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"But I never felt I was in any danger in China," Johnson says blandly.

"I fear for my life more in the traffic here in Washington."

To Our New Prophets

-Harper's Dec. 1940

Harper's Magazine always carries a section in the back of ecah issue called <u>The Easy Chair</u>. Ever since I can remember, this section has been conducted by Bernard DeVoto, a man of prominence as a writer of books, especially books of description, (he loves Vermont).

In the December, 1940 issue, his article, comprising the entire space of <u>The Easy Chair</u> is called <u>To Our New Prophets</u>.

It is an article four pages long and should be read by every American before the more prominently placed articles of the magazine are touched. It is the entree for the entire issue.

Mr. DeVoto, herein, proves himself to be an unadulterated American. His ideas of Americanism are so char. He is not confused within himself by ideologies—ideologies which he thinks confused Roy Hilton, when writing The Inner Threat and Our Own Softness, which I reviewed for this course from Sept. 1940 Harpers.

Mr. Devoto, is at variance with Roy Hilton on the idea of that comfort and security are feminine ideals, and that our "debilitated manhood" has gone sissy. He says that is exactly what the Fuhrer is telling a despairing people: "that only hardness is left them, that beyond the channel lies England, and that they will feed fat if they get Masculine enough to cross the water."

Mr. DeVoto believes that the desire to make one's life as easy as possible for oneself and one's children was the American dream from the beginning and that the pioneers yoked up their oxen and cleared forests to make this dream come true.

These men, he insists, could not have been "puling softies."

Mr. DeVoto, blames several agencies for the fact that some off our youth are a bit reticent in offering to sacrifice their lives for their country. First, he blames our false prophets, who up until now have been preaching what they term "mistaken doctrines." Now they about-faced and advise our youth to sacrifice their lives for the American way of life, "Surely we have had enough warnings that American fascism can come in as the denunciation of fascism," Mr. DeVoto warns us. Really, do our youth actually know form these false prophets just what the glory of sacrifice might mean, he says.

From our American literature for the past ten years we were told that our American way of life was an irretrievable blunder—that the game was up—that American traditions, racial stocks, institutions, ideals and symbols were corrupt and stupid. "Any intelligent man who had accepted such teaching," Mr. DeVoto continues, "could naturally find no decorum in dying to save such a country." Mr. DeVoto's solution is not to burn such books but to "repair the errors and expose the lies."

Down our familiar Main Streets, inhabited in no small part by members of the American Legion and their families we can still find the seeds of our hopes for the future. "There is no denying it," he says, "the companents of our new democracy, the seeds of its future, the liability of failure, and the determinants of triumph are the people who live on Main Street and belong to the American Legion."

From its beginning the American Legion has worked for Americanization and for the strengthening of defenses, but Mr.

DeVoto says,"the so-called prophets, after a period of twenty years have missed the point until now." Let us hope that these same prophets are not trying by a change of face, and a coup d'etat still to sell us down the river--that the American Legion ideals, American habits and traditions, stronger and truer by test, will not perish and that we Americans have not gone soft.

Mr. DeVoto believes that "the goal is still attainable and that the dream holds. That if the future brings about a new birth on this continent it will be, as it has always been before, a new birth in freedom, and under God."

## KVPPHILOSOPHER

any headway. The hungry shovel's teeth fail to grip. There is less than a peck of dirt with each bite. "Get a teaspoon!" somebody yells.

The engineer notes that progress is stopped. He calls out an order to the No. 2 workman and waves the shovel aside. The workman comes with a pick. Compared with the shovel, it is like a tugboat beside the Queen Mary. But little tugs do great things. So does this little pick. Half a dozen blows are enough. The ground is loosened, the shovel bites and is fed. Once more, David has slain Goliath.

But how often do mighty enterprises fail for want of a common pick!—G. S.

