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Read Him and Weep

The human race is a failure, we are led to infer from tart talk by Harvard anthropologist Ernest A. Hooton, who says that a great portion of mankind is stupid, unteachable, bloodthirsty, predatory and savage.

"Worse and worse offspring are being produced," he said.

Dr. Hooton says the unfit are preserved in peace and war. Even at the battlefield, he said, the chances of survival favor the weak and pusillanimous.

"Veterans of foreign wars become bonus-seekers and breed pensioners," Dr. Hooton charged.

We protect the weak from epidemics. We protect unfit babies and oldsters, to the neglect of the fit—and make the fit support the unfit, to the detriment of the social and economic order.

"By super-skillful tinkering and patching, life and activity are maintained and the human animal continues to exercise one of its strongest instincts and to produce more and more or worse and worse offspring," the professor went on.

"The pathway of human evolution, like hell, is paved with good intentions—medical, educational and ethical," Dr. Hooton tells us. "The fallacy of social ethics lies, I think, in the assumption that all human life is inherently good and worthy of preservation, and that by a process of environmental tinkering, fools may be transmitted into sages, criminals into saints and politicians into statesmen."

Speaking of atrophy deteriorating the disused part, Prof. Hooton concludes that "relief of the unemployed rots their moral fibre."

So:

The opportunity presents itself to become very angry with Prof. Hooton. Perhaps he hoped for some such result.

He talks like many of the politicians we have been hearing during the past few weeks. His history has just enough truth in it to sound plausible, to convince the superficial listener. Prof. Hooton knows well that civilization saved many a weak infant and gave the world a benefactor. Did "environmental tinkering" keep in the world a brilliant Ernest Hooton who is bright enough to make us stop and take stock of ourselves? By any chance to university scholarships destroy the moral fibre of recipients—or does social atrophy apply only to unemployed laborers?

No, professor, mankind is not "stupid, unteachable, bloodthirsty, predatory and savage." If it were, professors would not have to call attention to such a state of affairs. There wouldn't be any professors.

You overlooked the most important ingredient, professor. You overlooked love, from which flows mercy, charity, faith and countless other virtues that differentiate man from the beast, that makes Prof. Hooton look more intelligently through the cage at the ape than the ape looks at Prof. Hooton.

"First Things First"

This week war talk and devaluation of the franc pass under a temporary eclipse while baseball fans turned their attention to the World Series, begun in New York. In fact, for several days there has been more talk of "Screwball" Hubbell, "Red" Ruffing, Lou Gehrig and other stars of the diamond than of Hitler, Mussolini or Stalin.

Until this world championship is settled the air lanes will be vocal with baseball chat and forecasts, and candidates for the United States Presidency might as well rest for a few days. For the time, little attention will be paid to what Roosevelt says of the "Reds" or what Landon thinks of the reciprocity treaty with Canada. If the Communist Candidate is in jail at Terre Haute, the comment of "fans" will be that he would have been wiser to attend the ball games.

There may be criticism that it is a strange situation which sees a world championship being fought out between two New York teams, but a glance at the names of outstanding players in the big leagues will explain international interest in the outcome of these games. And, so far as Canada is concerned, didn't George Selkirk, formerly of Huntsville, Ontario, deliver a "homer" for the "Yanks" in the opening game?

Therefore, though in some parts of the world there may be no excitement about the series, it really is a world event. There are no teams in backward countries likely to challenge the supremacy of the winners in New York. The interest this year in championship games is keen as ever, the only change in the diamond gossip being that nothing is heard of the erstwhile "King of Swat," "Babe" Ruth, though no doubt he is somewhere in the grandstand when the umpire calls, "Play ball."

Costs Bar Democracy

When British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden replied to Chancellor Hitler's Nuremberg assault on democracy in his speech to the League of Nations, and assured the world that Britain intended to defend and retain the system, it is hardly likely that the anticipated opening a debate on the subject of democracy versus autocracy. No more is it likely that Chancellor Hitler is prepared to defend his system against democracy in such a debate; nevertheless he found he could not let the Eden speech pass.

From his reply it is to be assumed that the only thing separating Germany from democracy, except national socialism, is the cost of the system itself. Democracy, Hitler stated to his people, is the luxury in governments, the commodity reserved for those few nations which have the coveted wealth of colonial possessions and great surpluses of raw materials.

To compare the system on the basis of statistical data is practically impossible because no one—perhaps not even the Government itself—has much idea of what national socialism is costing Germany beyond a great deal of individual sacrifices. Britain's costs in pounds, shillings and pence are, therefore, of little use.

