

Editorial Comment

Big Rich, Uneasy

Five days ago a decade ended and history flipped the page on the 1950's.

"It is a long page, packed with spectacular, terrifying and heartening developments. It records new concepts swiftly brought to reality, radical changes, new visions of the future, sharp breaks with the past. And it is marked by two clearly defined characteristics, shadow and light," according to Melman Morin, Associated Press correspondent.

What international affairs cast a shadow on the Fateful Fifties? Morin includes these:

A hydrogen bomb incinerated an island in 1953.

A Russian rocket capable of carrying such a bomb sought the moon and found it in 1959.

Rocket-armed submarines, powered by the atom, prowled unbelievable distances without surfacing.

Newspaper headline of October 2, 1952: "Stalin Says War Is Inevitable Between Communism and Capitalism."

Casting light on the decade, Morin said, were international events such as atomic reactors which began generating electricity for homes and factories.

Medical science swept forward in giant strides with the Salk vaccine, new drugs for mental illness, isotopes and other weapons in the battle against cancer.

Nations, although political enemies in some instances, pooled efforts in the greatest study of the physical earth ever conducted.

Ostensibly reversing the policy of his predecessors, Nikita Khrushchev said in 1959, "Let us disarm and compete in peaceful coexistence."

In his analysis of the past "turbulent" decade, Morin says there were also those events which threw light and shadow on the world.

—Red China, openly aggressive, bathed Tibet in blood. The Dalai Lama fled and told his story to millions of horrified Buddhists in the Orient and free men throughout the world.

—Chinese troops invaded Indian border points. The result of these actions were sharp anti-Chinese or anti-Communist reactions in nations previously friendly.

—Marshal Tito pulled Yugoslavia out of the Communist bloc. But his was still a Communist government.

—Western Europe, with American money priming the pump, rebounded from the thin postwar years to burgeoning prosperity.

—Japan's industrial production more than doubled the figure for the previously great base period, 1934-36. Japan became the leading ship builder in the world.

—Hunger and illiteracy, aggravated by the population explosion, lay heavily over vast areas of the earth.

—The gap between the rich nations and the poor was rapidly widening.

"The Fifties were more than a decade. They were an age," he says. An age which to Americans constituted one of the "angriest, most strife-torn decades in American history since the Civil War," Morin believes. Internal affairs making headlines in the Fifties would include:

—A great conflict swirled around the nation's schools.

—The struggle between labor and management produced the longest steel strike in history.

—Juvenile delinquency apparently reached an all-time high in this decade.

—A Wisconsin senator, Joseph McCarthy, strutted in the center of the American stage for almost five years. Terms such as "McCarthyism," "guilt by association," "loyalty risk," and "fifth Amendment Communist" became a part of the American vocabulary.

Americans came to the end of the Fifties with more of everything, more wealth, more cars, more schools and churches, more gadgets, more babies and more self-doubt than ever before, Morin comments.

"There is an overwhelming feeling here that somehow we have lost our way," wrote James Reston, Washington correspondent of the New York Times. "Nobody seems to know just how or why, but everybody feels that something's wrong."

Were Americans worrying about an apparent unraveling in the moral fabric of their society, Morin asks? He cites such events to answer his question as:

—On a single day, New York newspapers published on their front pages (1) news of TV quiz rigging, (2) discovery of widespread graft in shortweight sales of meat, (3) two reporters fired after one admitted a hoax, (4) an investigation of payola to disc jockeys.

—Children committed senseless and horrifying crimes. When asked why, they replied . . . "I don't know. I had an impulse."

—Youth gangs killed members of other gangs.

Yet young Americans were staying in school longer and going to college in greater percentages.

The majority of Americans were in the middle and upper-middle income groups. Minorities of rich and poor constitute the top and bottom.

Out of two characteristics, suburbia and the middle class, came another trend—ward uniformity. It appeared in dress, in tastes, in outlook, the emphasis on personal security, the packaged thought.

This was America at decade's end—big, rich, physically comfortable and uneasy on many counts—uneasy about national security, national morality, the challenge of Communist societies.

What can Americans look forward to in the next 10 years? Perhaps Inez Robb, columnist in the Omaha World-Herald, has an outlook worth noting:

Having survived half a decade of Elvis Presley, who can possibly fear the future?

Staff Views:

On the Other Hand

By Sondra Whalen Christmas balls and tax returns make money a legitimate topic for discussion.

And although the state legislature won't meet again until January of 1961, politics are paramount, so legislatures are another good topic.

To combine the two, let's have more money for the legislature! Our state legislators are paid \$872.09 a year plus their expenses for traveling to and from the spot of the meeting.

The session, beginning the first Tuesday in January, usually lasts approximately six months, and meets on odd-numbered years.

The amount paid to the senators now, would seem to barely cover their hotel bills.

The disadvantages of such a low salary? First and foremost, young men are discouraged from entering the legislative race before they've started. To be a legislator, a man must be able to successfully support himself on his salary for the other six months of the year plus his legislative allowance.

For a young man, this could prove difficult. The jobs that allow for a six months' leave are few and far between, and supporting a family would be next to impossible.

