BRISBANE
THIS WEEK

Airplanes at $750 Each
Perils of Pacifism
The "Man of Calcium"
Improving Human Breed?

Fourteen concerns have offered to build small airplanes to cost as little as $750. That is important aviation news; the bureau of air commerce is to be congratulated on its effort to encourage individual flying.

Arthur Brisbane

The day is coming when there will be more machines in the air than there are automobiles on the ground now. More than 25,000,000 airplanes may sound like exaggeration.

But it sounded like exaggeration some years ago when this writer published editorials urging citizens not to spread tacks and cut glass on roads, to puncture automobile tires, because, before long, automobiles would be used by workers going to and from work. That prediction came true.

Some one preparing a list of ten things that Christians would and would not do says:

"There would be no private wealth; Jesus denounced great possessions as alien to His gospel, and fatal to His kingdom.

"There would be no poverty and no war, because real Christians would refuse to fight."

In this civilization, if Christians refused to fight, they would rapidly diminish in numbers and the Pacific coast would be settled by Asiatics.

The founder of Christianity taught that what was due to Caesar should be rendered unto him.

If He were on earth now He might say the same of organized capital, knowing that it supplies, in our complicated system, the possibility of steady work.

Nobody, not even a clergyman, can be positive as to what Christ's commands would be if he returned in this age of flying machines, automobiles, public schools and the strange problem of too much of almost everything, combined with want among many thousands of families lacking food and the government wondering occasionally what to do with millions of bushels of wheat.

Before long you may have football coaches feeding calcium to their players. You know what we call "a man of iron" is really the "man of calcium."

The metal calcium in the blood, in quantities that do not change, or that change little, produces a steadiness of nerve lacking in men with a fluctuating calcium supply.

It is said that experiments made on four young men at an eastern university showed that a drop in calcium brought on "moodiness, depression and pessimism."

If there is high calcium content in the blood serum they are in a "happy, cheerful, optimistic, emotional state."

But ask your doctor about it. Don't swallow calcium recklessly.

London thinks something should be done about "more than 250,000 mental defectives," and sterilization, on the German plan, is suggested, on condition that the individual consents. With such a law, government sterilization agents would have few customers.

Under one law suggested, the health minister would order the sterilization of "physically ailing persons shown to be carriers of transmissible disabilities."

The world is preparing to regulate and improve the human breed, as it has long regulated and improved breeds of cattle, swine and other creatures; a step in the direction of uniformity that may not be desirable.

One of the most enlightened educators in America tells teachers and undergraduates that the important thing is the general welfare, not the individual welfare. An excellent idea to put into the minds of young people.

They should also be told that individual welfare and striving, with selfishness back of it, is the foundation of general welfare.

The baby wiggling its arms and kicking its legs in the cradle is building up one more strong baby, for its own sake, not for the general welfare, to which it, nevertheless, contributes. The man, concentrating on his career, and on the care and education of his children, has chiefly in mind his career, children and family. But he also is building up the general welfare. Each tiny coral builder worked only for its own speck of coral, but beautiful islands are the result.

After four years of study, wise men discover that ideas are impressed on the minds of children more deeply by moving pictures than by reading books. Less than four minutes is required to establish that fact.

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Current Events in Review
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Roosevelt vs. Hearst on "Red Backing"

ASSERTIONS made by William Randolph Hearst and other opponents of the New Deal that the President "passively accepts" the support of the Communists have got under Mr. Roosevelt's skin. A statement issued through Stephen T. Early, his secretary, said:

W. R. Hearst

"My attention has been called to a certain notorious newspaper owner to make it appear that the President passively accepts the support of alien organizations hostile to the American form of government.

"Such articles are conceived in malice and born of political spite. They are deliberately framed to give a false impression, in other words to 'frame' the American people.

"The President does not want and does not welcome the vote or support of any individual or group taking orders from alien sources.

"This simple fact is, of course, obvious.

"The American people will not permit their attention to be diverted from real issues to fake issues which no patriotic, honorable, decent citizen would purposely inject into American affairs."

