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The World Turns On

By DR. C. C. DOAK

In Review—In this column last Tuesday it was pointed out that the very existence of science and the enormous benefits which it has brought to mankind is contingent upon the fact that the laws of nature remain constant. Attention was called to the dire consequences which would necessarily follow if any of the laws could be altered by man.

Need of Discipline in Social Groups—
The bird that deserts the flock falls prey to hawks. The "lone wolf" starves through inability to bring down game that would be easy prey to the pack. The uncooperative member of a human family becomes the "black sheep" and comes to a bad end. The unpredictable country that signs a pact of honor and then launches an aggressive movement has the same paralyzing effect upon the social organism as a drink of water would have on a living organism should it explode in the stomach. Social actions in general bring disaster in proportion to their deviation from the discipline and predictable regularity of honest and truthful cooperation. Men, like the other pawns of nature, must play by known rules or else disrupt the social game.

It follows that the first task of men is to strive to be as honest as nature, as truthful and impartial as a pair of scales, as cooperative as the parts of the body, and as predictable as the laws of gravity. Such constancy of behavior, however, cannot be based upon the inconstancy of superstition or debatable hear-say.

Therefore the second job is to abandon as rapidly as possible the charms, superstitions, black magic, astrology, and other hokus-pokus by which our unscientific ancestors sought to suspend basic natural laws. Experience has shown that the human mind must be free of the heavy shackles of superstition before it can function as an instrument of scientific discovery.

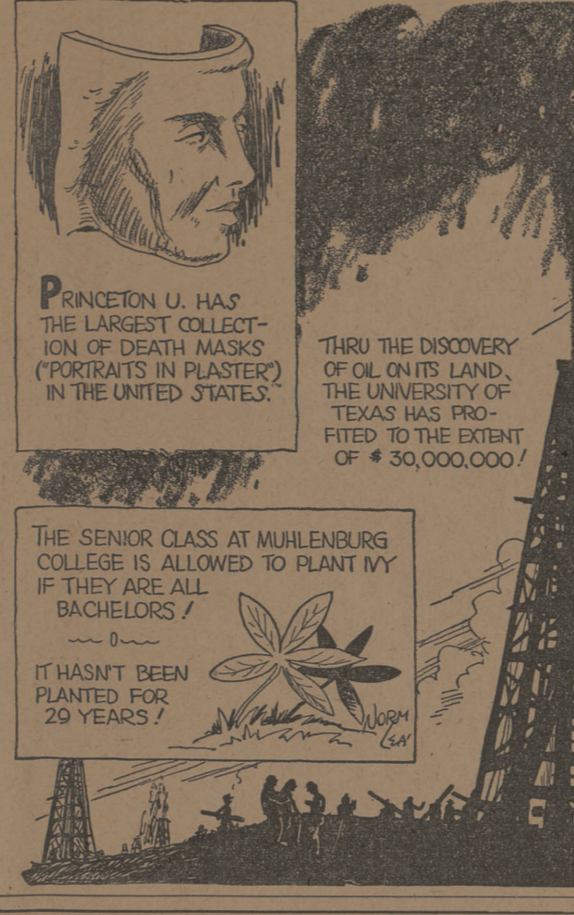
The Third job is to use, as efficiently as possible, the one outstanding character of man (the ability to learn) in order to come as rapidly as possible to an understanding of the working principles governing our universe, for one cannot set himself in tune with laws which he does not understand. If one is to eradicate malaria or other diseases, he must know their causes. If one is to create vitamins, or make synthetic fibers, or pre-fabricate plastic houses, he must know organic chemistry. So it is with all the applied sciences which collectively give us control over nature and lift us above savages.

The fourth job is to utilize all the knowledge which mankind collectively can amass. The hungry can be fed more effectively by improving our food plants and animals than by giving each beggar a handout. The admonition to "clothe the naked" can be carried out by inventing new fabrics. "Housing the homeless" can follow the pattern of plastic pre-fabrication. The facts daily being established by medical research are very effectively making it possible to "heal the sick." Thus the accumulated knowledge which we call modern science can, if properly used, be made to carry out the admonitions of our Great Teacher.

The over-all job then is to organize this multi-colored ignorance cursed, superstition benighted, blood-spattered, treaty breaking disease ridden, under-nourished, homeless, non-cooperative mass of mankind into a well nourished, literate, scientific, socially cooperative, global democracy. If you think this is going to be an easy task for illiterates, we shall not count on your help.

