, has been that it is some trouble to prepare. It was not, up to now, a dish to be whisked out on a moment's notice; it required a bit of foresight. So there have been many nights this summer ("It's just too hot to spend the day in the kitchen") when we enjoyed instead a juicy, man-sized hamburger.

So now, we see by this newspaper, somebody has thought up "instant potato salad." All you have to do is drop it in boiling water, and there you are. The very thought made us telephone the lady at our house and, at long last, invite her out to dinner.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Who would succeed the Vice President if he should die in office?
A—The office would remain vacant until the next election.



I believe that last Saturday was the first deer season opening day in many a year that I didn't get to take a picture of the proud slayer by his killed deer. Some compensation, though, came when Ken Pailles called to see if we wanted a picture of his 400-pound black bear. And that is quite a hunk of black bear.

Most people have larger dollar incomes now than they had in 1946, just after World War II. But that doesn't mean that we have higher real incomes—a term which covers purchasing power—for taxation and inflation have worn away the worth of the dollar. If a married couple with two children had an income of \$3,000 in 1946, they need \$4,756 now if they stayed even—a jump of 59 per cent. And the percentages are pretty much the same for all other income brackets.

A man and a rather shaggy-haired boy walked into a barber shop. The boy climbed into an empty chair and the barber went right to work. The man sat and watched a few minutes, then got up and left the shop. Minutes passed. The barber, through with his cutting, began whisking away the loose hair and said, "Looks like your Dad forgot you."

"Oh, he ain't my Dad," the boy answered.
"Who is he?"
"I dunno. He just came up to me on the street and asked if I wanted a free hair cut."

In one of the numerous Sunday supplements I saw in the papers last week was an article pointing out the value of awarding "letters" to outstanding high school students who rank high in their classes scholastically. The idea makes sense, in my opinion. Why shouldn't a student who compiles an outstanding scholastic record be entitled to some recognition as well as those young men and women who shine on the athletic field?

Absolute knowledge I have none. But my neighbor's washerwoman's son

Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a laborer on the street That he had a letter last week Written in the finest Greek. From a Chinese coolee in Timbuctoo.

Who said that the Negroes in Cuba knew Of a colored man in a Texas town, Who got it straight from a circus clown. That a man in the Klondike heard the news From a gang of South American Jews, Who heard of a society female rake Whose mother-in-law will undertake

NOTHING SPECIAL

To prove her husband's sister knows, As stated in a printed piece, That she has a son, who has a friend Who knows how the election is going to end!

And, as the politicians warm up to their trade, one is constantly reminded that he can always get the truth from an American statesman after he has turned 70, or given up all hope to be President.

A smile costs nothing, but creates much. It happens in a flash, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, but is of no earthly good to anyone until it is given away. So, if in your hurry, you meet someone who is too weary to give a smile, leave one of yours, for no one needs a smile quite so much as he who has none to give.

I have a great affection for the cartoonist who depicted two old girls ready to tee off on the golf course. One is saying to the other: "What I like about this game is you don't have to think."

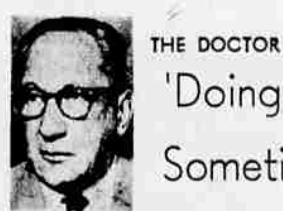
An Indian, with the peculiar name of "Chief Screaming Train Whistle" applied to the Montana courts for a shorter name. The judges agreed and shortened it as per request: to "Toots."

Some anonymous reader, apparently weary of the tired old jokes that show up in this corner set in a page of quips the other day, viz: These are difficult times—some of us have to do without the things our parents never had. . . . Why do our minds continue to make dimes and nickels when there is little real use for them. . . . According to a health article, pain strikes the body at its weakest point, so don't go around complaining of a headache. . . .

One wonderful minister told about the lady who swept up to him after a particularly sweeping sermon, "Wonderful sermon," she purred. "Everything you said applies to somebody or other I know."

Reading of some of the zany antics of wealthy Americans reminds me that a hair divides genius and insanity—but money is what separates an eccentric from a crackpot.

A politician out looking for votes in a hillbilly country saw a cabin in the distance, approached it and asked the woman at the home if she knew of any Republicans in the vicinity. She replied, "Wal, mister, I kaint say, for John does all the trappin' of varmints hereabouts, but you can go back of the barn where he nails up their hides and see what you can find."