Mr. Hearst, who was in Amsterdam, promptly replied by cable, saying in part:

"The President has issued a statement through a secretary. He has not had the frankness to say to whom he refers in the statement . . . I think I am justified in assuming that I am the object of the statement, and that I may courteously endeavor to correct Mr. Roosevelt's misstatements and to set him right . . .

"Let me say that I have not stated at any time whether the President willingly or unwilling received the support of the Karl Marx Socialists, the Frankfurter radicals, communists and anarchists, the Tugwell bolsheviks, and the Richberg revolutionists which constitute the bulk of his following.

"I have simply said and shown that he does receive the support of these enemies of the American system of government, and that he has done his best to deserve the support of all such disturbing and destructive elements."

Al Smith Will Make Some Anti-Roosevelt Speeches

SPECULATION concerning what part Al Smith would take in the Presidential campaign seems to be settled by the news that he will deliver several anti-Roosevelt addresses, the first probably in Carnegie hall in New York in October. He is reported to be making out his own program and planning talks also in Massachusetts and New Jersey. It is said neither the Republican party nor the American Liberty league will be sponsor for his appearances. Until Mr. Smith announces his intentions it will not be known whether or not he will advocate the election of Governor Landon.

Crop Insurance Pushed by the President

IMMEDIATE action toward putting in operation a two-fold crop insurance and drouth prevention program was called for by President Roosevelt. It is designed to guard the farmers and the consumers against the danger of food shortages or price collapses. Two committees were named to work out legislation to be asked of the next congress.

M. L. Cooke

Mr. Roosevelt named Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace chairman of a committee directed to "prepare a report and recommendations for legislation providing a plan of 'all risk' crop insurance," and suggested that the system provide for payment of premiums and insurance in commodities. This is in accord with Wallace's proposed plan under which farmers would put part of their crops of good years into a pool from which they could draw in lean years. It would serve, he believes, to keep surpluses from destroying the price structure in good years and provide an "insurance" against crop failures in other years.

Morris L. Cooke, rural electrification administrator, was named chairman of another committee to draft recommendations for a permanent land use program designed to avert drouth emergencies in the great plains area.

The President suggested the crop insurance plan might be limited to one or two major crops at the start and that it should be formulated with the advice and assistance of national farm organization leaders so that it can be submitted to congress with their support.

Veterans of Two Wars Open Conventions

VETERANS of the World war and of the Civil war opened their annual gatherings, the American Legion in Cleveland and the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington. The Legionnaires, many thousands of them, started off with the dedication of the Peace Gardens in the Ohio city, for which soil had been brought from sacred shrines of foreign countries and the forty-eight states. National Commander Ray Murphy presided over an impressive ceremony and unveiled a memorial plaque bearing the inscription:

"These gardens, planned by men who know the horrors of war, were dedicated to the brotherhood of man and peace throughout the world."

Commander Murphy in his annual report said: "Whether our country shall be spared participation in another great international conflagration may well depend upon our courage as Legionnaires to stand up and demand that our government now take the steps which may save us, without the loss of honor—a sacrifice we are unwilling to make at any cost."

Only about nine hundred survivors of the Union army were able to attend the G. A. R. encampment, and many believe it will be the last to be held. The aged warriors, headed by Oley Nelson of Iowa, the national commander, began their proceedings with a service in Washington cathedral. The route of their parade was six blocks on Pennsylvania avenue, the scene of the grand review of the Union armies before President Andrew Johnson seventy-one years ago.

Virgin Islands Have New Federal Judge

GEORGE P. JONES of Minnesota, who has been serving as a special assistant to the attorney general of the United States since 1934, has been made judge of the federal district court for the Virgin Islands. This is a recess appointment by President Roosevelt and is subject to confirmation by the senate. Mr. Jones planned to leave for St. Thomas about October 1. He succeeds Judge Albert C. Levitt of Connecticut, who resigned August 1 because, as he alleged, the Department of the Interior interfered with the processes of his court.

G. P. Jones

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Jones in Washington by Ugo Carusi, executive assistant to Attorney General Cummings, in the presence of Mr. Cummings and a number of other officials.

