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Thursday, January 16, 1947 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC Crime or ative of Soviet Russia in Politics?

Some weeks ago a represent ative of Soviet Russia in Mexico, decided to quit his control of the Control of Soviet Russia in Mexico, decided to quit his Mexico, decided to quit his Mexico, decided to quit his decision in terms of the Russian explained his decision in terms friendly to the American way of life and unfriendly to the Communist philosophy.

The Soviet government thereupon requested the United States to deliver the man, charging that he was a "criminal" and accusing him of embezzling money and properly of the Soviet in Mexico.

This creates an interesting situation. If the man is guilty of crime he should, no doubt, be delivered to the Soviet authorities. If, on the other hand, the allegation of crime is used only for the purpose of securing his custody, there is another matter involved.

While nobody wants to harbor criminals and the nations usually deliver them to be tried by their nation, the right of political saylum has long been recognized in the civilized world. How is the American government to determine the facts in connection with the Soviet charges without raising a question as to the good faith of the Soviet?

Congress Informed Size Epitieth Congress Informed Size than was expected.
Since the election in November, the Members of Congress have been advised by columnists, commentators, chambers of comparere and industrial associations. They have been plainly told the meaning of the election and have also been instructed as to the proper action to be taken by the Congress.

It is reported that soon 5,000 tons or pepper will arrive in this country, from England. That will allow the State of Florida to keep its own Pepper (U. S. Senator, that is) where he helongs. He has been doing too much shaking of the red kind, to add anything to the taste and flavor of basic Americanian.

BIRMINGHAM'S CITY FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN

are seeking an increase in wages averaging from \$25 to \$30 per month. Anybody who disagrees with the need for an advance for these folks can hardly be credited with awareness of today's cost of living.

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While the average consumer nowadays is still confronted with the high cost of Retailers Help Fight Inflation

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This is particularly true of those cetables of the particularly true of those cetables are the price of version of the price of the price of the price of version have developed a good trade from citizens in the community and who have learned from experience that the steady customer who makes repeated purchases is the backbone of a business.

a business.

Two types of retailers may encourage higher prices, one through greed and the other because of inexperience. The fly-by-night operator is in the market for what he can get out of fitwhile prices are high. The new retailers who have never operated a retail outlet before have not had the opportunity to learn'the best business methods which come only after years of trial and error.

The average, experienced retailer knows his customers' attitude concerning inflated prices. So, while making some purchases to present to that part of the public which will buy, he in many cases has reduced his orders with his supplier in order to indicate he cannot sell as much of the item as he formerly could.

In other instances, he has come right out and refused hard-to-get items because of the high price and has told his supplier why he has refused.

To cite an example, we know of a lumber dealer who within the past week got a long-distance phone call from a mill in a Southers' state, offering various kinds of lumber whigh have been difficult to obtain. The lumber dealer refused to make a purchase and told the mill its prices were much too high. At the close of the conversation, the mill salesman confidentially admitted he didn't blame. The dealer of refusing to place an order. This attitude on the part of most retailers—to refuse as much as possible to be a party to higher prices—will have a marked effect to the party of time where the dealer for the length of time which it will take to bring lower, more normal retail prices.

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, WHO BOASTS OF HIS friendship with Stalin, has returned to the land of his (Roosevelts) birth. He declares that he will take an active part in the coming political secene, asking with neither major political party unless one of them reveals greater loyally to the cause of the Soviets. Wonder if Joe Stalin would allow Elliott, in war time, to use precious airplane space to transport a dog?

OBTAINING THE SIGNATURE OF SOME CELEBRITY On a scrap of paper, or other surface, seems to be a curious notion of many people, especially youngsters who go after the movie and radio stars. Must be a sort of satisfaction to vanity . . . the vanity of both the writer and him who gets the signature. To have real value, signatures must be affixed to a check, cashable at a bank.

In his campaign, Governor Kim Sicler promised some changes in the State Liquor Control Commission. He's already started to make good on that one!

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