

Dear Sunny,

It looks like we mortals really have something too hot to handle. Which reminds me of the old case given ~~us~~ in law school to explain the difficulty in understanding "proximate cause" in the law of negligence.

That is the "Squid" case, where the fire cracker or squid was thrown by a man in a crowd of people. Each person that caught it threw it away, with the result that someone else caught the lighted object and ^{threw} it away, before it exploded. Finally, the ~~fact~~ ^{fact} burned, low and the thing exploded, injuring several persons. Who was responsible for causing the injury?

The old English Court thought the "proximate cause" was the throwing of the squid into the crowd in the first place. This principle is pretty good law. And it still applies today. Take, for example, the motorist who slams on his brakes, and stops a bit fast causing the cars behind to pile up on each other. He did bang up the fender on the ninth car in line behind, but only as a result of the legal doctrine of "proximate cause."

Well, it comes down to this. I'm talking about the "Atomic Bomb". Who invented it, and used it first? If it blows up the world next year, viewing the matter legally, who is to blame? O.K., so my discussion is a bit far fetched. But I'm only one little bit of life among billions of such bits, and I can only think in the light of what I learned thus far on this very messed up world.

Yes, it's too hot to handle. But I'm not too worried about it. This talk about the whole world being destroyed is rather assinine. of course, I guess most of it could & may be, but then it wouldn't be too different than now.

If the whole group of Japanese islands were destroyed tomorrow it would be good for some news and a few heart-aches of a family nature. So what, in the long run? And that goes for most any country. What is the criterion of value that can really be used as an honest judge of the worth of any nation or country? I guess the answer is what they contribute to the rest of the world. If such contribution is not indispensable then the loss is not unbearable. What has America contributed. Many wonderful inventions and a tremendous supply of food and clothing go to the rest of the world from the U.S. — Also, she gave her international neighbors the atomic bomb.

If anyone honestly thinks the United Nations organization can succeed, then they must also believe human nature has changed. The temperments of nations are not different than individual emotions. So really this is so; before it was paper (such); and in the future it will remain constant because the nations are composed of people. The temperments of people do not vary with the passing centuries. Look at your history books. — then argue if you can.

Now, to something more practical.
If Holland is in our office in the
Boalto Bldg, it is without my consent.
The brief mate of Walsh was not clear
on this (he said he was too busy to
write them). But we are paying the
rent, are we not? Is he using my
furniture? Walsh suggest I should
leave it there for that purpose. What
dare he think I am? A chump?
I'm writing Ward for full information.

I'm not doing much right now.
The pressure rather went off when I
lost my client. I'm counsel for
Adm. Shimoda, Adm Oka + Gen Sato.
But only associate counsel. I do
not want a full representation, for
then I could not leave when I
wanted.

The arrival of dependants over
here has created a new atmosphere.
It is not good in my opinion. After
all these Japanese I don't love me
yet and the influx of families here
with the taking of the Japanese homes
just doesn't feel too well. Prices on
everything just about doubled and
transportation is a joke.
Well, I guess that's enough
for now.

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