

Moral perspectives

What will be said about us in the years to come?

It's an intriguing title and an even more interesting concept. Contending that "one must re-assemble a world around that text" if one wants to "understand a text from the past," Garry Willis has put together a number of reasonable conjectures about the Declaration of Independence that provides a sparkling insight into a venerable document and helps us to appreciate afresh (perhaps for the first time) the "inventing of America."



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ing without being challenged by the security system in that building, and, in Michigan, a reporter was able to ascertain from the telephone company all the information regarding long distance calls of another individual. These stories have generated questions of personal security and safety.

IT IS DIFFICULT to argue against the whole concept of security and safety, but the twist in these threats to our security ought to be challenged. To be sure, the security system in all levels of government could be

improved, as could the security system of Michigan Bell. But where do you raise the issue of responsibility for personal conduct?

The flaw in these stories (and it is a serious flaw) is not the pointing out of the holes in our institutional safeguards, but to ignore the personal responsibility we have for doing what is right. By inference, these two stories suggest that the real crime is the failure of the system to catch the violator and not the deed which preceded it.

It is not easy to acknowledge and confess our capacity for evil but if we pretend that the control of all evil is always the responsibility of the other party, then we are in the process of "inventing an America" that can only destroy us.

On the other hand, if we can acknowledge and recognize our capacity for evil and exercise personal responsibility for the common good, the "inventing of America" still might be a process we can proudly claim and support.

Whew! The Big Apple leaves her tied in knots

It was culture shock! We'd come to New York City after two isolated weeks in the Adirondacks to find—too many people.

We were staying with my sister in New Jersey. I had to go into New York on business, and it seemed only sensible to utilize public transportation. God help everybody concerned!

Things began going wrong when we woke and found it raining buckets. I'd traveled rain in the mountains wearing an orange plastic poncho. But that seemed kind of tacky for author-visiting-Manhattan. Maybe the rain would stop.

At six a.m. I was sleepily trying to decipher the time table. When in Heaven's name did a train leave Princeton for Penn Station?

Strangely, it appeared that the way the only left at 6:40 a.m. (We assumed that not many people in Princeton work in New York.) There was no time for breakfast so we zoomed to the railroad station.

Only Princeton doesn't advertise. No visible sign initiated outsiders into the secret location of the train station. The departure time came closer and I unearthed half a mashed peanut butter and jelly sandwich and



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gulped it frantically as we dithered and fro.

WE DISCOVERED the station at 6:30. No train was in sight. I rushed to the window to buy my ticket. Only to find fifty people in line before me. It was Aug. 1 and they were all buying their monthly commuter tickets. Mike decided that I probably could pay on the train so we dashed to the platform and waited for the 6:40 - waited.

When the light finally began to dawn, Mike asked to see the timetable. I'm not at my best at 6 a.m. Somehow the goings had gotten mixed with the comings. Lots of morning trains run from Princeton to New York, but

none of them run at 6:40.

Fortunately one happened along about this time. I scuttled on board without waiting to hear all that Mike had to say.

Business went fairly smoothly as long as I slogged the wet streets under my orange plastic poncho. All Manhattan seemed one-way traffic heading in the wrong direction. I never snagged a cab, though that poncho should have made me visible. Perhaps too much so.

After work, I read the timetable correctly, called Mike to meet me at the station, and proudly caught the right train back to Princeton. Since nobody seemed to be announcing anything, I recounted them. All was as the timetable said it should be and I got off.

I shouldn't have. The parking lot was dark, the Princeton station was non-existent, and my train was gone. Wherever I was, it wasn't where I should have been.

"Outside New Brunswick..."

"Why did the train stop here?..."

The heck with equal rights in an emergency. I batted my eyelashes and the nice gentleman drove me to a taxi stand.

Meeting to discuss Lutheran youth role

Youth's role in the social ministry of the church will be examined in a youth meeting of the Michigan Synod, Lutheran Church in America, to be held in Michigan State University's Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, Aug. 25-27.

Susan M. Purch, Philadelphia, LCA secretary for Youth Global Hunger Concerns, will speak Saturday morning, and U.S. Rep. William Broadbent (17th District, Michigan), Saturday afternoon.

The youth event is sponsored by the Michigan Synod, LCA, the Lutheran Brotherhood, the Aid Association of Lutherans and MSU's Lifelong Education Programs and University Committee on Church Related Programs.

Class Reunions

DETROIT COOLEY 1953 Reservations still are available for the 25-year reunion of the class that graduated from Cooley High School in 1953. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in the Roost-ertal restaurant in Detroit.

DETROIT COOLEY 1968 The classes that graduated from Cooley High School in January and June of 1968 will hold a 10-year reunion Oct. 29 in Michigan Inn, Dearborn. Those interested in attending may call Becky Allen Blossom, 525-9577, or Linda Larson, 474-0725.

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