

These merry parents, at Christmas time, release the gifts they offer their children to the gifts of the Wise Men at the holy manger. Children love Christmas for its material wealth, yet their souls hunger for love and understanding of God.

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THINGS and THAT

By G. R. A.

ELEANOR NOT VERY STRONG ON AN ORGANIZATION

As a sample of the easy and loose thinking certain of our nation's representatives in the United Nations organization reveal, I give you a brief narration of a few minutes on TV with Eleanor (Mrs. FDR) Roosevelt.

It recently occurred on that TV program "Meet The Premier" that Eleanor Roosevelt was on a two-person panel to defend the existence and record of the UN. Thus far, her opponent was a Professor Burnham of New York University, an authority on international problems.

When Prof. Burnham, in answer to a question put to him, pointed out, among other situations within the UN, that "it is riddled with pro-Communists, pinkies and fellow-travelers," Mrs. Roosevelt responded by saying: "The recent U. S. Senate Committee's findings only state that a dozen or two are in that category, and why not allow them to remain there . . . for if they do remain there, the FBI certainly can keep careful watch over them."

BROTHER, what reasoning! The former First Lady, you see, has such sublime "faith" in the inherent goodness of all people that she fails to realize that enemies of the U. S. A. could also be kept watch over if they were sent to jail.

She completely overlooks the fact that pro-Communist citizens of our country who are on the UN payroll carry their ideologies whether or not they think they do as UN employees . . . and that, the record proves, plays right into the hands of Soviet Russia.

Prof. Burnham argued that the UN, as it has operated, merely provides a sort of a "cover" for Russia to expand her ideology over other nations, with the UN providing the "cover" for her open and covert aggressions, and then hold UN hearings to determine whether or not she should remain a member of the UN.

MRS. ROOSEVELT disagreed with this course completely. She believes that Russia should be allowed to remain a member of UN, and that the only way you ever can adjust differences between people or nations is to bring them together where they can talk things out.

(That is, normally, correct logic. But Susan already has proved that all the talk on earth will not swing her viewpoints to mesh with those of freedom.)

Prof. Burnham asked: "But Mrs. Roosevelt, do you think that a police state would be a better way to force upon gangsters, just so police can 'try to talk them into honesty'?"

The lady replied that she would not do this . . . because the two cases are very different.

AS I WATCHED and listened to this 20-minute exchange of talk over TV, I was moved to think over Mrs. Roosevelt makes a poor defense of her case. Isn't she aware of how "useful" she actually was engaged in her duties as a U. S. representative in UN? She appears tired, doesn't she, as she did when her husband was in the White House?

Suppose, I mentioned that she saw a man entering her neighbor's home through a window. What would be her reaction? Would she assume that the man was really a burglar, and that she ought to call the police?

Or would she (because of her "faith" in all people) merely assume that the man was really an honest guest of that household, using the window as a sort of novel entrance, instead of the front door?

As a representative of the United States in the United Nations organization, Mrs. Roosevelt certainly proves to me that she is not capable of standing up against the gangster methods of Soviet Russia, nor of firmly meeting the demands and double-cross normally a part of international diplomatic relations.

BIG Surprises



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High School Students Insist on Better Lunches



TWENTY-FIVE FEET AWAY from 3-year-old Susan Hansen is Death—death in the form of a Grand Trunk locomotive.

But Susan doesn't know it. She is only three years old, and such matters as death or serious injury—and how she can bring them on herself or avoid them—she will not learn for several years.

But, like any growing boy or girl, Susan knows about trains and train tracks. She, like millions of other youngsters just about her age, are drawn to trains and train tracks like metal filings are drawn to a magnet.

Trains are fascinating to Susan, and other young children. A train whistle, to her, is a signal—a signal to drop what she is doing and hurry to see the oncoming train as fast as her sturdy, little legs can carry her.

RAILROAD COMPANIES realize the attraction trains have for young children like Susan. So these companies, if at all possible, try to prevent children of Susan's age from getting too close to these speeding trains—and possible serious injury and death.

So fences are erected along the right of way. Few children the size of Susan would be able to climb these fences. Thus, they only can get so close to the trains—and no farther.

But Susan has been closer than 25 feet from this speeding death. Twice her father, Rupert P. Hagen, 1774 Graefield, has found her playing right along side the metal rails, waiting for an approaching train.

Three-year-old Susan was able to get that close to the tracks because of the lack of imagination, the irresponsibility, the stupidity, if you will, of an unknown number of adults and elementary and high school students who have made it easy for Susan and the hundreds of other children her age, in the neighborhood east of the railroad and north of Maple avenue, to get right out on the railroad tracks if these youngsters wish.

ALL BECAUSE THESE irresponsible students and adults have beaten down the protecting fence, or actually broken through it, because they want a shortcut to school or the railroad station.

Tuesday a staff member of The Eccentric

checked on how many breaks in the fence there were. He found two obvious ones. The fence at the end of Yorkshire was flattened down and very easy for a small youngster to get over. The other was at the end of Buckingham, where Susan is shown standing in the above photo.

Grand Trunk officials have done everything they can to prevent a possible tragedy to Susan and other children her age. GTW officials have posted signs warning against trespassing. They repeatedly have repaired these fence breaks, even put in double sections of fencing—only to have these unthinking students and adults beat and break them down again.

ALARMED ADULTS in the neighborhood, such as Susan's parents, have unsuccessfully tried talking with certain "offenders," warning them what may likely happen some day to their own child, sister, brother, or neighbor's youngster.

