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Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men

Guest Editorial

Peace on earth is the desire of all men and all men are willing to pay a price which seems reasonable to them for peace for themselves and their families.

Since the beginning of man there has never been peace for everyone but in the earlier days when mankind was of a nomadic nature the man who desired peace in terms of war with other men could move himself and his family and avoid such disturbances as were forced on him by his neighbors.

Today men have become rooted to one place and few find it possible to seek peaceful surroundings when war impends. The result is that wars are forced on people who do not want them and indeed most of the combatants in such wars are people who would like to avoid war.

Civilization has always included individuals who were predatory by nature and individuals who were warlike by nature, covetous, grasping, egotistical individuals for the most part, who profited by war while the great majority of the people were paying for the wars with their blood and their sweat. This small group of selfish people has always exercised power and influence far beyond the amount that their small numbers would warrant.

What is the reason that the great majority of people, peace loving by nature, allow themselves to be led into unwanted wars? The principal reason is ignorance and misunderstanding. Wars have been explained by men of learning as being caused by economic factors, political factors, social factors and numerous other factors. Yet the fact remains that wars are fought and paid for by people who do not want them.

Throughout history wars have become bigger and more expensive as the implements of war have been improved. As the cost of war increases the net loss resulting from balancing the costs against any possible profit to be gained is rapidly increasing. The net loss resulting from any war has now become so great that only the most illiterate and those carefully miseducated can be deceived into seeing any profit in war.

Thus the first veil of ignorance has been pretty well torn asunder. There remains the ignorance of the problems which are pressing peoples all over the world causing them to do the thing that they do not want to do. Some of these problems are economic, political, and social and each problem is peculiar to some particular group of people.

In order to exert influence

against war it is absolutely necessary to understand the problems of groups who are dissatisfied and unhappy with their lot. It is not enough to say "If I were a Hottentot I would not expect hard working Americans to provide milk for my babies." That is not putting oneself in the position of the Hottentot and is not doing anything to help understand the problems of the Hottentot.

Sending milk to the Hottentots, Marshall aid money to Europe or food to China may or may not be the way to solve their problems.

But the man who opposes such acts of charity or mercy on the grounds that they are too expensive is not doing anything to solve the general problem of peace on earth.

When individuals champion or oppose any proposal such as those above or domestic issues such as soil conservation or public housing it is well to ask the question "Why?" Why should we do this? Why should we not? Who will benefit if we do? Who will benefit if we don't? What will be the immediate result of this decision? What will be the later result? What will be the cost? Who will pay the cost? How much loss will there be in administration? Will it be a permanent solution to a problem or only a temporary expedient?

If enough questions are asked eventually enough light will be shed on the subject to lead to a solution of any problem. Thus ignorance can be overcome, demagogues can be revealed and prejudice can be destroyed.

Generally speaking men do have a good will toward each other if given the opportunity to show it. If all possible is done to increase this opportunity eventually peace can be attained. Today's problems are the greatest the world has ever faced but the ability and the physical equipment are available to solve them. It remains, then, for the people, all the people, little people and big people, to show the necessary will to learn, to sacrifice and to pay the price so that the skilled leadership which has the right goal in view can be selected and supported in doing the right job in the right way.

L. Carroll Unland.

To Attend Council Meet of Bishops in Florida

COLUMBIA, Mo.—The Rev. L. S. Goolsby will be in attendance at the Bishop's Council, which will be held in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 15.

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by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Few men are more closely identified with the early development of Nebraska than John M. Thayer, governor of the state from 1887 to 1892.

Governor Thayer was born in Bellingham, Mass., Jan. 24, 1820, the youngest of nine children. He was reared on a farm, attended the local schools, and was graduated with honor from Brown university in 1841. Following his graduation, he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and practiced in Worcester, Mass., until 1854.

Shortly after the creation of Nebraska territory, Thayer brought his family west, settling in the vicinity of Omaha. Here his interest in military affairs, and previous experience as a lieutenant in the Worcester light infantry, resulted in his appointment as head of the territorial militia. He led the territorial forces in two expeditions against the Pawnees.

In response to President Lincoln's call for volunteers in 1861, he raised a thousand men in the territory and was commissioned colonel of the First Regiment of Nebraska Volunteers. The First Regiment took an active part in the battles at Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and Thayer was promoted to brigadier general, serving under Grant at Vicksburg.

Following the Civil war, Thayer took an active part in securing Nebraska's admission into the union, but when Nebraska became the 37th state, Thayer was one of the first two men chosen to represent it in the United States senate. The other was Thomas W. Tipton.

Thayer served in the senate until 1871. In 1875, his former commander, President Grant, appointed him governor of Wyoming territory, which post he held until 1879.

Upon his return to Nebraska he was chosen department commander of the state G. A. R., and in 1886 he was elected governor on the republican ticket. He was re-elected in 1888. He was not a candidate in 1890, and normally his term of office should have expired Jan. 8, 1891. The gubernatorial contest in 1890, however, was contested and Thayer did not vacate the office until Feb. 8, 1892.

Governor Thayer was 72 years

It's New at N.U.

By Charlene J. Colbert

Hats off to Genene Grimm, the Student Union Activities Director! The Union has offered many special activities during exam week. The students have had the opportunity to relax from their studies and exam tension by attending several types of entertainment. Special music, movies and craftsmanship instruction were included in the planned activities.

Stan Kenton's new 40-piece orchestra is scheduled to give a concert at 8:00 on Wednesday, February 22. The concert, featuring Kenton's impressionistic style of music, will be held in the Coliseum. It is open to the public.

The Daily Nebraskan, university newspaper, has selected two Nebraskans for citations in outstanding work during the semester. The nominations were made by students, and final decision lay with the Daily Nebraskan staff. Chancellor R. G. Gustavson was chosen from the faculty, and Tom Novak, All American Center, from the student body. Both of the winners of The Nebraska Citations have certainly done much to better the welfare and spirit of the University and its students, and are worthy of all the praise that everyone can give them.

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of age when he left office, and is the oldest governor Nebraska has had. Following his retirement, he spent his time in Lincoln and in the east. He died March 19, 1906, and was buried in Wyuka cemetery in Lincoln.

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I am enclosing my year's subscription for "The Voice." I have enjoyed every issue very much. The manner of news you print and the manner in which it is printed should be an asset to any community. It is especially encouraging to note the space given to youth news.

Best wishes for the year ahead.

HELEN SEWARD, 309 1/2 E. 5th Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

I enjoy reading "The Voice." Find enclosed \$2 for my subscription renewal. Hope you and the staff a prosperous New Year.

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