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Russia Understands Gangsters

If the United States continues its gen-tlemanly conduct with the Russian Com-munists, expecting the latter to get a change of heart and cooperate with democracy, the time will come when Rus sian-made atom bombs will be introduced into this country.

The coming of these bombs will not be advertised by Russia in advance—any more than Japan heralded her attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor.

Our nation needs an intelligent, courageous Congress. . . the kind that can require a weak, confused and vacillating executive branch of the government to set in motion those actions necessary to our common defense.

Mr. Truman too often thinks he's a politician with a horizon limited by a mere county—and a Missouri one, at that. In the meantime, the cause of every-body's freedom and security is being dangerously menaced.

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The White House Trail

Remembering the political value of the name of Roosevelt, certain leading, Democrats are grooming young Congressman FDR Jr., of New York, or his brother, Jimmy, of California, to "take up the White House trail." Such a course is not at all improbable or impossible—the majority of American people being what they are, willing to follow any Samta Claus. Yet., if another Roosevelt ever reaches the White House, via the Santa Claus route, you may be sure that Santa Claus route, you may be sure that the United States will be covered with the soot that comes from the same "pa-ternalistic chimney" down which a sevelt descends with his pack of

Municipal Mania for Size

Preliminary census figures indicate that Los Angeles, California, has passed Detroit, and so now entitled to be known as the fourth largest city of the nation. The other three are New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

We presume that the city boosters of Los Angeles have thrown their hats into the air and loaded the breeze with their hurrahs.

Just what may be worthwhile in hav-

ing the most citizens of an area or in cellecting a larger group of people than somewhere else, escapes our notice.

The frantic drive of civic officials to cost the population totals of their area a typical American expression of the lania for size.

If the same attention were given to the development of proper social, cul-tural and recreational facilities within the limits of a municipality, the net result might be to the benefit of the population

There Is A Difference

A reader of The Eccentric has asked us to tell our idea of the difference be-tween a lobbyist, a publicity man and a lawyer, when all of them are working for the same corporation in an effort to se-cure benefits for it in return for accept-ing its cash.

ing its cash.

A lobbyist, in a sense pernicious, is usually a secret employee.

He may pose as a patriot or a disinter-sets of tize, but he peddles propaganda, for which he is paid. He may be sincere, but the suspicion arises, usually justly, that he will sell out for the side that pays the most.

the most,

A publicity man, on the other hand,
frankly acknowledges his position, being paid to promote the interests of his
employer by securing an understanding
on the part of the public of the good
things that his employer thinks he is

A lawyer, bestirring himself in creat-ing favorable sentiment for his client, is in one of the categories above, depending upon whether his connection with his client is admitted or concealed,

Tanks Seem Good Anywhere

We note that an officer, at the head-quarters of General MacArthur, situated in Tokyo, reports that one of the casual-ties of the fighting in Korea has been the theory of "tank country." There have been theories, held by vari-ous officers, that tanks could not operate in difficult termin in the country.

ous officers, that tanks could not operate in difficult terrain.

Nevertheless, the Russian-made tanks, being used by the Koreans, seem to be able to negotiate muddy rice paddies, as well as the steep, rugged hills of Korea's central spine.

It might be well to recall that the Germans, in their decisive attack against France, massed a tank attack through a forest region, where it was supposed they could not deploy in preponderant strength.

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Moreover, after the French debacle, the Germans used the same tactics, in the same area, to stage the offensive that was stopped by the heroic defense at Bas-

In brief, it might be a good idea for military officers in general to drop their

military officers in general to drop their theories as to what the enemy can do with particular weapons and concentrate-attention on the business of stopping the best that the enemy can offer anywhere. It is always a mistake for strategists to build their defense upon a theory and the best evidence along this line is the French idea that the Maginot Line would contain the German Army.

Britain Eases Soap Rationing

From London comes information that soap, rationed since Feb., 1942, will be available to purchasers without tickets after Sept. 10th.

The average ration of soap per week has been three ounces per person. This, it is said, is about one-third the average used in the United States.

The news may be comforting to British housewives who have long complained about their inconvenience but small boys in Great Britain will probably regret the

From Our Point of View

In dealing with criminals, the police In dealing with criminals, the police do not carry on Sunday school types of conversation with them; children do not understand or respond to the same type of talk that adults do; psychiatrists do not expect rational conversation to interest people whose minds are abnormal—then why should we expect the Soviet gangsters to understand the Harvard accents of Dean Acheson, our Secretary of State? Perhaps the State Dept. could see farther if it sent a hard-boiled nolice set farther if it sent a hard-boiled nolice get farther if it sent a hard-boiled police sergeant over to Moscow to lay down the law to the Kremlin Krowd!

When you touch the nerve leading to the pocketbook, in most cases you can expect ethics to disappear.

Because, the Five Great Powers in the United Nations are unable to come to a non-war agreement to solve the Korean mess, India suggests that non-permanent members of the UN be allowed to decide members of the UN be allowed to decide the issue. This means, largely, that the Asiatic mind handle the affair. Maybe these lesser nations could come up with an acceptable solution—but that would only prove that something is wrong with the UN setup when its permanent members are impotent to solve international frictions.