Next week this column will carry forward some suggestions.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster

Ag Sideline

This one takes the cake . . . it's a new angle on the money-making side for farmers . . . but you would think the farmer that started it was nuts or inebriated. A Washington State farmer is reported removing dandruff from his cows by use of a vacuum cleaner . . . that in itself is novel enough, but the farmer picks up a few dollars on the side selling the dandruff for twenty-five cents a pound to be used in making a hay fever remedy. If our dairy cows have dandruff, we've got a gold mine.



Hood

One Family Blitz
It's doubted whether even the marines would have had the situation well in hand one hectic day in June at the home of the John Hovanec and family . . . the indignant Hovanecs knocked out two detectives and a policeman after a burglar broke into their home and stole \$10—by mistake . . .

When Detective James Brown appeared to answer the call for police aid, he was mistaken for the burglar and pounced upon by the whole Hovanec tribe . . . but before he went down under blows from assorted clubs, he shot John Hovanec, Jr., a deaf mute, in the shoulder thinking he was the burglar. At the back door, Detective Andrew McElligott met the same treatment, and shortly afterwards Patrolman Bert Holzbach was slugged over the head with an iron pipe when he tried to climb in the window to clear up the situation. Half a dozen police finally roared up to convince the Hovanecs the law was on their side. . . . And Hitler thinks the Russians are hell. . . .

Bette Davis Appears On Treasury Program

Bette Davis, two-time Academy Award winner, joins the long list of distinguished artists who have contributed their services to the "Treasury Star Parade," when she appears at the head of a cast of well known Hollywood players, in "Paris Incident: A Modern Joan of Arc," on the broadcast to be heard on Tuesday at 11:30 o'clock over station WTAW. Written by Norman Rosten, who has authored several outstanding dramatic features for past "Treasury Star Parade" broadcasts, "Paris Incident" tells the story of a woman's heroism as the Nazi invaders swept into France. Special background music for this presentation will be supplied by David Broekman's chorus and orchestra.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus
Tuesday, Wednesday — "Week End for Three" with Dennis O'Keefe, Jane Wyatt and Edward Everett Horton. Also, "Torpedo Boat" with Frederic March, Warner Baxter.

At Guion Hall
Tuesday, Wednesday—"All Thru the Night" starring Humphrey Bogart, with Conrad Veidt and Karen Verne.

VICTOR AND BLUEBIRD RECORDS

"JERSEY BOUNCE"—Red Narvo
 "SNOOTIE LITTLE CUTIE"—Tommy Tucker
 "LILLY OF LAGUNA"—Bing Crosby
 "THIS IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR"—Shep Fields

HASWELL'S

COVERING campus distractions

By JACK KEITH

At Guion Hall today and tomorrow, Humphrey Bogart holds forth in a new type of role in "ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT." This time Bogie rounds up a gang of Nazi spies for the U. S. government, instead of being hunted down as a gangster by that same government.

As a gangster who has given up his usual activities to support his mother and his gang by betting on sure things, Bogart gets riled when his favorite baker is bumped off by a gang of fifth columnists, led by Conrad Veidt, Peter Lorre and Judith Anderson. Although the murder is pinned on him, he manages to gather evidence against the spies and to learn that they plan to blow up a ship in New York Harbor as a climax to their activities.

Bogart rescues one of the spies from her associates (Karen Verne) and through her learns all about the operations of the "fivers" as the fifth columnists are called.

University Students Adminished on Revolt

University students revolting against academic routine in war times have been adminished by their professors that there is no shortcut to real knowledge.

In an editorial written for the University of Arizona newspaper, Lois Harvey, 21-year-old senior, said:

"Students are crying for concepts, not little technicalities."

Miss Harvey charged professors "have the chance of a lifetime to mould the thoughts and abilities of their students to meet this crucial business of living," but "brilliant minds keep on teaching petty details and frowning on minor errors."

"We are taught economic theories but nothing about price control. Professors seem to be scared to talk about present situations and problems."

"Students were ever thus," commented Dr. Alfred Atkinson, university president. "It is easier to ask these questions than to answer them."

Campus

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TODAY & TOMORROW DOUBLE FEATURE "TORPEDO BOAT"

Starring RICHARD ARLEN AND JEAN PARKER

Feature No. 2 "Week End for 3" DENNIS O'KEEFE JANE WYATT EDWARD EVERETT HORTON

Also "AT THE COUNTY FAIR" Featuring the wise-cracking animals

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White Way Cafe

East Gate

MOVIE

Guion Hall

Tuesday and Wednesday
3:30 and 7:00

Bogart -- Veidt -- Verne

in

All Thru the Night

Comedy -- News -- Cartoon

Don't Rush Off

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is paying special tribute to the largest military college in the nation by accepting the invitation of President Walton to visit A. & M. on Friday, July 3. His trip will be a long one, and his stay short, so its imperative that every man in the corps accept as his personal responsibility the task of making a favorable impression on the cabinet member.

