

BRISBANE THIS WEEK Airplanes at \$750 Each Perils of Pacifism The "Man of Calcium" Improving Human Breed?



Arthur Brisbane

Fourteen concerns have offered to build small airplanes to cost as little as \$750. That is important aviation news; the bureau of air commerce is to be congratulated on its effort to encourage individual flying. The day is coming when there will be more machines in the air than there are automobiles on the ground now. More than 25,000,000 airplanes may sound like exaggeration. But it sounded like exaggeration some years ago when this writer published editorials urging citizens not to spread tacks and cut glass on roads, to puncture automobile tires, because, before long, automobiles would be used by workers going to and from work. That prediction came true.

Some one preparing a list of ten things that Christians would and would not do says: "There would be no private wealth; Jesus denounced great possessions as alien to His gospel, and fatal to His kingdom."

"There would be no poverty and no war, because real Christians would refuse to fight."

In this civilization, if Christians refused to fight, they would rapidly diminish in numbers and the Pacific coast would be settled by Asiatics.

The founder of Christianity taught that what was due to Caesar should be rendered unto him.

If He were on earth now He might say the same of organized capital, knowing that it supplies, in our complicated system, the possibility of steady work.

Nobody, not even a clergyman, can be positive as to what Christ's commands would be if He returned in this age of flying machines, automobiles, public schools and the strange problem of too much of almost everything, combined with want among many thousands of families lacking food and the government wondering, occasionally what to do with millions of bushels of wheat.

Before long you may have football coaches feeding calcium to their players. You know what we call "a man of iron" is really the "man of calcium."

The metal calcium in the blood, in quantities that do not change, or that change little, produces a steadiness of nerve lacking in men with a fluctuating calcium supply.

It is said that experiments made on four young men at an eastern university showed that a drop in calcium brought on "moodiness, depression and pessimism."

If there is high calcium content in the blood serum they are in a "happy, cheerful, optimistic, emotional state."

London thinks something should be done about "more than 250,000 mental defectives," and sterilization, on the German plan, is suggested, on condition that the individual consents. With such a law, government sterilization agents would have few customers.

Under one law suggested, the health minister would order the sterilization of "physically ailing persons shown to be carriers of transmissible disabilities."

The world is preparing to regulate and improve the human breed, as it has long regulated and improved breeds of cattle, swine and other creatures; a step in the direction of uniformity that may not be desirable.

One of the most enlightened educators in America tells teachers and undergraduates that the important individual welfare.

The baby wiggling its arms and kicking its legs in the cradle is building up one more strong baby, for its own sake, not for the general welfare, to which it, nevertheless, contributes. The man, concentrating on his career, and on the care and education of his children, has chiefly in mind his career, children and family. But he also is building up the general welfare. Each tiny coral builder worked only for its own speck of coral, but beautiful islands are the result.

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Current Events in Review By Edward W. Pickard

Roosevelt vs. Hearst on "Red Backing"

ASSERTIONS made by William Randolph Hearst and other opponents of the New Deal that the President "passively accepts" the Communists have got under Mr. Roosevelt's skin. A statement issued through Stephen T. Early, his secretary, said: "My attention has been called to a certain notorious newspaper owner to make it appear that the President passively accepts the support of alien organizations hostile to the American form of government."

"Such articles are conceived in malice and born of political spite. They are deliberately framed to give a false impression, in other words to 'frame' the American people."

"The President does not want and does not welcome the vote or support of any individual or group taking orders from alien sources."

"This simple fact is, of course, obvious. The American people will not permit their attention to be diverted from real issues to fake issues which no patriotic, honorable, decent citizen would purposely inject into American affairs."

Mr. Hearst, who was in Amsterdam, promptly replied by cable, saying in part: "The President has issued a statement through a secretary. He has not had the frankness to say to whom he refers in the statement. I think I am justified in assuming that I am the object of the statement."

"Let me say that I have not stated at any time whether the President willingly or unwillingly received the support of the Karl Marx Socialists, the Frankfurter radicals, communists and anarchists, the Tugwell bolsheviks, and the Richberg revolutionists which constitute the bulk of his following."

"I have simply said and shown that he does receive the support of these enemies of the American system of government, and that he has done his best to deserve the support of all such disturbing and destructive elements."

Al Smith Will Make Some Anti-Roosevelt Speeches

SPECULATION concerning what part Al Smith would take in the Presidential campaign seems to be settled by the news that he will deliver several anti-Roosevelt addresses, the first probably in Carnegie hall in New York in October. He is reported to be making out his own program and planning talks also in Massachusetts and New Jersey. It is said neither the Republican party nor the American Liberty League will be sponsor for his appearances.

Crop Insurance Pushed by the President

IMMEDIATE action toward putting in operation a two-fold crop insurance and drought prevention program was called for by President Roosevelt. It is designed to guard the farmers and the consumers against the danger of food shortages or price collapses. Two committees were named to work out legislation to be asked of the next congress.

