

LINCOLN LORE

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MOST SIGNIFICANT CARTOON—FEBRUARY 12, 1952

The most significant cartoon published in an American newspaper for February 12, 1952, according to the balloting of the advisory group of the Foundation, was drawn by Vaughn Shoemaker and entitled "When Problems Overwhelm." The drawing appeared in the *Chicago Daily News* where the artist has served as chief cartoonist since 1925. In 1938 and 1946 he was awarded the Pulitzer prize in cartooning.

At no time during the past eight years, during which the selections have been made, has there been such a large number of drawings available for consideration. Inasmuch as the evolution of the cartoon can largely be traced through the interpretation of political trends it is not surprising that a presidential year would bring forth so large an installment. This fact makes the honor of creating the outstanding study for Feb. 12, 1952 much more significant and the contributing artist should be complimented accordingly.

The problems confronting Uncle Sam are visualized by stacks of manuscripts completely engulfing him marked "National Debt, Inflation, Strikes, Spread of Communism, Crime, Casualty List, Truce Talks, Gov't Scandals." The suggestion for the solution of the problem comes from the lips of Lincoln, "Have You Tried Prayer, Sam?"

Descriptions of a few of the fifty different cartoons received, all appearing on Feb. 12, with the caption, source, and name of artist are presented.

SIMPLE WORDS FOR TODAY'S COMPLEXITIES

Lincoln seated at desk writes, "As I would not be a slave so I would not be a master." This expresses my idea of Democracy.

Conrad, *Denver Post*

IF LINCOLN WERE A CANDIDATE TODAY

Lincoln in the background with two politicians arguing, "Oh, he won't do. He'd never go over on television!"

Craig, *Brooklyn Eagle*

PILGRIMAGE IN ORDER

Uncle Sam approaches statue of Lincoln marked "Principles of Lincoln."

Holland, *N. Y. Times Herald*

FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM

Statue of seated Lincoln with this inscription on base, "Government Rests on Public Opinion."

Maloney, *Los Angeles Evening Herald Express*

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Lincoln called "Honest Abe" stands in back of "Office Holder" at desk.

Morris, *Oakland Tribune*

THERE ARE SOME WHO STILL MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE

At the base of a stone pedestal bearing a bronze head of Lincoln wreaths are placed bearing these inscriptions: "Americanism, Individual Rights, Individual Initiative, Courage of Conviction, Honesty in Government, Personal Liberty."

Parrish, *Chicago Tribune*

OUR FUTURE IN GOOD HANDS

Lincoln in background with a youth labeled "Young America" reading a "Life of Lincoln."

Hutton, *Philadelphia Inquirer*

RECOMMENDED READING

A hand holds out a book entitled "Abe Lincoln" to three men seated on box marked "Disunited Europe."

Mergen, *Dayton Daily News*

LINCOLN'S FAITH IN DEMOCRACY

Portrait of Lincoln with this inscription: "Is there any better or equal hope in the world?"

Poiner, *Detroit News*

OUR HISTORY HASN'T BEEN HAZY; BUT, OH, OUR PRESENT!

Lincoln stands by table in front of poster "Issues squarely met Lincoln-Douglas Debates." Three figures stand by referred to as "Today's Ghost Candidates and Ghost Speeches."

Sanderson, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*

WHAT A SHOCK HE WOULD GET TODAY

Lincoln labeled "Honest Abe," apparently at inauguration, observed a figure marked "Gov't Chiselers" walking off with bag of loot inscribed with dollar sign.

White, *Akron Beacon*

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