

International Trade Must Be Opened As a Two-Way Street

Young Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Co., has struck a vigorous and refreshing blow at the economic isolationism that has marked the foreign policy of the United States for most of its history.

Ford, essentially, believes that the creation of tariff subsidies for those segments of American industry that cannot, or won't, meet the competition of flow of foreign-made goods into this country is wrong.

He argues that other nations, if they are to survive economically, must find markets for their goods in the United States. How else, he declares, can we expect them to get the dollars with which to buy our own manufactured products in their countries?

TWO WORLD WARS have impoverished most of the nations on this earth. The United States alone, although burdened with tremendous public debt, still remains solvent. It possesses an abundance of natural resources, plus industrial know-how. Therefore the U.S.A. is able to produce more than it can absorb, and must find foreign markets for this surplus production.

For a number of years, since the end of World War II, the United States has given to other countries billions of dollars in an effort to help them back upon their economic feet.

Young Ford, together with most other informed Americans, believes that we should cease giving them monetary aid, replacing it with the opportunity for them to sell their goods here.

SUCH OPPORTUNITY WOULD, of course, re-instate in other nations that most required of all human qualities: self-reliance and self-respect.

Ford summed up the idea in these words:

"We businessmen constantly applaud competition and private enterprise, and damn socialism and planned economies. We accuse our foreign neighbors of lacking the kind of spirit which has made American industry great. We implore them to follow our example and get off our backs. So I just say, let's practice what we preach, where it will do us and our allies some real good."

"Let's give our friends a fair crack at the American market . . ."

Yours Is the Helping Hand

The American Red Cross is humanity in action. It is the helping hand to those made homeless by storms and flood. It is blood plasma for the wounded in Korea, cheerful hours for disabled veterans, a touch of home for soldiers on foreign fields.

It is a symbol of American compassion and warmth and generosity.

It is you—doing what you would do if you were there. The American Red Cross is your helping hand. It is you by the side of the wounded, the crippled, the hurt.

It is you cheering the shut-ins... feeding the hungry... relieving the stricken... encouraging the frightened.

No Pussy-footing

Human beings, as yet, cannot achieve every objective they select... which simply means that mistakes are bound to occur when people are in motion.

The New and Fair Deals made plenty of mistakes, and so will the Eisenhower era. But we believe that the latter's mistakes will not be the type that deliberately lead us domestically into the Welfare State,

IT IS YOU COMFORTING, SUSTAINING, and RESTORING.

You are the Red Cross, because your support is what makes it possible for the Red Cross to go where needed and do what's needed to help suffering men, women and children.

The dollars you give to the Red Cross now will be you "in action" on all the wide fronts along which Red Cross will fight disasters during 1953.

Answer the call... give generously to the Birmingham division's \$14,000 quota, which local campaign workers began to raise Monday.

nor will it foolishly blunder us into international frictions and even wars.

Already the President has shown his intent to become aggressive on the Korean front; he knows the business of war... and it is hoped that he can surround himself with the necessary heads and hearts to outwit the Kremlin... and bring an end to the whole mess.

Democrats will have something on the new Republican administration, we suppose.

Our Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, certainly has inherited from his predecessor, Dean Acheson, a motley group of department aides. While trying to perfect better international relations, Mr. Dulles also has the tremendous job of cleaning out his agency of Communistic sympathizers. Anybody who thinks top federal officials have easy jobs is mighty mistaken.

The Eisenhower administration, by its lifting of many controls, is expecting that old law of supply and demand to regulate our economy. Assuming that Congress will not tolerate monopolies, that law ought to work quite satisfactorily... for at its base is the idea of rewards for personal incentive.

Economic advisors suggest that more Americans grow some of their food in home gardens. They say "every dollar's worth you grow is that much clear profit."

So They Say . . .

Paul H. Douglas, U. S. Senator from Illinois:

"America can start balancing its budget today simply by stepping up to the counter and buying only what it really needs at reasonable prices."

