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Ridicule or reason

What every man thinks depends upon his previous associations, his studies, his environment, and the way he evaluates the facts he acquires.

Of course it is self-evident when one thinks about it that nobody can be altogether right, and no one can be altogether wrong.

If the premises that nobody is right at all times and that democracy is based upon this belief are true, then the success of that democracy depends upon every person being given the opportunity to freely and openly express his views.

Whether or not what Mr. Lindbergh believes is right or wrong is immaterial. He is a citizen of this country.

People don't have to agree with him. They can debate him fairly and squarely and bring forth evidence with which to refute him.

Too many think that Lindbergh in as much as he doesn't agree with what they believe must be one of the misguided men of the country.

At any rate since we are unable to distinguish truth from error, let's listen to all arguments, and encourage all expression.

Commentatorials ... from our readers

Editorial contradictions

Dear Editor:

Your editorial "Aim at Happiness" of May 7, 1941, is so full of contradictions and misstatements that I cannot resist the temptation to answer it.

Turning to your philosophy, so contradictory in its simultaneous optimism and pessimism, I assure you that you do not have a monopoly on the goals of justice and happiness.

How are you going to achieve justice and happiness in the United States when the world is dominated by the Axis powers? Do you believe that we won't have to build up our armaments?

R. A. Winnacker.

Facts stand by themselves in spite of professorial labels

Labeling an article with such words as "contradictions" and "misstatements" does not in itself tear down an argument.

tion valid that a person who doesn't have the same prejudices and who doesn't give facts the same weight as another is either "lightly ignoring" or coloring the truth.

Despite Professor Winnacker's general attack upon your editor's swing into philosophy nothing has been advanced to refute the argument itself.

●In every age there are dreamers bent on creating at great cost Utopian orders insuring permanent happiness, peace and power.

●History shows, however, nothing is permanent. Dream bubbles have swollen for a time but have always burst.

●The main values that men are striving for, and to this Prof. Winnacker agrees, are happiness and justice.

●Though freedom is a part of that justice and wars may be necessary to bring happiness to a people, wars for vague ideals are too costly.

●Wars always bring depression, economic collapse and burden a people with heavy taxation. The heavy death toll and huge expense to fight such wars have seldom been compensated by actual gains from them.

●There is much in the way of clearing up slums, of raising the standard of living of a large portion of our population, and thereby increasing the sum total of happiness in this country that is a challenge to any man.

●Though this is a most controversial issue, and though our status doesn't give our beliefs the weight of a professor's, we cannot believe that freedom in this country must go down before a nazi-dominated Europe.

●In view of these things therefore, we still contend that America's best policy to achieve the maximum of happiness, is an internal policy.

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Behind the News

In the capitals . . .

The English House of Commons voted confidence in Prime Minister Churchill, by the resounding majority of 447 to 3.

In a speech on the status of the war, and in reply to the criticism, Churchill disclosed that General Sir Archibald Wavell has nearly half a million men under his command in the Mediterranean area.

In the air the German luftwaffe sent waves of big bombers to Glasgow, and to Liverpool for the sixth consecutive night.

In Moscow, Josef Stalin took over the premiership from Molotov, who remains commissar of foreign affairs.

In Washington, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson made a forthright plea for the use of the navy to make sure that American supplies reach Britain.

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