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## THE WORLD IN A MESS

This old world seems to be running head first into the worst mess in all history—a mess which may wreck civilization and leave the people—those who survive—in a condition of abject poverty and misery which it will require generations to alleviate.

Just now we see overbearing, arrogant and warlike nations like Japan, Germany and Italy, strutting before the world like fighters in the ring, braggarts and bullies. Other great nations, more peaceful in disposition, are nevertheless in a feverish and frantic effort to arm themselves as a safeguard against possible destruction and enslavement.

It is no idle fear under which the peoples of the world are cringing. The things which happened to Austria, China, Ethiopia and Spain may almost as easily happen to England, France and America. The only question in the minds of rulers of the war like nations is whether they are strong enough to plunder us now, or should wait until their military machines become more powerful.

America is rich and prosperous beyond the wildest dreams of some of the old-world nations. Our wealth arouses the covetous nature of all the world. And we should remember that all this "brotherhood of man" talk as between nations is pure and simple bunk. Governments are formed for purely selfish purposes—to protect and advance the prosperity of their own people. To each government its own nationals are the supreme consideration and for their supremacy all means are justified.

Fortunately the United States has not yet been driven by economic distress to cast covetous eyes upon the riches of its neighbors, but the time may come when aggression will seize upon the imagination of our own people.

In the meantime, the policy of creating and maintaining a strong army, navy and air force is the only safe and sensible policy we may pursue.

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## THE THREE "MUSTS"

Better law enforcement, plus better driver education, plus better highways, constitute the key to automobile accident prevention, according to the experts. And none of the three ingredients can be left out of this "safty stew" if we are to get results.

Better law enforcement doesn't mean tough policemen, and traffic judges who decree the maximum punishment on every possible occasion. It does mean modernized traffic codes, the maximum punishment on every possible occasion. It does mean modernized traffic codes, "fix'less" tickets, a higher caliber of motor patrolmen in many instances, and judges and prosecutors who do their duty without fear or favor. It means a type of law enforcement whose principal purpose is not punishment, but accident prevention. Often some sound advice will do more to curb a reckless or thoughtless driver, than fine.

Better driver education requires the scientific approach. Drivers must be appealed to on every possible occasion, by the written and spoken word. Messages must be made simple, vivid and memorable. The great majority of drivers involved in accidents can be made into safe car operators. In the case of the small percentage which is congenitally reckless,

## Observations

By C. P. SQUIRES

### THIS VOTE GETTING—

For many years I have been trying to help this person or that person, Democrat or Republican, get votes for election to some office.

Now that I am myself a candidate, I find the necessity of asking people to vote for me is both painful and embarrassing.



former campaigns.

Therefore, I hope I may be excused if I fail in what some eminent politicians consider the correct political campaign method—trying to besmirch the name or reputation of another. I wish to go on record at this time as believing that all five of the attorneys against whom I find myself pitted, are able and honest.

There is one point I claim as an advantage in this matter—that I am not an attorney and that there is no advantage whatever so far as the office of Justice of the Peace is concerned, in being one.

Of course, being an attorney might be an advantage to the holder of the office because thereby he might be able to act as attorney for the plaintiff, for example, in an action and receive attorney's fees, and at the same time sit as justice and decide a case in favor of the party for whom he acted as attorney, receiving also his pay as justice of the peace.

A rather clever arrangement for the Justice, but rather embarrassing to the poor defendant. Because one could hardly expect a judge to render a decision against his own client.

I do not know that any Justice of the Peace in Las Vegas ever presumed to decide a case in which he was performing legal services for one of the parties. However, it might be done.

So, as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, I believe it is an advantage to be the only non-attorney, layman, or plain citizen, in the running. Not that I am opposed to attorneys. I consider them among the most useful of the business professions.

I find that the idea is being

revocation of licenses seems to be the only cure.

Better highway construction is where the engineer comes in. When you build a road on which it is impossible to have a major accident, you've solved the traffic problem so far as that road is concerned. And modern planning makes it possible to come remarkably close to that ideal, through the use of under and over passes, traffic lane separation, and approaches which do not permit cars traveling in opposite directions to meet. The highway of the future will not only be faster than that of today, but immeasurably safer.

Accident prevention involves the long pull. It can't be achieved overnight. But properly directed and continuous campaigns, over a period of time, will turn the trick.

spread that a Justice of the Peace must be an attorney to be qualified as a candidate for the office.

Such an idea has no foundation whatever. On the contrary, the lower courts, that is the Justice Courts, were designed to be the courts of the common people, in which the poor and unfortunate might stand on a plane of equality with the rich and powerful, without the expenses necessarily attendant upon litigation in the higher courts.

### AN ENTICING SLOGAN

I noticed an enticing slogan written on a card in the window of The Sweet Shoppe the other day, one quite appropriate and effective these hot, dry days. It read:

"We are prepared to Quench Your Thirst!"

### A TURKISH BATH

A. S. Metcalf, of 211 S. First street, who is sometimes known as "The Miracle Man" because of his powers of mental telepathy, has a proposition to increase business for the business firms of Las Vegas by establishing a Turkish bath house.

Perhaps Mr. Metcalf, who has been a resident of Las Vegas for the past eight years, divines the need of a sobering-off aid in this city of bright lights and night life. At any rate Mr. Metcalf, who has had much experience in that business, is of the opinion that a Turkish bath establishment would do well and invites the cooperation of anyone interested.

### REAL ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY

The conviction of a few Nazis in Suffolk County doesn't mean a thing.

America's task is to prevent the conditions which lead men to think more highly of another system of government than of our own.

Little organizations like the one which broke the laws of this state, whether they be Fascist or Communist, will never threaten American institutions.

The threat is from a breaking down of our own system, leading to absolute centralization of power in a frantic effort to cope with the situation. — Syracuse Post-Standard.

Two Austrian and two German youths risked life and limb to climb a 6,300 foot precipitous rock in a blinding snowstorm. But nobody has yet explained why.

### MRS. GRAGLIA RETURNS

Mrs. Jos. Graglia, of the National Hotel, has returned after an extended stay with her daughter, Anne, who has been ill in Los Angeles.

We are in favor of peace at any price providing the price isn't too high.