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An American citizen who went to Spain to fight for the Spanish Loyalist Government recently escaped to His Ideals Have Been Shaken

The American, John D. Honeycombe, of Los Angeles, says he saw more than two hundred planes at one time bombing and strafing the Government lines. He explained that many of the planes were flying in the air in the recent offensive launched by General Franco.

"Most of us came to Spain," he said, "to fight for ideals. That's what I came for but when you see how they have worked and played with being slaughtered, it strikes you as ideal."

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange recently sold for \$65,000, an advance of \$1,000 more from \$64,000, an investor's previously quoted price. Financiers consider it a "vaguely hopeful sign."

Compared to 1924, when the price of seats ranged from \$75,000 to \$101,000, the 1938 quotation is not so bad. However, if one looks to 1929, it is possible to understand the late contemplation among the brokers.

One wonders if the legitimate activities of a stock broker warrants such a fluctuation in the price of seats on the New York Stock Exchange.

The air mail has made considerable progress since that day in May, 1918, when two planes set forth simultaneously from New York and In The U. S. A.

Beginning with the routes that operated the first 218-mile route, there are now more than 400 airplanes used in flying the mails over 63,000 scheduled miles.

Recently thousands of towns and cities in the United States celebrated the twentieth anniversary of aerial service. In many instances, the use of the airmail saves much time.

For the smaller towns and cities which have to dispatch mail by train to catch airplanes at other points, the use of the airmail saves time only on long distances.

THIS NEWSPAPER BELIEVES in the right of one man or a million men going on a strike, to protect and defend themselves when need be.

EVERY DOLLAR SPENT through the channels of government is a direct levy upon the pocket-books of people who work for a living.

AGAIN the status of the graduate arrives, and sends the thousands of young people who find the problem of finding jobs in this "regimented" United States. Today's "planned" conditions have created the recently coined expression of a southern college class, which goes: "WPA, here we come!"

A Dictator In Michigan

In recent months the serious question of a dictatorship has been raised, many fearing we are headed for such a form of government in the United States.

This dictatorship is of the opinion we already have a dictatorship in Michigan. He is none other than President Roosevelt, dictating to Governor Murphy how the affairs of state are to be run.

Going back nearly two years, when the first sit-down strike was called in our own state, you will recall the governor heated several days before taking action.

Today, because of the action the governor took relative to the CIO, Michigan stands a good chance of losing many of its industrial plants.

This dictatorship dates back to the last presidential election. It's no secret that CIO Lewis promised to deliver the labor vote to Jim Farley or Michigan, but he failed to do so.

Governor Murphy is hooked up with the Washington crowd. He obeys their every command. As a result Michigan stands a mighty good chance of "having been the largest industrial district in the Middle West."

The time has come for Michigan taxpayers to wake up and put a stop to this "dictatorial" form of government. We are a sovereign people and Washington, D. C. is not our master.

Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, it seems to us, has taken a very sensible view in deciding to resign from the American Embassy in London.

Abolishes Court Presentations. Mr. Kennedy, our new representative at London, was faced with numerous requests from mothers and debutantes in this country, who were anxious to be presented to the British King.

The lawsuit of Jackie Coogan against his mother and his stepfather, seeking an accounting of the \$4,000,000 he claims to have earned as a child prodigy.

While the law is being set out, it is out-of-date. Mr. Coogan's mother, in her answer to the suit, has no legal claim to the money because it was earned by her minor child.

Perhaps you may be interested to know the League's reason for opposing the Coogan case. It is because the fact that there is an agency in the community whenever possible before a contested election, and it is settled in that time.

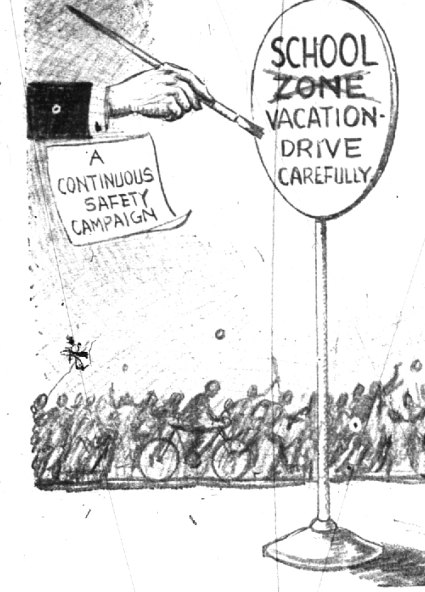
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THE YEAR 'ROUND



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures need not be published. Letters will be limited to 500 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

Mr. George R. Averill, Publisher, The Birmingham Eccentric, Dear Mr. Averill: It has come to the attention of the Board of Education that the question most frequently asked in connection with the approach of the school election...

I am enclosing my letter and Mr. Potter's reply, which you may use, if you so desire. Sincerely, Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, Jr., President, Birmingham League Women Voters.

Mr. Earl G. Potter, President Birmingham Board of Education, Dear Mr. Potter: The Birmingham League of Women Voters in planning a Candidates' Meeting on June 8th, preceding the School Board Election...

However, we found that there was one constantly recurring question from the public which you, as President of the Board of Education, could best clarify: namely, the relation between duties of School Board members and those of the Superintendent of Schools.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

Primary Picture Perplexing Puzzle; New Deal Triumphs Twice, Fails Once

WASHINGTON—Washington catches a glimpse of the board of dozens of bills being ripped from the calendar by congressmen anxious to get up the lobby...

Thirty-four senators and 433 members of the House are up for nomination and congressmen intend for them to answer the roll call when the next session of Congress convenes.

In their homework haste, congressmen have not neglected the bid to provide national standards for minimum wages and maximum work hours...

AS in Pennsylvania, the fight for the Democratic nomination for governor of Oregon was the contest most closely watched by those who were looking for signs and omen.

Although early primaries have been far from decisive, immediate effect of this intent legislation at the past has caused the President to find a number of previously drafted laws in Congress suddenly restored to the House...

aguous defender on the floor of the House than Rep. Rankin. He has made a severe indictment on the floor of this House for the first time in the history of the United States...

Except from the remarks of Rep. George A. Dondero on the investigation of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Tennessee Valley Authority is the most interesting resolution presented to this House during my service in the body.

It is very great disservice to have the request for \$3,000,000 to begin the construction of the dam, estimated to cost the American people when completed approximately \$12,000,000.

They have a right to know whether their money is being wasted on such unnecessary work as the proposed Gilbertsville Dam, which would take more than \$100,000,000 of the taxpayers' money.

They have a right to know why this entire experiment has been taken out of the hands of the Army Engineers and placed under the control of a corporate body set up at the direction of the President.

They have a right to know whether there will be any benefit to the people to substitute plans of the TVA which have been estimated to cost as high as \$1,000,000,000 on which nearly \$200,000,000 has been expended in the name of improvement to navigation, flood control, and development of power.

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Congressional Comment by Representative Dondero

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Jots in Jest OLD-TIME melodrama's stopped when the villain was killed, but many modern theatricals are killed if the villain is merely stopped.