It is possible, however, to analyze Britain's costs and find what seems to be the contradiction of the Hitler theory. One of the first revelations of government costs in Great Britain is that the Britisher is paying rather dearly for the possession and administration of much of the colonial Empire. It will also reveal that unemployment, due in some measure to accumulated surpluses and very largely to the German idea of economic nationalism which has helped create those surpluses, is now a considerable percentage of the annual cost of democracy. A third major factor is a defence programme, recently greatly added to because of the self-stated ambitions of some nations to pirate colonial wealth and seize control of the raw materials by which, on Hitler's word, they could purchase democracy.

But even with these factors there is no evidence to show that Britain is paying anything like the price for her system that is being demanded in Germany. Unemployment (Germany boasts she no longer has a bothersome unemployment problem) and all considered, the standard of living in Britain is far above the standard of living in Germany, and is daily improving; the cost of government does not preclude a balanced budget nor interfere with a remarkable industrial recovery. Chancellor Hitler may not admit it, but that is the true basis on which to compare the systems, and, oddly enough, the British picture and that of the democracies generally would be even less a "luxury" were it not for the programme of national socialism, fascism, communism, and all the queer philosophies of economic supremacy and national self-sufficiency.

SNAPSHOTS

We know a man who is so honorable that he won't read the column in the newspaper marked "Personal."

Watch out and don't shoot yourself or your neighbour whilst hunting in the woods. This has already been done this season and we are only starting to shoot.

The Daily Mail has some additional news today re the bridge, which may explain the hold-up.

Do you remember when all the old inhabitants used to talk about the Saxby Gale and the Cold Friday? Today is the anniversary of the Saxby Gale.

The chief danger to the world right now is that public opinion is taking too long to jell.

A trade is much like a profession except that you don't feel jealous of others who work at it.

One trouble with the world is that too many people confuse their rights and their wishes.

Another thing that spoils the scenery is the belief that 200 pounds will look slender if the cover is too tight.

When you see a celebrity loafing he isn't jobless. The movies are paying him \$1,000 a week to wait for something to do.

Chicago weather prophet says that for the next ninety days Western Canada will have cold, dry weather. This seems a reasonably safe prediction at this time.

League of Nations will "Hush, hush!" any member who in his speeches sounds too belligerent a note. Geneva, therefore, is no place for dictators who might be mentioned.

Premier Aberhart believes "we have reached the period in our history when the rank and file of taxpayers . . . should do some serious thinking." Quite possibly they're doing it.

Mrs. H. Stevens

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o'clock and was crossing Main Street when she was hit. No one seems to have seen the accident. A minute or so later, a motorist coming from Hartland noticed a car of that description driving without lights, come out of a driveway near the Woodstock woolen mill, a short distance north of the scene of the accident, snap on the lights as it reached the highway and vanish in the direction of Hartland. This was the only car, he said, which had passed in that direction for some time.

Mrs. Stevens was picked up by passersby and was carried, bleeding badly about the head, into the residence of Mine Tapley. She was unconscious when picked up but regained consciousness shortly afterwards and asked to be taken to her home, but was rushed instead to the hospital.

Officers of the R.C.M.P. and town police were on the case within a minute or two after the accident occurred.

WORLD SERIES TODAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—At the end of the fourth inning in today's World Series game between the New York Yankees and the New York Giants the score stood at 3-2 in favor of the Giants. Schumacher, in the box for the latter, is making a valiant stand in an endeavor to prolong the series, but indications now point to a crackup, as he is letting too many of the Americans reach first on balls. Ruffing is pitching for the Yankees.

THE SAINT JOHN RIVER

The water in the Saint John River is at present two and one-half feet above the summer level as a result of rains in the river valley during the past few days, it was announced this morning by Chief Engineer John Malloy of the Fredericton pumping station.

Dominion

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Mr. Crerar reviewed the causes of depression, war effects and spending extravagance.

"We borrowed the money in good faith and now are faced with necessity of footing the bill," Mr. Crerar said. "Yet Canada has greater potential wealth than probably any country in the world. It makes us wonder if we are still the careful people we were. I think we can foot the bill if we are careful and prudent."

"I sympathize with problems facing the Alberta Government, but we have not reached the end of development in Canada. Alberta has the greatest potential wealth and future in the Dominion."

He spoke of the huge farm areas, coal, gas and oil resources. The North country has tremendous wealth and still greater wealth yet to be discovered, he said.

"Development must not be in interests of a privileged few, as we have had too much of that in Canada. To do that you must have help of the outside world and make no mistake about it," he added.

"Banks cannot be blamed for lack of development as some people do. Investment experts are uncertain of the future and it is this fear that is responsible. There must be confidence."

"If Germany's position were different, giving us again a wheat market, it would spur business here, and so on."

