"I believe in facing facts!"

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The American Way
THE VICE-PRESIDENCY
By George Peck

There is one thing of which we Americans can be certain; Vice-Presidents do move up to the Presidency. It has happened several times in our history; it occurred again this year with the swearing in of President Harry Truman after the untimely passing of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Faced with the knowledge that our Vice-Presidents do again occupy step into the White House, it has always puzzled this writer as to why the office of Vice-President of the United States is treated as such a trivial and unimportant position. It is recorded that President Truman, shortly before fate propelled him into the bigger job, expressed a feeling of inadequacy and utter futility, adding that he missed his activity as a Senator, on which job he felt he really had been accomplishing something.

It is true that the Vice-President presides over the Senate. This he does the deciding vote in the event of a tie. But, for the most part, he is merely an onlooker, taking no part in the discussion of the issues which come before the Senate. All things considered, this man who may suddenly be thrust into the leadership of the nation, has less authority and less position is less sought after than that of a Senator or Representative.

It is my sincere belief that from the moment he takes office, the Vice-President should be groomed against the day when he may be called upon to "take over." Whenever feasible, he should sit in on Presidential conferences and he should be taken into the complete confidence of the President on national and international affairs. Sound common sense dictate such a procedure. Surely, if such a man has been entrusted by the American people to hold an office which may evolve into the Presidency, it follows as day the night, that he can be trusted to know every detail of the administration's activities and plans.

Further, if his character and abilities are such as to warrant the American people to elect him as a possible President, then his counsel and advice should be acceptable, should be sought after and should be of great value to the man elected President by the people.

In fact, the Vice-President is chosen as an "understudy" to the President, ready to assume the stage when illness or death overtakes the "star." But as we see it, even the Vice-President's position is comparable to the "understudy" of the "star" of a theatrical company, who, while expected to step into the breach when emergency arises, has not been given a script of the lines he is to say, nor has had a rehearsal of the part.

Harry Truman on April 12th was suddenly called upon to step into the "lead." A day or so later we learn that he was in consultation with James F. Byrnes and Harry Hopkins, who had recommended the then President to Vetty. These two men had been "confidants" of the deceased President and were, it is said, to remain the confidants of Truman. The information that he had to have so as to function intelligently as Chief Executive. Why should it have been necessary for President Truman to get his information from two men, not even members of the Cabinet? Why did he not have these important facts direct from the late President?

Harry Truman has taken over the reins at a most critical time in all our history. He has the backing of every loyal American as he leads the nation to final victory and to the making of a lasting peace. His is a tremendous responsibility and an enormous task confronts him that calls for almost superhuman strength, courage, ability and wisdom. How much easier his task would be if he did not have to start from "scratch," if during the past four months he had been given the "lines" and an opportunity to rehearse his "part". Congressional or Constitutional action should be taken so that never again shall a Vice-President of these United States be placed in such an unnecessary predicament.

BIBLE QUESTIONS
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Question—Do you believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible?

Answer—If the words of the original manuscripts were not inspired, what was? The Bible is composed of words. In Hebrews 12:27 the whole argument turns on three words, "yet once more"; in Galatians 4:9, on the passive rather than the active voice of the verb; in John 8:58, on the present rather than of the past tense; in Galatians 3:16 on the singular number of a noun, rather than the plural. Taking these four texts together, we find that to change a phrase, the voice or the tense of a verb or the number of a noun would destroy the teaching of the Scriptures. Isn't this close to verbal inspiration?

Q.—Is there any hope for a real drunkard?

A.—There is hope for anybody who will really turn to God for help. Isaish 59:1, 2: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." And 1 John 1:9 is still in the Bible.

Q.—Where is Christ now?

A.—"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2.

Q.—Does the Bible say anything about someone's trying to chance the time?

A.—The prophecy is in Daniel 7:25 "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given unto his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

Q.—Is it true that the two irons of the image in Daniel 2 refer to Hitler and Mussolini?

A.—No. The great prophetic image had four main parts: head of gold, breast of silver, sides of brass, legs of iron, representing four succeeding world kingdoms. These were Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. Read the whole book and it will be clear.

LOOKING AHEAD
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RIGHT TURN

Plain people in America are tired of regimentation. The figures show it. Late in April big-city newspapers were publishing tables of figures that grew out of a survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion, popularly called the "Gallup Poll." An article by George Gallup himself accompanied the figures I examined and they were interesting, encouraging.

Nothing but victory in war would make bigger news. Nothing short of unconditional surrender by all of America's national enemies would be more cheering than this. Suddenly there has come a popular yearning for the days when Mr. Customer was boss, when people got paid according to what their work was worth, when they had a right to anything their money would buy.

Back to Earth

Dr. Gallup says, "there are indications today that the largest groups in the American public are not now particularly interested in seeing many changes or reforms in this country after the war. In fact, a survey just completed across the nation by the Institute reveals that the majority of Americans want things to remain pretty much as they were before the war."

The head of the Institute put out a few hopeful details about individual answers to his questions. He cites a good share of the minority who wish for post-war changes want to engage back, back to conditions we enjoyed years before the war. He didn't say so, but I concluded clearly that the people are longing for the days of prosperity when everyone who wanted a job could find one, when the government was not the employer of the majority, when people were free from the fear of being drafted into the army, when they could buy what they wanted when they wanted it, when they could spend their money as they pleased instead of having it taken away from them by taxes.

Plain people in America are beginning to wish for the days when they could look at the back side of it. The plain people in America are beginning to wish for the days when they could look at the back side of it. The plain people in America are beginning to wish for the days when they could look at the back side of it. The