By HAROLD T. HYMAN, M.D.
Written for
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'Doing Something' Sometimes Harmful

Dr. Robert B. Lawson, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Miami University's School of Medicine, asks, "Do we physicians have to give some form of treatment to every child brought to us? Should we prescribe a medicine just because the family expects it?"

Answering his own questions, he urges restraint under at least the following circumstances: (1) when treatment may prove more harmful than the disorder itself; (2) when failure to recognize self-limited variations from the normal may lead to (unwarranted) insecurity on the part of parents; and (3) when undue emphasis on treatment may exaggerate the problem if it is meant to control.

Here are some examples of what Dr. Lawson means: In the second year of life, babies are apt to develop day-to-day swings in appetite. If vitamins and tonics are prescribed because of the parent's unwarranted concern over a normal variant, treatment may be not only unnecessary but actually harmful.

The child's continuance of the normal variant, regardless of the treatment, may cause anxious parents to lose confidence in their doctor and start on a medical "shopping tour."

ly because they appear to be enlarged. And physiologic flat feet, bowlegs and knock-knees of minor degree may be corrected by the "beneficial progress of normal growth" sometime before the fifth birthday.

The common viral infections of respiratory and intestinal tracts are not responsive to treatment with antibiotics. They are self-limited invasions except under unusual circumstances. "The excuse that the family demands a 'shot' or a 'mycin' does not justify the unwarranted use of potentially harmful and costly drugs."

So-called "innocent heart murmurs" are frequently encountered in early life. These must be called to the attention of the family as matters of fact. Not as threats. If restrictions are placed on the child's activities and/or the family is warned to keep a close watch on the youngster so that he doesn't "overdo," this state of oversolicitude and overprotection can only be harmful.

What Dr. Lawson is urging is normal concern and intelligent observation. Not neglect. And not a policy of therapeutic nothingness. It is his enlightened view that "the test of good medicine is to practice the art of intelligent, planned neglect."

To do this, the physician should not yield to the pressure to "do something" and advocate treatment when treatment is not necessary. And may even be harmful.

For a copy of Dr. Hyman's booklet "Your Heart: angina pectoris," send 10 cents to Dr. Hyman, care Herald and News, Box 489, Dept. B, Radio City Station, New York 19, N.Y.

TIME OF YOUR LIFE



Birthdays Sad Affairs?

By ARTHUR LORD
Dear Arthur: I grow older and I hate it. Each birthday that comes makes me sadder, uglier, and unhappier than before. I so wish I could find the birthday joy I had as a child. Why have I lost it?
G.A.
Dear G.A.: Poor G.A. Don't you realize that it is never possible to celebrate a birthday as you did as a child? A birthday to a child is an elusive moment when the entire little world that he knows looks to him, prizes him, gives him gifts, and wishes him well.
You cannot recapture the child's instantaneous joy of being little and being alive. Unfortunately, most of us try. The frustration of our futile attempts is what makes most birthdays so sad.
Dear Arthur: What a hideous man I married! For 35 years we bickered and fought. The only

thing that kept us together was our daughter Carla, a beautiful girl who was born when we were in our 40s. Well, when my girl entered college, I decided to call it quits and got a divorce. Now my ex is galavanting around with a middle-aged woman and making a perfect fool of himself.
Of course, he says he's in love. He says he's found someone who understands him. My daughter loves him in spite of his outrageous behavior. How can I bring Carla to her senses?
Barbara
Dear Barbara: If anyone needs to be brought to her senses, it's you, Barbara. In the first place, Carla is no child. She's going to make her own decisions from here on out and you'd better get used to it. In the second place, who are you to be legislating love—especially between father and daughter? In the third place,

whatever your ex is doing is none of your business any more. So for your own sake and for the sake of a healthy relationship with your daughter, leave her alone. Don't speak disparagingly to her about her father.
Dear Arthur: It is disgraceful the way young girls run around the beaches this summer. I am liberal minded, but Bikini bathing suits leave nothing at all to my imagination. It's like free burlesque. Don't you think something should be done about Bikinis?
Standardbearer
Dear Standardbearer: Yes, we should have none of them.
By the way, when was the last time you attended burlesque—and free burlesque at that?
Dear Reader: Please send your questions to me, Arthur Lord, in care of this newspaper. Look for an answer to those of general interest in future columns.

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