I greatly fear anything that shakes confidence is bound to retard development in this province as well as elsewhere.

Reforms are not achieved in overnight jumps, but are always going on. Yet I do not say we must condone things of the past, but reforms must be brought about in an orderly way."

Mr. Crerar told of speaking recently with a friend "who holds some Alberta Provincial bonds" and he wanted to know what the province had done with its wealth that it now had to reduce interest on its bonds. "That may be an embarrassing question, but it certainly is a pertinent one," said Mr. Crerar.

Campaign

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said. "Our offices overseas within the Empire or outside it are practical institutions existing to achieve practical purposes, just as practical as those performed by a post office or customs house."

"I have been immensely struck by the spirit with which life in the British Isles today in all its aspects seems to be infused by the vitality and confidence and energy which mark it," Mr. Massey said in turning to a general review of affairs. Today Britain could lay claim to a remarkable and increasing standard of practical efficiency. "Britain presents today in a striking degree certain attributes associated more with youth and age, the quality of enterprise, of imagination and energy."

Happily, however, "that vivid sense of the past, which is a peculiar English quality, leads to the preservation of the old traditions, which give color and romance to life."

Mr. Massey said that besides reciprocal trade there was another reciprocity, the "commerce of ideas." A few weeks in the uneasy and restless atmosphere of the Continent would make clear the importance of things "not found in blue books or trade statistics," the spiritual kinship of British people based on democracy. "A form of government which has been solemnly, deliberately repudiated over a large area of the earth's surface, but nowhere more jealously guarded than in those countries over which the British flag flies."

Dangerous Level

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was obliged to cross the railway tracks, at least twenty times in twenty-one miles. A number of these crossings were on curves and a stranger after crossing one and not expecting to meet another in such a short distance was up to the crossing before he was aware of it. A large number of accidents, several of them proving fatal, took place in this section. Two of the worst curves were between Edmundston and Green River, these are being entirely eliminated under the direction of the Provincial Public Works Department.

Women

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The action taken by the General Council in Ottawa yesterday in amending the basis of Church Union to permit the ordination of women as ministers will meet with mingled praise and disapproval.

Some Women Oppose
"Somehow, the pulpit has always seemed to be a man's place," was the way one woman summed up the reaction of all those whom were found opposed to the step.

On the other side, of course, there were a number who were delighted by the action of the Council. They were, however, in the minority, and even they admitted that other women would probably present the most serious obstacle in the way of their pioneering sisters.

Sees No Great Rush

"Surely, I approve of women in the ministry," said Miss Gertrude L. Rutherford, Principal of the United Church Training School. "Other women will, of course, oppose them from a traditional prejudice. But their opposition is too late now. In any case they need not fear an immediate invasion of the pulpit. There will be no great rush into the ministry on the part of woman, but they will come in gradually as they feel called. At the moment I know only one who is prepared to accept ordination."

"I am for all women and I think it is a splendid thing that they are now to be able to enter the pulpit," declared Mrs. M. M. Mohr, one of the sturdy minority who approved. "Women will make a contribution to the Church equal to that of the men. We have shown ourselves efficient in social work and there should be no problem in ministerial work which women cannot handle."

Mrs. R. Rutman responded to queries by giving her own opinion, and the opinions of her two daughters. The result was two opposed and one in favor of women ministers. "I do not care to hear a woman preach," said Mrs. Rutman. "I like to see a man in the pulpit. One of my daughters says it doesn't matter who is in the pulpit; it's what they say that she is interested in. The other one though, thinks preaching is a man's job."

"Women are taking too much the place of men," was the opinion of Mrs. Isobel Prior. "I don't care for women preaching, and I think there is lots of other work for them to do in the Church without going into the pulpit. They are going too far in this."

Frank Moir, 430 Westmount Avenue, the lone male who consented to comment, said, "The idea of women occupying the pulpit of a church does not strike me as being a very good one. I cannot explain exactly why I feel this way on the subject, but it just doesn't seem to be the right place for a woman, in my opinion. A woman preacher conducting a wedding ceremony, for instance, seems rather ridiculous. There have been women who have given powerful sermons, I will admit, but I still believe there are other positions they could fill better."

Contracts

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the conservative estimate of Joseph Gibbons, Chairman of Toronto Hydro Commission, commenting on the reduction.

When the local Commission receives official notification of the reduction in wholesale power rates, a meeting will be called to make the necessary adjustments and decide the reduction to be passed on to the consumer.

Readjustment of all rates was predicted by the Chairman, who pointed out that he could not recall one cut in wholesale rates since the inception of hydro in 1914. From an all-time low of \$14.50 in 1914, the price had gradually jumped, he said, until it reached an all-time high of \$26.43 last year.

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