

All Is Not Bad In America

In spite of all the bad things portrayed by news media, there is much to commend, and much to give faith and courage in our future. When we look into the mind of our soldiers scattered abroad, and especially those in Vietnam, we are looking at some representative Americans of whom we are justly proud. It is true that they are killing men, and they are moving in dangerous surroundings and facing enemies who are twisted in their thinking and brutal in their methods. But our men are doing other things. They are trying to make life better and safer for the South Vietnamese. They are giving food to hungry people, and treating sick people. They would much prefer to be feeding, clothing and teaching the child-

ren—and fishing out ice cream than to be shooting the enemy. They would prefer to be spelling out their real selves in kindness, compassion, and concern for others. They would like to show the Vietnamese the real heart of America, but the cruel necessities of war prevents them from doing this.

As all nations and peoples have chosen to accept war as the means of settling differences, we have to accept the consequence. The time will come when war will be no more, but that era is not now in sight. As the world faces the consequences of atomic warfare we may be learning the futility of war, and start on the road to beating swords into plowshares.

Those Who Believe

The late Edward R. Murrow, in his foreword to a book called "This I Believe", described the seemingly hopeless situation of England during the German bombardment, and yet found within the English people a faith and determination that they would survive. Three things stand out: "They believed not only in themselves but that they were fighting against evil things and the fight was worth while." "One reason for survival was that the nation did not betray the things in which it believed." "An Italian citizen, long resident in Britain had been convicted in the lower courts of killing a British seaman. The high court reversed the verdict, set the Italian free." And Murrow adds the explanation: "The House of Commons was determined that, though the Island fell there would be nothing resembling concentration camps in Britain, and that the rights

under the law of enemy aliens would not be abused. That is what the British collectively believed."

Today's perspective enables us to see how right Murrow was in his evaluation. Hitler had boasted that what he was doing would effect the German nation for a thousand years. It will, but not as he imagined it. For a thousand years the world will remember the German concentration camps, the senseless brutality of the German soldiers, and their failure to recognize anything but brute force.

But for the British there are no such memories. England is now going through some troublous times, but we believe that the British will survive. We believe that there will "Always Be an England", because they believe in those things which are high, right, and good.

On Giving Advice

We venture at times, orally and written, to state things in which we believe; but we do not offer them as mandates. The listener, or reader, or reader, make their own decisions. Dean Inge, former dean of an English Cathedral, was once asked if he thought people took advice, and his reply was: "I have dined with doctors and done business with moralists, and I doubt it." A teenage boy wrote to "Dear Abby", telling of a father who put seat belts in his car, and made the children wear them, but would not use them

himself. "How," wrote the boy, "can I tell my father to practice what he preaches?" And "Dear Abby", a fount of wisdom, replied: "Don't tell him to practice what he preaches or you are apt to get a 'belt' in the chops."

We have been around a long time, and at the moment we cannot recall a person who acted upon advice given—but we have known a good many who got "hot under the collar" at the advice being given. So, we offer no advice—somebody is sure to suggest that we practice what we preach.

Anti-Litter War Is A State Of Mind

(From The Christian Science Monitor)

With the coming of the wrapped candy bar, the beverage in "disposable" can, and innumerable paper products, the litter problem has grown big all over the world. A survey of American cities made by this newspaper found local governments spending star-high sums yearly to tidy up their streets and parks. (Five hundred million a year, according to one estimate.)

It is encouraging to hear that many communities are devoting equal efforts to preventing the careless tossing of trash in their streets and parks. Many approaches are needed. The London

County Council, which made littering a public offense more than 35 years ago, leads a long list of communities which have adopted similar ordinances. But fines are not enough. Education is needed to break the old habits of carelessness. Extensive campaigns both national and local are under way.

Cities around the world have shown themselves ingenious in this effort. Canberra, during an antilitter campaign, sent up police in helicopters to shout amplified pleas for public tidiness, as well as scoldings to any litterbugs observed in action. A suburb of Copenhagen, during a similar drive, displayed in a square a humorous group of figures—pigs in human dress surrounded by their discarded trash. Implication obvious. Richard Wash., a basketball town, appealed to teen-agers by placing a ring and net a few inches above a public trash basket. No young person, it was assumed, could resist the temptation to "make a basket" and the trash would go in. Burlington, Iowa, tied litter bags to parking meters and urged people to "stash that trash."

Perhaps nothing has done more for antilitter education, however, than the coining of the derogatory name, "litterbug." It appears to have come into the early 1950's and has already made its way into the dictionary as a word in good standing.

It is used with great effect by the young. About the worst thing a child can say to a thoughtless elder who has tossed a gum wrapper from his car is "Oooh, you're a litterbug."

It is a hopeful sign that very few people want to be one.

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