Minorities Can Rule

Minority Rule—one of the evils in our system of Government—permits a vociferous minority to usurp the privileges and prerogatives of a vastly greater majority.

Well-organized minority elements can influence legislation and very often, our national elections.

Conservative groups in the United States lack proper organization of well-organized and financed Left-liberals.

Basing an estimate on past presidential elections, on pre-primary registration of voters, and on municipal as well as State elections, we know that there are about 23,987,000 Republican votes in the Nation, while the same estimate shows only 17,824,000 registered Democratic votes.

Yet, the Presidential elections for the past four times has given the Democratic candidate a public majority. From where did this majority come? They came from the well-organized political minority political groups.

Any Democratic Presidential candidate can count on the support of about 18 million orthodox Democratic votes. The Republican Presidential candidate can count on about 23 million orthodox Republican votes.

Obviously then, whichever party can garner the unorthodox—the left-liberals (which number about 6 million voters rather than party members) is sure to capture the election and the electoral vote as well.

The 6 million left-liberals who include less than two million radicals, therefore, can elect . . . and elect . . . and elect.

Because most of the 6 million left-liberals are urban rather than rural, or are in the metropolitan "big City" areas, the City politicians know they must cater to the left-liberals in order to capture municipal elections.

Comment on Social Work

Mrs. Eugene Meyer, president of the Child Welfare Information Services, says that there is great need for cooperation among social welfare organizations.

After a recent trip across the country, she reports "duplication of programs, with competition and jealousy rampant," and that "few of the agencies weigh their work in regard to the total community need."

With this observation of the lady from Washington, there will be some general agreement. Nearly everybody who has had occasion to dip into social work has been impressed with the existence of competition and jealousy and the apparent determination of agencies to carry out their program in their own way without too much regard to the community situation.

We are not much impressed with the report of Mrs. Meyer that some slum dwellers consider social work "a rich man's device to ease his conscience" because, after all, the judgment of slum dwellers is not apt to be a reasonable critique of social work or of social workers.

ALIMONY—a man's surrender value.

BANK—an institution where you can borrow money if you can present evidence that you don't need it.

SNOBBISHNESS—the outward sign of an inferiority complex.

Pursue Research

Until international relations progress to the point "where war can never again darken the world," Secretary of War Robert C. Patterson says that the United States should "press forward vigorously with its research and development activity in all branches of science vital to the national defense."

Mr. Patterson points out that preparedness involves consideration of the relative strength of attack and defense and that today the problem involves the matter of defense which must catch up with all forms of air attack.

The Secretary declines to express judgment as to whether controls can be established against specific weapons, or war itself, by arrangements between major powers or through the United Nations Organization, admitting that he does not know the answer.

Scaring Folks

Stanley N. Evans, Labor member of the British Parliament, tells the British that America's price for continued collaboration with Britain is that England become "an American colony."

The statement is nonsense, of course, but it will probably receive some acceptance in Great Britain. The same kind of silly stuff is being said and written in the United States, where some people hold up the British Empire as a bogey to scare timid Americans.

It is the task of intelligent citizens of every democratic country to disregard foolish arguments based upon prejudice and suspicion. While there are essential differences between the people of the various nations, the fact remains that human nature is much the same the world over.

WE BELIEVE THAT A CONSTRUCTIVELY CRITICAL attitude toward government is a healthful one; but we feel sorry for anyone who indicts ALL of government because some of it may be odorous.

WE ARE A BIT BEHIND TIMES IN REMINDING YOU that instead of parading to the tune of a Victory March, the Japs were forced to do the Missouri Waltz.

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THE TROUBLE IS THAT MOST WOMEN THINK that 'equal rights' mean equal privileges.

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Navy Information Center Is Closing

With the end of the war, the Navy Department is closing the Detroit Branch Public Information Office.

Since 1942 this office has been a public relations counselor for Navy activities in the area and has attempted to serve press, radio and public in their contacts with the Navy.

Hereafter public information services will be available through district headquarters at Great Lakes, Ill.