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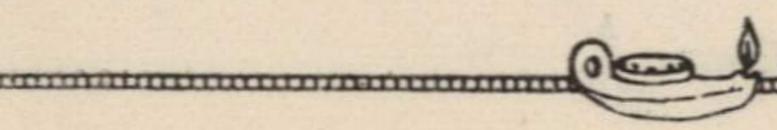
When you asked for my advice, I knew what you really wanted was my approval.

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Clay We won't mention his name because he is already legendary in the Pigskin and Banquet League, a sort of Sacred Bull, or Old He-Coon about which one must speak or hear no evil. We were sitting at a banquet one night beside one of his All-American ends. The toastmaster was eulogizing his old coach, and telling us how clean he was, and what good sportsmanship he taught his boys.

Now we had played against some of Old He-Coon's teams and we had some personal recollections that told us some of his boys must have forgotten what they were taught between the dressing room and the playing field. We suggested as much to the All-American.

He grinned. Yes, he said, I get fed up on the Old Man's wings and halo. Maybe he had 'em, but I played under him for four years, and they were whittled down pretty small by then.



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I remember the last game of my senior year. We needed it for a perfect season, no losses, no ties, a national championship. Maybe you remember the team that year. They were tough, as tough as they come. was having his best year at tackle, and who made All-American left half that season, simply ran us silly. He made us look like Michigan against Red Grange. They scored two touchdowns the first half, and we didn't get the ball past their 40 yard line.

Boy, oh boy, did the Old Man lay into us between halves! Every word he said cut like a knife. We took it in those days. The boys nowadays are smarter; they don't take so well to the driver type of coach. He had us crying mad. I mean literally. Then just before the time-up bell, he said: "And one thing more. If that left half back is in there after the third play, I'm jerking every man on the team. We'll finish with the water boy and the grounds keepers, if they lick us a thousand to nothing."

Now don't get me wrong. I still think the Old Man was the greatest coach that ever lived. But he wasn't Sir Galahad, not by a long shot. I wonder if anybody ever really gets over the shock when he finds his idol's feet are made of clay.—G. S.



#### EIGHT POINTS FOR PROGRESSIVE PARENTS

I Teach the meaning of true discipline
IIExemplify the dignity of labor
III Create an awareness of the value of money
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VIII Provide religious instruction

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#### I WILL TEACH MY SON --

"I will teach my son to respect his body and mind, to respect the abilities and rights of his opponents; to compete within his own ability; and to learn the fundamentals of the game he is playing, and to observe them."

Taxes are rising faster than corporation earning which means that the proportion available for dividends to stock-his ders is shrinking. Profits during war will narrow further.

Kiplinger Washington Letter

The two conflicting purposes in the mind of youth regarding school and college.

Many coaches hold up to the boy the glory of conquest on the athletic field.

Upon the field of friendly strife are sown the seeds that on other fields on other days are formed the fruits of victory.

Speaking antithetically of Mark Antony's famous funeral oration, permit me to say that "I came to praise football, not to bury it."

Athletics in the American colleges are paradoxical. They are the most severely criticized activity of college life, and they are the most loved. They are the most rational channel into which to direct the energies of youth, and they are, when improperly administered, the most dangerous and diseased. They are the most vulnerable activity of the American college life, and they are one of the most vital. Perhaps it is because we love them that we illtreat and punish them. The inherent Anglo-Saxon love of conquest and combat in the sports and games endangers the very object of its love. College students view athletics as an end in themselves. College professors steeped in habits of mind-training and hard work see them largely as misspent effort. Herein are the we extremes in overvaluation, - youth in an overvaluation of athletics, and middle age in an overvaluation of academic training. These two extremes are still far apart. The problem of the modern administrator is to find a middle ground.

Thirty-five years ago, when intercollegiate football was on trial because of physical dangers to the participants, the late Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, saved the game for the good that he thought it possessed. Today, with the game on trial again, this time because of alleged moral and spiritual dangers, there is need of another great leader to point the way ahead. The game should be lifted up and out of its distortions into its truer plane of inspiration and effectiveness in college life. In reality there is little of serious issue with athletics in the colleges themselves. The disease starts from without, - among the men whose interest is misguided.

