

# Lines Cross Eventually

The economists of our country are claiming that two antithetical movements are occurring which will invariably have effects upon the future of both economical and general history. The first of these is an obvious transition in Russia towards the capitalist system. The other is an even more obvious drive towards socialism in America. For those of us who advocate Democracy and for those of us who lean towards the other ideology we are, as a result of these movements, being faced with a probable consequence: a capitalistic-socialistic society.

There was that era in history, you know, when the pious popes and religious gentry would have laughed at the idea of religion and science coming together on anything. From the fusion of Latin and Anglo-saxon has come the English tongue. Somewhere in the metaphysics of time two lines running in different directions will meet and then cross.

There are several points where the two principles might merge. First there is a general desire on both sides for peace. Secondly, we both maintain high technical skill in rocketry, weaponry, and medicine. Then, we differ with Red China. In fact, the United States does not even politically recognize Red China, which is rather silly since we all know that she exists and turning your back on your problems does not mean that they are not there. It is always best to have it out once and for evermore.

Finally, we are terribly afraid of each other. This, probably, will be the main catalyst to act upon the possible alloy of ideologies.

It would be interesting to see what such a society would be like. Imagine a country based upon paternalism where the newspapers would spotlight accomplishments instead of failures; where a president, elected of the people, would hold dictatorial powers for a certain amount of time, unless he incurs the disfavor of a three-man elected consulate.

Private industry would have the power to set prices within a certain limit as designated by the polity of government.

The resultant culture would be a strange blend of American-Oriental-European. Picture a combination of the Kremlin, the White House, and the Taj-Mahal. This would be socialistic-capitalistic culture.

It would, of course, solve several problems. The space quest, for example. With the top Russian and American scientists working together, the sky would literally be the limit and, as far as we know, there is no heavenly limit.

The whole thing, we admit, is purely hypothetical, but it is also highly inevitable. Should war ever occur one nation is going to win, but can either society be completely wiped out? Of course not! There is good as well as bad in the Communist system. But what about democracy? We need only to look at what our unions are doing to bury us deeper in debt and at what the little island of Cuba has done to our prestige or to a crime rate and complacency that surpasses all pessimistic expectations.

It stands to reason, therefore, that if the good of socialism and the good of capitalism can get together in a capitalistic-socialistic society, the world would be better for it. This, we hope, will be the case.

—M. N. W.

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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUJ



"THIS IS ONE PROF I SIMPLY DREAD HANDING A LATE TERM PAPER."

## Letters to the Editor...

**Mr. Whittaker's editorial in the last issue of The Hilltop concerning the Civil War was very interesting, but I believe he needs to be enlightened in regard to the South.**

I don't believe anyone actually believes the South will rise up in arms again. Let's look at this matter in a sensible way. Mr. Whittaker, I have news for you — the South has risen! Today, it and California are the two fast growing industrial regions of America. I'm afraid the North is losing this war because industries are moving southward in an increasing number. I believe the South has higher aims than shooting at those "damn yankees." Cape Canaveral, which is in the South, is now "shooting" for the moon. To the Southerners, it wasn't any surprise that our first astronaut is living in Virginia, which is also in the South.

With reference to the "damn yankees" that rebuilt the South, I think it would be a good idea to check your history books. Just after the war the South was overrun with carpetbaggers, scallawags, and union troops. The steps to the capital building in N. C. cracked under the weight of liquor barrels that were rolled inside to the thirsty carpetbagger politicians. Care for a look Walt?

**I don't quite get the relation between professional historians and beatnicks, but I believe you will find most of the beatnicks in such places as New York, Washington, and even Baltimore, oh my!**

Perhaps too much has been said about the Civil War. Instead of saying the South will rise again, let us make sure that North, South, East and West are united to rise up against threat of Communism.

—Richard Ergenbright

Methinks a regrettable error was made in a recent "letter to the editor" inasmuch as one compared kilts to the biblical apple tree. One has difficulty drawing a comparison between these divergents, especially when this minority implies our apple tree of shortened skirts will cause us to be cast from the garden.

Of course, there is a possibility ... remember the face that launched

a thousand ships? Maybe one can say such criticism of kilts is the pace that launched a thousand slips.

This seems to be typical of the ultra-conservative thinking at Mars Hill ... perhaps the John Birch Society would be interested in forming a chapter here.

While others attempt to define what is morally and socially right or wrong, I become convinced it is a matter of individual conception.

Where can one say black starts and white leaves off? In the words of D. H. Lawrence, "What is pornography to one man is the laugh of genius to another."

