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ADVANCE FOR AMS SUNDAY DEC. 20-NOTE DATE--FROM AP NEWSFEATURES

THE SCOFFER MELLOWS (1,400)

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EDITOR'S NOTE--FOR HALF A CENTURY, BERTRAND RUSSELL HAS BEEN BATTLING FOR ONE CAUSE OR ANOTHER. ALONG THE WAY HE WON MANY HONORS, AND MADE MANY ENEMIES. AT 92 HE IS STILL BATTLING, AND JUST A SHADE MORE OPTIMISTIC THAT MAN CAN SAVE HIMSELF FROM NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION.

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(ADVANCE) PENRHYNDEUDRAETH, WALES, DEC. 19 (AP)--AFTER YEARS OF VOICING DESPAIR FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE, BERTRAND RUSSELL AT 92 IS NOW MORE HOPEFUL.

ONLY THREE YEARS AGO THE PHILOSOPHER, ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES OF HIS VDOMLD RUSSELL THAT HIS ATTENTION MIGHT WELL BE DIRECTED TO THE BURGLARS.

BUT REBUFFS ARE BRUSHED OFF BY THE PHILOSOPHER WHO HAS TURNED AWAY FROM PHILOSOPHY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS TO WORK SOLELY ON NUCLEAR PEACE AND KINDRED SUBJECTS.

HE SAYS SIMPLY THAT "I COULDN'T DO BOTH."

HE WOULD LIKE BEST TO BE REMEMBERED--IF THERE ISN'T A NUCLEAR WAR--IN BEING CONCERNED IN TRYING TO PREVENT IT.

"BUT IF THERE IS A NUCLEAR WAR, THEN SOME PIECE OF PHILOSOPHY," HE WENT ON. "WHAT WORK? OH, PRINCIPIA MATHEMATICA."

"PRINCIPIA MATHEMATICA" (WITH A.N. WHITEHEAD IN THREE VOLUMES IN 1910, 1912, AND 1913) MADE THE PHILOSOPHICAL WORLD SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE. IT IS ONE OF THE MORE THAN 60 VOLUMES ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS THAT HE HAS WRITTEN.

RUSSELL'S PHILOSOPHICAL WORK IS ATTRIBUTED BY MANY SCHOLARS AS BEING LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING ABOUT A FUNDAMENTAL BREAK WITH THE PAST 2,500 YEARS OF THOUGHT.

HIS PHILOSOPHY ATTACKED THE METAPHYSICAL ASSUMPTION THAT BY THINKING HARD ENOUGH, OR BY STRAINING THE MEANING OF LANGUAGE FAR ENOUGH, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DISCOVER AN UNDERLYING BODY OF TRUTH ABOUT THE UNIVERSE THAT COULD NOT BE REACHED BY OTHER MEANS. WHEN RUSSELL CAME ON THE SCENE, WESTERN THOUGHT HAD BEEN DOMINATED BY A GERMAN BRAND OF ROMANTICISM.

SINCE RUSSELL, PHILOSOPHY HAS NEVER QUITE BEEN THE SAME. NOR IS IT EVER LIKELY TO BE QUITE THE SAME AGAIN.

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RUSSELL SAID: "INSIGHT, UNTESTED AND UNSUPPORTED, IS AN INSUFFICIENT GUARANTEE OF TRUTH, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT MUCH OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TRUTH IS FIRST SUGGESTED BY THIS MEANS."

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(ADVANCE) PENRHYNDEUDRAETH, WALES--FIRST ADD THE SCOFFER MELLOWS, APN ADVANCE FOR AMS SUNDAY DEC. 20 (A150-153) X X X MEANS."

IN EFFECT, RUSSELL ADMITS ONLY TWO KINDS OF KNOWLEDGE: EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE AND LOGIC. HE IDENTIFIED LOGIC, ALWAYS AN IMPORTANT PART OF PHILOSOPHY, WITH WHAT IS FUNDAMENTAL IN MATHEMATICS.

"THEY DIFFER AS MAN AND BOY: LOGIC IS THE YOUTH OF MATHEMATICS AND MATHEMATICS IS THE MANHOOD OF LOGIC," HE WROTE IN 1919 (INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL PHILOSOPHY).

FOR RUSSELL THERE IS NOTHING BEYOND EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE, INVESTIGATED BY LOGIC AND MATHEMATICS, FOR PHILOSOPHY TO CONCERN ITSELF WITH. IF PHILOSOPHY TRIES TO GO BEYOND THIS, IT IS GOING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF REASON AND THE CAPACITY OF LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS IDEAS OR THOUGHTS OR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY KIND OR ANY THING.

SEATED NEAR THE FIREPLACE OF HIS HOME ON A RAINY DAY, RUSSELL Poured TEA AND SPOKE BRIEFLY ON SOME OF THE PHILOSOPHERS OF THE PAST:

THE PHILOSOPHER HE MOST ADMIRES IS THE 18TH CENTURY BRITON DAVID HUME.