One thing we are not afraid to predict: The Korean campaign will be tough in the long run—on the North Koreans.

So They Say . . .

Samuel L. Howard, Major-General, in-spector general of the U.S. Marine Corps:
"After speing the well-organized at-tack, equipment and fire-power used (in Korea), it is quite obvious we are actual-ly at war with Russia."

Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary: "Time is not on our side."

Harold L. George, Lieut.-Gen. U.S. Air Forces, retired: "We are sitting on a keg of dynamite that might explode at any time."

Bernard M. Baruch, retired industrialist: "Procrastinations will bring as evil results in inflation as they will in war preparedness."

John Foster Dulles, Presidential adviser:
"We are now waging peace. I think
we shall win it."

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Secentric The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 years ago AUGUST 31, 1900

One of the pleasantest parties of the season was held at the home of Miss Lizzie Ennis on Friday evening last given in honor of her by her guest. Fourteen young ladies spent a delightful evening telling stories, riddles, etc.

Our old friend John Walton in town for a few days looking hale and hearty as ever. Mr. W ton tells us he will take a f baths in Mt. Clemens.

Once more Birmingham has a cigar factory. This time it is the V. Vanièvey Grocery co. that has started this enterprise and the factory is located in the Ford block. James Chapel a veteran in the cigar making business has been engaged as foreman. That is a guarantee that nothing but the best cigars will be marketed.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1930
John Beatty of Forsat avenue,
is in St. Joseph Mercy hospital
recovering from injuries received
when the team he was driving
bolted and threw him from the
injuries are not considered serious
he will be kept under observation
for a few more days.

With registration not yet com-pleted, 2,255 students are enrolled in the public schools here. It is believed that the total will exceed that of last year since gains have been noted in nearly every school in the Birmingham district.

Miss Mae Brumsted will direct the boys and girls glee clubs of Baldwin high school as they pre-pared to take part in the annual state songfeet in Detroit the end of October. A mixed group will also be organized and trained for the event.

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The Community House, presenting many enlarged facilities for the city, opened its fall season this week. The community dinners, which have become so popular, will be continued, with a limit of 125 reservations.

It has been announced that Birmingham will share in the post-war expansion plans of the Michigan Bell Telephone company, and that a site for a new building has already been acquired. The proposal of a change over from manual to dial phones has also been announced.

been announced.

Vernon W. Griffith, fire chief, today issued a warning against starting grass fires. "It is terribly dry and even a small fire may well get out of control and cause in the city wants that, and feel in the city wants that, and feel are of full cooperation," he said.

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More than 100 local businessmen and women will take part in tate firm. Major Pew entered a training course in merchandising starting at the Community early in 1942 and left for foreign flouse Sept. 8. The 1-day course built give a brief but intensity his present rank a year later.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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

Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor:
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deal to work.

The European intellect and especially the Russian unrelenting mind works so much faster than the little minds that we have here that it is pitiful as you now beheld.

behold.

Though sounding fantastic and shocking I would like to know the deal Truman has with Stalin to settle our serious unemployment here by means of murder in Ko-

THE MODERN technique is different from early wars when brave men led instead of laboring "so hard" in sheltered places. It is not to be a superior of the supe

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

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By George S. Benson

LOOKING AHEAD

A FORTUNATE ASPECT OF BIG BUSINESS-

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MICHIGAN MIRROR STATE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S A-BOMB THEORY

It is the opinion of Donald S. Leonard, state police commission-er, that Russia intends to attack the United States. Testifying before the house ways and means committee at Lansing, Leonard opined: "Russia ways aid means committee at Lansing, Leonard opined: "Russia knows that we have no intention of attacking her. Therefore, her levelopment of a civilian defense is defense against retaliatory ombing by us after she has at-acked this country." Governor G. Mennen Williams as requested a supplemental lig-ory 180 m²² printion of 2 200.

as requested a supplemental legitative appropriation of \$392,740 180 additional state police. The state legislative finance committee, mulling the governor's request for deservative from the state health commissioner, for questioning about the "living blood bank". Says Heustis: "If the legislature is convinced there is no danger of an atom homb them wipe the program off the books."

Governor Williams praised Governor Williams praised the National Guard with a hearty navy-like "well done". This came after he painted a drab picture of future world peace, "America may be headed for a generation of crises," he said.

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Our vices become more ex-pensive. Most of the large coffee roasting firms are rais-ing their wholesale prices two to three cents. Again!

to three cents. Again!

The summer may have been too hot or too cold, but it has been a good one for forest fire control. Less than 700 fires have been reported as

ves.. We've all had a part in making world what it is and I've de-

Sincerely yours, FRED WEAVER St. Louis Mo.

pose. The area would not hold crowled cars to solve the parking Mr. and Mrs. Shain are to be congrainated for their efforts in attempting to preserve the park. We respectfully recommend that the conversion of the park into a parking lot be abandoned. Very truly yours.

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Man's capacities have never ten measured; nor are we to tage of what he can do by any recedents, so little has been tried.

—Henry David Thoreau

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|By| Gene Alleman

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Contemplation
BY BEATRICE McDONALD
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