Susan and many other children have been soundly spanked in an effort to impress on them they must stay away from the railroad. But the attraction of the trains seems to overcome the sting of any spankings.

And the fences still are being abused. It appears that there are only two ways of preventing the tragedy which is bound to happen there some day—how soon or far off it is no one can say.

ONE IS THE re-education of these unimaginative adults and students that their shortcuts are the easy path for a little boy or girl to walk to their death.

The second is the construction of a special pedestrian overpass.

It is doubtful whether the first solution can be worked.

The second seems the only safe, certain answer. In the meantime, will there be a tragedy? We hope it won't take place, but if it does:

Who will be the first? Will it be Susan? Will it be YOUR younger sister or brother? Will it be YOUR child?

Protest Against Sandwiches

Several Hundred Birmingham high school students staged a strike against the high school cafeteria Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Better meals or no business" seemed the consensus of student opinion.

School officials were at a loss to explain the sudden opposition to the cafeteria but commented that the students' demands would be given full consideration.

School Principal Ross A. Wagner, when questioned about the incident, said he could make no statement other than, "There was a demonstration staged against the cafeteria on the part of students who refused to patronize the lunchroom."

WAGNER SAID the first he heard of any dissatisfaction over the food was Tuesday morning. He added that no student group nor individuals ever approached him on the food question.

Counselor Larned G. Goodrich also stated that he has known of no criticism against the food. Wagner said that about 200 students refused to heed the boycott and did eat in the cafeteria Tuesday.

When questioned, several students claimed they were "sick" of eating sandwiches and wanted hot meals. Those who did eat in the cafeteria were refused milk and other beverages. Several students claimed, because cafeteria employees were miffed about preparing the normal amount of food and seeing so few students show up.

The school cafeteria does serve hot meals but has no facilities for serving ala carte dishes. "It is too early to tell just what is behind this move," Wagner said. "Or to attempt to tell how serious it is. We are gaining all the facts we can and trying to sort out the facts from fact."

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"We have a lesson to be learned from the world troubles of today," Judge Moore said. "We should have a two-fold objective in America. We should do those things which are essential for social progress and we should do them within the background of a fair and unprejudiced judicial system."

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Snow Fund Is No Fun For Township

Southfield township officials hate to oppose a "white Christmas," but deep in their hearts they're hoping that the white stuff stays in the clouds throughout this month.

Township board members received a letter from the Oakland County Road Commission reporting that the township was \$2,000 in arrears on payments to the commission as of November 30 and would also have to pay an additional \$4,000 for the month of December if the county is expected to operate graders and snowplows in Southfield this year.

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Membership Approved

A resolution giving Southfield township approval to Birmingham's proposed membership in the South Oakland County Sewage Disposal District was passed by board members Tuesday night.

Prepared to start the machinery to get the SOCSDDD proposal on the spring election ballot, the board's approval lasted three hours while members of the audience acquainted themselves with the reasons behind the commission's stand.

While commissioners were briefed a week ago on what it would cost to join the SOCSDDD, they learned Monday night the costs to an alternate plan . . . sewage, plant additions and improvement of pumping facilities.

AYRES REPORTED that it would cost \$567,000 to provide the necessary additions to the system, but added that the state agencies, pressing for an end of pollution in the Rouge river, were adverse to approving usage of the present plant for more than 15,000 people.

"Actually," Ayres continued, "the state believed the life of Birmingham's plant is no more than 10 years."

The city is endeavoring to connect east side sewage mains to SOCSDDD drains which connect ultimately with the Detroit disposal system.

The reason behind their actions is two-fold. First, the move would eliminate the high cost of pumping sewage to the city's plant in 1960 for action taken in an area geographically located in the Clinton-Reed drainage area.

SECONDLY, Detroit treatment of this section of the city would ease the overburdened plant city.

To join this authority requires an affirmative vote of the people. To ask for this approval the city will first have to gain approval of the members of the communities of the SOCSDDD and county officials who administer the authority.

In breaking down the \$567,000 figure to enlarge city facilities and meet demands of the State Water Board, Ayres estimated that it would cost \$467,000 for actual equipment; expanded plant and \$147,000 for a new pumping station and larger force mains.

City commissioners explained to the audience that even if this (See DISPOSAL, Page 2)

STRICTLY FRESH

Disillusioned Frenchman goes home saying Chicago is only city in America where men leave their hats on in elevators. American woman says "Only Chicago."

Recording company wants to make Harry Truman piano record after Jan. 20. Suggested title: "The Whistle-Stop Stop."

Cleveland framed first dollar earned, had it stolen by burglars. That's the last of his first buck.

Bureau of Internal Revenue has plan to teach high school students

to help parents with income tax returns. Hoping a child will lead them?

Italian newlyweds, treated for facial burns by Chicago, had electric wires. But he felt that kiss right down to the fingertips!

MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., Occupies New Offices

More pictures on Page 8, Section 2

MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., one of the nation's leading advertising agencies, has moved into its new building at Bloomfield Hills, it was announced today.

The shift from the Fisher Building, in Detroit, where the agency has maintained offices since 1928, was dictated by the need for additional space for the constantly expanding activities of the agency, James R. Adams, president, said.

"Our new building, located at Woodward and Long Lake Road, has been specifically designed for use by an advertising agency," Adams declared. "These special features, coupled with the suburban location, will result in increased efficiencies and better service to our clients."

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ONE OF NATION'S LEADING ADVERTISING AGENCIES MOVES TO NEW OFFICES IN HILLS

Executive and creative offices in wing at center left, auxiliary activities in wing in right background