Football would never die, but would continue to thrive, were it not for the football followers of Brutus who have stabled the sport to near death. These pseudo friends of football are the gamblers, the subsidizers, and the Pollyannas who state that, "football at the present, is enjoying sound health and is becoming more of an ameteur sport all the time".

I stated last winter that subsidized football and basketball had but 10 years to live. I revised this estimate downward somewhat this fall depending on the part that we play in this second World War which we are now in. Replying to my long-time friend, Major John L. Griffith, Commissioner of the Big Ten, may I say that I base my deductions on the following facts set up for the period of our National Defense Emergency. Living costs will be at least 25% higher sometime in 1942 and at least 50% higher in 1943. The Federal income tax payments of the people drawing salaries from \$2000.00 to \$7000.00 will be more than trebled. Taxes are rising faster than corporation earning which means that the proportion available for dividends to stockholders is shrinking. Profits during war will narrow further. Congress will be asked to vote the draft age reduction to 18 years of age when the time is ripe. The signal has been sounded by General Hershey. It is an open secret in Washington military circles that there are plans for an American Expeditionary Force when American bombers and fighter planes can be manufactured in sufficient quantities to control the air and to protect the convoys from Nazi submarines. Therefore may I repeat that taxes and living costs will be so excessively high that big time athletes who are not then in the service will not be carried on the state's payroll the year around, - during the time that they are attending college as well as on the state's highway department during the summer vacation. State legislators will not be giving free legislative scholarships to big time athletes granting them free tuition at the state universities. In some of our state universities

at the present time this practice is followed, but it does not exist in Kansas. (The State of Kansas is also a happy hunting ground for the athletic head-hunters from the Big Ten, the Southwest and Pacific Coast Conferences. Coaches and athletic officials, or their emissaries, of these conferences annually pay profitable visits to Kansas and make away with much of our choice high school athletic material). Corporations will not be financially able to make good-will donations to these athletic slush funds nor will fraternities and sororities be willing to feed an extra athletic mouth for the glery of good old Siwash: Father and Mother will not be able to foot the bills. The vital business of whipping Hitler will be paramount to our over-indulgence of glorified publicity and financial display neither of which are worthy lessons for youth to learn. Participation in athletics for the masses will be emphasized, but our gate receipts will fall off and there will be a consequent dimenution in the numbers of our high-priced coaching staffs.

Many times more than double the money is gambled on football games each year than is bet on horse races in the United States. The big time gamblers cut on football parlays which they put out each Saturday is nearly 40% - leaving the easily hood-winked public the suckers share. While this situation is not the fault of the college, nevertheless, the slimy hand of the rackateer has not edified these intercollegiate games which were once academic.

A high school or college teacher desires security the same as does the manual laborer. A teacher of young men desires security - an athletic coach desires security, but there can be no security with subsidized football and basketball because the followers of subsidized athletics demand a sure-fire winner every time. So-called athletic boosters pay their subsidized money into a secret fund to insure this. Every coach in the same conference cannot win the championship for his team. Winning a championship is very uncertain.

And when successive losses accumulate then the emotional frenzy of the disappointed athletic booster demands a change in coaching personnel. Five years is considered a long term contract in football or basketball coaching. But five years is a short while in a life-time of coaching. The mortality table shows that three years of coaching is the average tenure of a coach before changing positions. The subsidizing of college athletes works against the security of a coaches longer tenure.

New York University authorities resolution

Students offered three policies:

1. The abolishment of football as an intercollegiate sport (detriment of the school)

2. The arranging of a schedule to fit the ability of the players (University authorities admitted impossibility)

3. Open subsidization (only alternative)

Chicago University students desired to adopt the Chicago Bears as their team and to make arrangements to be admitted to home games on an athletic activity fee basis.