

An Introduction to Problems of  
American Culture by Harold Rugg

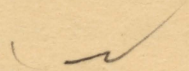
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Chapter XVIII Liberty in the  
American Democracy

Give me the liberty to know, to utter,  
and to argue freely according to  
my conscience, above all other  
liberties.....John Milton

They who deny freedom to others, deserve  
it not for themselves, and under a just  
God cannot long retain it...Abraham Lincoln

Twain, Mark  
Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
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The pheonix bird rises out of its own ashes.  
.....do it before you get cold on it.

"Commonly, people believe that defeat is characterized by a general bustle and a feverish rush. Bustle and rush are the signs of victory, not of defeat. Victory is a thing of action. It is a house in the act of being built. Every participant in victory sweats and puffs, carrying the stones for the building of the house. But defeat is a thing of weariness, of incoherence of boredom---and above ~~of~~ all of futility."

40 Days of Muna  
Dagh

Another home I stepped into, the mother was alone and she was weeping over a Japanese record. She played some romantic melancholy "modern songs" for me. Songs of fate, of war, of parting, all of great yearning. By river sides, Chinese cafes, the flower girls on the corner. Cheap sentimental things but they reveal the terrific and disastrous ~~the~~ and sad events ~~the impact of coming~~ coming one after another.

We are the disinherited. We have <sup>no</sup> country to fight for. We are pushed around in a messy confused fashion without explanation, except of the most naive type. We are called "colonists" and then they build a fence around us. Leave us a little glory. Everything that happens to us seems ironic, mockery, embarrassed. Surely we are the other American story.

Humanitarian ideal may  
grow.

So time becomes a problem. Like a disease.  
One becomes afraid of it piling up day  
after day.

There are things to do such as various jobs  
of keeping up the camp and polishing  
greasewood stikcs. One feels though that  
everything lacks the necessary spontaiety  
and that is is merely a way of dissipating  
energy and time. ~~One//can/~~