

Bishop Sheen Writes

Ruling the Tongue Off A Most Difficult Task

BY FULTON J. SHEEN.

Some people say that their heads are right on top of their stomachs, and when anything goes wrong with their stomachs they can not sleep. An equally serious condition is one in which words are always on the tips of people's tongues, so that reason never intervenes to stop their utterances. This advice was once given to those whose speech is intemperate: "Think before you speak; then talk to yourself." Ruling the tongue is one of the most difficult of all tasks. For that reason the ancient Persians taught their youths two things: to be secret, and to tell the truth.



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Those who abuse speech are divided into three general classes: The first are those who are always "putting people in their place" as if they were ordained by God and the Constitution to "tell off" everybody for what they call "their own good." The second class is made up of those who detract from the merit of others by criticizing, finding fault or putting an evil interpretation on all they say or do. They go to an art museum and criticize every picture for not being hung properly, but they can never

see that the pictures in their own homes are all upside down. A critical spirit is born of wrong behavior. There is not a critical person in the world who is not in need of criticism. Criticism of others is an escape from necessary self-criticism. The third class is made up of just plain liars. Conscious of their own littleness and insignificance, they try to give weight to their characters by exaggeration, or by creating a mythical world which is built according to their own specifications.

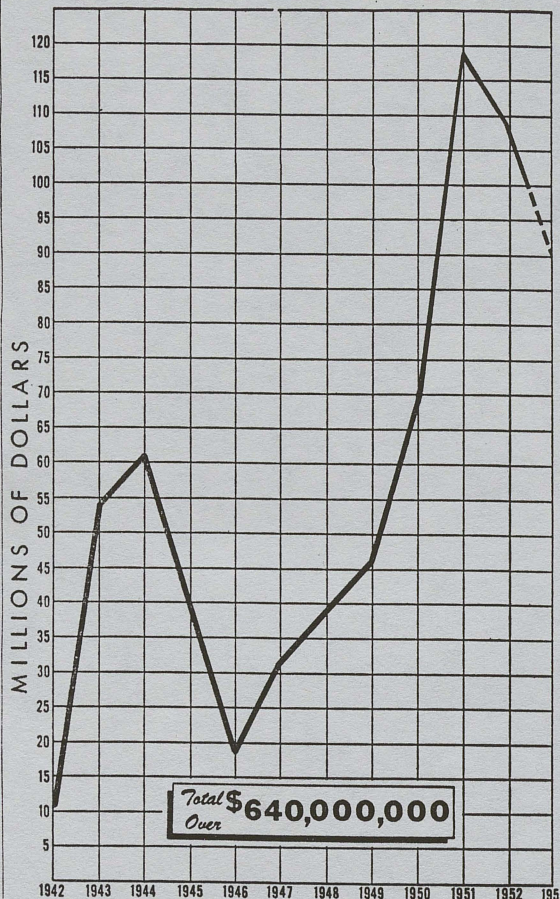
SPEECH IS INDEX TO MIND.

Socrates said: "Speak that I may see thee." Speech is the index of the mind and the summation of a soul, all that the person has been, is, and will be. We need only hear a word and we can say: "He is an ignorant man," "he is a proud man," "he is a kind man," "he is a cruel man." The whirlwind on the tongue is the sign of the tempest in the soul. If there is envy in the heart, it will show in the tone of the voice; if there is love in the heart even the words share the glow. But a skunk in the cellar soon smells up the whole house. It is a physical and psychological impossibility to develop the art of conversation without first developing the art of a good and humble heart out of which come our words. The power of edifying speech increases with the improvement in morals. Many of the suggestions offered today for the refinement of the art of conversation are in reality nothing else than the art of deceit and amount to "How to disguise your feelings," "How to praise when you want to damn," "How to compliment when you want to condemn," "How to influence people when you hate them."

Words are to be judged in two ways: by their transparency and by their purpose. Words should be like windows: We should be able to see through them. They should not be like curtains which veil the inside of the mind from the outside of the lips. An equal sign should always be made between what is in the mind and what is on the lips; if we can not make the equation, the words should not be said. There is hardly a human who has not at some moment of life come face to face with persons who never said what they meant, or never meant what they said. Many others, on the contrary, so spoke that the words were like open doors to their hearts. If they invited you to dinner, they really meant it.

