

EDITORIALS

Ideas in Conflict

Some basic ideas in conflict in the struggle between the democratic and totalitarian governments have been charted by Dr. Fred Eastman, professor emeritus, Chicago Theological Seminary.

Among the striking differences are:

Concerning Man—In democratic ideas, Christian and Jewish, he belongs to God; in totalitarian ideas, Communist and Fascist, he belongs to the State.

Concerning Supreme Loyalty—In democratic ideas, it is to God and humanity; in totalitarian ideas, it is to nation.

Concerning Education—In democratic ideas, it is done through development of the individual; in totalitarian ideas, it is done by indoctrination.

Concerning Methods—In democratic ideas, it is of faith and good will; in totalitarian ideas, it is of fear and hatred.

Concerning Government—In democratic ideas, it is by consent; in totalitarian ideas, it is by compulsion.

A Loss to America

The sudden death of one of America's best-loved political figures, Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, has been regarded a personal loss by millions of Americans who had grown to respect the man whose Americanism cut across political boundaries.

Senator Barkley had attained high offices during his political career, including that of Vice President of the United States, where he acquired the title of "Veep."

The final words of the distinguished American were a fitting tribute to his life. Speaking to a student political convention, the Senator said:

"I would rather be a servant in the house of the Lord than to sit in the seat of the mighty."

Those were his last words. They could well serve as a guide to those who will be faced with the task of filling this great man's shoes.

IN HOMETOWN AMERICA



IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

99% PURE—2 1/4-CZ. WELCOME GOLD NUGGET... WORLD'S LARGEST... FOUND IN AUSTRALIA... 1955

JUNK SHIP U.S.S. SOMERS...

ON THIS SHIP, PHILIP SPENCER, SON OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR, AND 2 OTHERS WERE HANGED FOR MUTINY AND PUT IN IRON...

THE... OF THE COUNCIL WHICH ISSUED THE DEATH SENTENCE, ONE DIED... BECAME INSANE, ONE DRANK HIMSELF TO DEATH AND ONE COMMITTED SUICIDE... 4 YEARS LATER THE U.S.S. SOMERS STRUCK A REEF AND SANK WITH HER COMMANDER AND 47 MEN! 1945-

WAS THERE A GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR TIN? NEXT ISSUE

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

British Having No Sense Of Humor



REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Major Users Fear Strike In June, Stockpile Steel

A good many major industries are preparing today for an emergency that may not arise. This action may lead to giving the economy the sort of jolt you get when you yank at a drawer that's been sticking for years—and for once it slides open easily.

What is going on is a steady buildup in inventories of steel, other metals and some other raw materials, in the face of declines in demand for finished products. For example, steel mills are booked until the end of June on sheets and strip suitable for automobiles and appliances, bars that go into farm machinery, and castings for all kinds of metal wares.

That's in spite of the fact that automobile production is down, and word from Detroit is that new cutbacks of about 10 per cent across the board are planned for May, to get dealers' inventories into line. Farm machinery sales are off from 15 per cent to 30 per cent in various regions.

Observers believe these divergent trends mirror fears of a steel strike in June, when steelworkers will ask a 50-cent raise. The steel union, however, has an eye on production, too. If its demands are trimmed until there isn't any strike, a lot of inventory might become excessive very fast.

One of the nation's big distilling firms is taking a leaf from the book of the late

Florenz Ziegfeld, who thought any enterprise would benefit with the addition of a substantial number of beautiful brides. The glorifying-American girl technique, complete with breath-taking costumes, got special treatment in a fashion show by a distiller in Boston.

On the runway at a meeting for 1000 retailers, pretty models were transformed into brides of many eras. There were brides gowned in brightly colored brocades to recall the French courts of the Bourbons; brides in bustles of the Victorian era, brides in crinolines, brides in exquisite modern dress and accessories, and even a bride in a John Frederick's conception of the wedding chapeau of 2056. Purpose of all this was to dramatize the reintroduction of original pre-war whiskey. So favorable was the reaction of the Massachusetts audience, that the distiller plans to stage the parade of bridal fashions at meetings in all principal markets.

