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Criminals Invade Business Field

The Senate Crime Committee, pushing an inquiry into organized crime, reports that organized criminals are moving rapidly into legitimate fields.

At first blush this looks like a good thing, that the criminals are giving up their activities and going into a new field where they may work like other Americans.

Actually, however, this is not the truth. The criminals are boldly transferring their nefarious methods into "respectable" business which they will corrupt through their methods, which include bribery and intimidation.

The Senate committee, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, says these organized criminals have wedged themselves in transportation companies and public utilities.

They control some banks and thus have access to large sums of money, which gives them a competitive advantage over many honorable business enterprises.

The Korean war and consequent defense preparation offer these crooks a great opportunity to "make a killing." There is danger that they may set up extensive black markets in scarce commodities or otherwise disturb the nation's economy.

All honest business men should be on the lookout for the tactics that such criminals will use in their effort to horn in on legitimate business.

No honest man, whether in business or out of it, will resort to bribery in connection with the purchase of scarce goods or connect himself with the traffic of the black market.

Business men are thoughtless who, in the pressure of competition and the need for scarce commodities to make profits turn to gangster methods in dealing with their competitors.

They bribe others for special favors, scarcely realizing that they are dealing with criminals rather than business men.

They move warily to buy "influence" to gain advantages, not understanding that in so doing, they are playing the game of organized gangsters and, in fact, becoming a partner in such activities.

Money Not All-Powerful

While the more than two hundred millions of dollars in the Henry Ford Foundation Fund are capable of doing tremendous good for the human family, to expend this expended money to bring Utopia to a badly shaken world is beyond the realm of practicality.

Money, in and of itself, seldom accomplishes the most that it should—human nature being what it is.

It is that money, plus many other big and small things, copies, were accompanied by the voice and conscience of some Great Person, there might be more hope for a better world.

But such voices no longer exist upon our earth... there is too much baffle and chatter to allow Greatness to be heard, let alone followed.

Flying the Wounded Home

The Army reports that the men wounded in Korea who are being returned to this country for hospitalization, are coming back in better shape than in World War II.

The Air Force reports that in August 1,378 patients were flown from Japan and Korea to this country. These included battle casualties as well as other injured and ill persons.

C-97's that are being used for transport carry fifty patients and attendant nurses and, because of greater flying range, take a shorter route across the Pacific. On the average, the big planes take 37 hours to reach the west coast.

The airplane has become a mighty weapon of warfare but in this instance, at least, it serves the cause of humanity.

Keep On Howling, Praising

Remember, when World War II broke out, how the Roosevelt New Dealers howled about criticism from those who opposed their way of doing things?

That same call is going up again... all in the name of "solidarity and patriotism". To be sure, every one of us in the United States faces the danger of another great war.

So let's howl and/or praise when we want to, regardless of what political party we belong to!

From Our Point of View

In spite of the danger of Russian invasion and possible conquest, Western Europe and England appear unconcerned about setting up necessary defenses. They are quite willing to "let Uncle Sam do it."

Little Harry almost daily proves his inability to handle the tremendous job he accidentally inherited. Certainly God must have a tender place in His heart for the American people—how else could they survive when for so many years bungling and predatory politicians have been in control of our federal government?

A Detroit small manufacturing concern recently was awarded \$33,000 damages against a union that illegally staged a strike in its plant. This is the first time such an award has been made in Michigan.

The Misses F. E. Walker and Emeline Mitchell are sojourning in Ingham county, the happy guests of Miss Walker's parents who live near Fowlerville.

"Pat" Van Wagener, Birmingham Democrat and former Governor of Michigan, went to the recent "Democratic" (?) convention in Grand Rapids, but didn't stay for the program. Evidently he, too, couldn't stomach the idea of having his party taken over by the CIO.

Overcome by the victory of their football team over the University of Michigan, a number of Michigan State College students were arrested for their rowdiness. Well, some students will be students, and others will resort to uncontrolled athletics.

