

So Long As Man Is Free, He Should Obtain Security

Population growth is like the weather—there doesn't seem to be much that anybody can do about it.

The world's human population is soaring. There were fewer than one and three-quarter billion people on earth in 1912.

A CENTURY OR MORE ago a large percentage of people labored in agriculture. If theoretical planners had stepped in in those days and forced the productive processes into a fixed "orderly" pattern we would probably have been struggling with famine by now.

Leaders Select 'Em

Don't pay too much attention to alleged "convention fights to nominate certain candidates by the delegates". To be sure, such scrapping does now and then take place, but usually the party's candidate for Governor chooses, within a state, those he wants to run with him at the general election.

In political tradition, the Governor, heading his party's ticket, is given the privilege of selecting those who, if he is elected, become his "cabinet".

Well do we recall, when former Gov. Kim Sigler was nominated on the Republican ticket in 1916, how he spent several busy days interviewing potential candidates for state office, plus their friends, and how, finally, he made up his own mind on the subject.

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were free to invent, devise and scheme new ways.

We were free to leave our farms and get jobs in the cities where some of us figured out unheard of machines to do the work of ten men on the farm. Tractors, trucks, reapers, combines, gang-plows, cultivators—implements began to roll off the assembly lines by the tens of thousands.

FARMING HAS BECOME a scientific, competitive business. Because of the machines, constantly better farming practices and rising production are inevitable. Upland flood control, contour or strip farming, and soil conservation are routine practices to the modern farmer.

This American agricultural revolution is our welcome to the new people who will be crowding onto this old globe in the years to come. Other nations that fear the way of free markets, open competition and a maximum of individual liberty, will do well to heed our example.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

• Too often a political platform is a document that keeps a special committee quite busy during a political convention. It then becomes a device through which the delegates and the candidates nominated announce what they intend to do during and after the campaign, if their side is elected. Finally, it becomes one of those written memories which—like a forgotten love letter—can do considerable harm in the hands of the enemy.

• The recent dethronement of Egypt's former King Farouk proves that wealth and power alone are no protectors of a man's position in affairs. The dissolute Farouk, banished from his native land, traveled over the road he himself made: disregard for his subjects, complete material and carnal selfishness. Called to lead a people to the good life, he instead chose the fleshpots and now he's the devil's own.

• A suspended sentence for simple larceny was given a robust Detroit woman who was claimed to have taken and eaten eight wiensers in a market. Maybe you've got to be an "old-timer" to remember when butchers always gave kids free wieners with a purchase of meat.

Not all of them are evil leaders . . . but too many of certain groups of union leaders operate like monopolists who "own" and thus hold "captive" their members. In some unions these are no more real democracy than you find in near-totalitarian states.

So They Say . . .

Anne O'Hare McCormick, newspaper correspondent:

"Nothing any other country can produce in the way of party conclaves is remotely like the gaudy exhibit in Chicago."

Walter Kotschnig, American representative to U. N. Commissioner on Forced Labor:

"Soviet slavery exists in a scope unknown in the history of man."

JOHN STENBECK, author, writing to HARRY F. BYRD, U. S. Senator from Virginia:

"We must keep ahead of Russia in military and scientific programs."



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Enquirer—The Items Don't Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO August 29, 1902 At the mechanical department of the D. U. R. picnic last week, S. Johnston, of Birmingham, won five of the athletic contests, while another of our boys, Ed Finn, took care of the pipe smoking contest.

It cost a man \$5 plus \$3 costs for nailing signs on posts and trees in Battle Creek a few days ago it might be well to remind our village law enforcement officers that we have an ordinance against that sort of thing, but one would never guess it.

By the number of ladies who are attending the board of education meetings lately everyone has been made very happy. It gives tone to the meetings and is most gratifying to see the ladies taking such a deep interest in the educational welfare of their children.