THINGS TO COME—A new umbrella combines imported twill with a plastic window so you can see where you are going... A Secret-Tray is a piece of hardboard with a steel base that hooks on your automobile seat to serve as a desk or serving table... A wire frame with a handle holds disposable aluminum frying-pans for housewives

LAW IN ACTION

Spectator's Risk

The score was tied, one out, two visitors on base. A rabid fan in the left field bleachers leaned forward and shouted. The pitcher wound up and fired the ball across the plate. Crack! Crack! The first crack was the ball; the second, the fan's head. Conked.

When the fan came to, he sued: The ball club should have screened off the bleachers, he said, and warned him that batted balls might hit him.

"No," said the court. "You chose the unscreened bleachers. You could have sat behind a screen where the tickets cost more. So you 'assumed the risk' of getting hit."

Spectators are "invitees," the courts say, and the ball club owes them only "ordinary care" to make the place "reasonably safe."

"The ball club does not in-

sure invites the safety in all ways, against all hazard. He has some duty to look out for himself, which reduces the invitor's duty."

"Assumption of risk" applies to most amusement places. A swimmer should expect a diving board to be wet and slippery. A fire works exhibit means that a spark may

strike your eye. So it's up to you to look out.

Yet if the risk is not clear, the operator of the device should warn you. You assume "ordinary risk," not the unusual one.

You have a right to be protected from a hidden danger, but otherwise if you go into a dangerous place and know it, you cannot expect to collect damages if you are hurt.

SPREADING SALES SKILL—Signs are now visible in the construction industry of gradual awakening to the rewards of mid-century merchandising and promotion methods. Long laggard in these fields, builders are now beginning to make up for lost sales by promoting their product with some of the verve and aggressiveness associated with the merchandisers of automobiles and household appliances.

Perhaps some clues are being taken from suppliers of the materials that builders use. Co-operative promotion has been credited with helping lift the ceramic tile industry, for example, from pre-World War II apathy to its present position as a leader among the basic building materials that have shown increases in both volume and value of product.

At the opening of the previous decade, ceramic floor and wall tile sales stood at a little less than \$16,000,000 a year. Sales last year amounted to almost \$100,000,000. Volume of production jumped from about 43,000,000 square feet in 1940 to 190,000,000 square feet in 1955.

Once almost exclusively a material for giving bathroom floors a white surface, ceramic tile is now a versatile material whose 200 different colors and infinite variety of sizes, shapes and textures challenge the designer's imagination in every room of the home or commercial or institutional structure, and in many exterior areas.

FAIR WARNING!—Enjoy those luscious rib roasts while you may. The supply of choice grade beef from Corn Belt farms is still huge, but the end of this extraordinary plenty may be in sight.

The number of cattle in feedlots declined in April. While there are probably enough heavy animals around to keep marketings heavy until early June, the drop after that will be sharp, and prices will rise.

Also, extension of price props to corn grown outside acreage allotments may lessen supplies of this vital grain—although the prop, so-called, is still below the free-market price.

Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

Did you folks here that Grace Kelly is married?

Lazy Cruttie was fishing without any luck. A native wandered by and suggested that Cruttie tie a minnow to the hook. Cruttie started to comply. "No, no," corrected the native, "tie the minnow by its tail, not by its mouth." "By the tail?" asked Cruttie, but he did as told. Then the native completely dunked the minnow and told Cruttie: "Cast away!" Immediately, there was a heavy strike and Cruttie hauled in a huge and gorgeous bass. "Now don't get me wrong," Cruttie cautioned me later. "The bass wasn't hooked. That thyminnow had it by the throat!"

This morning, Doctor Aah said to me: "Boston Barney, you're worrying. What's bothering you?" "Doc," I confessed, "my wife is a trouble maker. She's always doing things that I insist can't be done."

"Uncle Phil," I remarked casually yesterday, "our next door neighbors had an awful argument. Some of us think the husband is right and others think the wife is. What do you think?" "I am one of the remaining group," replied Phil. "I belong to the 'correct' mixed-up crackpots who believe in minding their own business."

Rumors have been planted around our town that this chronicler has his hand out. Just because I recently mentioned the legitimate production, "The Solid Gold Cadillac." In this gallery does not necessarily mean that I want one free. I hasten to assure my editor, my publisher, and all my readers that it makes no difference to me if it's covered with solid gold or plain paint.

