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## Making A Man



Jimmy tells us it's very easy. You just roll little snowballs around the back yard until they get "big and fat." Then you pile them on top of each other. Next you put in lumps of coal to make the eyes and nose and coat buttons. And then you find an old broom, and daddy's spare hat . . . and you borrow that ugly black scarf that Aunt Mabel gave daddy for Christmas. And there you have a snow-man.

He isn't an ordinary snow-man, either! As a matter of fact, in the imagination of his youthful creator, this snow-man is "exactly the kind of man I'm going to be when I grow up."

Well, Jimmy, it isn't as easy to make a real man as it is to make a snow-man. It takes the right environment, parental example, thorough education, wise discipline. And, most of all, it requires religious training in the Church, and the proper Christian influence in the home.

And so . . . while the snow-man can be any kind of man you wish to make him . . . YOU, Jimmy, will become the kind of man, you, your parents and your environment make of you.

## Announcements Should be Reported to The Voice

I have been doing a bit of checking lately and find that almost everyone in our neighborhood reads The Voice. I should think that all announcements of importance should be made in The Voice. Especially should this be true in regards to the church announcements.

Every month there is a union service where everyone is expected to attend and many, many people do not know anything about it. I also think that each Sunday's program should be given in advance. Many persons would be attracted by some subject or singing or a particular program. It might help if the church leaders and you would give this some serious thought. S. E. S.

## Quinn Chapel Calendars Now Being Distributed

The Co-Chairman of the Usher Board and Auxiliary of Quinn Chapel church announces that those who have not received their calendars or if these is an error, contact Mrs. Elizabeth Woods, phone 2-2084.

## A Message to Nebraska's Politicians

By Carroll L. Unland.

Politicians are, or should be, men of superior intelligence and unquestioned integrity. When any man aspires to public office he indicates that he thinks that he has the necessary qualities, and is deserving of the honor. When he is elected it is indicated that the public also thinks that he has those qualities.

If our politicians are to meet the obligation resulting from the trust the public has placed in them they must certainly have some strong principles upon which to base their political lives and to which they can turn for help and guidance in solving the many problems they are forced to face.

Necessarily this will require every politician to sacrifice some of his lesser pet ideas or those of his friends if they do not conform to the larger plan for the greater good of all concerned. This is the measure of any man. If he is a big man worthy of his position he will make such sacrifices and consistently follow the path outlined by his major principles.

The United States has long held a position of importance in all world affairs, but never to the extent that it does today. The rise in the status of Russia and the decline in the prestige of all the other "World Powers," with the exception of the United States, has placed a responsibility upon this nation beyond anything we have previously experienced.

The United States has been a young nation, growing richer and stronger through the years, leading the world in liberal thinking and in social and economic advancement.

Now this nation has reached its maturity and with that state comes greater responsibility for it is now that we must decide whether we are to assume leadership for all the peoples of the world who care to follow or whether we wish to isolate ourselves and live off the riches we have accumulated during the past century of progress.

Hitler chose to try to lead the world. He chose the wrong goals and the wrong methods and only succeeded in leading the world into disaster. The English chose to isolate themselves on their impregnable island and found that to be impossible.

It appears then that the people of the United States must call upon that spirit of youth and progress that has carried them this far to again rise to meet the needs of a dangerous time and devise a plan of life for themselves and for the whole world that will lead away from death and destruction.

Leadership implies a great deal more than the strongest military force in the world. Hitler had that and was defeated. England opposed Hitler with little more than determination. The United States provided the great resources needed for victory. Russia had both determination and resources to throw into the battle. Thus sheer military preparedness did not prevail. The world has always listened to the doctrine that military strength guarantees peace. This doctrine is always forcefully advanced but it has always proved a fallacy. In fact history is full of instances of great powers building so strong a fighting machine that such a fear was engendered in the lesser powers that eventually war was resorted to in self defense. And fear has proved more powerful on the battle field than has egotism or self satisfaction.

Then upon what can we base our world leadership? Let's enumerate some of the things and make a comparison as against the world's largest standing army.

1. Economic security, including a sound national economy as well as security for the individual citizen. Undernourished children and starving old people do not

make for a strong nation nor do they induce others to respect us and to follow our leadership.

2. National health. This country has the greatest medical profession in the world and there is no good reason why we should not have the healthiest people in the world. Firth and undernourishment can be stamped out. Medical science can be encouraged to do the job. A healthy man and a healthy nation command respect.

3. Scientific progress. This nation stands among the world's leaders in this respect, and this standing should be continued and increased to an extent possible. Scientific progress can give us a better life in respect to the necessities of clothing, food and shelter and make it possible for us to help others attain the same advantages. Scientific progress can make us better able to withstand an attack and to wage a war if that is forced upon us. A small military force with the most advanced equipment is a much better defense than a large force poorly equipped. The knowledge of how to produce and what to produce is more valuable and less expensive than a million men equipped with less than the best.

4. Conservation and development of natural resources. We have seen numerous examples of nations becoming poor because the fertility of the soil has been depleted, their forests decimated and their minerals exhausted. This can happen here. But if we take measures to prevent that disaster we increase our strength and our prestige accordingly.

5. Solve our social problems. We have many problems that need solution. Let's stamp out illiteracy, crime, poverty, and all forms of discrimination, intolerance, and injustice. The cost would be far less than the cost of any war and the results would be constructive instead of destructive.

6. Demonstrate our desire to cooperate with other nations in building a better world and in guaranteeing world peace. The hope of the world rests on the United Nations at the present time. We can not do less than everything in our power to make that organization a success. In order to prove our sincerity we must make such sacrifices as appear necessary for the success of this venture. We cannot buy world peace for nothing nor can we expect others to make concessions we refuse to make.

