

Senator Moody Disappoints Many

Regretfully, we are compelled to admit that we are becoming disappointed in some of the official acts and statements of Michigan's Junior U.S. Senator, Blair Moody.

We had hoped that Blair, himself long accustomed to the theatrics and shenanigans of many professional politicians, at all times would depict himself like an independent, honest and sincere seeker for answers to problems that beset free people.

We shall not attempt to enumerate every phase of our disagreement with Senator Moody. Most of them, to be sure, are not overwhelmingly important. But with one of his biggest blunders, in our opinion, we must declare ourself to be critical.

It is the idea he presented to Congress that unemployed men and women in Michigan (made so in part because of the industrial shift from civilian to war products) should receive compensation approaching what they would earn if employed, plus the further and most dangerous situation of getting this compensation FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT!

IS BLAIR MOODY so blind (after 20 years, of personal observation in Washington of the drift to centralized government and its attendant bureaucratic monarchy) that he yet cannot understand that the farther government gets from the home the more dangerously uncontrolled it can and will become?

Here, in this attitude, we view tremendous weakness in the political armour of Senator Moody. Regardless of how sincere and honest he may be in his personal thoughts and feelings on this subject, history and current events combine to prove him in grave mental error.

If he must fight for compensation for the unemployed, why doesn't he argue that the State of Michigan, with more than 350 millions of dollars in its Unemployment Compensation Fund, come to the rescue of its own? And thus keep the subject within the control of the State itself where less tyranny can grow than in the federal government?

OR DIDN'T Senator Moody, in his rush to bring about an impossible American Utopia, stop to think the subject through before he sought to wed his philanthropy to the prodigality of Uncle Sam?

As we stated in the beginning of this comment, we are disappointed in some of the official thoughts and acts of Senator Blair Moody. Indeed, we are moved to wonder, if this were not an election year, would not reporter Blair Moody, now turned politician Blair Moody, have acted with greater wisdom?

For, folks, we sincerely believe that Mr. Moody, deep within his better self,

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

EX-RUSSIAN OFFICER LISTS COMMIE TACTICS

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wants to do the exact and right thing for his country and his constituents.

THE REAL TROUBLE in and with practical politics, we have discovered after a generation of observation, is that this important national pastime seldom allows one to be and remain his better self!

Alas! now and then Senator Blair Moody appears to subscribe to the average political pattern. True, being a practical politician with an eye to votes, may result in winning an election...

But, as history shows, it never results in winning and retaining the maximum in self-respecting, self-supporting, individual human freedom!

From Our Point of View

Slowly, but surely, the United States is losing "face" with many other free nations. Chief reason appears to be our wishy-washy-Acheson pattern of foreign policy; our inability to hold back Chinese Reds in Korea; our lack of leadership in rousing Europe to band together to defend itself against Russia.

Hockey games between the Red Wings and their opponents is one of a number of favorite TV programs at our house. A big reason for this—two reasons, in fact—is the manner in which Bud Lynch so ably makes running comment on the games and Fred Huber's summaries.

Isn't it remarkable how France continues to survive, even though one cabinet after another is smashed in the fracas of trying to keep alive its slogan of liberty, Equality and Fraternity? Who says 50 million Frenchmen can't be wrong?

Affable Vice-President Alben W. Barkley is recovered from a couple of weeks in Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he underwent an eye operation. "Dear Alben", close to 75, finds it hard to contemplate separation from the life of the nation's Capitol.

A practical politician is one who keeps his ears to the ground, his hands in oratorical gestures, his eyes on opportunities to win public fancy, and his mouth open and shut—depending on whether words or silence are golden at the moment.

So They Say . . .

Charles D. Jackson, president, National Committee for a Free Europe: "It is in this year that the propaganda initiative has swung from the side of the Russians to the side of the free nations."

"We should never look on freedom as a heritage. It is never that, but always a new conquest for each generation."

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Machine Age



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

50 YEARS AGO March 13, 1902 A whole colony of househunters appeared in our midst last week—

Adams school principal, F. M. Cooke, told residents Sunday morning that the amusements of a young people are as varied as there are people. He pointed out several unfavorable influences on youth's entertainment and blamed a great deal of youth trouble on parents, themselves.

The first annual meeting of the DeMolay Council for Oakland county will be held in Pontiac on Wednesday. Halbert Feaf and Donald Parry will represent the local Hassberger chapter at the conference.

5 YEARS AGO March 20, 1947 Holy Name parish has announced plans to construct a \$20,000 addition to its present unit. The Rev. David J. Duncan said a new gymnasium would be in the expansion plan.

Mabel McHarris, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McHarris, 652 E. Maple, suffered first and second degree burns to the hands, arms and face Thursday while lighting a gas jet under the steam boiler at the Cunningham drug store. Gas escaping from the jet exploded in her face.

The annual Girl Scout rally will be held here tomorrow night based on an international theme. School and city officials and local ministers will be special guests at the program.

In a decisive 55-31 win over Detroit's St. Charles, Birmingham court men stepped into the spot for the 'B' Regionals Saturday at Detroit. The selected team will play the Maple for the state quarterfinals tonight.

More than \$2,500 has been received at the Birmingham National bank for the proposed Dr. H. Gordon Memorial to be reported to the Eccentric at press time. The selected list of names of memorial rests with Dr. George Raynald, a former associate of Dr. Gordon.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

ABOUT DOGS Some people never will learn—and apparently we are among them. A year or so ago we started our necks out on the dog question and it was thoroughly walked on. Now, foolishly, here we go again.

Now—we like dogs. We like all animals, and for the life of us we think how anyone could willfully poison or shoot a dog. It's a thing which just doesn't make sense.

We often wonder, especially in the case of poison, if the killer ever watched a dog die—slowly and in agony. It's not a pretty picture, we assure you.

IF WE HEAR a report of a dog biting a child on a school playground, we do not have to dread the ringing of our phones or doorbells. We know where our pets are, we know they are innocent. Furthermore, because they are kept under the house, we know they are healthier dogs than those who roam. We know they have not had contact with a sick dog.

It's not difficult to take a dog at home. You can even train him to cross his own boundary lines if you do not want a fenced yard or a chain run. And as far as the killer goes, we have found that even the man who doesn't like dogs has a secret admiration for those who are well trained—gentlemen, so to speak.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

People's Column The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All statements must be signed, but statements will be kept anonymous if desired. Letters must be limited to 100 words. OTHER EVIDENCE suggests that the benefits may apply, not only to children, but also to adults up to 45 years of age. The Michigan State Department of Health and state advisory council of health also recently endorsed the program and urged support to increase the 24 communities now operating or inaugurating the program. The proven prospect of greatly decreasing future decay of adult teeth should interest every Birmingham parent of pre-school and school age children. I suggest that our city officials seemingly are not supported in their wait-and-see attitude by scientific bodies possibly more qualified to judge than they. I URGE every parent to ask the city commission to promptly seek advice or appropriate state or federal health authorities and to report their findings. The Eccentric can do much to help by reporting on the experiences of such cities as Grand Rapids, where the plan has been operating for some five years. Our children are growing up—1965 will be too late to benefit them. Now is the time to act. DOUGLAS T. JAEGER, 1390 Washington Ave. Call Midwest 4-1100 to place an Eccentric Classified Ad.

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