The District Public Information Office will be open 24 hours a day. Mail or telegrams should be addressed to Public Information Officer, U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Telephone number of the Public Information Officer is Great Lakes 2300—extension 341.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS BIRMINGHAM GARDENS SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, December 3rd, 1945, at 8 o'clock P.M. to hear suggestions and objections to the proposed closing and vacation of the alley lying south of Maple Avenue, extending between the Grand Trunk Right of Way and the Eastern City Limits, in the rear of Lots 39 to 43 inclusive, Birmingham Gardens Subdivision, and the extensions of Yosemite and Villa Roads, lying between the Grand Trunk Western Railroad and the Eastern City Limits.

RESOLUTION NO. 370

Moved by Commissioner Mallender. Supported by Commissioner Palmer.

WHEREAS, The Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company has petitioned this Commission to close the alley lying south of Maple Avenue, extending between the Grand Trunk Right of Way and the Eastern City Limits, in the rear of Lots 39 to 43 inclusive, Birmingham Gardens Subdivision, and the extensions of Yosemite and Villa Roads, lying between the Grand Trunk Western Railroad and the Eastern City Limits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is deemed advisable by this Commission to vacate, close and abolish the alley and streets above described, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission shall meet Monday, December 3rd, 1945 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building in the City of Birmingham for the purpose of hearing any objections to the vacating and abolishing of said alley and streets.

Yeas—6
Nays—0

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NO. 240 EDINBOROUGH—BUCKINGHAM—STREET IMPROVEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 240, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of curb, gutter and gravel road, together with certain necessary sewer mains on Edinborough Road from Dorchester to Buckingham, and on Buckingham from Edinborough to Eton, is now on file in my office for public inspection.

Notice is also hereby given that the Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building in said City on Monday, the 26th day of November, 1945, at 8:00 P.M. to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 21, 1895

"We have a fine specimen of Kentucky coal handed in by J. F. Rundel."

"Politics was never a more uncertain occupation than it is these days."

"O, Lord, lead us not into politics,' may yet be one of the prayers taught to American children."

"The adventurous small boy no longer dreams of taking the warpath against the Indians, but of winning glory fighting for Cuba."

"There is much very severe criticism on the recent action of our village board in extending the time for the sale of liquor from 9 to 11 p. m."

"Poor 'Gene' Field! How he would have enjoyed reading the ridiculous lies that are being printed about his eccentricities."

"Wonder if that Kansas judge who committed a witness to jail for refusing to drink beer ever heard the proverb: 'You can drive a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink'?"

"Nothing could accentuate the carelessness of people more than the official statement that 6,319,873 pieces of mail matter found their way to the Dead Letter Office last year."

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"She thought she was quite 'literary-like.' The coal stove had been set up and its fire started. One day she said to him, 'the oth father needs attention, and be cahrful and not empty ahny ashes on the cawpet.' 'Jerusalem! What did you say?' he replied."

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1925

"Sometime during the dark and early hours of Sunday morning the first real snow of the year dropped on Birmingham."

"George H. Mitchell of Brown street, who with Almeron Whitehead in 1878 began the publication of the first issue of the Birmingham Eccentric, last week donated his entire bound volumes, covering 42 years of successive publication, to the Baldwin Public library."

"Due to a large increase in telephonic communications between the various local municipal offices and the public, another telephone was installed by manager Starr this week."

"Residents of Birmingham who desire the installation of public improvements, such as pavement, curb and gutter, sanitary sewer, lighting, water main, etc., are requested to make formal application to village manager Starr at once."

"Residents of Southfield are trying to discover the identity of the person who shot several holes in a concrete mixer the first part of last week. The practical joker did his work at night and so effectively that it will cost between $40.00 and $50.00 to repair the damage."

"Being required to marry in order to inherit an estate, a woman in Salem, Ore., advertised thus: 'Wanted, a husband for four months; will pay $400 for the right man.'"

"Miss Elizabeth Robb sang a hymn in church at St. Catherine's, Canada, and just as she finished a line about blessings from above, a falling organ pipe struck her on the head."

"'Appearances,' a new play now being presented in New York with considerable success, was written by a negro bellboy in a California hotel."

5 YEARS AGO
Nov. 19, 1940

"First Birmingham hunter to report notable success in the deer country was Dr. Clifford P. Hamill, 515 South Woodward avenue, who shot a 14-point buck Saturday near Hillman, Mich., which is 20 miles west of Alpena."

"What Russia is going to do is the big enigma of the present war situation, Russell Barnes, 788 Randall court, analyst for the Detroit News, told the League of Women Voters in a talk Monday afternoon."