Thus, the majority of our legislatures

must be either retired, have a comfortable income non-dependant upon steady working, or both.

The results? No young blood, no fresh ideas!

True, experience is fine, and no better experience is obtained than through age. But a state legislature must have a sprinkling of both youth and experience so that it does not become stagnant and stale in its thinking.

Our low salary also encourages payment of meals and entertainment by lobbyists who frequent legislative sessions.

Needless to say, this is not conducive to impartial and unbiased actions, even when no direct word is spoken to legislators about what to do or not to do about certain bills.

Legislatures are not the only government officials plagued with low salaries, however. Court house reporting in Nebraska City showed that county officials, too, are quite low paid.

But, to a more cheerful subject. It is a new year. It is a new decade. It is, Leap Year!

Yes indeed, better than all the rest is the news that this is the year that all the lovely ladies of the world may declare open season on mankind.

And Feb. 29 is the date for all turn-about proposals! Those not receiving sparklers for Christmas need not despair yet!

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



WE'D LIKE TO CHECK OVER THE REQUIRED TEXT FOR THIS COURSE... COONSKIN & I TIRE AT HAVING TO CARRY A HEAVY BOOK!

All That Larnin' And So Little Knowledge

After more than five years in which a steady stream of publication material has speculated the "Can a Catholic Win" question, Redbook comes up with the conclusion that one out of four young voters doesn't know that John Kennedy is a Roman Catholic. Kennedy, who made the expected hat toss into the presidential ring Saturday, has been the center of a controversy over whether any Catholic candidate might suffer the fate of Al Smith in 1928.

Despite All Despite this overwhelming amount of speculation and polltaking, the constant outpouring in all communications media, Redbook's poll indicates that 10 per cent of those persons between the ages of 21-40 interviewed thought the Massachusetts senator was a Protestant, 72 per cent thought he was Roman Catholic, while 18 per cent were not sure.

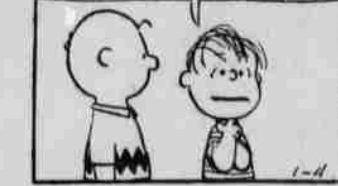
The results of the rest of the magazine's poll showed even greater degrees of ignorance in other areas—such as whether different presidential possibilities were liberal or conservative, very rich or moderately so, even down to their party affiliations.

Where in the Road This summary may be justified by noting that only 25 per cent of those interviewed could identify Hubert H. Humphrey as a liberal as opposed to a middle-of-the-roader or conservative, despite the fact that the senator is one of the most outspoken liberals in America.

Even questions such as "What office does he hold?" drew a surprising show of ignorance. Although 98 per cent realized that Richard M. Nixon is vice-president, and 87 per cent knew that Nelson Rockefeller is governor of New York, only 60 per cent knew that Humphrey was a senator, 57 per cent that Lyndon Johnson is a senator, and 50 per cent that Stuart Symington is a senator.



WHEN A LITTLE BABY IS BORN INTO THIS COLD WORLD HE'S CONFUSED! HE'S FRIGHTENED!



Errant Thoughts

by caesar

dear di well kid have you noticed the apparent resurgent interest on the part of the students in things campus

I have been told by those attending this institution for eons that last year apathy damnable word was at its peak auf actions fell by the wayside penny carnivals were discontinued and practically nothing was supported by anybody such a condition is good in the respect that it gets rid of a lot of things that no one will back leaving only that which has more merit strong enough to survive until the pendulum starts its upward swing

ride the tide it seems to me that the campus is again starting to ride the tide to student interest

as examples i might point out that in the two major elections held thus far that is for homecoming queen and honorary commandant nearly seventeen hundred and fourteen hundred students respectively voted this is far more than have ever voted for either in recent years

the recent fall show is another example there were reportedly about twenty two hundred in attendance in addition to the infinitely greater interest displayed by the organized houses in participating in the revue

the pan american room was jammed recently for the jazz and poetry seminar interest in activities seems to be running high among this years freshmen large crop of pushers for future years to keep things going

hope, hope, hope all of which is a good deal but i hope that this returning desire to participate does not get accompanied by an introduction of stupid time consuming items even more trivial than queen elections simply because there will once

again be people to get to do these things that which is not overly absurd let us support but that which is created to keep people busy let us not tolerate

and those to whom i speak i hope the audience becomes no larger know what i am referring to and kid this cold weather deal is absolutely no good its enough to make even a hardy individual like me want to resist the call of the singing silo

despite the warnings of my subconscious about getting bronchial pneumonia while gadding about from class to class in the six degree weather yesterday morn i displayed utmost bravery and i think stupidity and made it to two of my four classes

i think the chancellor ought to give the whole campus the next week off for that i think i deserve it sloppy paint

green and red eyed skulls are the work of real tnes the sloppiness of the job shows a disastrous lack of esprit de corps in the allegedly cloak and dagger clan they would seem to have absolutely no pride in a job well done

but then its really no wonder either yours caesar

NU Art Galleries To Be Televised

A current exhibit of the University Art Galleries will be shown over KUON-TV Friday at 8 p.m.

Norman Geske is host for the tour featuring a collection of contemporary relief prints of wood cuts and engravings from 10 outstanding U.S. artists.



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