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Speech also has morality. Speech is a vehicle for the transportation of ideas, as an automobile is a vehicle for the transportation of persons or things. We judge the morality of a vehicle by the purpose for which it was made. An automobile used to rob a bank is the wrong use of a vehicle; words used to deceive, to malign, to destroy character are for that reason immoral. A Communist who uses freedom of speech to destroy freedom of speech has used the vehicle of words for an evil purpose, and is to be judged in exactly



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33 Silversmiths Observe 50th Anniversary in Trade

WILLINGFORD, Conn., May 30 (NANA). — A quarter of a century of service at most trades ordinarily earns a man one or more of these reputations: An old hand at the game, old war horse, old campaigner — ad infinitum. In the silversmithing trade, however, it seems a man's just a pup with anything less than a silver anniversary to his credit.

The skill of silversmithing, brought to flower by medieval artisans, is handed down from generation to generation, and terms of service are measured in quarter- and half-century spans, rather than in years.

An examination of personnel records at the Wallace Company here illustrates the point. At this

118-year-old firm, 375 men have qualified for the 25-year club, and most of them are still turning out exquisite sterling and stainless-steel tableware. Their aggregate seniority gives the company a bank of experience that, if expended year by year, would last beyond 8,000 A. D.!

And that's not all: 33 more silversmiths have celebrated golden anniversaries, and eight of them continue daily to ply their hard-learned trade.

Most of the senior silversmiths began learning the business as youths. Before they qualified as apprentice 'smiths, they had to learn the 12 phases of silversmithing, which required from 6,000 to 8,000 hours of training. On top of that, several more

Squirrel Has Tummy Ache

TUCSON, May 30 (AP).—The Harris ground squirrel at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum here was supplied with a new

cage in which we planted two cactus plants in blossom. The squirrel ate nearly all of the flowers at one sitting and had to be treated for a severe stomach ache. Marvin Laton, assistant zoologist, said the animal now just looks at the plants.

years' experience was necessary to qualify as die cutters. Many of them will tell you that, at this point, they had just started their education as silversmiths.

The first geographical records are in the Pentateuch and the book of Joshua.

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The horse has a bit, the ship a rudder, and man has a mind made to control his words. This applies equally to men and women through their conversations. Men generally speak about things; women generally speak about persons. The women used to be called the gossips. Now that dubious honor is being stolen by the men. When a patient goes to see a doctor he says: "Let me see your tongue." We have a Divine assurance that something like that will be said by the Divine Physician on the last day. He said that we would be held responsible for every idle word. Conscious of that responsibility, it helps to keep in mind the words of David: "I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle, when the wicked is beside me."

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of 70,000 population so tightly it's hard to find a place to park a car. Some drivers, intent on a view of the tower, park near the city outskirts and return to the center by horse-drawn carriage.