Harry S. Truman:

"It's not hard work that gets a man into trouble—it's the lack of it."

Edward B. Harr Jr., Rear Admiral, U.S.N.

Chief of Chaplains:

"The spiritual tone of the United States Navy, high since World War II, is rising even higher in this era of cold war and uneasy peace."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower:

"Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America."

Whose Master's Voice?



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Clipped From Old Files Of The Eccentric—
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background
Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
March 6, 1903

The shooting match at the Dan-
ielson ranged one day last week was an affair of the usual kind. About 250 track shots fired this season of the country vid for prizes and the main honors of the day were won by Rants of Grand River road. Ed Daniels of this place was sec-

ond place and his son, Eddie, third.

Mrs. A. V. Jacobs gave a very delightful luncheon one evening last week to a most enjoyable game of what her guests were very glad from Jackson and here.

William Robinson and Frank Smith hung over 300 rolls of wall paper in their shop in Birmingham in seven days. We would call that a most lively piece of work.

After eight years of uninterrupted work at the postoffice window Miss Millie G. Smith has resigned her position to enjoy a much-needed rest. She had been unable to find a job that she could stand at past the office window as long as Miss Molle and still have so many friends and good wishes.

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The district archery meet will be held on March 25, Naylor Road, at the local club, is putting up a trophy for the meet which is open to anyone in the district interested

in archery.

Mrs. Alice McDougal of Her-
nando Field Birmingham Rotarians
of her own organization, Lorraine,
in their Monday meeting, Mrs. Mc-
Dougal is one of the 350 persons
who survived the torpedoing by
the Germans on May 8, 1915.

The location of the new post-of-
fice was revealed yesterday. It
will be built on the eastern half of
the property now owned by St.
James church, and will front on
Martin street. The new building
will cost \$165,000.

E. W. Osborne was appointed
by Birmingham city commissioners
to fill the unexpired term of
superintendent of schools in
that city.

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week that the new Consolidated
Syndicate Store would open at 125

At an open air meeting at Baldwin high school Wednesday
night, plans for the formation of
the proposed new community
district were discussed. Those desiring
membership but unable to attend should
roast Mr. Draper.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

A short time ago a Birmingham
boy was working with a group of
little boys in a stable when he
was somewhat amazed when one
of the youngsters asked her to
sign a Valentine to Jesus.

She asked him why he had
done this and he said, "I did it
moment or two while this group
of boys were sort of an explanation,
but finally told him: 'All He wants
is for you to be a good little boy
and grow up to be a good man.'

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A few days after we read of
a group of school children who
had written letters to Santa Claus
telling him they wanted the best
little dog after its death. They told
their teacher they thought God
would read the letter to the dog,
since the animal did not know how
to read.

FROM THE lofty heights of
adulthood we don't envy
these youngsters. Their God is
God as simple and pure. They
really believe in Him and have no
doubts in their minds as to what
He can do.

Somehow, in the process of
growing up, so many of these
things are lost. We should all have
a little dog—but don't tell all this
as we grow older—but dogs.

A paternally small number of
us have such implicit faith. We
have lost the boys and
girls knowing more than we do
that God would read their letters to the
little dog. We know better than
to believe such things.

THE IDEA of sending a card
to Jesus to let Him know we are
thinking of Him at some special
time is a very natural human
feeling to too many of us.

We let our knowledge and judgment
and common sense tell us these things are not

possible. We have, no matter how
deeply we believe in divine inter-
vention, no desire for a frightening amount
of personal contact with Him.

When we pray, do we believe in
what we do? Is it natural to do
what we do? Is it natural to believe
in God? If we are truly sincere
in our belief in God, then we
should be willing to talk to God
when we were toddlers?

As grown-ups we have come
to do many things in life. One
of these must have a "logical
reason." It must sound intelligent.
It must have dignity. It must be impres-
sive.

WHEN A CHILD prays, beyond
the formal prayer which is
said in school or at home, he
talks with God. He talks with
God in His room, on a chair,
in the way he hopes the boy will
talk tomorrow to the best way of
talking to the new boy down the
block.

