

Mankind Needs Ethical Guidance

A minister in England says that he no longer mentions the Ten Commandments in his church. They lead to "a negative attitude," says he, and are responsible for giving young people the idea that "the church is a wet blanket." He maintains that the Ten Commandments are obsolete.

Disagreeing with this clergyman is as much a matter of general philosophy as of religious difference. The differences among the various Christian denominations are many and deep-seated; differences between Christianity and Judaism are pronounced. Yet all Christians, as well as those who profess the Jewish faith, are united in common acceptance of the Ten Commandments. The decalogue has been the basis for much of the world's civil law as well as for religious dogma. If the Ten Commandments can become obsolete, one is forced to ask, is there anything constant

in the world? Are there no eternal truths, valid in every age for all men?

THE WORDS OF THE British minister sound strangely like those of the people who fear that ordinary disciplines lead children to frustrations. Such people hold that discipline inhibits a child, represses him. They seem to forget that unless certain behavior is repressed, and certain inhibitions exercised, man can act the savage.

There is often talk about setting up codes of ethics for particular professions, especially for persons engaged in public business. Yet no code that can be devised will be a more effective guide to decent, civilized behavior than will the Ten Commandments. What seems to be needed is not a modern substitute for these enduring moral laws, but a modern effort to apply them more diligently to our daily living.

Strange Ideas on Outer Space Men

At the fourth world congress on flying saucers a California electrician who claims to have chatted with a man from another world said there are some 800,000 beings from outer space living on earth. The concept became a trifle fuzzy at this point, but apparently the visitors look and act like people and are—or at least may be—unaware of their origin. Some of our greatest scientists, said the electrician singled out to dispense this new gospel, are really fellows who "brought their great

knowledge with them but have forgotten where they came from."

This, though doubtless intended to be reassuring, may have the opposite effect. If what we now have—e.g., nuclear bombs shadowing mankind, and no control mechanism in sight—is the fruit of science from outer space, maybe we'd be safer doing without it. And if outer space scientists are so vague they've forgotten where they hail from, perhaps they'd better be taken back—along with their friend, the electrician—for a refresher course.

Playing to Win--Within The Rules

A refreshing view of football's rightful place in the academic scheme of things was propounded recently by Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Minnesota. His philosophy is simple: Play to win, but stay within the rules.

He had in mind not so much the rules of football as the rules which govern a school's participation in the game. "I enjoy winning, too," he told an audience, "but I have no patience with any outside intervention that would lead a university to proselytize or violate regulations governing collegiate athletics."

Dr. Wilson had the courage to say that tolerance of rules violations would undermine the vital university functions of developing in students a sense of respon-

sible leadership. Let him stick by his guns. Let educators and non-sophomoric alumni throughout the nation rise in defense of his enlightened position.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Honestly, now Mister Politician, what is so wonderful about the farm programs of either major political party that it's worth bragging about? What have any of you done to solve the problem . . . other than to regiment the farmer and tax the entire populace for the handouts with and through which you weaken him?

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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If you have voted more than twice in a state or national election, you are well aware of the quote inconsistencies unquote of politics and politicians.

Now Tuesday's election is history—and you may be pleased over the outcome, or displeased at the result.

However, that is no reason for disappointment to set in. This grand old nation of ours isn't going to fall apart too much in the next four years. We've weathered some pretty bad situations—and there's nothing to assure us that from here on out things will be all peaches and cream.

SO LET'S JOIN SHOULDERS and get on with our work.

But this column started out with a comment on the inconsistencies in politics. Tuesday's election contained one factor which had not been seen since eight national elections ago—this matter of religion.

Our U.S. constitution guarantees that a person's religious preference will not be a qualification for election to public office. In other words, just because a man is Protestant or Catholic or Jewish or even Mohammedan he cannot be denied the opportunity to run for office.

However, that same constitution does not prohibit each voter from including religion as one of the points on which the individual chooses his candidates.

AND LEADERS OF LARGE—or even small—groups are prevented by that same constitution from asking his group to vote for a specific candidate because of certain reasons.

Jimmy Hoffa told his teamsters NOT to vote for John Kennedy. Walter Reuther told his UAW members to vote FOR Kennedy. The American manufacturers association urged support of Richard Nixon. So did "Little Business."

The WCTU urges votes against people who support state liquor monopolies. There are groups who fight race tracks. Just about anything you name you can find a group for it—or against it.