McAlexander, "Rock of the Marne," Dies

MAJ. GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT McALEXANDER, U. S. A., retired, who won fame in the World war as "The Rock of the Marne," died suddenly in his home in Portland, Ore., at the age of seventy-two.

The general won his appellation for his stand in stemming a terrific assault by the Germans in their final great offense on the western front in July, 1918.

He was then colonel in command of the Thirty-eighth infantry, and at the most critical period of the German attack he was told by headquarters that he might fall back if he thought best. He replied positively: "I will hold my lines," and he did. It was the Germans who fell back.

Spanish Rebels Rush on Toward Madrid

SEVERAL columns of Spanish Fascists and Moorish legionnaires were reported to be making a determined drive toward Madrid under the direction of General Franco, and the loyalists were falling back at the rate of five miles a day.

The rebel garrison of the Alcazar in Toledo was still holding out though the government forces, after dynamiting part of the old fortress, made attacks with flaming gasoline. The defenders lost heavily but the survivors kept up their deadly machine gun fire and repulsed the charges of the loyalists. This heroic garrison had been holding the fort for nine weeks.

The American State department ordered the embassy in Madrid closed and warned all Americans still in the capital that they remained at their own risk. The consulate at Malaga also was closed and the consul took refuge in Gibraltar. Diplomats of 13 nations, who had gone to Saint Jean de Luz, France, rejected the Spanish government's demand that they return to Madrid.

Killings Pave the Way for Japan's Move Against China

PROBABLY Japan is about ready to proceed further with the subjugation of China, the latest excuses being the alleged murder of several Japanese nationals by Chinese. It was announced by the navy department in Tokio that Japanese marines had been ordered to land at Hankow to protect the life and property of Japanese there, and that "the navy fears that it may be forced to resort to some defensive measures in the near future." The announcement added that the sincerity of the Nanking government in wanting to end anti-Japanese feeling in China was not dependable and hence protective measures were taken.

Havana Paper Dynamited; Four Persons Killed

FOUR persons were killed and two buildings wrecked by a dynamite blast that shook Havana, Cuba. The plant of the newspaper El Pais was destroyed, and only the quick work of the police saved that of the Diario de lar Marina.

Informed authorities expressed belief the explosion was planned by Spanish residents who became angry over publication of Spanish civil war news in the two newspapers.

The blast demolished a Catholic church near the El Pais building. Scores of suspects were arrested, many of them being members of the Spanish Socialist circle.

Defeat of Senator Couzens Pleases the Republicans

REPUBLICANS were highly gratified by the results of the Michigan primary election for two reasons: First, because three out of five persons who went to the polls asked for Republican ballots; second, because Senator James Couzens, a Republican who has openly declared that he is supporting President Roosevelt for re-election, lost his fight for renomination. Couzens, one of the wealthiest members of the senate, was badly defeated by former Gov. Wilbur M. Brucker, and there is more than a suspicion that he knew his fate beforehand. Brucker, who is only forty-two years old, has been in public life for almost twenty years. The Republicans re-nominated Frank D. Fitzgerald for the governorship.

Sen. Couzens

On the Democratic side Representative Prentiss M. Brown won the senatorial nomination against Louis B. Ward who was supported by Father Coughlin. For governor they chose Frank Murphy, high commissioner to the Philippines and former mayor of Detroit. Both Murphy and his defeated opponent, George Welsh, campaigned as Roosevelt supporters.

In the New Hampshire primaries Gov. H. Styles Bridges won the Republican senatorial nomination, ending the effort of former Senator George H. Moses to stage a comeback. The Democrats put up Representative William N. Rogers. Nominees for governor are Maj. Francis P. Murphy, Republican, and Amos N. Blandin, Democrat.

Massachusetts will have for senator either Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Republican, or James M. Curley, now governor, Democrat. John W. Haigis, Republican, and Charles F. Hurley, Democrat, were nominated for the governorship.

The gubernatorial nominees in Wisconsin are: Gov. Philip La Follette, Progressive; Alexander Wiley, Republican, and Arthur W. Lueck, Democrat.

