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PARLOR PINKS

What has become of the "parlor pinks," that group of North Shore intellectuals who subscribed to that peculiar political philosophy "whose essence is a raid of the *have nots* upon the *haves*, its moving spirit being class hate and love of plunder?"

Of late there has been a strange silence among those whose vocal excrescences and voluble preachments filled richly appointed drawing rooms and club lounges as they discussed and re-discussed the glorious fight for the equalization of human conditions, whipping themselves into ecstatic frenzies of high aspirations as they speculated upon the progress being made toward lifting the lowly poor up to the comfortable plane of the rich and prosperous.

Why are the voices still? Is it that the examples of Germany, Italy and Russia have revealed to them the fallacies of their twisted thinking? Or are they beginning to note by conditions at home that their philosophy, where put into practice, succeeds only in debasing the *haves* and never in elevating the *have nots*?

True, an inspired educator here, or a hopeless theorist there, still lifts his voice in support of benevolent socialism, but the old punch isn't in it. The Marxian spirit is gone. Is it that they have finally realized that the crackpot philosophy of taking from those who have and giving to those that have not means nothing more than that no one will have anything?

FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Information that the benefits to crippled children provided by the Crippled Children's Society of Evanston are to be extended to other North Shore towns is most gratifying to those who are interested in this humane work.

Heretofore the activities of the society have been limited to Evanston. A special room in the Haven school has been set aside and equipped for its use, and there three specially trained nurses are engaged in educating and rehabilitating the twenty-one handicapped children now enrolled.

In order to extend its work to the New Trier villages the society is conducting an Easter Seal sale, beginning April 1 and continuing through April 17. The amount that is urgently needed to provide this additional service is said to be \$3,500, and it is hoped that our people will respond generously to the appeal. The fund can be easily raised through small donations from a large number of people.

POLITICAL REFUGEES

The announcement by Secretary of State Cordell Hull that he had invited some twenty-nine countries to join the United States in offering asylum to political refugees from European nations, bids fair to stir a controversy of major proportions. For obviously there are two sides to the question, the humanitarian and the practical.

The American heart naturally responds to any appeal for relief from political oppression. In early years the doors of this country were thrown open to the peoples of all lands, and we bid

them welcome, even though they came without a dime in their pockets. This continued for a long time, much too long. Then immigration laws were tightened, and quotas set up for the different countries. But even with this precaution, a great many aliens are now here who entered illegally, and many of them are on relief rolls, or being supported by subversive organizations bent upon establishing here the very conditions from which they fled. And so the question arises, can we afford to give full sway to our sympathies and accept refugees as our responsibility?

On the practical side there is the fact that some 12,000,000 unemployed are now being supported by the taxpayers, whose backs are breaking in the effort. Some refugees, it is true, may have the means of self-support, but their number must of necessity be small. If admitted to this country, what will they do, take the jobs that should and do belong to American citizens, or go on the relief rolls and thus add to a tax burden that is already too great?

The State department owes it to the country to refrain from extending too liberal an invitation, and preferably none at all until the financial standing of the refugees is established. No refugee without means of support should be admitted. Much as we may sympathize with the world's unfortunates, we cannot now safely add to our responsibilities.

REAL RAPID TRANSIT

Inauguration tomorrow by the United Air Lines of 20-minute plane service from Curtiss airport to the municipal airport in Chicago is an innovation that will be highly appreciated by the North Shore villages, which supplies practically 35 per cent of the company's traffic to eastern points.

The service, it is stated, will cut the time from New Trier villages to New York to 5 hours and 30 minutes, and by anybody's computation that is real rapid transit.

The "shuttle" service is designed to eliminate for North Shore patrons the long and tiresome journey from home to the Municipal airport, which heretofore had to be made by automobile or electric line and elevated, requiring at best an hour and a half. They can now drive to Curtiss airport, a matter of not more than fifteen minutes, and in another twenty minutes board the company's eastbound plane. In a total of 5½ hours, they are in New York, ready to transact business.

Schedules of the "shuttle" ships are so arranged as to meet arriving as well as departing planes, thus adding to the convenience of passengers from this locality. Arrangements are also being made to supply taxi service to those not being met by their own automobiles.

This is just another instance of the progressive spirit of United Air Lines—and further indication of what unhampered private enterprise could accomplish in the field of aviation.

RECKLESS DRIVING

The frequency with which motorists are arrested and held on the broad charge of "reckless driving" without reference to any specific act, impelled the Chicago Motor club to defend one such case. As a result, motorists may now demand to know in exactly what manner they have violated the law.

The Rev. George T. Green of Chicago, was arrested on February 9, 1937, after his car collided with another. The charge against him was "reckless driving." His attorney contended that the wording of section 48 of the uniform traffic code, "any person who drives any vehicle with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving," fails to state exactly what offenses constitute a violation. The defendant was convicted.

However, the Supreme Court, in reversing the conviction, declared that the complaint filed against the defendant failed to give him sufficient information on which to prepare his defense, and was not sufficiently definite to bar further prosecution for the same offense.

NEWS-COMMENT

Exit free America. Enter the dictatorship.

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If you were not a good enough American to register you will not be a good enough American to vote in the April primary. And that is a mighty important primary, too.

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If winter had a notion of lingering in the lap of spring, the lady seems to have different ideas. She seems to be sitting on the rough old man's head and doing a good job of holding him down.

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The report that the Washington administration is using one of the large TVA lakes in which to mix whitewash has not been verified—as yet.

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Gorgeous sunsets have ever been the theme of poets and subject of painters. Even those fortunate ones who are so situated that they may daily enjoy the scene never tire of its inspiring beauty. It is so with the prominent athletic director of a North Shore school who, however, warns that there are dangers connected with the practice unless, perchance, one stands perfectly still. Attracted recently by a particularly resplendent display, the gentleman gradually changed position in order to maintain an unobstructed view as the great orb sank lower and lower beyond the western horizon. Intent upon the scene, he failed to note that he was dangerously near to the edge of the open porch—failed, in fact, until he sat plump down into a garbage can. Unlike the anatomy of the athletic director, the garbage can, which is a very good garbage can, wouldn't give even a fraction of an inch, the result being that the gentleman became so tightly wedged that the services of two neighboring men were required to extricate him. Aren't sunsets just perfectly wonderful?

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A so-called authority states that the average American adult is only at the sixth grade reading age. He might have added that the same adult is only at the fifth grade spelling age, the fourth grade writing age and the third grade thinking age. Or is the latter rating him too high?

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Illinois farmers are complaining of inability to hire men for farm work because they are on relief and prefer to remain there. Some farmers offer as much as \$3.50 per day without attracting helpers, it is said. The cure is to take off relief any man who is offered work and refuses it.

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The Carnegie institution's observatory on Mount Wilson has noted a cloud of gas arising 970,000 miles above the sun. So that's where the gas generated in Washington goes!

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That Belleville, Ill., banker, just sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary for embezzlement, will have plenty of time to answer a question often asked: Why is it that some bankers take other people's money and run the risk of losing the confidence of friends, the respect of neighbors and their own liberty? Is it that, like kidnapers or other criminals, each one believes he is smarter than the others and can get away with it?

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An Ohio dispatch states that, due to an unusually large number of rattlesnakes, work on a WPA project has been slowed up. We didn't know that anything on earth could slow up a WPA project.

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For sale or trade—Two United States senators. Thoroughly trained. Will lie down and roll over, jump through a hoop or turn back somersaults whenever the boss cracks the whip. One apparently is near or in his dotage, the other won't last very long. Address the state of Lincoln, Grant and Logan.

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