

Great Men? 20th Century Has Its Share



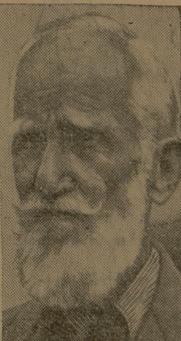
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So far this Twentieth Century has had more than its share of Uncommon Men.

It has produced Winston Churchill, who took a Britain gasping in near-defeat and carried it by indomitable inspiration through blood, toil, tears and sweat to victory in the greatest war of history. It produced Revolutionist Nikolai Lenin, the father of Communist Russia and the maker of Communist doctrine which under Josef Stalin has spread and already left its mark upon a quarter of the

earth's face. It also produced a housepainter turned dictator—Adolf Hitler—whose dreams of world power may have more devastating effects on humanity than any similar madness in world history.

In almost every field of activity, the first 50 years of this century have produced men of rare genius.

Roosevelt Remembered
Statesmen? Historians will remember Franklin D. Roosevelt, spearhead of a pronounced shift in American theory of government, only four-term president in our country's existence, precedent-

breaker and leader of the world's forces against Hitler.

Literary lights? Many people wrap the mantle of greatness around George Bernard Shaw's shoulders. Other critics say that hundreds of years from now the world will read, with reverence, works of this century's French Novelist Marcel Proust and American Poet Robert Frost.

Spiritual Leaders? Mohandas K. Gandhi, slight, non-violent liberator of India's millions who was shot down by an assassin's bullet in 1948, seems destined to live as one of the great martyrs of history.

This has been a half-century of dramatic scientific and industrial change, produced by scores—if not hundreds—of men whose names will be remembered as long as recorded words are kept.

Name after distinguished name could be added to the rolls for the harnessing of atomic energy—a feat which of itself, will make these times forever memorable. Hahn, Meitner, Fermi, Oppenheimer—these and others joined in the greatest achievement of science ever known.

The towering names to live in science may be those of Albert Einstein, who gave the world his sensational theory of relativity; of Sigmund Freud, whose findings have sparked the great field of psychiatry; of Guglielmo Marconi, father of radio; and of Dr. Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, one of the pace-setters in the life-saving realm of anti-biotic drugs.

Edison's Record
In inventive genius, a 20th Century name stands alone: the name of Thomas Alva Edison, of the

incandescent lamp, the motion picture, and hundreds of others.

Nor will tomorrow forget Henry Ford, who developed the assembly line of production which put America in the forefront of the world's powers. Nor Wilbur and Orville Wright, who in 1903 sent a plane into the air at Kitty Hawk, N. C., for 59 seconds and began the era of flight. Nor the Polish chemist Casimir Funk, who isolated the first vitamins, nor the Canadian doctor, Banting and Best, who isolated the first hormones which already have saved the lives of millions.

It does not necessarily follow, of course, that the names of those most noted today will live the longest in the future. Among 20th Century Greats may be a worker in an obscure laboratory, a writer of books unknown to the critics, a preacher in little-traveled fields. Some of the greatest figures of the past were not recognized in their own time on earth.

But there is no doubt, as of now, that when the half-century's story is told it will be done in terms of men deserving a place with the legendary figures of the past. We have seen greatness in our time.

Details Arranged For Europe Studies

Washington, D.C., Jan. 23—(Sp)—It was announced today by the Institute of University Studies Abroad that arrangements had been completed with five famous European universities to ease summer school registration for American students.

In the past, Americans interested in combining summer travel and study abroad had either to write to the universities for information or trust to their luck and apply for admission on arrival. As most universities limit enrollment in their summer schools, students coming from the United States were likely to be refused admission because quotas had been filled. By facilitating advance registration, the Institute of University Studies Abroad guarantees that much past confusion can now be avoided.

Together with a well-known travel agency, the Institute has prepared a series of tours in connection with the summer schools in Europe, thus helping the students get a background knowledge of Europe and its current problems.

Beasley Conducts Police Training

W. D. Beasley, field instructor, Texas Engineering Extension Service, will conduct classes in "Basic Police Training" for the municipal police departments in Denison Feb. 8.

In these classes the police officers will consider the apprehension, search and control of criminals, criminal law, traffic control and relationship to other enforcing agencies.

The classes will be held after the regular police working hours, with individual instruction during the working day.



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Cities' Tax Rates Compared In Booklet

Austin, Jan. 23—(AP)—You think you've got it bad when those property tax statements hit your mailbox?

Maybe you have. A new reference booklet, published by the University of Texas Institute of Public Affairs, tells you just how bad—or good—your taxes are compared to other Texas municipalities.

The statistics cover state, county, city and school district taxation both individually and collectively on the basis of 1949 levies. Lynn F.

Anderson, assistant to Institute Director Stuart A. MacCorkle, did the compiling.

Bright spot of the report is the reminder state property taxes are due for a 40 per cent rollback in 1951.

The rollback comes from a constitutional amendment adopted two years ago abolishing the state general revenue property tax and empowering counties to levy it if voters so authorize at an election.

Anderson found evidence counties currently imposed a comparatively light tax burden on assessable property within their jurisdiction.

To permit accurate comparisons of tax rates among the various communities, it was necessary for Anderson to "adjust" the tax rates to a common denominator. This was necessary because many taxing units do not assess property at full market value and then do not tax it at its full assessment. Anderson's "adjusted" figures show the rate represented by your actual tax bill in relation to the full market value of your property. This was done in each instance to provide the common basis for comparisons.

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The "adjusted" 1949 county tax rates varied from 7 cents to \$1.97 per \$100 evaluation, with the average at 42 cents.

Adjustment of city rates showed those rates varying from 8 cents to \$1.70, with the average at 76 cents—nearly twice the adjusted county levy.

Common school district taxes ranged from a low of 6 cents to a high of \$1.90. The average was 95 cents.

Totalling up all the adjusted tax rates on property in Texas, the report found the wide range of 72 cents to \$3.97, but only one municipality had a total rate of less than \$1 (Portland, 72 cents). Laredo was highest at \$3.97.

The adjusted property tax rates levied in 1949 on \$100 of the assessed value in Brazos county was 29 cents for the state, and 36 cents for the county. The city tax in College Station was 53 cents.

These figures compared with a city tax of 58 cents in Bryan, and an independent school district rate for the city of 70 cents.

Kay Starr Stars In Blues-Singing, 'Mammy' Style

Hollywood, Jan. 23—(AP)—Blues-singing—of the Negro's prime contributions to American culture—is a minor art that seems to elude white singers with but few exceptions.

One of the exceptions is a lively young lady named Kay Starr.

Devotees of the blues and jazz shouting school this year have placed the five-foot-two and eyes-of-green singer in the top echelon along with such great exhibitors as Ethel Waters, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Mildred Bailey.

Until Starr's emergence, Miss Bailey, Connie Boswell and Dinah Shore (on occasion) have rated as the only songbirds who have been able to simulate the true blues spirit.

But none of these—on records, at least—ever managed the gutty (there is no better word) quality that Miss Starr gets into her work.

Starr's style of singing has put her among the year's top recording artists. Capitol Records reports more than 2,000,000 of her records sold in 1950. Two of them—"Bonaparte's Retreat" and "I'll Never Be Free" (the latter a hill-billy tinged duet with Tennessee Ernie)—have passed the 500,000 mark.

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