

# Recognizing Common Interests

Commercial ties can move the people of one nation to take positive action in ironing out misunderstandings with the people of another. One of the most recent examples of this is found in the January issue of The Reader's Digest where a group of Japanese companies has sponsored a five-page advertisement presenting a frank discussion of U.S.-Japanese economic relations.

The ad points out that despite vast expansion of trade and tourism between the two countries, "many misconceptions and misunderstandings still color U.S.-Japanese relations." As an example, the U.S. view has been that the Japanese government has worked so closely with that nation's business enterprises to assure Japan's economic growth during the past 20 years that a monolithic economic front where no disagreement is tolerated has been created to flood the

markets of other nations. In reality, according to the advertisement, Japanese businessmen are highly competitive and can and do disagree with their government. For their part, the Japanese have had difficulty understanding that the United States is not inexhaustibly rich and free of real economic problems. Awareness is growing, it is pointed out, that the effect of Japanese goods on the economy of the U.S., as well as other nations, must be considered.

The message demonstrates again that the basis for world peace is indeed built on mutual interest in trade and commerce and on people-to-people tourism. From this kind of mutual contact comes broad, consistent, voluntary efforts to create goodwill and understanding between nations—in this instance, between Japan and the people of the United States.

# Building Better Communities

No tax-supported government welfare program can ever replace the warmth and effectiveness of voluntary aid rendered on a local scale. Indeed, voluntarism in areas of social responsibility is vital for the very existence of a free society. When people themselves take the initiative to better their world, it reflects a healthy, progressive civilization.

No one knows that better than the Boys' Clubs of America. This organization of over 6,000 full and part-time staffers reaches one million disadvantaged boys through 1,000 local Clubs with programs of athletics, citizenship and counseling. Dedicated to the spirit of voluntarism, Boys' Clubs has launched countless improvement programs since its inception in 1860, with the ten most outstanding being given national recognition annually through the Honor Awards for Program Excellence. One 1972 winner was the El

Monte, California Boys' Club chapter which provided its members with comprehensive health services via a program of physical examinations, dental and eye treatments, health education seminars and nourishing supplementary meals—all due to physicians and other individuals as well as organizations who volunteered their time, money and services. Because people cared, over 600 underprivileged El Monte boys are healthier and happier.

Once again Boys' Clubs has provided proof that voluntarism in action binds individuals and communities together and can give many of the people's needs more personalized attention than a centralized bureaucracy ever could. As Congressman John Duncan of Tennessee put it, "...my district is a better community as a result of the days, months, and years given to youth development by the dedicated staff of the Boys' Club."

# Grassroots Opinions

The Wall Street Journal warns, "If you're approached by someone promising, for a small fee, high-paying jobs in Alaska for construction engineers, heavy-equipment operators and truck drivers, beware. Alaska officials warn that fictitious construction jobs on the proposed trans-Alaska oil pipeline are being offered in many parts of the U.S. Often they have, for a placement fee, offered job guarantees and promises of travel reimbursement once the job prospect reported to the pipeline offices in Alaska. In reality... construction work won't be done on the pipeline this year... Alaska's job market, in general, is very limited at present."

"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just."—Abraham Lincoln

The Insurance Advocate magazine reports that, "On United States certificated airlines in scheduled passenger service during the past 15 years, the number of fatal accidents has been relatively small. During the period 1967-71, the figures have been equivalent to one fatal passenger accident per 950,000 U.S. airline departures on domestic and international flights combined."

"(Political skill) is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen."—Winston Churchill.

"The federal government," says Cal-Tax News, published by the California Taxpayers' Association, "is having trouble giving away the money voted by congress for 'revenue sharing.' Of 39,000 postcards sent to cities and counties notifying them of the new 'no strings attached' finance, 4,600 were returned to the treasury department marked 'address unknown'."

A Public Service Company of Colorado publication points out that, "Nuclear power is proving to be a reliable source of electrical energy on the moon. Five lunar experiment stations deployed by Apollo astronauts are in operation there. The oldest was set up by Apollo 12 astronauts more than three years ago on Nov. 20, 1969. The electric generator, fueled with plutonium, is still producing 69 watts of power, compared to the 73 watts it produced when set up."

"The nation will much easier survive as a free nation with inept broadcasters than it will survive with government watchdogs of journalism on radio and TV. There is not much question that the steady stream of criticism in recent years has created a credibility problem for the media. Correspondingly, it should be realized that almost nothing is immune these days from criticism and there are similar doubts in the public's mind regarding government, business, labor, the educational system, and other national institutions."—Mr. Larry H. Israel, chairman, Post-Newsweek broadcast stations.