"The Topsy Turvy Ball has been chosen as the name of the Saturday evening dance at the Community House. It is entirely possible, however, Mrs. L. E. Colgrove, general chairman of the dance, said this week, that the party may turn into a Sadie Hawkins dance before the evening is over."

"Only women — supposedly — will turn their houses completely on end when it comes house cleaning time. There are, however, scores of men who are domesticated to the extent that the moment Fall sets in they rush down to the store and lay in enough paint and varnish to completely upset any well-run household."

"Although Thanksgiving is no longer the last Thursday in November, it still is a day set aside for family gatherings. Everywhere all over the United States families will be meeting for dinner and a lazy, quiet day of utter relaxation."

"Additional bus service between Birmingham and Detroit has been announced by Eastern Michigan. From 8 until noon, new Diesel buses will leave the Maple avenue corner at 17 and 47 minutes past the hour, in addition to previous half-hour service."

TOWN HALL SPEAKER

Count Richard N. Coudenhove-Kalergi, authority on European affairs, scholar and author, fluent linguist, is the speaker at the Detroit Town Hall at the Cass Theatre Friday morning, Nov. 23, at 11 o'clock. Count Coudenhove-Kalergi is founder and president of the Pan-European Union and with his subject, "Europe United or Divided," he will present his three possible solutions of a way to lasting peace and to a free and prosperous Europe.

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People's Column

To The Editor:

The Youth Fellowship of the Embury Methodist Church has been considering the question of peacetime conscription at their last two regular meetings.

After considering various phases of this current issue, a vote was taken as to their stand and it was found the group was unanimously against peacetime conscription.

The advantages of the moral and physical benefits to the young man forced into this service do not seem to merit the expenditures our government would be required to make.

It is believed by the youth that such a security achieved by the conscription program would not be sufficient to outweigh the moral and educational disadvantage to the young man.

The expenditure of the government for such a program could be used to a better purpose in public schools, clinics, and in future research in science.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Wilson,
Secretary of the Embury Methodist Youth Fellowship

Red Cross Continues Home Service Effort

New National Red Cross directives for home service have been received by the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, according to Mrs. E. P. Turner, chairman of the home service committee.

Home service is a program of family service through which the American Red Cross in communities carries out its primary responsibility to servicemen, veterans and their dependents.

Specifically the intent of the national policy is that chapters are to broaden the program of service to veterans and their dependents.

Mrs. Turner reports that 2137 servicemen and veterans and their families contacted the two Home Service offices of the chapter during October. Thirty-six volunteers were active during the month.

The home service committee of the local chapter consists of Mrs. Turner, C. G. Rudderham, H. Russel Holland, Harold Blackwood, Kenneth McQueen, Mrs. Claire Gaukler and Mrs. Francis Malley.

Ceramics Winner

Lt. William A. Bostick, prize-winner in the annual exhibition of Michigan artists painting division is shown tooling a pot in the Ceramics Studio of the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Bits of Birmingham

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his 17 years of early life. His father was a production engineer and the family located in whatever city Valpey, Sr., was working. He also attended school in Detroit and Ferndale and finished up in Dayton, Ohio. Of course he had to take his college work at Michigan, his father being a native of this section. Art tried out for the backfield but Harry Kipke, coach at that time, soon changed him over to end. The senior Valleys now reside in Plymouth.

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Coach Clarence Munn, who handles the light coaching at University of Michigan, says that Harold Watts, center at Michigan the past three seasons, was this year the best center in the Big Ten. Harold has been transferred to the Glenview, (Ill.) Naval Air Base following graduation from the Naval V 12 course at Michigan last week. Local fans, watching Harold's play this season at games in Ann Arbor, thoroughly agree with Coach Munn.

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Birmingham may see a lot of Charles Leonard Gehringer, former star second baseman for the Detroit Tigers, who has just returned to Detroit to resume his business relations with Ray Forsyth, in a manufacturer's agency. Forsyth is president of the Birmingham Country Club and one of the club's leading players. Gehringer plays a rather good game in the low eighties. Gehringer says about the only baseball he will be playing from now on will be in little sessions out back of the Birmingham club's home, or at family gatherings or picnics. He was with the Navy at Jacksonville base for some time and played on the Navy team there, doing a wicked bit of batting. Birmingham golfers say they will be happy to get a round or two now and then with the former Tiger.

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