

about man — whether he is a machine or a piece of chemical apparatus — it is because scientists have not yet succeeded in telling us what life it. If we knew what life is we could tell better what kind of a contrivance man is. — *By Waldemar Kaempffert in N. Y. Times, Sept. 10, 1950 magazine (condensed).*

## AN EXPLANATION

Do you ever try to give explanations? Do you ever *listen* to explanations? Some people are always trying to explain things — why they're late, why they forgot, why they failed, etc. Too much "explaining" is often an "alibi."

But many times, the explainers are just wasting their time and their breath. Why? There are other people who simply do not listen to explanations. When these "other people" are one's boss or best friend, or wife or husband or children, then you can really have a situation on your hands.

One of the biggest mistakes that we can make as human beings, I think, is to deliberately cut ourselves off from other human beings — by refusing to listen to the explanations of others.

How quickly, how easily, how definitely we just clamp our hands over our ears and shout: "No, I don't want to hear any explanations."

What a tragedy — this is how so many *former* good friends today find themselves *so lonely*, yes, even in the very midst of the so-called "population explosion" with its dire predictions for the future. — *by Paul Sheehan in Philippines Herald.*