Birmingham and vicinity has traditionally voted overwhelmingly Republican for more than a half century. Local Republicans, interested in getting out a large vote of their party Nov. 7, are organizing themselves to do this. That is good for citizenship purposes. Even the Democrats could do well for self-government by doing likewise.

So They Say...

Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture: "It may yet be necessary to support the price of hogs despite the lack of a workable method for doing so."

Jackson Martindell, management official: "We have been afraid to take the risks our forefathers took—and took for granted."

Harold W. Dodds, president, Princeton University: "I suggest that the United Nations turn its attention to the rapid accomplishment of complete disarmament, not merely to the abolition of A-bombs and H-bombs."

Albert J. Fitzgerald, president, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America: "We must not have blind adherence to every solitary thing Harry Truman proposes."



Happenings of Long Ago

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

50 years ago OCTOBER 12, 1900 John Johnson, Roy Blake and M. J. Linner, were held at M. J. Hemeway's residence Wednesday morning, bruising himself quite severely. He was repairing an overcoat when one of the rings of the ladder broke, precipitating him to the ground.

Dick Bennett, a constable from Rochester, Stewartson and a strange young man were cased in a room back of T. H. Cobb's store for quite a while Saturday evening, last. The stranger was searched and found to have on him several articles owned by Mr. Leonard.

Charlie Chiff, a member of the 7th Michigan Cavalry, will attend a reunion of his regiment to be held at Battle Creek in the near future. Of course William Hawthorn, also a survivor, will be present, too.

William Hunt, who lives about two miles south of this place, and four valuable cows Thursday afternoon. The bovines were being driven from the pasture when crossing the D. & P. tracks were run down by a heavily loaded gravel car.

20 years ago OCTOBER 16, 1930 Construction on the new Grand Trunk passenger station on Eton road will be started about Nov. 1, according to officials here. The building will cost about \$100,000 and will be of brick and stone, of an English type construction.

Dr. William Lloyd Kemp has been named to succeed Dr. A. W. Newitt as head of the city's health department. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Dr. Kemp has been a resident of Birmingham for four years. He interned at the Henry Ford hospital in Detroit.

A capacity flow of 986 gallons per minute has been established at the new Derby well, according to H. H. Corson, city engineer. This was not as high a capacity as hoped for, officials consider the well satisfactory and state it has excellent pressure.

Mrs. William Lynch has been employed as part time welfare worker by the city and will work out of the community house. Mrs. Lynch is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has had nine years experience in this field of work.

Expressions of optimism as the result of increased real estate sales have been voiced by local firms. The meeting of the Real Estate board, held at the Community House, reported much livelier buying at present than in the past.

5 years ago OCTOBER 18, 1945 Mrs. E. E. Keller of Quantan road is the responsible for the beautiful flowers which are kept on the table with the book listing the Birmingham men and women who are serving in the various military branches. Each week, for several months, she has brought fresh flowers which she herself provides.

Class hours at Baldwin high school will advance one half hour beginning Monday, Oct. 29, it has been announced. This will bring the opening of school to 8:25 each morning, with the afternoon closing at 3:17.

Two local firemen have returned from the war and are back at their jobs. Jack Moore has been chief of the army-navy fire department in Casablanca, while George Scott served as instructor at Pensacola, Fla.

F. E. Quisenberry, chairman of the local retail merchants association has announced the organization ready to swing into action on the big Victory drive scheduled for the fall.

If you've got a friend with a private plane, try and get him or her to take you on a flight over Birmingham and the surrounding area soon. The experience will be quite different from several standpoints. Last Thursday afternoon Bob Swanson of Bloomfield Hills, head of the Birmingham Association, came to go along with him and Photographer Dick Shirk to get some more aerial views of the new high school construction.

Taking off from the local BRF airport in Bob's Simson Voyager, we went up to about 1,000 feet, then began circling the high school site while Dick took his photos.

