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"Double-Think"

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So much energy and zeal to rescue a little boy from a well—and so much indifference to the causes and consequences of war.

For war is man-made, not God-given. It springs from greed and fear—and, most of all, from indifference. From the ominous, quivering fact that in times of so-called "peace" nobody takes as much interest in preventing a war as he does in building his house and tending his garden.

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Whatever the solution may be, there must be a solution. Men whose mighty minds have devised a form of mutual self-destruction can devise a form of mutual survival. Peace can be reached, but **it must be worked for, not hoped for.**

And it must be worked for as zealously and tirelessly as the men worked to reach little Benny in the well. It must be seen as the most important, the only important, task for mankind.

Otherwise, what have we saved when we have brought the boy up into the sunlight? A number? A marker on a forgotten graveyard in a foreign land?—(Reprinted from Sydney J. Harris, Chicago Daily News)

A Neglected Concept

An impressive combination of rare and virtuous qualities must be conceded the personality of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, but we wonder if this great humanitarian—or anyone else—could have a quality of greater virtue or rarity than one Norman Cousins ascribes to Schweitzer in a Saturday Review article: "Lambarene and the Image of Schweitzer"?

Of the famous founder of the hospital at Lambarene in French Equatorial Africa, Cousins says: "He has a sense of total personal responsibility for everyone and everything at Lambarene."

We live in an era when ambitions of men and of nations are no less distinguished by the greed for privilege than by the fever to cast off responsibility.

To find a man, or to discover an action dedicated these days to preservation of a sense of total personal responsibility is a matter for no easy search.

The ideals of our day include a worship of the delegation of responsibility. From the big business executive too sacrosanct to be worried by details, to the union laborer who surrenders his personal responsibilities to the dictation of a union boss, our whole economic fabric has become shot through with the mass conviction that whatever happens it is somebody else's responsibility.

Tracing the phenomenon to a single source would be an impossible task, because there is no single source from which it has sprung.

It derives alike from fear and selfishness, lassitude and frustration, from the deterioration of discipline in the individual and the corporate mind, and organizational structure.

Under its ministrations our leadership flounders in intimidation of its own making, and our masses are restive and suspicious that every road is but an access to the same vicious circle.

A concept of total personal responsibility cries out these days to be grasped by men of lesser stature than Albert Schweitzer.—Editorial, Salisbury Post.

A Call To Sanity

"The central problem of our time—as I view it—is how to employ human intelligence for the salvation of mankind . . . we have defiled our intellect by the creation of such scientific instruments of destruction that we are now in desperate danger of destroying ourselves . . .

Missiles will bring anti-missiles, and anti-missiles will bring anti-anti-missiles. But inevitably, this whole electronics house of cards will reach a point where it can be constructed no higher . . .

If we will only come to the realization that it must be worked out—whatever it may mean even to such sacred traditions as absolute national sovereignty—I believe that we can somehow, somewhere, and perhaps through some as yet undiscovered world thinker and leader find a workable solution . . .

When are we going to muster an intelligence equal to that applied against the Sputnik and dedicate it to the preservation of this Satellite on which we live?

How long—I would ask you—can we put off salvation?

When does humanity run out?

If we're going to save ourselves from the instruments of our own intellect, we had better soon get ourselves under control and begin making the world safe for living."—(From an address by General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, November 5, 1957)

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation within us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly . . . It would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.

Thomas Paine