



Happy New Year to All

Our Perilous Times

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It is just as well that we face the ugly fact, that we are face to face with catastrophe. Perilous times are upon us and whether we sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, are matters that are delicately poised in the scales of destiny.

With World War III upon us, we are being forced to concede that what we thought was the prospect of a lasting peace proves to be merely an illusion. The nations are not putting their trust in God and Right, but in deadly weapons. The terrible atom bomb is being brandished with abandon, and that there will be resort to it is almost one of the certainties of the crisis that is upon us.

It is a fearful price that the nations are willing to pay for the specious privilege of godlessness. However, reluctant we may be admit it, we are living in a world where might is right as Nietzsche long ago taught the Germans. This harking back to the Dark Ages is calamitous to say the least. But the end is not yet.

Nations stand upon the dry bones of former nations and peer into the solemn future with hope that by and by a nation will rise up and rule in righteousness. "Righteousness exalteth any nation but sin is a reproach to any people" is an admonition that the nations thus far have rejected, but one, and the only one, that has hoped of a better tomorrow. Our hopes of civilization is on the eve of doom and the hands of the clock of history are about to be turned back. Mankind must be brotherized or it will be brutalized.

This is the grim fact that we

Season's Greetings To All Our Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Botts and Mrs. Ann, 2041 S street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Peterson, Donna and Jerry, 334 No. 23rd street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, sr., and Joyce, 2236 R street.

The Shark Club, Cecil Whitebear, president.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenley Tarpel, sr., 1944 You street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burns and Ernestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Reed and Sunya Gale, 2042 S street.

Mrs. Sara Walker and Vivian.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Williams, jr., Roger Bruce, Frank LaMont and Derek Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Botts, 944 Whittier street.

Mrs. Rachel Fields, 2024 S street.

Notes of Interest

Mrs. Jennie Edwards entertained members of the stewardesses at an afternoon Christmas party at her home on Monday, December 18.

Theodore Sorensen is reported ill and confined to his home at press time.

loathe to face but grim fact it is. Will the hurling of the atom bomb atone for a nation's sins? What will the loosing of the atom bomb settle aside from the question of who is momentarily the master of destructive power?

Must peace lie slaughtered on the plains of the Twentieth Century a victim of man's inhumanity to man? When will the nations grow up and put away the childish thing called war? Are we shortly to see go up in smoke and utter destruction all that has been built in sweat and tears and blood?

Is the atom bomb way the only way to stem the tide of communism? This is the most potent question ever laid before the councils of this nation. Such question demands that its answer come of prayer and fasting and agonizings of the spirit. When will the nation turn in righteousness rather than in wrath to God for cleansing? Jericho and Jerusalem were walled cities but they fell before the invaders because their hearts were not right with God.

France lived smugly behind her Maginot Line but the Germans got behind it and destroyed the flower of her manhood. The Germans found ease in trusting to her Siegfried Line but the allies got behind it and Germany bit the dust of defeat. Will our confidence in the atom bomb be shattered some day by means more foul and devastating that will make of the atom bomb a by word among the people? The survival value of weapons has been tested and found wanting.

Great armies and navies and great walls and great lines have all failed to save the unrighteous nations. When will the nations put their trust in righteousness? If ever this nation of ours has prayed it needs to pray now that the deliberators in the UN may be guided by Almighty God into the paths of peace. The impending human slaughter makes the heart sick to contemplate and whether the slaughtered are Russians, Chinese or Americans the results are the same, the brutalization of the nobler sentiments of mankind.

Will our earth soon be turned into a Twentieth Century Sodom and Gomorrah? Whose will be the gain and whose the loss? These are perilous times! "Behold I stand at the door and knock," saith the lowly Jesus, and the nations will turn him away at their peril. Does this world need economic stability or does it need a great revival to turn men back to the ways of the Lord. We have spurned the Faith of the fathers; but their faith seems to be the only anchor in these times of stress and struggle for survival.

So long as salvation is in the final analysis a personal matter there is hope and peace in the knowledge that personally our hearts are right with God. It all may sound foolish in the premise to talk about rightness with God; but it certainly does not sound

Masonic Bodies Elect Officers For New Year

January 9, the Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M., will install its officers for 1951. Elected to succeed himself for a third time as Worshipful Master is Jewell R. Kelley, Sr., 2641 So. 9th Street. Mr. Kelley has sponsored an active social program during the year and has been active in other areas of community life. Other officers elected were:

Senior Warden, Estelle Powell.
Junior Warden, Fred Nevels.
Treasurer, Leroy Brown.
Secretary, John Irving.

January 2, Amaranth Chapter No. 3, Order of Eastern Stars, will install Miss Francis Lewis, 1941 T Street as Worthy Matron for her second year in that post. Besides her OES activities, popular Miss Lewis is well known for her community and church work. Other elected officers to be installed are:

Associate Matron, Beulah Bradley.
Treasurer, Wilma Todd.
Secretary, Maude Johnson.
Conductress, Dorothy Lewis.
Associate Conductress, Janice Kelley.
Warden, Jennie Edwards.