I recently checked over the foundation of Moore Hall, and despite deteriorations due to age, I noticed no severely loosened bricks where our kilt-wearers have supposedly attempted to kick the foundation from under Mars Hill College.

Kilt-wearing is comparable to gold-fish swallowing, flag-pole sitting and telephone booth cramming ... a fad which will pass into the archives of another day.

Perhaps campus life is based too much on neo-classicism instead of the romantic aspect. There is too much emphasis on an unfriendly and remorseless logic of facts as opposed to inspiration, imagination and a freedom in the range of human feelings.

As far back as 1852, Britain's John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote "The Idea of a University," a plea for cultivation of the intellect. He held that such schools "were not a convent; not a seminary; but a place to fit men of the world for the world."

Then one may throw up his hands and profess hope that the day of the lowering neck line and rising hemline will finally meet ... then it shan't cost these poor husbands a cent.

—John Baskin

**We regret the omission in the last issue of the Hilltop of Miss Susann Walker as a member of the Dean's List. Miss Walker, a freshman student from Pulaski, Va., accumulated 41 quality points.**

# What Message The Dollar?

A short time ago *The Announcer* made a comment about the character of a dollar bill. Perhaps we ought to go a little deeper and see exactly what the message of the dollar bill is. If you are fortunate enough to possess this piece of currency take it out and examine it as you read this article.

On one side you will find two circular designs which have probably been a mystery to most of us. One may say, "Oh, that is the Seal of the United States." This is true, but how much do you really know about it? What is its message?

The symbolism and mottoes of the Seal are particularly interesting and significant. On the obverse side, shown at the right, is pictured an eagle bearing a shield. In its right talon is an olive branch with thirteen leaves and thirteen olives; and in the left talon thirteen arrows. Above the head of the eagle in circular design are rays of the sun breaking through a cloud, and in the center are three stars. The shield is marked with parallel horizontal lines, called azure, indicating blue coloring. This represents the Congress of the United States and is the place of highest honor on heaven to the Union. The pales of stripes below are thirteen in number, signifying the thirteen original states. Every other one of these is marked with parallel vertical lines, called gules, indicating red coloring; and the others are described as argent, meaning white. White is for purity and innocence; red, for valor, not for the blood shed in battle as many believe.

The eagle, the king of birds, always represents supreme authority and power, strength and nobility. It represents the power and authority of Congress.

E pluribus unum on the ribbon in the beak of the eagle may be translated "one from many."

The sun stands for the source of life and with the cloud is the sustainer of earthly life. The constellation of thirteen white stars on the field of blue is the nation taking its place among the sovereign powers.

To the left is the reverse side of the Great Seal. The predominant figure is the unfinished pyramid above it the all-seeing eye in a capstone surrounded by the fringe of sun rays. Those who designed the Great Seal realized that the nation was not to be composed of just the thirteen states symbolized by the thirteen tiers of workmanship in the pyramid, but they left room for growth. Broadly based, strongly built, the structure is designed for growth and reaches ever upward. The capstone, an equilateral triangle, represents perfection; hence, God. Again, the ever-watchful providence of God is indicated by the all-seeing eye. Eternal glory surrounds this capstone.

I read (on the bill): "This certifies that there is deposited in the treasury of the United States of America one dollar in Silver payable to the bearer on demand. May the world read this same thing in the life of each of us."

## DAR Finds Fault

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Probably the most ludicrous of all legislative committees, the House committee for investigating textbooks has been meeting for weeks to determine which books are un-American or obscene.

History books are of primary concern now. Daughters of the American Revolution, one of the most vocal protest groups on the issue, find that a single history book presently used in the Texas public schools and colleges is acceptable.

History books, they say, must "throb with the heartbeats" of the brave Christian founding fathers who made the United States what it is today.

Instead, they charge, the books record (in historically accurate statements we may add) that such men as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Paine were notably free-thinking, unorthodox men, who, if they thought about religion at all, tended to regard Christ as less than available.

When a more enlightened witness pointed out at a committee hearing that these men were, in fact, "believers," he was also accused of not being a "believer."

The pleas of such men as Dr. J. M. Dawson, late-time Baptist pastor, who said this nation was not a "Christian nation but a nation that allows freedom of religion"; J. Frank Dobie; and University of Texas professors, who say at least give the task of censorship to professionals rather than amateurs, seem to be of little avail.

The third special session of the Texas legislature appropriated more money to allow the investigation to continue.

Meanwhile, vote-seeking candidates promise uneducated mothers that their children will not be corrupted by "evil books" if "they" are elected.