Mr. Roosevelt named Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace chairman of a committee directed to "prepare a report and recommendations for legislation providing a plan of 'all risk crop insurance,' and suggested that the system provide for payment of premiums and insurance in commodities. This is in accord with Wallace's proposed plan under which farmers would put part of their crops of good years into a pool from which they could draw in lean years. It would serve, he believes, to keep surpluses from destroying the price structure in good years and provide an "insurance" against crop failures in other years.

Morris L. Cooke, rural electrification administrator, was named chairman of another committee to draft recommendations for a permanent land use program designed to avert drought emergencies.

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The rebel garrison of the Alcazar in Toledo was still holding out though the government forces, after dynamiting part of the old fortress made attacks with flaming gasoline. The defenders lost heavily but the survivors kept up their deadly machine gun fire and repulsed the charges of the loyalists. This heroic garrison had been holding the fort for nine weeks.

The American State department ordered the embassy in Madrid closed and warned all Americans still in the capital that they remained at their own risk.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. © Western Newspaper Union. Lesson for October 4 THE MACEDONIAN CALL LESSON TEXT — Acts 16:6-15; Romans 15:18-21. GOLDEN TEXT—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.—Matthew 28:19. PRIMARY TOPIC—Paul's Wonderful Dream. JUNIOR TOPIC—God's Call to a New Continent. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Cry for Help. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The World's Need of Christ.

The roots of American life, cultural and religious, reach back into the European soil on which our forefathers dwelt. The lesson before us is therefore of peculiar interest, for it relates the first step in the carrying of the gospel into Europe, and ultimately to America.

Paul, the missionary with a pastor's heart, felt constrained to go and visit the centers where he had ministered on his first journey. As he proceeded he was providentially hindered and led by the Holy Spirit to Troas. Here his next "step" seemed for a time to be a "stop," but soon God in a vision called him into Macedonia—and the gospel had come to Europe.

It is of interest to note that Paul, as he thus began his second missionary journey, was I. Obedient to the Spirit (Acts 16:6-12).

He had certain plans in mind. He set out with a purpose, but he was willing to have his own itinerary changed as the Holy Spirit led. It is significant that the guidance was negative as well as positive. The stops as well as "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Ps. 37:23). Christians will do well to remember that providential hindering circumstances may be as much the leading of God as the heavenly vision. We are to be obedient to any guidance He gives but we are not to be merely passive, but actively submissive to His will. Paul was about the Father's business, not idly waiting for the speaking of a voice from heaven. It is to such a man or woman that the Macedonian call comes even in our day, only now it comes from China, India, South America, or Africa.

II. Faithful in Testimony (vv. 13, 14).

Paul, with his companion Silas, Timothy who had joined them at Lystra, and Luke (note that the "they" of v. 8 becomes "we" in v. 10) came to Philippi in Macedonia, but they found no Macedonian man waiting for them. Had they been mistaken in their vision and call?

True missionaries are not thus easily discouraged. They had come to be fishers of men. The fisherman does not expect the fish to come to him. He goes after them. Paul soon discovered that there was a place of prayer at the river, evidently a gathering place of devout Jews for worship. There he met the man of Macedonia who turned out to be a woman. For some reason the men were absent from the place of prayer on that all-important Sabbath morning.

Lydia was a woman of distinction, business ability, and of high moral character. But Paul knew that even good people need to be saved. He spoke the truth of God. She accepted the message as God opened her heart, and at once she entered into

III. Fellowship in Service (v. 15).

Lydia proved herself to be one of that noble succession of women who have served Christ and the church. She and her household shared in the ministry of Paul by their Christian hospitality, thus helping forward the missionaries. Observe carefully that she was not saved by her works, but that her works followed naturally after her salvation.

Turning now to one of the epistles of Paul we look at his exposition of certain

IV. Fundamental Missionary Principles (Rom. 15:18-21).

Those things which Christ had wrought (Paul took no glory to himself) through him Paul had consistently directed into fields where no one else had preached the gospel.

The spirit of the missionary of the cross is that of the pioneer, pressing ever onward, taking new land, not duplicating the work of others, not jealous of their success, not seeking comfort or glory. Men need the gospel; they are lost without it. Let us press on into the yet unoccupied territory.

The Spoken Word SPEECH is but broken light upon the depth Of the unspoken; even your loved words Float in the larger meaning of your voice As something dimmer. —George Elliot.

Friendship FRIENDSHIP, mysterious cement of the soul, Sweetener of life, and solder of society, I owe thee much; thou hast deserv'd from me. Far, far beyond what I can ever pay."—Blair

National Flower A nation-wide contest for the selection of a national flower was conducted by "Nature Magazine," and lasted for about a year. More than a million votes were cast, and almost half of them were for the wild rose. Columbine was second choice. No national flower has been officially designated.

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