

It's All Part of 'The Big Lie'

For information about their own country, as well as about the remainder of the world, Americans mostly depend upon their newspapers, radio and TV stations.

This same mechanics of communication exists in Communist controlled nations except for the further fact that these nations make no effort to tell the truth, unless the truth serve their own selfish nationalistic ends.

WE ALL KNOW, after several years of this "cold war" with Communism, that they do not tell the truth. They say we torture Chinese Red prisoners; they tell their people that the United Nations carries on a germ warfare in the Far East.

Though naught but a pack of lies, this is what the Communists, within and outside Russia, tell their people. Most of them, unfortunately, probably believe it.

MUSSOLINI TRIED IT. Hitler tried it. Stalin still uses it, and witness what happened, still is happening.

Never overlook the force of information upon the human mind. That is why Truth should be the only goal of men and nations. Anything less than the Truth is all or part of the Big Lie.

Memorial Day, 1952

Tomorrow this country will pause in silent meditation... as cannon and rifles issue a sharp, penetrating salute...

It was their Big Job in defending Freedom for their families and their nation. But Hill 73 is NOTHING—unless we, who are left behind, give purpose to their deed.

LET US RESOLVE NOW, to take greater interest in the business of BEING AMERICANS, in the future of our government, to vote (and THINK before we vote) at every election, to make America stronger, free-er, greater!

This is the salute that all the Joes and Freds would prefer us to give them, on this Memorial Day.

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From Our Point of View

Unknown to his mother, it is reported that Elliot Roosevelt sold over five hundred acres of the family estate in order to get some dough for himself...

With every physical means of handling the situation in the U.S. Army's possession, it is hard to understand why and how those Commie prisoners of war on Kojima Island could kidnap and hold an American General for three days.

Do-gooder Chester Bowles, American ambassador to India, soon will come back to Washington to ask Congress for a billion dollars to aid that far-off nation in fighting off Communism.

How cheaply too many motorists value their own, and others, lives. In a trip that may require an hour of driving, some will take hazardous chances which, at best, save them about five minutes.

There are numerous "cesspools" in politics, regardless of what party may be in office. But most of them give off only a slightly noisome odor.

Now that the federal folks have eased controls on rubber, there will be no limit on the stretching of facts into fiction and the political campaign gets warmer and warmer.

So They Say... Francis B. Sayre, U. S. Representative on U. N. Trusteeship Council: "The United Nations is the best hope of mankind today."

Gen. Peng Teh-Lun, Chinese Communist Commander in Korea: "We are not afraid of fighting; the more we fight the stronger we become."

Bernard Cooke, New Orleans judge: "Any citizen or newspaper has the right to criticize the public acts of officials."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

TELEVISION AND TRAINS. As TV shows go, I feel Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" is one of the better ones. However, I can't agree with the following quote concerning Sullivan's rapid rise in television...

Railroad Co-Operative League of Michigan: More than 500 freight and passenger trains will start out on their journeys somewhere in the U. S. and another 500 will be pulling into terminals, their runs completed.



Happenings of Long Ago

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

50 YEARS AGO May 30, 1902. Our old friend John G. Wilson, the explosives expert of Greenwood cemetery had a ride the other day, and it was the first of the kind that he ever enjoyed.

The scrabbliest game of baseball that ever came down the pike occurred between a high school team of our village and Pontiac last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Storey and Master Willie Sunday of G. H. Mitchell and family. Mrs. Clara Andrus was out for part of the day, also.

Howard King is playing great ball with the Lansing club, which stands close to the head and in line for the pennant.

John B. Barron of Howell will pleasantly surprise the teachers of the store while y editor skirishes around among the advertising for subscriptions.

20 YEARS AGO June 2, 1932. With one stormy session behind them, village officials have set the date for a second hearing on the proposed change to city government.

Large entries will bring about an earlier starting of the horse show in the Woodford Open Hunt club Saturday. It has been announced that 40 entries have already been received.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

ON GUARD. Once again the United States government is calling on the women of America to take an active part in the protection of their homes against possible air attack by the enemy.

SPOTTERS—or Ground Observers, as they are currently called—are the human element which must supplement the wonder-child of World War II, radar.

LOCAL GOC officials have enlisted our aid in helping to organize a Women's Corp in Birmingham. We'd love to try—but...

Smile a Minute. First Salesman: "Gee, Albert, I had a marvelous day; make a lot of friends for the company."

Second Salesman: "Me, too, Harold. Can't get my neighbor to care one bit about my company."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentricist 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: I am sorry I have lived long enough to see West Maple deploded of its magnificent trees. Our next move should be to rename the avenue West Desert.

WE TURNED our far-famed tree-shaded Woodward Avenue into a drab and colorless highway. Now we have developed Hunter to care for the excess of cars.

I would even wonder whether we, the people, have the moral right to protect their own values that can never be replaced. Everywhere I travel I am asked by former residents "Birmingham as lovely as ever?"

5 YEARS AGO June 5, 1947. Dr. Melvin C. Gering, pastor of the First Baptist church has announced that he will submit his resignation at a general congregational meeting June 15.

Saturday morning Birmingham's "Penny Drive" will conduct their annual Penny Drive. A full mile of tape will be strung along sidewalks in the business area.

Michigan's Railroad Police association is again issuing the warning that children should not be permitted to play along the right-of-way of railroad tracks.

Only one accident marred the Memorial Day weekend for Birmingham. Mrs. Gertrude Mack, 327 Southfield, received minor injuries when her car struck one driven by Howard Ritchie, 327 Southfield, at W. Maple and Pierce.

A letter has been received by Birmingham commissioners asking that sidewalk ramps be constructed at all bus stops and Woodway to facilitate the movement of baby carriages between the pavement and sidewalk.

Hugh C. White, 217 Pierce St., Opposite Municipal Bldg., Birmingham, Mich.

I AM SURE were Martha Baldwin still living this sacrifice would never have been committed. Some other way would have been found to care for the running horses of cars.

To the Editor: Birmingham can be proud that we have the headquarters for Stanley M. Brown on Hunter boulevard.

ANY HOUSEWIVES who can spare an hour or two for carrying this campaign through should call MI 4-2600. We'll arrange a time that fits your schedule.

WE HAVE ONLY to drive West to realize the sharp contrast between their hoked and ugly streets and our shady and comfortable ones. They would give a great deal to be able to grow what we headlessly cut down.

But as I stood near one of these proud maples about to be beheaded, so gorgeous in its fresh spring foliage, I could feel it cry out for some advocate who would plead for its life.

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THIS BANK WILL NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS ON MEMORIAL DAY

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To the Editor: Tomorrow is Memorial Day. I feel it is a day when we should all fly our flags in honor of those boys who are fighting for our country and their honor. Of those heroes who have gone on...

SALUTE TO OUR FLAG. Let us show love to the true old stars and stripes. It has kept us free far from home where we roam on land or rolling sea.

Speak well of our stars and stripes in words of true respect. Whether as flag or tattered rag it floats or folds and decays.

Salute our dear old flag for the honor within its folds. It was dyed blood red when our heroes bled. It is white for our heroes' souls.

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