

Plan Offered to End 'Drift' of Democracy

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NEW YORK (UP)—America can save itself from fascism or communism by setting up a real democracy, Dr. Joseph K. Hart of Columbia University believes. But the United States is not yet a democracy, and has a long way to go to attain the goal of 1776. Dr. Hart, an eminent sociologist, concludes in a new book, "Mind in Transition," published by Covici-Friede.

Dr. Hart is angry at the common statement that America has only two alternatives: communism of fascism. Why not, instead of resorting to these extremes, give democracy a chance? he asks. In a careful and scientific exposition, Dr. Hart traces the history of the human mind, and concludes it is about time we stopped letting civilization "drift" and took our destiny into our own hands. Democracy, he argues, can do a lot better job than any social philosophy the world is trying now.

People Don't Care
The trouble is, as Hart himself admits, that most people don't care much what happens to the world. What happens to them as individuals is important. Democracy, which implies an intelligent solution to the problem of where we as a nation are heading, is hard to operate. Most folks would prefer to let some dictator do all the thinking for them.

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So what? Dr. Hart asks. He has a five-point program to revitalize American democracy so that America may work out its salvation, accomplish an "economy of abundance for all," and maintain freedom of speech and freedom of mind.

Here's the plan:
1. Draft our scientists to put our economic house on an efficient basis for today and for the future, planning for the whole nation as though it was the home community.
2. Uproot everything undemocratic from politics, and get the people thinking about democracy in terms of collective freedom for everyone, rather than freedom for individuals. No rigid legal constitution would do, of course.
3. Reorganize schools to teach children how to live in their own world when they grow up; not how people lived in an obsolete world.
4. Reorganize religion, discarding ancient traditions which Dr. Hart believes keep the people forever looking back, to keep them awaiting a "savior" instead of saving their world themselves.
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After a few days in Chicago with his wife, Joe will go to Detroit for a week with his mother, then stay on manager Julian Black's farm near Stevensville, Mich., until he meets Thomas in the Chicago stadium April 1. Louis, fresh from a 3-round knockout over Nathan Mann Wednesday night, plans to keep in good physical condition so that a week or 10 days to "tighten up" will make him ready. Thomas, knocked out by Max Schmeling and outpointed by Jimmy Adamic in his only two New York starts, is considered only a trial horse for Louis to sharpen his sights on, but the bout is scheduled for 15 rounds and Joe's title will be at stake.

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