If other countries can see that a democratic nation can solve the problems of this modern world and can give its people peace, security and happiness then they too will be tempted to adopt our methods and follow our example.

Leadership exists only when those being led follow because they want to. Pressure, bribery, or deceit can not result in leadership. The use of such methods is only slavery. Let this nation be above such methods. Let her political leaders disdain such thoughts.

A politician is to be judged by his voting record and not by his avowals of this belief or his disclaimers of that one. Today inflation is the major domestic issue threatening our national security. Measures taken to date have not been effective in combatting it. Can any politician who has supported these measures claim to have shown the intelligence expected of him by his constituents? Today our people and our politicians must be vigorous and fearless in taking strong measures to insure the continued welfare of this nation and its people. We must show the proper respect for our communist adversary, the USSR, and be willing to admit our own faults and to correct them before pointing the accusing finger at our competitor for world leadership.

We have reason to fear the results if Russia succeeds in dominating too large a portion of the earth's people. We must take great care that other nations do not fear the results if our influence is extended over greater areas. Our political leaders can and must lead us constructively and forcefully toward better living conditions for ourselves and for the whole world or else our American way of life is doomed to destruction. Democracy can not rest on its laurels and service.

Neither can our politicians survive unless they meet the demands of the people and lead us toward that utopian goal which the idealist believes can be attained, the pessimist believes can not be attained, but both hope to achieve for themselves and their posterity.

## Quinn Chapel Sunday School Has Guest

Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Sunday School had as a guest Sunday morning, Miss Inez Conley, teacher of a high school class at St. Paul Methodist Sunday School. The purpose of Miss Conley's visit was to stimulate interest by giving plans, methods and solutions to problems usually found in the average Sunday School.

Miss Conley suggested that each person should consider himself a missionary and work to increase the membership of the Sunday School.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was closed by a vocal rendition by Misses Vonna and Eloise Finley and Jeanne Malone is superintendent of the Sunday School.

## Would Like to See News Of Students on Campuses

No doubt it is because my husband is on the campus that I would like to see more news about the students. Since there is an increased number of students this year I am sure they would have some very interesting things to say about themselves. I enjoy The Voice more than I could ever say and especially now since I receive it the same day each week. I never miss a copy. Thank you for this consideration. MRS. DONALD STITH, Fairbury, Neb.

## Guest Editorial

By M. Leo Bohanon.

### The President's Civil Rights Committee Report

A group of fifteen distinguished Americans appointed by President Truman, spent ten and one-half months seeking answers to the following questions: What is the historic civil rights goal of the American people? In what ways does our present record fall short of the goal? What is government's responsibility? What further steps does the nation need to take?

The committee believed four basic rights must be protected and preserved as they are essential to the well being of the individual and the progress of society: The right of safety and security of person; the right to citizenship and its privileges; the right to freedom of conscience and expression; and the right to equality of opportunity.

Unlike most government committee reports this report is direct, simply stated and clear in its meaning. It is reasonably short and should be a "must" reading for every American citizen.

Essentially the committee report is a blue print on how democracy can be preserved in these United States. The key to our preservation of democracy lies in our treatment of America's minority. Altho the report is broad in its coverage of minorities, including the Indian, Mexican, Japanese and foreign born, the majority of the abuses against civil rights are suffered by the Negro. The committee is very much aware of this.

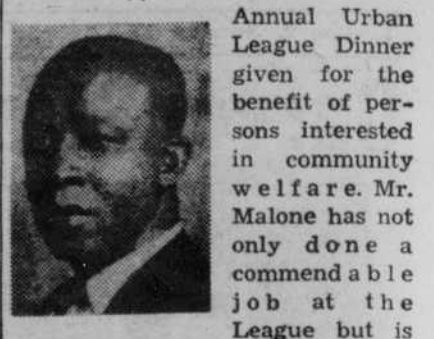
Specifically the report made mention of the prevalence of mob violence, peonage and other forms of involuntary servitude; the denial of the franchise; barriers and unequal treatment in the armed forces; inequalities in employment opportunities; education, housing and health. The Committee is just as specific in recommending the machinery for strengthening and protecting civil rights. It suggests such means be used as presidential executive order and the enactment of new federal and state legislation.

Where are the challenges to the American people? First, it is a challenge to our morality and sense of fair play. Sooner or later we must either attack this problem in a straight forthright manner or reveal to the entire world what hypocrites and liars we are. We do more, we debase ourselves and eventually put in jeopardy the right of every individual. Second, the perpetuation of inequalities makes for increasingly heavier economic and social burdens to the nation. It is not a program of progress but of decline and retrogression. Last, we cannot hope to furnish the leadership which the world needs and wants so badly unless we turn our expressed principles of freedom, democracy and liberty into actual practice—at home. Until we do, nations will continue to remain suspicious of our real interest and believe our songs of

## The Voice Salutes

Clyde W. Malone

Mr. Malone, Executive Secretary of the Lincoln Urban League since February, 1943, was host on Wednesday, January 28 to the



Annual Urban League Dinner given for the benefit of persons interested in community welfare. Mr. Malone has not only done a commendable job at the League but is Past Master of Mason Lodge and an officer in Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and has done graduate work in social studies at the university. He has held many positions of prominence including work with the National Benefit Life Insurance Co. and the Phyllis Wheatly Settlement House of Minneapolis.

goodwill are but a disguise for our dollar diplomacy.

We believe America will meet the challenge. There is no alternative—we must, too much is at stake. Like the president's committee, we too reaffirm our faith in the American heritage and its promise.

M. LEO BOHANON  
Executive Secretary  
Omaha Urban League

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