His language is the everyday
language he does not grow tired
of chumming words because to him
luckily fellow God is someone on
his side. Someone to help him,
to protect him to be his pal.

I sincerely hope that if I were
to offer one prayer and one only,
I would ask that the love
of God be with me, that my
relationship with God be restored to me.

You see, I, too, am guilty of being
grown-up.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

Collegiate institutions don't have
to be a bunch of professionals
called amateurs playing their foot-
ball games before I attend a college
expansion.

I like to watch football, and get
a kick out of it whether the team
plays well or not. I like to see the
smooth functioning Detroit Lions.

It's not my purpose in this piece
of writing to make myself look
bad or unpaid college football
players. I'll leave that to the news-
paper sports editors.

I'd like to let last week's
"probation" of Michigan State pass

unmentioned. unexpected turn of events which
saw brokers submitting formal
bids on the \$3,000,000 bond issue
for the school expansion.

The board thought the loan could
be made for 8½ per cent interest
and the school district was so anxious
that the brokers say 3½ per cent is
required.

On March 16 new bids will be
opened and will not be less than
the original district bid of 8½ per cent
to borrow the money. The money
may even cost less if the market
interest will take a lesser interest
rate. This is what is called "highly
unrealistic."

SOME BOND syndicate mem-
bers have had to sell bonds at a
loss because of the situation
of the school expansion. So
brokers don't want to hold bonds
as fast as possible. They like to sell
them fast as possible, especially
if they are getting paid quickly.

Municipal bond issues are not
sold as fast today as formerly.
And in most cases the bonds are
not sold at a loss. They are sold
at a loss because of the high
interest rates which bring better
interest rates, although possibly
less good as a risk as municipal bonds.

It is merely a situation in
which the Birmingham board is
in a bind when investment dollars are
scarcely available.

If I happened to come face-to-face
with Big Ten Commissioner
Hoy Wilson, I'd ask him point
blank:

"MR. WILSON, back when you
were athletic director of North
western from 1930 to 1942, did you ever
have to sell bonds to finance your
athletic program?"

A REPRESENTATIVE of one
of the bond brokers told me that
for the past three months, ad-
municipality in the Detroit metropolitan
area has sold a bond issue for
such things as pension funds, a time
clock, a new roof for the Dyrene
Stadium, or who were sup-
posed to shovel snow from the
sidewalks around the Orrington
Hotel.

"Aren't these football players
who are practically all the mon-
ey they need for the next school
year? Are they not there three
summer months working for some
kind and generous school adminis-
trators?"

"What's the real difference, Mr.
Wilson, between getting the aid
directly, like from the Spartan
Foundations, or indirectly through
the school district? What's the
difference between the alumnus
and the student?"

"I THINK Mr. Wilson would
refuse to be a part of this question.
So far as I can see in this case,
it was guilty of 'covering up' like
the other members of the confer-
ence. Actually, they all are equally
guilty of not wanting to pay the
full price for the bond issue or
not guilty, depending on whether
you believe college football should
be financed."

Thirty-two times as many
villagers are injured in front
accidents as are wounded on
the Korean front, according
to Associated Press and
Surety Companies statistics.

However, the public's ratio of
concern over the two types of
injuries seems to be greater
the greater the toll, the less its
interest in trying to halt it.

Last week's special meeting of
the Birmingham Board of education
began 25 minutes late.

This was because board members
met with Birmingham Mayor
John J. Wright in his office with bond
attorney Claude Stevens discussing the

Board of Review on Taxation of the City
of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, will meet in the
City Hall on East Long Lake Road on Saturday,
March 14, 1953 and Saturday, March 21, 1953;

from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon and longer if
necessary for the purpose of reviewing the Valuation
on Taxable Property set by the City of
Bloomfield Hills Assessor.

Valuation set at this time will apply to City,
County and School Taxes.

ELMER KEPHART,
City Assessor.

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