'Few Negroes Lean Toward Communism'

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (ANP).—An opinion that "no appreciable number of Negroes are presently influenced or inclined toward Communism," was expressed here at Indiana university recently by Atty. Henry J. Richardson Jr.

Addressing the founder's day banquet of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, under the subject of "Education and Citizenship," he said:

"Though the Negroes limited opportunities, oppression and social subordination wounds them deeply and makes them susceptible to any political phobia that promises symbols of hope, fundamentally the Negro has a democratic soul and loves America . . . and will die to protect his integrity and precepts. This has been proven by his enviable war records in all American wars.

"The question is how long can the Negro continue to endure his present unholy and unfortunate lot of a abused stepchild and stave off the influence of communism that bounds him and is being pre-meditatively channeled in his path?"

"The answer to this dangerous question lies the hearts of all Americans—brotherhood, human dignity and equal opportunities of development for all Americans without racial or religious barriers will sterilize the seeds of communism.

"Then communism will have no appeal to the Negroes of America . . . or the masses anywhere in the world, once the minorities and the masses are assured of stable, and consistent improvement of their condition in life."

more foolish than trusting to material power that has always let the nations down.

A New Year's Message

Each New Year we make some new choices, otherwise it would just be the old year transplanted. We make resolutions with our minds, but we never put our will and our all back of these resolutions and so either we leave them in the things that we plan on doing, think that we should do, or else we half-heartedly make a start but never really follow through with all of the resolutions that we pass at the beginning of the year.

Our choices can determine the kind of a year it will be. Suppose that we decide to choose a new mood, one of friendliness, faith, hope and carry it over into the New Year. Then the on-coming days on the calendar will contain new friendships, new adventure, and a way of fellowship. Each one of us chooses the attitude and the mood in which we live.

It can also become a New Year through the things that we love. What we really love determines our very life. Life is always molded and patterned after our secret desire. There are so many worlds in which an individual may live. Here are the Chapters of the Old Book of Books and the story of man's pilgrimage in the search for God's truth and also God's search for man until the two meet in the sterling Personality of Christ. Think of what a difference it makes in life as one really comes to love the characters in the Book of Books and allows the Spirit of the matchless Christ to become theirs.

It becomes a New Year with

the fine gift of new affections. If we go on loving the same old things in the same old way, we can never have a New Year. It is only as we make room in our hearts for some new affection, some new love, that the world grows and becomes larger and we, in reality, discover a New Year.

When we look at our world and do not enjoy what we see, we know that it will not be changed except as individuals bring into the world a new spirit. We have high hopes for peace, but it will only be a peaceful world as there are individuals who have peaceful hearts. We may look at our own community, wherever we may live, and have the desire that the community may be a bit more friendly, more closely knit as a neighborhood and do not enjoy what we see, kindness. Well, too, this will only come about as there are neighbors who, in their own relationships with each other, decide to carry the Christ-like Spirit out into life.

Let us make it a new world of good will and brotherhood by the gift of a new affection, a new love and a kindlier heart.

There are homes also that could profit by a New Year. One of the most glorious sights in all of life is that of some fine couple living together throughout the years until their interests in reality become as one. The Spirit of love and beauty guides that home. Such a home is not left to a chapter of accidents, but it comes about as members of the family grow in affection and regard one for another as they make their ideals live through the gracious word, the kindly deed and the loving act.

Watch Meeting At Quinn Chapel

Christ Temple, C. M. E. and Quinn Chapel, will hold joint services Sunday night, December 31.

A covered dish luncheon will be served in the dining room before the services which will begin at 10 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Right to Speak Out

NEW YORK.—"The voice of Carl Marx was not heard until two and one half centuries after Negroes began fighting for the rights which democracy promises. The fight for Negro rights began when the first slaves were brought to America in 1619. The battle for Negro rights cannot therefore be labeled Communist."

With the stirring pronouncement, Hazel Scott elicited an avalanche of applause at the packed and jammed Crusade for Freedom rally last week at the Majestic Theater.

Notes of Interest

Word was received by Mrs. Julius Miller of the death of a cousin, Mrs. Edith Moore of Topeka, Kas., Tuesday, December 12. Mrs. Moore who formerly lived in Lincoln was the wife of Will Moore.



CHARLES M. GOOLSBY

Charles M. Goolsby, regional director of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity for Nebraska and Iowa, will be one of the more than 600 delegates from all over the U. S., Jamaica and Bermuda who will converge on Kansas City this week for the annual general convention of the Greek organization. Also in Kansas City will be the national meetings of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which, together with the Alphas, represent about 25,000 college men and women. This past year the A. Phi A.'s won a favorable decision from the Supreme Court in the Henderson Cast, first filed in 1942, granting Negroes the right to eat in unsegregated dining cars on southern railroads.