

QUO VADIS (Or Whither Mankind?)

If the Founder of the Christian religion had traveled on a space ship to the moon and back, would the Sermon on the Mount be any better than it is?

If Abraham Lincoln had built a hydrogen bomb that won the Civil War in one week, would the Gettysburg Address have been improved?

If Thomas A. Edison had invented a world satellite instead of the electric light bulb, would mankind be better off?

Or would these and all other great men and women have been so bedazzled by the glitter of scientific and material progress that they could not sense man's hunger for enough to eat and a little time of peace to love and dream during life's brief span?

WHERE IS THIS MAD RACE for power and prestige to end?

Now we have the intercontinental ballistic missile costing billions. Then will come the missile to intercept the missile,

and the missile to intercept the interceptor—costing trillions. And with them the cold contemplation of using them on millions of women, children and the aged in war more stark and brutal than jungle tigers.

Our attitude toward war and death and brutality is being changed by the merciless instruments for killing we invent.

CAN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE produce a better Sermon on the Mount, improve the Gettysburg Address, create better plays than Shakespeare's, better paintings than Titian's, or better men?

If the human family is impoverished for the want of anything, it is not in the realm of material things, or of scientific technology.

Rather, it is impoverished for the want and the desperate need of more widespread morality... "the quality of that which conforms to right ideals or principles of human conduct."

Eleanor, Please Remember History!

We, Americans, are pretty canny in sizing up the promises of one of our own office seekers. But a lot of otherwise shrewd people are victims when foreign politicians make up to us.

We don't pay much attention to a party platform written by our own folks, but when a foreign politician sells us a bill of goods, we roll over like a cat in catnip, purring with joy.

How do you explain this?

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spent three hours recently interviewing Khrushchev in his "palatial summer villa" near Yalta. Mr. K pulled out all the stops on his mouth organ with the result that Mrs. R. writes, "I would say that he was very much of a normal human being!"

THIS REMINDED US of Mr. Truman's report after meeting Stalin in Berlin. "Joe is a good fellow."

Doesn't Mrs. R. remember that Mr. K. was one of Stalin's Politburo for 14 years, and that he was one of the monsters who murdered and tortured millions of his own people?

Mr. K. directed two bloody drives to force his peasants into collective farms and in doing so drove 5,000,000 wretches from their homes to slave camps or death.

Nero, Caligula, Tamerlane and Genghis Khan—added together—with their pyramids of skulls, did not slaughter as many as "good old Joe" and this "normal human being."

Freedom Always Needs Defending

The fact that workers with modern machines determine the level of incomes, less the unreasonable taxes, is proof that people can get paid only out of what they produce. The more they produce per hour, the more they will earn per hour.

Economic growth and strength can only be obtained by business investing a substantial part of its earnings in new factories and equipment, and by rewarding those who create new wealth in proportion to what they produce.

What businessmen need are good public speakers like Abraham Lincoln, to defend the Constitutional Free Enterprise System—not just one, but hundreds of them—to resell Freedom to those who have been brainwashed into thinking foreign "isms" are better.

OUR PEOPLE HAVE NOT strangled free speech, nor a free press. Our republican government and democratic society encourage everyone to choose his own road and select his own speed.

After 181 years of the most successful record of any people, it is other forms of government that are on trial, not ours.

Unless American businessmen, together with educators, preachers, newspapers, and other media, get these facts to people in every State, every city, on every farm, in every factory... unless this is done, the United States is destined to travel the road toward further centralized governmental controls.

Every step along this enslaving route is a step toward despotic bureaucracy, with the inevitable political and economical shackles on freedom.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Most of this earth's population earnestly want to live in an environment of international peace and quiet. Perhaps (indeed, quite certainly) this ideal state would be more possible if, first, more people learned to live in peace and quiet right where they are...

It now is reported from Washington, D. C., that some American scientists want the United States to send a man, or men, to the moon—to outwit and overcome the present prestige Russia has gained by launching the moon satellite.

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HOW BIG BANDS GOT ITS NAME
IN 1922 AUTHORITY WAS FINALLY GIVEN TO PUBLIC OPINION AND MADE "BIG BANDS" THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THIS PLACID MICHIGAN CITY. BECAUSE FOR THE QUACK PLOTTING AND INSISTED ON SENDING MAIL TO RESIDENTS "AT THE BIG BANDS" INSTEAD OF TO LEONARD, THE CITY'S ORIGINAL NAME.

