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High Road You wouldn't call Henry High Road Kaiser a class-conscious to Utopia proletarian. Yet the fact is that Henry, a very conscious capitalist, is in the vanguard of that "dictatorship of the proletariat" the doctrinaire Socialist drools about. The fact was underlined by his recent loan from the RFC—bringing the total of the taxfunds made available to him to a round \$185,000,000. When in due time he is unable to sell his products—say, when there is a depression—Henry will necessarily default on his interest payments. payments.

There will be renegotiation and reor-

ganization and, finally, foreclosure. The government will find itself the owner of a huge plant, which it will operate "in the public interest." That will be Socialism. . . .

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Another news litens that heralds the advent of the millennium comes from New England. A group of capitalists—layed mericans and hateful of Socialism—have decided that the section could do with a steel plant; it should be put up in Connecticut.

Since it is unfashionable these days to finance large undertakings with private funds, as the pioneers did, the capitalists have put the matter up to the Governor of the state. He happens to be of the same political persuasion as

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e President.

Latest reports are that Connecticut
ill "borrow" one hundred million from will "borrow" one hundred million from the U. S. Treasury for the venture, giving its own bonds as security. In effect, this transaction will slither the Federal gov-ernment, in partnership with Connecti-cut, isto the steel business. Harry Tru-man promised as much shortly after his election.

These are but instances of how the republic, with the connivance of "free enterprise" capitalists, is buying its way into Socialism — with our tax-money. Quite an improvement on the revolutionary method advocated by Karl Marx.

—Frank Chodorov in "Analysis"

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There are a number of individuals in the United States, includin Common
With Franco
Congress, who, for
reasons satisfactory

to themselves, continue to pump up the suggestion that the United States needs Franco Spain as an ally in the war against Communism.

against Communism.
This is nonsense, of course. Franconeeds some help from this country in order to retain his present strangle-hold upon the people of Spain. He is a dictator of the worst type, his ruthlessness being different from that of Russia only in that he professes to be a great believer in religion.
While there may be some reason for the eventual establishment of diplomatic relations with Spain, there is none what-

ever that we enter into any agreement with Franco that will tend to keep him astride the Spanish people. He recognizes none of the freedoms which the people of this country consider essential. There was talk some months ago that we had to have Spain as a base in the event of war with Russia. There is no doubt of the fact that the Franco regime will fight Russia, to the limited extent that it can do so. The victory of Stalin in Europe would mean the end of Franco. It would be a mistake, however, for the people of this country to believe that they can secure any assistance from Franco and his regime. It is totalitarian in essence, regardless of the rights of the opposition, and about as much different from American ideals as the Russian government.

There is no reason to believe that the present Spanish government would be the champion of democracy—at least, until Franco puts many democratic principles into practice in Spain.

Refugees From
Communist Lands
say refugees are pouring into Western
Europe from Russian-dominated areas at
the rate of 2,500 monthly.
This is not a large number but, in view
of the horder patrols, it is indicative of

of the border patrols, it is indicative of much unrest behind the Iron Curtain. No assistance is given the refugees, accord-ing to Michael L. Hoffman, New York Times reporter, who thinks that it is politically short-sighted not to assist the refugees from Communism.

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This may be true in regard to most of the refugees, but is it just possible that the best way to screen the refugees is to let them make their way to freedom without too much assistance. In this way it is not difficult to determine the sincerity of the refugees.

The United States has suffered in the past through immigration attracted to this country by the lure of easy money and a more prosperous life.

Those who come primarily for the material benefits they expect to receive are

terial benefits they expect to receive are not concerned with the ideals of western civilization and many of them have shown little inclination to acquaint them selves with the fundamental traditions of freedom-loving peoples.

Recent elections in Australia and New Zealand are cited as evidence of a trend running against liberal government throughout the world, with particular reference to Great Britain where the Tories confidently predict their own victory in the general election to be held this year. While it may be interesting to speculate upon these elections, it is practically impossible to draw any lesson from an election in any foreign country and the results, seemingly apparent, have little or no bearing internationally. Issues and conditions in the various countries vary too much to use any Recent elections in Australia and New Issues and conditions in the various countries vary too much to use any election as a guide to all elections and there is no such thing as an international trend in elections trend in elections.

Debts of state and local governments have gone up in the last year, according to the Census Bureau, which reports that they reached an all-time high of \$20,875,000,000 'last June 30th. This looks like a large amount but it is nothing compared with \$252,000,000,000 that the Federal Government owes. The \$273,684,000,000 total amounts to \$1,834 for every man, woman and child in the country.



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JANUARY S. 19900
HAPPY NEW YEAR! We greet the turn of the century greet the turn of the century believed to the century will bring with the new century will bring with tind the very best for everyons.

