

In the Birth Throes of a New Order

By Samuel Rosinger

The Lord has blessed me with a cheerful disposition. I have tried to appreciate this gift by building upon it an optimistic outlook upon life. No matter how leaden gray the skies, I scan the clouds for their silver lining. No matter how pitch dark the night, I see the gleam of dawn on the eastern horizon. I believe that life is a progression, a growth, and that we are moving slowly and painfully, yet surely and steadily, not only onward but also upward. True, our movement is not always even and direct. Often it is crooked and tortuous, and represents a great waste of effort. Aye, there are periods in our lives when, either because of exhaustion or sheer inertia, we are at a standstill, or even lose what we had already gained, and slide backward. Yet, no matter how great our retrogression, a powerful urge goads us on to make a fresh start, recover the lost ground and press forward with renewed energy to the far-set goal of the ideal.

The mythological story of Sisyphus rolling the rock to the top of the mountain, no matter how often it rolled back again, is not a symbol of the futility of man's labors, but of the invincibility of his efforts and endeavor. The man who is made of the right stuff, never acknowledges defeat. He may suffer a temporary setback, but not a permanent failure. He may make blunders and mistakes, yet he will turn his errors into stepping-stones to success and triumph. No child has ever learned to walk firmly without many falls. No invention has seen the light of the world, but at the price of weary and futile and costly experiments. No permanent improvement has taken place in the social order, but under the stress of great upheavals, violent changes and bloody revolutions. Struggle and suffering are the indispensable condition of progress. All that man has achieved in the course of his career, has come to him through pain and anguish, sacrifice and renunciation.

Let, therefore, the chaotic conditions which exist all over the world at present, the political upheavals, the economic misery, the war hysteria, not fill us with discouragement and despair regarding the future of mankind. All this stress and strain point to the birth throes of a new order which will lift mankind to a higher level of civilization and a juster social system than has prevailed heretofore.

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Cabaret Today

Sizzling with emotion

Burning with passion

Wild with frenzy

Right on the floor

At your door

COME if you can!



Event Extraordinary!

Next Wednesday Evening

February 21, 1934 :-: 7:30 P. M.

Big Rotary Party

Commemorating

Rotary International's 29th Anniversary

*A Happy, Snappy Time for
Rotarians and their Ladies*

*Glittering * Glorious * Glamorous
Novelties * Melody*

An Inter-City Meeting

Lake Charles, Vinton, Orange, Port Arthur,
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Will Be Represented

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Schools versus Jails

(An editorial from the Rotarian Magazine)

Long columns of dismal figures compiled at Washington reveal that in the United States, education is facing a crisis.

Let those who will dispute what constitutes "frills," but the blunt fact remains that this year to a hundred thousand American boys and girls is denied the opportunity to acquire the essentials of training for living in our increasingly complex age simply because schools which they would have attended failed to open last fall. Other thousands are not in the classroom for lack of adequate food and clothing—or because their schools already have closed.

And the schools that are operating face a dilemma which curtails their efficiency. With child labor abolished and jobs going to their elders, more children than ever before throng the classrooms. In spite of this increased load, teaching staffs are being cut. Fifty-five thousand fewer teachers are employed today than two years ago, leaving to reduced staffs the instruction of 1,400,000 additional pupils. If education were run on industrial principles, increased business would lead to more money for operating expenses. With schools, the reverse is the case.

Some relief is coming from the Emergency Relief Administration of the federal government. A monthly grant of two million dollars to states is helping them to put teachers back to work again. Some aid is being given for construction of new school buildings. But the crux of the problem is the willingness and the ability of communities, working together, to surmount the difficulties. For where there's a will for education, citizens do find a way.—The Rotarian.

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Don't Forget! Next Wednesday Evening

Like Sarah Bernhardt's last American Appearance, this ultimatum of ours is to notify the chairman the programs have got to get rotten. We are just as ill at ease in this new sphere as the hoot-owl is before footlights.

Last week we suffered the humiliation of being dubbed a rose-tosser, which stigma rankles in our bosom like salt in a sore. We are just naturally the negative end of a positive proposition and controversy thrives with us like bubonic plague with a rat.

But did we enjoy the speaker's talk on handsome Adolph's regime. He kinder put the mark of Zoro on the gentleman of the brown shirt ilk. We have always had a sneaking idea those square heads had a Nordic complex of superiority that stuck out like a gourmand's abdominal window.

Nationalistic pride that's highly sensitized is just so much garbage in the gutter to us. We believe in loyalty to a nation, but we don't think those sauerkraut eaters have the God-given right to proclaim themselves the standard of kultur.

That was one Y. M. C. A. talk that tickled the semitic brothers like goose hair does a bruised background. The followers of Abraham think Adolph and his henchmen are just a ethnological misplacement that a Darwin couldn't straighten out.

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TWO QUOTATIONS . . . A reminder to the less daring and more timorous souls who thought during our regime we had pre-empted authority from the sacred precepts of the Constitution and over-ridden precedence when we invited two aspiring politicians to air their views before this club on the duties of certain county offices:

Ft. Worth Texas, Club resolution: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rotary Club of Ft. Worth hereby endorses the principle of County Home Rule and the effort on the part of the citizens of this county to secure more efficient economical government."

Tacoma, Washington:—"The Civic Affairs Committee of the Tacoma Club have invited the several candidates for Mayor to appear before their club and have a part in the program."

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