MICHIGAN SANTA CLAUS
PLAYING SANTA FOR NEEDY CHILDREN KEYS ALBERT WADSWORTH RETIRED ANN ARBOR CAP-PRINTER. BUSY AND HAPPY. HE HAS BEEN BRINGING AND DESKING TOYS FOR FIFTY-THREE YEARS, AND NOW SPENDS ALL HIS TIME MAKING THESE ORIGINAL TOYS TO GIVE AWAY AT CHRISTMAS.

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NATURE NOW

Forest Has Own Harvest Time - -

Those of us who spent our summers in the North Michigan country during the 1920's and 1930's remember much of it as a denuded area. There were acres of bleak stumps, burnt-over land and many sandy plains.

Then during the 1930s the period of reforestation began. Sponsors and planned by the state, many individuals and organizations began the idea, taking over plots of 40 acres and re-planting them with seedlings supplied by the State nurseries.

MANY OF US remember the signs marking these plots bearing the names of the donors. "These 40 acres planted by the Federation of Women's Clubs."

Among the most diligent of the donors was the Detroit News. Now the first and the largest of 1,100,000 trees planted by these efforts have clothed the land with beauty.

Some set out in 1930 have grown 35 feet tall and six or seven inches in diameter.

The program begun by the News was a great boost to the then hard pressed State conservation department so that altogether by 1942 some 20,000 acres of denuded state land was replanted with over 188 million trees.

MANY OF THE TREES were red and white pine. Jack pine was often planted in the sandy plains because it is a fast grower and makes good game cover.

The new seedlings are planted when they are about six inches high and are three or four years old. They were put out in rows in furrows made by machines and were frequently hand-set.

In the heavier clay soils such as are found around the Wolverine area hardwoods were planted. Then as now the seedlings were free to grow and to plant them for public use.

As the years went by the trees not only distributed their beauty to roadside and forest, they performed their greatest service by

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

You may not have realized it before, but there probably are several members of your club who remain members because it is sort of their hobby or avocation.

Rather than take up knitting or hi-fi, or attend Broadway road shows or go to the movies, these unusual people would prefer to attend meetings of a club or two because of the humorous relief they get from listening to club discussions centering around the unimportant.

These peculiar people get a lot of fun listening to how involved groups can get over some of the most inconsequential subjects.

People who sin, say they're sorry, then go at it again are sorry sinners.

North Evergreen sewage disposal authority members have been deliberating the next move now that Bloomfield township voters have turned down a pledge of township credit to back its contractual share of the authority's costs.

Bloomfield vote, probably in February, or in having the newly created county department of public works take over the authority.

Were this latter course to come about, then the county could withhold state funds being returned to Bloomfield township until the sewage disposal obligations were paid off.

Sometimes we get so involved in finding the answer that when we do, we've forgotten the question.

The Asa Sherwood family on Lahser road, Southfield, continues an unusual custom begun several generations in the naming of the Sherwood children.

Asa Sherwood has no middle name, nor have his daughter, Patricia, and his son, Asa, Jr. Asa's late sister, Eva, had no middle name. Nor did their father, Thomas Sherwood.

Of all the do-it-yourself jobs, there's one to stay completely away from. That's printing money.

Man in Puerto Rico

Airman 2/e Thomas H. Ladd, son of the F. H. Ladd of West Maple, Birmingham, recently arrived at Ramey air force base, Puerto Rico.

Completes Training

Terence M. and Michael D., sons of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bird of Pleasant street, Birmingham, completed recruit training recently at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

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"Well drillers are down 150 feet at Chesterfield and Redding and have not yet struck formation good enough for a 'dry well'."

"If you want to buy a pair of rubber boots or rubber work shoes you have to get a rationing certificate. This may be procured at the office in the basement of the municipal building."

"Seventy-six sticks of dynamite were discovered recently under a bridge at 12-Mile road and John R. and FBI agents are trying to learn more about it."

"The Public Library question having been disposed of in a satisfactory manner, why not make united effort for sewer system? What say you gentlemen who shouted "Sewers!" last spring?"

"A popular divine of our town carrying a jug through the streets, created much comment, Tuesday last."

30 YEARS AGO
November 23, 1927
"A huge combined dance hall and auditorium to cost \$500,000 is planned to be built on the west side of Woodward avenue just north of Bloomfield court."

"The die hell is planned to be the largest in the country and the elaborate gardens, also included in the design for construction, to take advantage of the Rouge River which winds through them."

"Birmingham's new \$175,000 library whose slate gables and brick walls have been striking shape under the eyes of its interested patrons for the past eight months is almost completed and it was decided to set the formal opening for Dec. 10."

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