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THE TIME . . .**

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**To Use Heat Brooders**

Many hog and sheep producers will be spending many hours with their new-born lambs and pigs at this time of the year. It is very important that the "new arrivals" be kept warm for the first few hours. In cold barns this might mean the use of heat lamps or space heaters. Every caution should be used to prevent possible fire in the barn. Heat lamps should be hung out of the reach of animals and with strong support to keep from dropping into the straw or litter. Extra time and effort spent to get the young pigs or lambs off to a good start will pay dividends.

**To Plan Forage Program**

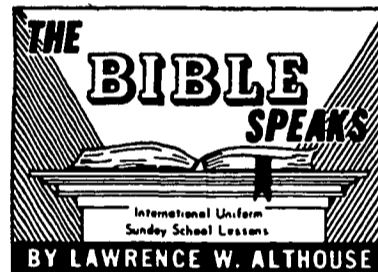
In recent years never has it been more important for farmers to get a good hay and silage crop harvested this summer. With the very high grain and protein prices, a good supply of quality roughage will be very useful. Plans should be made now regarding the seeding, fertilizing, and spraying of forage crops. Alfalfa is still "queen" of the forage crops and deserves the very best of management. Greater yields per acre are needed and possible with extra attention. Growers are urged to make every effort to harvest a maximum of hay and silage this year. Surplus amounts will be in demand.

**To Order Supplies**

We are informed that farm supplies such as certified seeds and some fertilizer ingredients (phosphorus) may not be adequate to meet the demand. This is often the case but this season may bring more short supplies. Producers are urged to pace and receive their needs as soon as possible. Production costs are high and these expensive inputs will be the same for poor seeds, as for top quality seeds and varieties. Farm planning is very important and includes good buying and selling practices.

**To Deal With Caution**

Traveling salesmen will become very active at this time of the year. The idea of dealing with a stranger who seems to be offering a bargain, is very risky; many folks have been cheated and "taken" with these offers. We urge folks to deal with reputable concerns at all times, and in most cases with local people who are willing to make adjustments and give good service. After a stranger has delivered the product and received his money, he is too often very hard to locate thereafter. The development of good relations with reliable business concerns over a period of years is usually more satisfactory.



**WHAT THE WORLD'S  
COMING TO**  
Lesson for February 25, 1973

Background Scripture: Zechariah 8, 13;  
14-9.  
Devotional Reading: Micah 4 1-5.

"What's the world coming to?" How often we hear that phrase that is both a question and an assertion. People today are genuinely concerned about our present "state of affairs" and the future that seems contingent upon it.



**Rev. Althouse The frightening darkness**

They are deeply troubled by what they see and even more fearful concerning the future that they can't see. They desperately want to know where we are headed.

Still other people say these words, "What's the world coming to?", not so much as a question, but as a fearful assertion. They are not asking for information about the future because it seems they already know. For them the future appears as the proverbial "dark at the top of the stairs." They have already concluded that what is ahead for human race is not a better day, but chaos and strife that culminates in a terrible and complete terrestrial destruction.

Two years ago I attended a lecture sponsored by Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship. The speaker was a young, dynamic, "spiritual-jack-of-all-trades" named Sebastian

Temple. His subject was "The Phenomenon of Man," the religious and scientific thought of Teilhard de Chardin, the late Roman Catholic priest, scientist, and philosopher.

From his work as a paleontologist, Teilhard had come to some conclusions that had startled both the scientific and religious worlds. That evening, Sebastian Temple demonstrated with diagrams and drawings, Teilhard's vision of a world that is, not coming apart at the seams and plummeting toward destruction, but evolving slowly but surely to a glorious fulfillment that was inherent in its creation by God at the beginning of time itself.

I left the church that evening with my eyes shining and my head in the heavens. The stars glowing so brightly above the hazy glow of the city seemed no longer menacing, but warm and compassionate. For the first time for many years I had heard someone say a good word for the future. Finally, the old question of "What's the world coming to?" had an answer that was both inspiring and convincing.

"Fear not!" Every age, every era has known its despair and needed the vision of the fulfillment to which God is moving us. It was with this motivation that the prophet Zechariah came to the returned exiles and gave them a brief view of what God held in store for his world:

Old men and old women shall sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. (Zechariah 8:4, 5).

If we will listen to his prophets, God will show us the vision of the "better days" that are, not behind us, but ahead.

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