We are pleased to announce that P. Hagerman is again a Birmingham business man. He has purchased the John Hanna building and stock and can once more be found behind the counter busy selling top quality groceries.

20 YEARS AGO September 1, 1932 After watching police officers and his own L. R. Reynolds returned to an intact system of laws, Birmingham's gallant fire chief, Vernon Griffith entered the fray single-handed and came out the victor. The Chief ignored water, usual weapon of a fireman, and resorted to an enemy, fire and smoke. The one he brought into the Eccentric office this week weighed nearly two pounds and was more than five inches in diameter.

A telephone canvass of all Birmingham unregistered voters is being made this week under the direction of the League of Women Voters. It will be conducted in the hope of bringing out a vote even larger than now anticipated.

Three Detroit men, arrested for picking fruit "because they had no money" managed to pay \$10 fines in Birmingham's justice court. The three were caught picking berries and apples at the W. F. Harbour home in Bloomfield Hills.

R. C. Hoffman, for 23 years a baker in Detroit, has announced his intention of opening a bakery on South Woodward in the near future. With Mrs. Hoffman and their two sons, the family will make their home here.

As a special service to Birmingham residents, The Eccentric office will be open election night to handle election information. Figures will be received here as rapidly as possible for the benefit of those who wish to call.

5 YEARS AGO September 4, 1947 City Manager D. C. Ebert said Monday that police had been instructed to arrest any resident guilty of throwing garbage or similar refuse into the streets. Ebert added that since the city supplies pick-up service for this refuse is no reason for anyone using public thoroughfares as dumps.

Dr. John H. Springman, assistant superintendent of the Birmingham public schools, has requested the board of education to become superintendent of schools at Glenview, Ill. It was revealed this week by Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland that Dr. Springman will leave Oct. 1.

Paul N. Averill, H. H. Gardner and E. W. Nashom have been named to the board of directors of the newly organized United Health and Welfare Fund of Michigan. The three he does represent Oakland county in the group's activities.

Seymour Blakley, 727 E. Lincoln, is justified in the bit of bragging he is doing about his tomatoes. The one he brought into the Eccentric office this week weighed nearly two pounds and was more than five inches in diameter.

A new angle to our friends (2), the starlings has come to light. Wayne Smith tells us that for several evenings he has watched several hundred go into the chimneys of buildings at Maple and Woodward for their night's lodging.

Arthur Wragley, 320 Henley, occasionally receives word from relatives back in England. Recently he received from them a copy of The London Daily Mail, which contained an article on the recent national Democratic convention in Chicago which was very surprised writer Don Idon had been sent to cover.

"I got quite a chuckle to read how this Britisher interpreted America's biggest political circus, and perhaps you will, too. Here's the major portion of Idon's comment:

"From Cherry Tree to Chicago is a big leap. The only resemblance between the Lancaster village and the Mid-Western capital is that people live in both places.

"CHICAGO on any routine day of the week is a furious firecracker of a city, an explosive extravaganza given to high-jinks and carousing. But this week—Democratic Convention week—it is a high-octane, hell-raising 'holocaust.'

"The temperature is, of course, well over 90; the humidity is hideous. You do not walk through the baked and burning streets—you wade through moisture-drenched air, wondering what an earth possessed you to leave the green fields of England for this political carnival, circus and clamor.

"To put the matter plainly, almost everyone has been acting, ever since the convention began, as if they were slightly off their heads.

"THE MARBLE entrance of the elegant hotel at which I am staying is, at this moment, jammed with a mob blowing whistles, singing cowbells, brandishing placards, yelling, shouting and, in several instances, staggering.

"Many members of this mob have been up all night, and apparently intend to stay up several more nights.

"The purpose of this mob is politics plus pleasure with the emphasis on pleasure. What it all has to do with the business of selecting a Presidential candidate is hard for an Englishman to follow.

"I have been trying to follow it for you. I arrived here three days ago, but I must confess I wish I had never arrived at all.



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