FOR RENT—A sice comference will be modern bome of seven lovely rooms and an aere of land; seyen dollars a month. See Whichead and Mitchell for further details.

Here's a chance for a man with a little money to get a good in-vestment. The John McCarroll place is for sale. It has good buildings, 11 acres of fine fertile land and lots of fruit trees. The price is right—\$1,550.

A young lady from Detroit would like to start a dancing class in Birmingham. The terms are very reasonable if a goodly class can be started. She will also give private lessons for the shy and backward. Once a month she would like a reception to be held in order that all may become

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Another record growth for the year has just been reported by the Blarmingham, National bank. Total data to recommend annual meeting said the bank enjoyed the busiest and most prosessing said the just the profiting said the bank enjoyed the busiest and most prosessing said the just the profit of the profit of

Help Wanted

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W. E. Plaseyfeet" Johnson, "the world's most colorful advocate of profibilition" with Major F. B. Ebbert, will speak at a mass of the control of the cont

JANUARY 11, 1945

Mrs. Fred Pew has received in formation from her husband to the effect that he has been advanced in rank from captain to major in the United States Army.

Another quote from the Police Journal: "Meanwhile in Detroit vanced in rank from captain to major in the United States Army.

Recorder's Court each day continually formed the past year. He is connected with the 15th Air Force. Combat Intelligence, head-quarters of the 47th Wing.

A ioint meeting of all PTA are then that the

For the balance of the winter, to be held Monday evenings, beginning at 8 pm.

The quarterly some meeting of the Lions club was held Sundary in the Community House, with 67 members of 11A present. John Meedesugh of the Portiac club, 10 pm. The Meedesugh of the Portiac club, 10 pm. Meedesugh of the

Taxes of Michigan governments amount to, \$816,000,000 or a \$531 per capita cost to each citi-zen annually. Michigan citizens and corporations pay to Uncle Sam \$2,564,512,168 to the U. S. Treasury, while Michigan received back from Washington \$59,170,-000.

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Whe pays for these taxes? One-fourth of the current cast of a Michigan-made automobile is the hidden cost of taxes. It is estimated that each family in the United States last year paid a total of \$100,000.

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Equivalent to an increase in wages will be the 1950 decline of living costs, now forecast by economiats. From the all time high of September, 1948, living costs dropped 3 per cent in 1940. A anticipated for 1950. Parm, price decline will be limited by federal supports.

To The Editor:

Here I am again telling you there I am again telling you can't bell Christmas dinner. I list can't bell Christmas dinner. I list can't bell Christmas dinner and a very tince turkey and severy tender turkey and Boys all smiling and happy. In fact, we get plenty to eat here, hanks to Mrs. Rooney who has superintendent and Mr. Mitchell.

I must give proper credit to a superintendent and Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Turtin who have very nice and take care of us all with a smile.

Will close withing you a very with the smile of the can't with the smile can't be come true. I remain respectfully a subscriber of your paper and receive it promptly each week.

CHARLES C. PEILD

2200 N. Telegraph
Pontiac, Mich.

To the Editor:

The year of the year the past is a model and the year of the year the past is months, it shows that it has been a wonderful year for most of underful year for most of the year of year of the year of year

of local, state your portage.
We are all'mighty fortunate to be living in such a wonderful be lived in the living in such a wonderful your pool friends.
Here's wishing you all a very happy New Year.

JOHN W. KNECHT,

239 Pilgrim.

"Any Way You Slice It"

HAL P. BUERGE



You're all good kids, so I'm going to give you a little tip to be used on future occasions when the opportunity arises. This tip will be especially appreciated by the fun-leving individual who coulinually raises the mournful cry that good entertainment is becoming searcer and searcer as the years go by. Culture has all but crowded comedy and chorus off the legitimate stage, according to the FLI, and crude, smutty jokes have taken up their share of the room, no. Psychological drama and mystery of the 'who done it?' type, have wreeked motion pictures for the FLI to a point where he will listen to all suggestions as to where he might find a night of fun and frivolity to his liking.

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and a night of fun and frivolity to his liking.

Well, brother I've got the answer to that one. I have been exposed to this type of entertainment on numerous occasions and feel that I can give it my four-state endorsement. It is the kind that was provided last Thursday evening at the Music Hall when the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania presented its 1949 offering, "Adamant Eve." Laugh, I thought I'd die. About once a year an alumni organization of one of the Large universities of our nation brings a campus production to little old Detroit. Pennsylvania's promoters made the grade this year. They were terrific, as the teenagers put it. Most of these campus productions are extraordinary and if I were you I'd make sure I saw the next on that comes along.

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Two beam hep to this kick for quite a number of years and eversince I was privileged to live in a college town I have been patronizing college lalent shows and other productions. If you are not
already aware of the fact, I can assure you that the average university has talent to burn. They are capable of putting on shows of
any kind that Broadway and Hollywood could searcely duplicate,
Many college men and women of yesteryear, who now represent
every type of occupation known, showed enough ability while
undergraduates to have assured them of a wonderful career before the foollights. undergraduates to fore the footlights.