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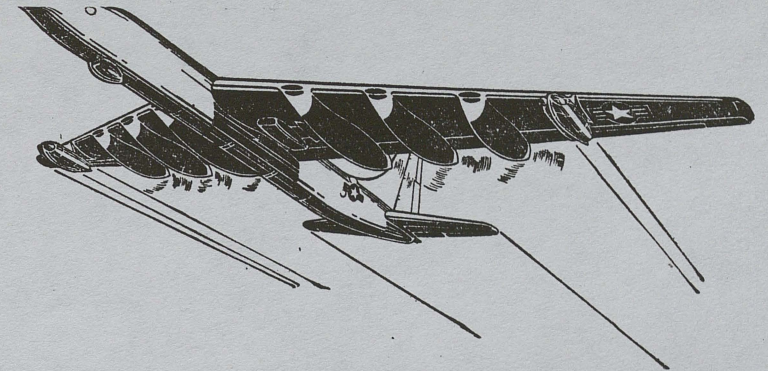
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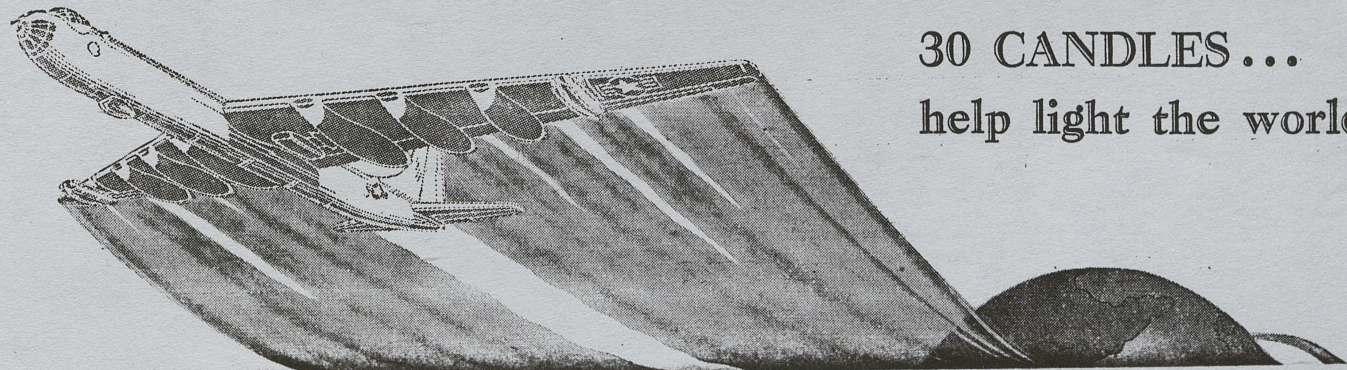
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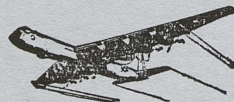
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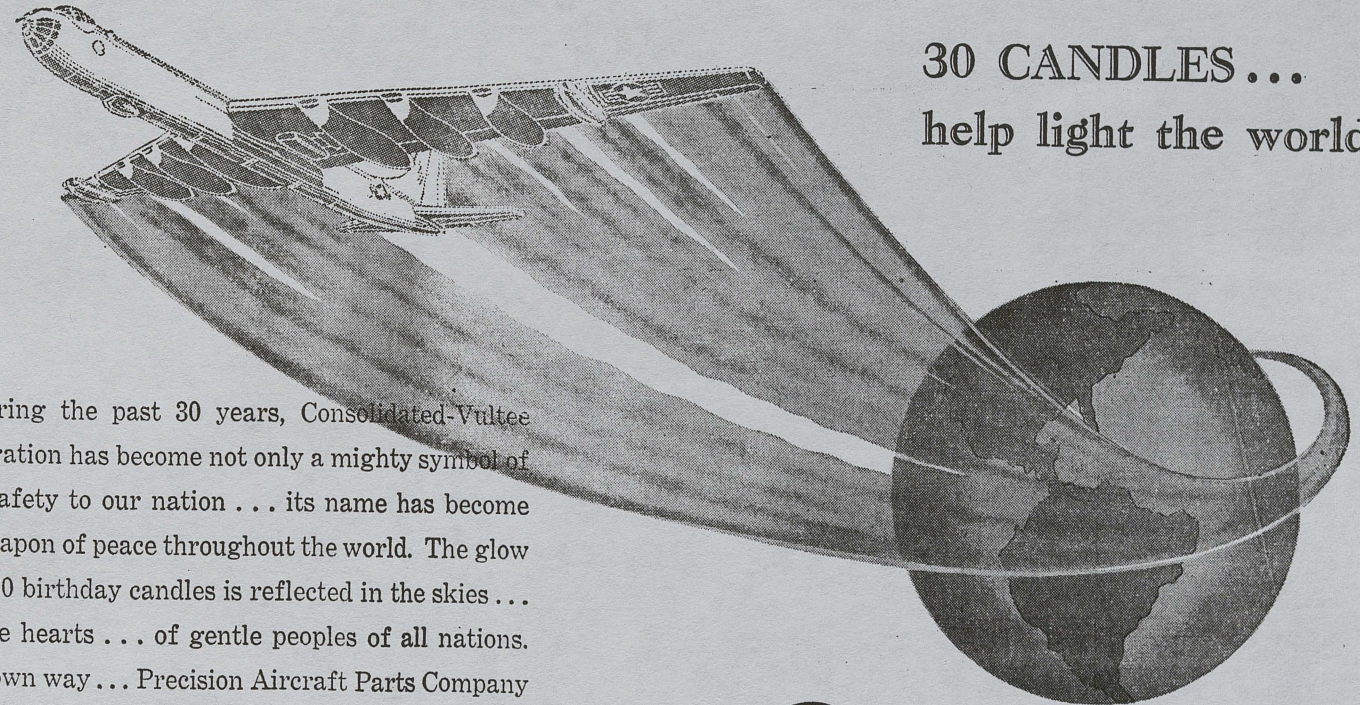
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