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Youth's Turbulent Times Have Relief In Education

TEACHERS AND parents are in the Model-T stage of education, but have passed Buck Rogers in war-making. Why?

Lack of world leadership for our youth. This means parents and teachers themselves are at fault.

A readable, practical and inspirational book on the roll teachers must play in world leadership recently was released. The author of "World Horizons for Teachers" is Dr. Leonard S. Kenworthy, of the Brooklyn College and formerly of the UNESCO Paris staff.

It was written as an aid, says Dr. Kenworthy, to teach "world-mindedness" to our youth.

"This is a revolutionary period in our history," writes Dr. Kenworthy, "and the young men and women in our schools may have their entire lives in turbulent times. The task of the teacher is to help them to live in the second half of the 20th century, not in some bygone period. The times de-

mand teachers with world horizons, teachers willing and able to live in a revolutionary world and to help their students to do the same."

This, we feel, throws a heavy burden not only on teachers, but administrators of educational institutions and parents, all who must work together.

Dr. Kenworthy points out repeatedly that although the world talks of peace, it's preparing the huge sums wasted in wars, is many thousands times over the amount spent on education or medical research.

Analyzing the teachers, Dr. Kenworthy outlines characteristics of a world-minded teacher. Summarized, the characteristics show he must be: (1) an integrated individual; (2) expert in democratic human relations; (3) rooted in his own country and culture; (4) appreciative of other countries and culture; (5) an informed participant to achieve world community and strengthen the United Nations; (6) conversant with methods and materials for developing world-minded youth; (7) supported by a faith or philosophy of life.

Such a teacher could produce an educated man as described by President Harrington: "The marks of an educated man in all ages have been these: he can read, he can write, he can talk, he can listen, and, most important—he can think."

When we are educated, perhaps Buck Rogers' rocket gun will be replaced with a book of Hegel's philosophy.

Friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.—Washington

Kentucky Lauds Ags' Sportsmanship

HOW ARE THE Aggies doing in sportsmanship this year?

In answer, we feel the following from the Lexington Herald, a Kentucky newspaper, gives a play-by-play description:

"Kentucky fans and players will long remember the sportsmanlike action of the Aggies' Cadet Corps in rushing onto the field as the game came to a close and carrying the victorious Kentucky squad, as well as members of the losing Aggies, off the field.

"I didn't know what to think," one of the boys said in the dressing room. "At first I thought the cadets were going to start a free-for-all and I knew we would be hopelessly outnumbered. It gave me a feeling I can't describe when they lifted me to their shoulders and gave me a ride off the field."

"Never before have I witnessed better school spirit and better sportsmanship than that displayed by the cadets. Their cheering was terrific and continuous."

Nuff' said.

He who does not think too much of himself is much more esteemed than he imagines.—Goethe

'Wide Open' Area Now Here--Why?

A FAMOUS philosopher once said, "What world consists almost exclusively of people who are one sort and who behave like another sort."

We saw this yesterday. Not only in students, but youngsters from both College Station and Bryan. But who was at fault?

The parents and officials of both cities. For a long time, the College Station and Bryan district has been described "as a closed area."

A carnival, better described as a "girlie show" is making a lot of fools out of a lot of people. It is beneath contempt.

This area can proudly boast, "What we do and what we say, varies constantly day by day."

A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned Godward.—Phillips Brooks

United States Hits Russia Hard Blow

THE UNITED STATES parroted President Truman's campaign line of "give 'em hell" yesterday in denouncing the Russian government.

An Associated Press report from Washington said, "The United States told Russia today that ousted Ambassador George F. Kennan was right in his criticism of restrictions imposed on Americans in Moscow."

That's telling them. And wait till Washington finds out about the Korean War.

The Battalion

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ONE MAN'S MEAT —



FRANKLY SPEAKING

'Great Issues' Possible If All Concerned Work

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"Judge a man by his questions, rather than by his answers."—Voltaire.

Wondering about the lack of a Great Issues course at A&M, we asked a few questions. Answers we received settled many doubts, but aggravated others.

