The Sources of Western Civilization

By Bertrand Russell

Western Europe and America have a materially homogeneous mental life, which I should trace to three sources: (1) Greek culture; (2) Jewish religion and ethics; (3) modern philosophy, which itself is an outcome of modern science. We may take Plato, the Old Testament, and Galileo as representing these three elements, which have remained singularly separable down to the present day. From the Greek we derive literature and the arts, the scientific and practical spirit, and a love of freedom; from the Jews we derive a sense of the sacredness of life and a love of wisdom; and from Galileo we derive a ready sympathy with the idea of cosmology, a willingness to try to explain things which are not immediately apparent, and a readiness to accept the ideas of the world as they are, and not as they appear at first sight.

Indo-China's Refugees

The proportion of the human problem arising from the resettlement of the refugees in Indo-China is now becoming apparent. By the beginning of this month, the number of refugees who had reached 31,000 at the end of October, had increased to 35,000, and it was expected to grow until the final evacuation. Despite generous aid from the other countries, the problem of re-settling so vast a number of refugees has not yet been fully solved. Fewer than one third of the refugees have been resettled so far, the majority being in the rice valleys, although a few thousand have been sent to the potentially rich undeveloped lands in the hills. The refugees are still held in camps in the Saigon region.

The difficulties largely arise from a shortage of agricultural implements and tools, and, above all, of trained teachers and technical personnel. Although the refugees are largely skilled workers, they cannot qualify for the jobs available, and the farmers are not prepared to accept them. The situation is made worse by the fact that the refugees have not been trained in agriculture, and the farmers are not willing to take the risk of losing their crops.

IDIOS (44)

1. to take to wife (verb) to adopt
2. to send (a person) packing: to send away
3. to come home (verb) to return
4. to read a lesson: to study
5. to sit up for (a person) (verb) to stay awake

MOTS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage is a sort of friendship recognized by the law.

R. L. Stevenson

Marriage has many faults, but celibacy has none.

Samuel Johnson

If people only made good marriages, a stop to the population there would be.

W. M. Thackeray

Every woman should marry, and so man.

Benjamin Disraeli

When widows exclaim loudly against second marriages, I would always lay a wager that the man if not the wedding day is actually fixed on.

Henry Fielding

FINISH THE NUMBER

If the square of a number is subtracted from the square of the next larger number, with a result of 92, what is the number?

Mr. Scott and Mrs. Smith write H. T. W. Young, of 97, Cambridge, England, for the result of your puzzle.

Mr. Scott: My name is Mr. Scott, and Mrs. Smith is my wife.

Mr. Young: Thank you for your puzzle.

Mr. Scott: I am solving it now.

Mr. Young: I am solving it too.

Mr. Scott: I get 10.

Mr. Young: I get 100.

Mr. Scott: 100 is the correct answer.

Mr. Young: Yes, 100 is the correct answer.