Bob's firm is the architects on the job, and they want to keep progress photographs. I MADE IT a point to look over the city from this height. Nothing like getting a myself. At one time, I said to a local newspaper reporter who had asked me the construction going on within city limits, particularly the residential area.

You can look back over current statistics issued by the building permit department, but the city's amazing growth really doesn't impress you very much until you see it in its entirety, say 1,000 feet up. The Sheffield estates area, the Firch school district, and the extreme northeast section are full of new houses, new lawns, partly constructed homes and basement excavations.

IN THE BRIGHT early afternoon sunlight, the foliage was particularly outstanding. Much of it was still in shades of dark green, as was much of the grassy areas. But here and there were the rusts, the tans, the golds and yellows as a number of trees started their leaf-fading process earlier than the others.

Although we were up for more than 40 minutes, I regretted that we had to come down and get back to our regular job routines.

LOOKING AHEAD

EXPOSING 'THE BIG LIE' -ING FROM THE FRIENDS of the Madison Square Garden speakers.

Immediately upon arrival in Hong Kong, he wrote me as follows: "I am glad to tell you that I managed to get out of China and am now in Hong Kong. Thus I am free to speak and to do what I want to."

"In China, people have no freedom of speaking, printing or moving about. "THERE, ONE is compelled to say that the Communist government is a good government. The National government is bad; that the Russians are our friends and the teachings of Confucius are mere feudalism while the teachings of Marx, Lenin and Stalin are proper doctrine."

The Daily Worker on my desk says: "cheers shook the house at the Madison Square Garden rally leading the Bill of Rights when Benjamin J. Davis, Communist functionary, said: "Tonight we pay tribute to our Communist Party, confident in the knowledge that it will fulfill its destiny in helping to mobilize the people into a mighty coalition for peace and freedom and in leading the fight for the establishment of socialism."

A FRIEND OF MINE can give eleven chapters to the New York Communist Party and its "fight for freedom." He is a Chinese gentleman whom I've known since 1930.

He is a man of extraordinary intellect and unquestioned ability. He has escaped from Communist tyranny in China to British Hong Kong, where he is now coming a mecca for Chinese fleeing.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

MAIL THOSE YULE PACKAGES TO GTS

As football news blots up page one and a frosty tag fills the air, Michigan residents are brought to mind by back to school days. It is a full remembrance of those lonely one speed by millions of World War II, with hundreds of Michigan men being recalled to service each.

And optimistic though the front may look, defense and offensive are still in a state. A simple, ironclad priority system has been imposed on industry. A "DO NOT RATION" will give military contracts let by armed forces or the atomic energy commission the right of way in any plant.

Michigan war production is expensive. Michigan's now are getting a taste of another income tax boost. A man making \$40 per week against \$4.10 before the increase. But this withholding tax jump has not been paid by the worker. The impact will not be great, except insofar as it will cut down spending to some degree, especially in the lower brackets.

Peters' has a BFA from Cornell university, will head the art department and teaching and riding. He is also a former student of the Hans Hofmann school of fine art.

Hills Man Accepts Eastern School Post

Wallace Cushing Peters of Bloomfield Hills has been added to the faculty of the Avon Old Farms at Avon, Conn. The announcement was made this week by Donald W. Pierpont, provost of the school.

Exchange to Meet

Members of the Birmingham Exchange club will hold their luncheon meeting at the Community House next Tuesday noon.

County to Blacktop 14 Mile Road West Of Orchard Lake

A one-mile stretch on 14 Mile road, from Orchard Lake road to Farmington road, was blacktopped this week, according to Robert O. Felt of the Oakland county road commission.

Future plans call for the road to state to be completely blacktopped from Orchard Lake road to Walled Lake.

The state unexpended portion between Farmington and Haggerty roads will first have to be graded. When it is paved, it will depend upon financial appropriations.

Felt said the county has no plans at present to pave 14 Mile road on the east side of Orchard Lake road.



"Lady, would you believe it? Even the price on prices has gone up!"