Miss Patti Page, the singing rage who is appearing at the famous Coconut Grove, shakes her pretty little head whenever she sees so many folks travel thousands of miles to admire the scenery only to clutter it up with paper bags and beer cans.

My gardener Bloomenstock says that in order to acquire a professional green thumb you must both love and hate—love flowers and hate weeds.

"What children need these days, more so than ever before," says my favorite school teacher Miss Primer, "is more spunk." Then, Miss Primer adds: "That's the past participle of spank."

Wentworth, my stock broker, says the dollar may not go as far as it used to, but

it certainly gets there faster.

Ginny Eye, the cut-rate hypnotist, likes to conceal little love notes around the house for his wife. One day, while dusting, his wife turned over a picture and found this note: "My dear Annabelle, I love you very much. It is now February 7, 1945. Isn't it time you dusted this picture?"

Nate Gross, the Chicago columnist, wears the number "14" on all his clothing. One hundred and forty-four. That's 12 dozen. And 12 dozen. That's one Gross.

Peesha, his teen-aged daughter, was having an argument with her boy friend. As usual, my little Peesha was trying to get in the last word first.

Sparkie, my auto mechanic, ruefully reports that he's always smoothing out fenders which are damaged by the following types of drivers: Urban, suburban and bou-bon.

And Sparkie adds: "No matter how smoothly I make the autos run, I'll never quite be able to take the jerk out of them."

Mail Box

Changing Values

Editor, Torrance Herald: Thank you for your excellent editorial on "Teachers At Work" in the April 19th issue. We are quoting it in our school publications.

You have touched an attitude that is gaining momentum rapidly. The new sense of the importance of education; the close relationship between the schools and the welfare of the nation; the feeling that is prevalent that schools are the frontier that keeps ours the land of opportunity; the strong feeling that education is important in education—when tied to the fact that a school is as good as its teachers—all this is changing our values.

Your editorial is part of a trend toward putting the teacher in a position of respect and honor commensurate with her responsibilities.

It is impossible to estimate the influence of one teacher.

J. H. HULL, Superintendent of Schools.

Liked Review

Editor, Torrance Herald: This is just a rather tardy line to thank you again for the heart-warming review Mildred Hunt wrote on our play, "Sabrina Fair." It really gave us all a glow and made us feel that our efforts (and there were quite some efforts on this last play, as you know) were worth while and appreciated.

I am sure that if it hadn't been for the Easter week end your enthusiastic article would have helped to bring in some good crowds, but they weren't too bad as it was.

Thank you again for your confidence in us, and I hope that we shall continue to merit it in the future.

HAMPTON PLAYERS, Dorothy Tunis, Secretary.

Whomped Up Crowd

Editor, Torrance Herald: My sincere thanks for your wonderful stories and publicity for the Torrance High School one-act play awards. You whomped up a great audience for us. As a result, our fine director Von Hersey and his gifted students put on some productions that were 'way beyond high school level.

We're grateful for your support and have even bigger plans for next year.

ROSEMARY DeCAMP SHIDLER

It's Dogs Again

Editor, Torrance Herald: It's dogs again—and still. Surely there must be a remedy to discourage their trespassing well kept lawns and gardens and leaving their damages.

What manner of neighbor do I have to allow it? Is it to lighten the responsibility they have taken on? Surely it can't be because of disagreement between us, I and neighbors I speak for haven't any knowledge for basis of such disregard.

Being a woman and having to work harder to try and be a beautiful, my stamp-sized property—can't someone give me a solution?

MRS. R. F. CIPRA, Victoria Knolls

IT MUST BE STOPPED!



THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE, Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia

The U.S. COAST GUARD LAST YEAR SAVED THE LIVES OF 3,242 PERSONS AND PREVENTED THE LOSS OF ALMOST \$200-MILLION WORTH OF CARGO.

A small ATOMIC power plant that can be flown to remote military outposts to generate electric power is being built for the army.

NONVOTERS ARE FINED UP TO \$100 IN AUSTRALIA. THE COUNTRY EXPERIENCED A RECORD VOTE LAST YEAR.

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