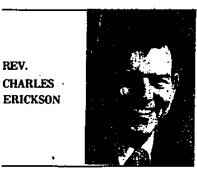


# Moral perspectives

## A philosophy honed in the plants

There is something special about Michigan people. The tone or climate among us is an attitude which is fascinating. Largely because of the auto industry our attention is on next year's models and years ahead, still on the drawing boards. There is a feeling of fun in our excitement about tomorrow. We are an anticipating people. The moral force in our futuristic orientation is that we focus on intentions in our decisions. We seek improved quality in our planning and choosing. We select the best options available as we pursue excellence. Quality control at work becomes concern for quality in life.

Michigan can lead the nation if we become more aware, more self-conscious, and more articulate about the uniqueness of our focus on the future. We have skills in analysis and planning which don't come so easily to people lacking our excitement about possibilities.



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In some areas of the country, old customs and past successes mold contemporary attitudes. The heavy hand of history shapes life. Those people need to be reminded that the death words in any organization are "we never did it that way before." A rear view mirror is not top priority in a guidance system. But we need one.

Our futurism will help the nation only if we combine it with solid respect for the past. Others need to turn from preoccupation with accomplishments and we need to be pressured into more remembering. Traditions and customs carry treasures and qualities our children deserve.

## Health plan to face public

The Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan will hold special meetings at 9:30 a.m. Saturday throughout the Detroit metropolitan area as part of its revision of the area's health systems plan.

The five-year plan identifies the area's major health problems and ways to eliminate them.

The Wayne County meeting will be held at the United Community Services Office at 24321 Van Born Rd. in Taylor.

A meeting in Detroit will be held at the Comprehensive Health Planning Council's offices on the 13th floor of the

MUCH OF THIS attitudinal underlayment of our culture came from the Judeo-Christian heritage. The religious thrust of looking for what God will yet to do creates a mood of expectation. It has a more clear secular expression in Michigan than the rest of the nation. We have a responsibility to export it and one political party is handing us a splendid opportunity as they come here to meet.

We need to discover and cultivate a secular counterpart to another essential in the religious heritage. The search for what God will do is carried out by intense effort to know what God has done. Telling and re-telling the old, old stories exposes meaning. We have that sense of history in civic life too.

IT IS BUDGET time in state and nation. In organizations and homes we also set targets in responsible forecasting. Budgets are goals which create hopes and invite actions to make dreams into realities. Forecasts become facts if we are wise in both futurism and respect for inherited values.

We are tomorrow people and we are children of yesterday. Every decision merits the excitement of high hope so common among Michigan people. Each choice equally deserves the dignity of respect for accomplishment and worthy results in the past.

We have an enviable chance to export our joyful anticipatory attitude. There will be receivers for our exports if we have similar enthusiasm for the power of honored values.

Each budgeting choice and each spending action creates the character of the people. Vitality comes in balancing the thrills of expectation with the reverence of thankful remembering.

## Expert on Iran due at OU

A leading expert on Iran will discuss the oil producing nation's political crisis and its implications for the U.S. in a free public lecture Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Oakland University in Rochester.

James A. Bill, associate director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas, will speak

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