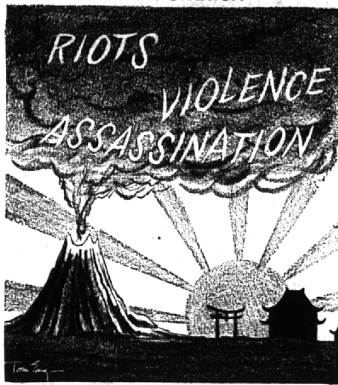
That's life. That's the way society functions. That's the way politics works.

ONE FACTION WANTS, the other group doesn't. The individual listens to all these proposals and counter-proposals, then makes up his mind—if he wants action, or to cast his vote.

How can the American public expect to permit group leaders to speak out on economics, labor, business, social conditions—and exclude religion from having an impact on a voter's decision?

It's impossible!
All we can hope for is that as with all the other influencing factors, religion is not used to make a bigoted voter. One can be bigoted on labor, or business, or foreign affairs—as well as religion—if one is not careful.

Air Pollution



People's Column Wants Better Understanding of Halloween Plans

To the Editor:
It was amusing when Ohio cities, where there isn't much Halloween tradition, had little goblins ringing doorbells 10 days before the usual date, but it doesn't seem funny here when one of the metropolitan newspapers and a few local spokesmen say that Halloween activities are on nights other than Halloween. Halloween is Oct. 31, the night for trick-or-treats.

I TOLD BOYS and girls at our door that they were early last Saturday and Sunday nights but they told me that Monday was for the parade.
I hope the merchants will announce next year that children should go out Halloween night before the parade, or that the downtown festivities are an alternative to trick-or-treating.
When I kept my children in on Sunday, I had a strong fight against "Everyone else is doing it."
M. R. Brundige

(Editor's Note: It is our understanding that this year's Halloween night activities were planned on an experimental basis and that next year more definite arrangements will be made and will be announced in advance.)

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 11, 1910
If you want to see a real old-fashioned stone fence—a regular state of Maine stone fence—just notice Charles Stinchfield as you pass Stony Croft on your way to Pontiac.

Last week Halsey L. Stephens sold one of his Southfield farms, 80 acres, to Henry Spicer and son, Irving. Both are lawyers. They will have possession the last of November.

The Ladies church society of the First Presbyterian church will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon of next week at 3 p.m. Place of meeting will be announced later.

For some time past the members of the MHA lodge have been very busy making preparations for the first of a series of parties to be given during the coming winter. On Friday evening, Oct. 23, everything being in readiness, the doors were thrown open to invited friends.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 13, 1930
Chevrolet's new car for 1931 priced substantially below current levels, went on display in Birmingham at Jordan Chevrolet, incorporating, in addition, "The Great American Value," a new car boasts a two-inch increase in wheel base, larger and roomier

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—in the Probate Court for the County of Oakland

In Matter of the Estate of DREW F. KOVACS, CAROL JEAN KOVACS, GEORGE M. MCGEE, KOVACS and WILLIAM FRANCIS KOVACS, Minors.

At a session of said court, held at the City of Pontiac, Michigan, in said County, on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1960.

Present, Honorable Hiram B. Smith, Judge of Probate, Livingston County, acting in the temporary absence of Arthur Moore, Judge of Probate of Oakland County.

Witness, George M. Kovacs, Guardian of said estate having filed in said Court heretofore a true and correct account of the examination and allowance thereof, and for increased support allowances for the minor.

It is Ordered, that the 6th day of December, A. D. 1960, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered, that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail, with their respective last known addresses as shown by the records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication for three successive weeks previous to said date in the Birmingham Post-Herald Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in Michigan.

HIRAM B. SMITH, Judge of Probate, Livingston County, acting in the temporary absence of Arthur Moore, Judge of Probate of Oakland County. 24, 25, 26

My Neighbors



"Haven't you ever heard of Free Enterprise?"

STRICTLY FRESH

Modern music is the kind that's played so fast you can't tell what classical composer they stole it from.

The reason a baby yells at birth is because he is hungry, naked and already owes a lifetime of taxes.



If men's fashions changed as often as women's, most of the men would be constantly out of style.

Those who gripe most about the election are usually the ones who didn't vote in it.

As the election campaign ends, the question arises as to how can medical men revive the winning candidate in time to serve as president.

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