Unfortunately the only holiday the corps will have this semester falls the day after the Secretary arrives in College Station, and of course many of the students will want to leave early. Let us remember first of all that the Fourth was not originally scheduled as a holiday. Had it not been for a favor granted by the Executive committee, every man in the school would have to remain for cales-thenics and classes as scheduled.

School is not officially out until six o'clock Friday evening. If the school is worth traveling thousands of miles to see, then it is also worthwhile for every man to do his part to uphold the Aggie reputation.

Now in war time, it is essential that A. & M. remain in high favor with the government at Washington, so that our men may receive the favors, appropriations, and equipment necessary to turn out officers worthy of being called Aggies, men who can serve their nation and their people well.—K.C.B.

Our Neighbors to the South

By HARRY CORDUA

Freedom, Democracy, America; three words which are synonyms. None is conceivable without the others. A blow to freedom is a blow to democracy, a blow to democracy is a blow to America. Because of that, World War II is America's War, All the Americas' War!

America has constituted a challenge to the absurd contention of racial superiority. To those who still preach national, racial, or religious supremacy, one may point to this hemisphere and say—"look at America, united and undivided in what she stands for!"

The countries to the south look to us as the protector in time of need, and it is plainly shown in Mexico's new mobilization program. The presidential staff, acting on orders from the president of the Mexican Republic has started to organize the first modern technical corps in its history. Detectors to serve as anti-aerial vigilance along the Pacific coast, a machine gun regiment, a mixed aeronautical battery which includes parachutists, a motorized machine gun squadron, and a light artillery regiment, material for which is supplied by the United States.

The Indian tribes of Mexico are also relinquishing to scientists their herb secrets, such as the Castillian Malva, the healing plant which brings quick recovery from serious injuries, which scientists hope will end gangrene in war wounds.

Nicaragua's answer to the military aid offered by this country was that she didn't need soldiers—she needs arms.

The position of Nicaragua is of great strategic importance for the defense of these continents. Next to Panama, this country possesses the shortest inter-oceanic route. The lake which bears the name of the country, and the San Juan river, greatly facilitate these communications. The mountains and the impenetrable jungles contribute to the difficulty of a total occupation in case of invasion—the guerilla warfare could harass the enemy for years.

Nicaragua boasts of not only being the first American nation to lock up her alien agitators, but also of being the first nation to declare war on Germany—she never signed the Versailles Treaty.

Costa Rica, the country known to have more educators than men in uniform was the first officially to declare war on the Axis in this hemisphere.

Cuba considers our alliance with Russia as circumstantial and strategic and by no means permanent, seeing that our political ideals are so unlike. She states that the

Quotable Quotes

"It's an old phenomenon, noticed all over the world and all through history: in times of strain and tension, people seek a way out of reality. Now the best way out of reality is to get into a world of fantasy and the movies supply just that. I am one of those who do not believe that the American people should be criticized for their attitude at the present time. I don't see that we gain anything by creating anxiety. The more we criticize, the more we emphasize dark news, the more we are playing directly into Hitler's hands. We must give people something specific to do, making shells or guns or building air raid shelters. That's the solution for our present attitude—not digging at people, criticizing them and making them feel depressed day after day." Dr. Charles Bird, professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota, sees nothing wrong in seeking escape from war's strain.

only two American countries with whom Russia has had diplomatic relations in Latin America have been Mexico and Uruguay and that in both cases the Soviet legation has only attempted to spread further the Bolshevik infection. Nevertheless, temporary diplomatic relations are being formulated.

The words of the Mexican labor leader Vincent Lombardo express the feeling of all our Latin allies . . . "If the United States were to lose this war we'd be but down trodden colonies of Hitler and his gang, and this would be the fate of all the Latin American nations. This isn't a false statement; the danger is real, and for this reason our duty is to unite with the United States; unite with the other nations in Europe and Asia which oppose Hitler and his accomplices. There are only two fronts in the world today: against Hitler and his allies, or for Hitler and his allies. It is absurd to speak of neutrality today. The so-called neutral is only a cowardly and cynical Fascist in disguise."