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MOST SIGNIFICANT CARTOON—FEB. 12, 1950

Thirty cartoons by America's leading newspaper artists were available for consideration in the contest for the most significant cartoon published on Lincoln's birthday, 1950. Inasmuch as some newspapers have no Sunday edition and February 12 fell on Sunday, drawings in the issues of Feb. 11 were also made eligible. The Lincoln Foundation Advisory Group selected for first place a cartoon created in the very city where the Foundation is located, although the judges did not know the origin of the drawing at the time the votes were submitted.

The artist receiving highest honors was Eugene Craig and his drawing entitled "Abe's Admonition" appeared in the *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*. It is reproduced in this issue of Lincoln Lore. Former winners of this annual recognition are: 1949—Russell. *Los Angeles Times*. 1948—Somerville. *Denver Post*. 1947—Alexander. *The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*. 1946—Binetsett. *Illinois State Journal*. 1945—Hungerford. *The Pittsburgh Post Gazette*.

Some of the more important cartoons received are described in the following paragraphs.

HE MEANS YOU

Bust length front view of Lincoln pointing finger directly at reader with Gettysburg quotation in the background "Of the People, By the People, For the People." Capitol at Washington in foreground. Burek. *Chicago Sun-Times*.

LINCOLN SHOWED US THE WAY

Featuring an axe driven in a stump near fallen tree, birthplace cabin, White House and capitol in background. A placard in foreground reading "Hard work in a society of free opportunity." Werner. *Indianapolis Star*.

THE ONLY WAY TO WORLD GOVERNMENT

Background shows base of Lincoln statue inscribed, "With malice toward none, with charity for all." LINCOLN." A girl representing "peace" stands in deep snow gazing at monument while a blizzard swirls around the lable "The Cold War." Alexander. *The Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin*.

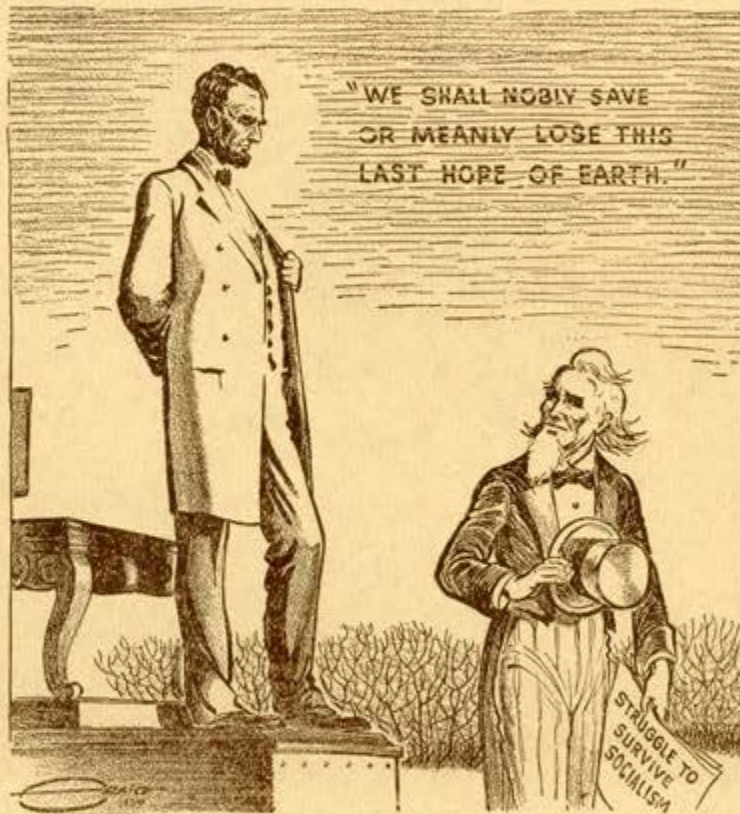
A REVISION

A tablet on a wall carries this inscription, "That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. Lincoln." A hand has reached out and has just crossed out the word "nation," and placed over it the word "world."—*New York Times*.

"NOBODY NEVER GOT NOWHERE WORKIN' THAT HARD, ABE"

Lincoln standing by rail pile, axe in hand has paused to wipe perspiration from forehead. Seated on bench before cabin, pipe in hand and a dog lying asleep by his side, an old timer makes the comment in caption. Shoemaker. *Chicago Daily News*.

ABE'S ADMONITION



SOME DAY THE WORLD MUST HEED

Brady portrait of Lincoln in background, and top of world looming up in foreground with the inscription against clouded sky, "With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right. . . 2nd Inaugural." Art Bimrose. *Portland Oregonian*.

TIME TO LIFT OUR EYES

Profile of Lincoln appearing out of clouds with the inscription against the sky "Simple Goodness." In the foreground a small man stands looking up at Lincoln. On the earth surrounding the man is the inscription "Blind Selfishness." Rube Goldberg. *New York Journal-American*.

JUST KEEP THAT IN MIND

Portrait of Lincoln in background with inscription beside it "Government of the People, by the People, for the People." In foreground a character labeled "Congress" is writing on a scroll under the caption "Civil Rights Legislation" but looking up at the Lincoln portrait as he writes. Hutton. *The Philadelphia Enquirer*.

THE VOICE THAT BELONGS TO THE AGES

Joseph Stalin sits at a table with a globe on a standard at his side. In his right hand he holds a scroll entitled "World Survey." In the background by his side stands Lincoln in a posture that demands he desist in the enterprise. Russell. *Los Angeles Herald*.

VOICE FROM THE PAST

In the foreground there is a globe with the symbols of the Soviet Union drawn upon it and these words encribed on a card, "The scourge of communism." Lincoln stands in back of the globe looking down upon it and these words appear in quotation marks, "And this too shall pass away." Kuekes. *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

"LET US PRAY FOR PEACE AND DIVINE GUIDANCE"

A drawing of the world with the inscription "Our Troubled World." Lincoln with coat inscribed "Spirit of Lincoln" and hands clasped in prayer attitude, looks down upon it. Svoboda. *Brooklyn Eagle*.