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Another tip, if you'll take it—get your tickets early, If you don't you will find yourself so far up in the balcony that they will take you to your seat in a helicopter. When you arrive you are apt to have a nosobleed, unless you get one that is pressurized. From my seat I could have sucundived right into the middle of the Music Hall stage. When I started up they fastened a rope about my vesits and handed, me an Alpine staff with my program. The usher explained that if I lost my footing I was to give three short yodels as a distressignal. I sat in a \$1.80 seat which was three rous from the back and three feet from the top. I ask my wife where she thought the \$1.20 seats were? She said she overheard the han at the ticket window say they were out along the Madison Street curb, or if you'd rather, they let you sit in your car on their parking lot.

on their parking lot.

Getting back to the Mask and Wig Club and their marvelous production, let me explain that it is tradition on the campus of the Philadelphia institution. Their first production was that of 1889 and it has been repeated nearly every year since. In sixty-two years you must admit that a huge stock pile of ideas and know-how has accumulated. Undoubtedly drawing from this backlog, also contributing musch originality, each year the members of the club try to improve on the shows of previous seasons. I have never seen a previous Mask and Wig show, but I have heard and read about them for years. After having been sold the show by a Penn alumnus who is a friend of mine, I was in a sweet sort to be disappointed. I expected a whole lot. However, I was thrilled from the opening curtain to the final drop and my hat is off to the fellows of the Mask and Wig Club and to their loyal alumni who brought the show to Detroit.

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dumni who brought the show to Detroit.

For those who are not quite [amiliar with the club, I might explain that it is an all male organization that [eatures entertainment calling for a cast of both guys and gals. Of course, some of the fellous have to enact the Jemnine roles and therein lies the gimmick that puts their shows in the top-light class. These boys are wonderful. They dance and sing and act their part, be it made or Jemale, in a highly professional manner that afford enough leughs for three shows. The musse and Iyrics are all original and very fine. Many Mask and Fig song hits have staved popular and will live Jorever. Their dance routines are clever and precise. They are strenus maneuvers that exploit vigor and sets that only an all-male cast could provide. The chorus line lacks the grace of the ballet and perhaps the snap and precision of the Rockettes, but they produce an energetic rhythm that is different and difficult orarive at Rig, muscular but agile boxy, dressed as gorgeous gals and not too hard to look at, do the dancing.

The skits are rendered by men of much talent and race comedy appeal. The singing, all accomplished without the fake falsette approach that usually accompanies the act of men minicking women singers, is just a wee bit short of sensational. Of course, each man is a talented singer in a masculine manner, but how they project that lady-like substance that suggests romance into their voices, without even trying to disguise the tones, is a thing that has me delightfully mystified.

One amusing thought flitted through my mind as I vatelied the men of Penn whirl through their dances, glib-tongue through clever dialogue and render the snappy songs of Adamant Eve. I couldn't help think of one disagreeable task the Mask and Wiggers of today have to perform that their predecessors of by-gone years never dreumed of. Now that the low-cut, off-the-shoulder dress is all the rage, these poor deals have to shave the hair off-their chests with regularity.

Internationally
Speaking
By Eugens Hess

In the last notes published with regard to foreign affairs in there are to foreign affairs in the cast to the critical situation in Asia. It may seem easy to hope for a wise policy and let the other man do to the critical situation in Asia. It may seem easy to hope for a wise policy and let the other man do to the thinking what action as the taken in this very difficult
Today I have decided to leave my reserve for one moment and present a suggestion, which in a similar vein has been offered by other observers of the international present a suggestion, which in a similar vein has been offered by other observers of the international for India, for the United States of the control of the Company of the observers of the international for India, for the United States of the control of the United States of the control of the Company of the Comp

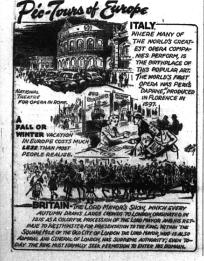
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JOHN W. KNEGHT,
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with every shot at 500 yards.

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STRICTLY FRESH

FOUR men armed with machine guns held up a dice game in Kentucky and took \$8500. That's a pretty fair roll.

The cost of getting a college education keeps going up, edu-cators say. In other words, higher education is getting higher and higher.

Whether General Eisenhower is candidate, it is obvious that he



March of Time

By BEATRICE McDONALD

I used to love the autumn wind, I used to love to watch the leaves turn gold. And rapt delight was mine When winter swept its way across the world.

The bleak drab days intrigued me With their realm of frost and cold; But nevermore!

The only season now that I adore Is gentle summertime,

I'm growing old.