As to why the Great Issues course was dropped at A&M, we always felt that the students themselves killed it. But we also theorized that a reason for students not wanting great issues here was the nature of its content.

Here's some history behind Great Issues:

Started here in September, 1948, it first attracted 84 seniors. No other students were allowed to take the course. The following year, 104 registered. In 1950, the course was opened to juniors but only 56 persons signed and the next year only 36 students were interested.

The budget for the course ran from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year. Last year, two new courses were developed and listed in the catalog under Administration. These "Introduction to philosophy and philosophies of Life were a replacement for the Great Issues course." About 35 signed for each last year.

Where does the fault lie? The administration did its best in setting up a Great Issues course and

response in the days of more mature students proved fruitful at first. But also in 1948 with the Great Issues course were freshmen and sophomores averaging 17 years of youth. They feared the course.

Today, freshmen are 18 or 19, because of the 12 year public school system which went into effect in the early '40s. This means students graduating in 1956 will be more mature than the past graduates, if age is a sign of maturity.

The original Great Issues course had too many requirements. It desired prerequisites, credit, class attendance, readings of assigned periodicals, subscription to a metropolitan daily newspaper, direction from a committee made up of faculty members of the college.

Objective Slighted

Here it failed. Here it killed student interest. Topics such as "The Ground Water Problem of the Southwest" and "The World's Over-all Oil Problem" hurt, although many fine topics were presented with "Europe Today," "The Need and Proposal for Changing Our System of Electing Presidents."

The course's objective was slighted. The objective: "... is to create in the student an awareness of his present and primary duty as an educated man to help his world survive."

Possible Solution

To carry through the objective, this could be a solution:

● Let the students plan the program, pick the topics. They know what must be erased in their

minds to "help their world survive."

● Drop prerequisites, credits, subscriptions, classes. Plan informal get-togethers and discussions. Let each individual do his own thinking.

● Start a long-range attraction program for students and speakers. Start today for next year. No large budget would be needed to draw many fine speakers here. To supplement the budget charge a fee. We pay many other fees and get less.

● Attack controversial subjects by getting all sides of the question from different speakers. This would create "in the student an awareness of his present and primary duty..."

● But to do this, students and teachers must work together. "The basic aim remains the same — to educate the human being. We should 'lead forth' the student. . . . The only way to teach a mind is to bring it into contact with another mind. The only way to measure one intelligence is by another intelligence. . . ." Wisdom is not a gift.

● To do it in an orderly way he would have to keep a file: not just a day by day file but a topic by topic file, broken down into what each one said on foreign affairs, taxes, Korea and all the rest.

That itself would only be a starting point. For then the serious man who attempted such a project would have to examine what each one said on each topic for contradictions and for comparison with what the others said.

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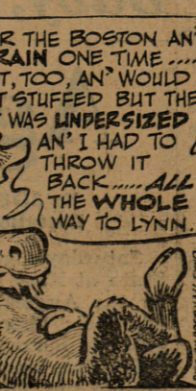
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THE WORLD TODAY

Ike, Adlai Doing OK; Pity Voters

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everybody says "poor Gen. Eisenhower and Gov. Stevenson; they must be awfully tired from this campaigning." It's been tough on them, all right. But it's time somebody began to sympathize with the voters. It's been pretty tough on them, too, trying to keep up with the campaigners.

After the Chicago conventions last summer the unsuccessful candidates, who had been campaigning around the country for the nomination, scattered in all directions for a rest.

But that was only the starting point for Eisenhower and Stevenson. They spent the month of August mostly getting their campaign organized, with only a few days out for vacation.

Still One Month

Their ordeal began with the arrival of September. Now, after a month of planes, trains, rear platform talks, major speeches, motorcades, handshaking, and speech-writing they must be completely weary.

Yet, they still have a month to go. But so do the voters who seriously try to follow the whole campaign. Not only Eisenhower and Stevenson, but Sen. Sparkman and Sen. Nixon and President Truman, too.

Just trying to keep tabs on what they're all saying would be a monumental task for any man who attempted it in his living room with the help of his newspapers, radio and TV set.

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