TO RUSSELL, FRIEDRICH HEGEL (1770-1831), THE GERMAN WHOSE PHILOSOPHY LED TO THE DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM OF KARL MARX, IS "A RUFFIAN."

RUSSELL SAID HE THINKS THAT LENIN, MAKER OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, WAS "THE MOST INFLUENTIAL STATESMAN OF MY LIFETIME."

(IN 1920 RUSSELL VISITED THE U.S.S.R. AND MET LININ, TROTSKY AND THE WRITER GORKY. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST INTELLECTUALS TO POINT OUT THE DANGEROUS POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE IN THE CONCENTRATION OF SO MUCH POWER IN SO FEW HANDS AS IN THE NEW RUSSIA.)

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THE TWO OUTSTANDING MEN OF SCIENCE, HE SAID, WERE LORD RUTHERFORD OF BRITAIN AND ALBERT EINSTEIN, PHYSICISTS WHOSE WORK LED TO THE ATOM AGE.

"WHEN I LEARNED PHYSICS IT WAS A NICE, NEWTONIAN THING," SAID RUSSELL. "LUMPS OF MATTER RUNNING ABOUT. DURING THE PRESENT CENTURY IT HAS MADE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING ADVANCES."

ASKED WHETHER HE HAD ANY REGRETS THAT HE COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING ELSE OR MORE IN LIFE, HE SAID:

"I'VE DONE WHAT I COULD. EVERYBODY'S CAPACITIES ARE LIMITED AND I DON'T SEE HOW I COULD HAVE DONE MORE."

HE SAID HIS VIEWS ON RELIGION--HE'S AN ATHEIST--HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE YOUTH WHEN HE BECAME SKEPTICAL. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN A RELIGIOUS BOY UNTIL 15 WHEN HE "BEGAN TO INQUIRE INTO WHAT GROUNDS THERE WERE FOR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND I FOUND THERE WERE NONE."

HE SAID THAT "ON THE WHOLE, I'M ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH MY LIFE." HE HAS HAD LONGER PERIODS OF HAPPINESS THAN OF UNHAPPINESS, HE SAID, AND HE'S HAPPY NOW.

IN HIS TIME HE HAS WON HONORS, INCLUDING THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE IN 1950. HIS FAMILY IS ONE OF ENGLAND'S GREAT ARISTOCRATIC HOUSES, MEMBERS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DUKES OF BEDFORD SINCE THE 17TH CENTURY. HIS GRANDFATHER WAS LORD JOHN RUSSELL, PRIME MINISTER OF BRITAIN. HIS GODFATHER WAS PHILOSOPHER JOHN STUART MILL.

THREE YEARS AGO HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT HE AWAITED DEATH CALMLY. "I'VE HAD A GOOD INNINGS," HE REMARKED.

HE HAS ALWAYS DONE WHAT HE THINKS IS RIGHT EVEN THOUGH HIS DEFENSE OF MANY UNPOPULAR CAUSES HAS BROUGHT MUCH OPPOSITION. THERE ARE THOSE WHO CAN'T STOMACH HIS VIEWS. IT DOESN'T BOTHER HIM.

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HIS DOG, A BARKER NAMED PEANUTS, WAS ALLOWED BACK IN THE LIVING ROOM WHILE RUSSELL AND LADY RUSSELL, HIS FOURTH WIFE, POSED PATIENTLY FOR PHOTOGRAPHS. RUSSELL CALLS PEANUTS A MOCK POODLE.

BEFORE HE ACCOMPANIED HIS CALLERS TO THE DOOR TO BID THEM GOODBY, HE HAD THIS ADVICE TO GIVE THE WORLD:

"I SHOULD SAY STOP HATING EACH OTHER. LEARN TO COOPERATE. LEARN TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT REALLY WORK AND TAKE WHAT STEPS YOU CAN TO WORLD GOVERNMENT.

"THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE. IT'S NOT WHAT I EXPECT."

HE SAID HE COULDN'T ENVISION THE WORLD 50 YEARS FROM NOW.

"THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION. I RULE IT OUT. I DON'T KNOW AT ALL. I DO THINK THAT ONCE THE KNOWLEDGE OF NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

BECOMES GENERAL THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR WAR.
SOME HITLER WILL ARISE AND USE IT."

YET HE COULD SAY:

"IF THINGS GO AS THEY SHOULD, ONE MAY POSSIBLY HOPE THAT IN ANOTHER
TEN YEARS PERHAPS THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR WILL BE RATHER
LESS."

WHEN HE WAS 90 HE HAD WRITTEN:

"LIKE CASSANDRA, I AM DOOMED TO PROPHECY EVIL AND NOT BE BELIEVED.
HER PROMISES CAME TRUE. I DESPERATELY HOPE THAT MINE WILL NOT."

TODAY, A FEW MONTHS FROM 93, BERTRAND ARTHUR WILLIAM RUSSELL IS
BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT HIS DESPERATE HOPES MAY BE FULFILLED.

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