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gangster, a criminal or a crook, but because he has money with which to purchase the type of defense that money alone can buy.

There is a remedy, of course. It is not in the abolition of the safeguards for personal liberty...

From Our Point of View An Illinois grass-roots philosopher believes that "there are only two places where Socialism might work..."

You would not think of making an ocean voyage on a steamer whose crew was incompetent to meet the challenge of the capricious seas...

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Albert Einstein, scientist: "Real peace cannot be reached without systematic disarmament on a supernational scale."

Harry S. Truman: "We spend a smaller percentage of our national income today on our public schools than we did in 1940 or in 1930."

The Bear Finds Summer Unbearable



Happenings of Long Ago

50 years ago AUGUST 16, 1900 J. H. Carter is home again. He has returned from the vicinity of Portland, Ore. where he was in charge of the job of drilling dry wells...

5 years ago AUGUST 16, 1945 It was a great day Tuesday when Birmingham let go her pent up emotions as President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered...

20 years ago AUGUST 14, 1930 Birmingham was not passed by as they entered 11 Oakland and Macomb county dental offices and six teeth and cut. Mrs. D. M. Johnson and James J. Reilly...

The public schools of Birmingham will open for the coming year on Wednesday, Sept. 5, according to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools...

PEOPLE'S COLUMN The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request.

To the Editor: The article in your paper of Aug. 5, on the use of the municipal park for off-street parking carried a picture of the park and underneath it the following: "Trees, grass, shrubs, to be replaced with paving, parking meters..."

What's the matter with the people in Birmingham? Are they against progress? I have reference to the petition now being circulated to get 1,000 signatures of people who oppose using the city's municipal park as a parking lot...

WE'VE GOT A parking problem in this town—and it's here! It's not that we've got a parking problem in this town—and it's here! It's not that we've got a parking problem in this town—and it's here!

ONE OR THE OTHER SHE THINKS KOREA IS AN ISLAND

Do YOU know why the United States is fighting the Communists in South Korea? Just thought I'd ask, because there are some people in this country who are wondering what the fuss is all about.

Only last week a Bloomfield Hill teenage-age girl was heard to remark: "Just what is this fighting in Korea for? I've seen pictures of those Koreans—they look like even have uniforms. It's a shame we don't have us to fight them. What do we want with that old island, anyway?"

THEN, OF COURSE, there are those people who seem to know what the situation is all about. In fact, they know that President Truman's request for \$10 billion for military defense is only a start, and that pretty soon the old USA will be up to her neck again in a hot war.

LOOKING AHEAD A CHURCH SPEAKS OUT more correctly described as "disillusioned" than "disappointed."

THEY ARE TRYING to persuade us to give up in exchange for various material benefits—such as subsidies, money grants and special privileges (all at taxpayer expense).

ANOTHER REASON is the Christian origin of America; our founding fathers held spiritual freedom as the basis of our national being.

MICHIGAN MIRROR INFLATION DEFLATES WAR BOND INVESTMENT

Illustrating the A-1 problem of the Michigan government since Pearl Harbor is this person's article in how your "Michigan Mirror" writer in 1942 invested \$75 by buying \$100 U. S. Defense bonds...

By CONSTANTLY driving down the purchasing power of the dollar, inflation causes a perpetual off-balance. As cost of living goes up, wages must be increased.

BERNARD BARUCH, chairman of the 1918 War Industries Board told us that the War was never an advisor to two presidents through two world wars.

NIGHT HAWK By BEATRICE McDONALD Who wants to go to bed? Not I! While stars are shining overhead...

THOSE WHO DON'T work think it is going too far with adoration. The only way I'll ever bow down to the almighty dollar is when it won't pick up on its feet...