Savants Gather for the Harvard Tercentenary

IT IS pleasant to turn from war and politics and read of the doings at Cambridge, Mass., where Harvard university is celebrating the tercentenary of its founding. In Sanders theater was held the academic reception for 554 scholars representing 502 universities, colleges and learned societies in every state of the Union and in forty foreign countries, and all of them wearing the caps, gowns and hoods signifying their various degrees of scholarship.

Dr. James B. Conant

President James B. Conant greeted the guests, accepted their credentials and delivered a simple address of welcome. He noted that the assembly was an impressive demonstration of the solidarity of the academic world, and saw in the greetings of the delegates "the continued aspiration of mankind toward a universal fellowship based on human reason."

When the delegates were called up in the order of the age of the institutions they represented, first to respond was Prof. Saleh Hashem Attia of Al-Azhar university of Cairo, founded in 970. Then came the next oldest, the Regia university, Neglie Stuni Bologna, founded in the Tenth century, and represented by Prof. Carrado Gini. Third was the University of Paris, founded in the Eleventh century, whose representative was Dr. Cartan. Oxford, Cambridge and all the others followed, down to the youngest represented, the Academia Sinica of Nanking, China.

Sophistication Is Going Out—
Youth Doffing the Soiled Mantle of Those Embittered by Disappointment

A COLLEGE DEAN said recently that being sophisticated is going out of fashion.

Can it be true that the craze for sophistication—to appear blase, to seem worldly wise, to know it all, to be hard-boiled and contemptuous of the simple things—can it be true that modern youth is through with it?

And why? Is the advent of old fashioned hats and ruffles so influencing our point of view that modern youth now wants to throw sophistication into the discard?

I think I know the reason, says a woman writer of international reputation. Modern Youth must have found out the real meaning of the word. Poring over their dictionaries they must have accidently bumped into the derivation of "sophisticated."

For "sophisticated" means adulterated. Look it up and see if it doesn't!

And come to think of it, it couldn't have a better name. If the wisest of us had tried to put a fitting label on that loss of youths natural and beautiful freshness — if a genius had tried to express that warping of standards, that tainting of taste, that souring of outlook, that premature aging of all the sensibilities he could have manufactured no better word than "sophisticated."

For sophistication is an adulteration of viewpoint, of judgment, of taste by the taint of frustration, the bitterness of disillusionment, the poison of disappointment, the dregs of the cup of poor experience. True, life is not all beauty or joy or perfection. Neither is it all bitter or sour or wrong.

One of the most powerful weapons in the hands of youth is its freshness, its faith to write on its own slate only beauty and perfection. And when youth prematurely dons the soiled and shabby mantle of those who have known disappointment and failure, it does right to call this by the name "sophistication" — a synonym of adulteration.

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Man's Interest Was Purely Professional

Once when Wm. J. Bryan was making an important speech, his attention was drawn to a man in the audience who apparently was held spellbound by the flow of oratory—says Mrs. D. C. French in "Memories of a Sculptor's Wife."

Later in the evening the man seized Bryan's hand.

"I've watched you every minute," he said breathlessly. "I've never taken my eyes off you."

Mr. Bryan felt deeply thrilled.

"Yes," continued the man, "I'm a dentist and I've never before seen a speaker who, when he laughed, showed both full rows of teeth."—Kansas City Star.

Foreign Words and Phrases

Alea jacta est. (L.) The die is cast. (The words of Julius Caesar after crossing the Rubicon.)

Alter ego. (L.) My other self; bosom friend.

Bonne - bouche. (F.) A dainty morsel; a tit-bit.

Coup de theatre. (F.) An unexpected event; a startling surprise.

Durante beneplacito. (L.) During your good pleasure.

Embonpoint. (F.) Plumpness; stoutness; corpulence.

Facile princeps. (L.) Easily the first; the acknowledged leader.

Montani semper liberi. (L.) Mountaineers are always freemen. (Motto of West Virginia.)

Loco citato. (L.) In the place cited.

Par exemple. (F.) For example; for instance.

Quo animo? (L.) With what mind or intention?

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