

A Hungry Man Is No Fighter, Say Europeans

By merely looking and listening, Europe had a great deal to tell George Bowie, he told Birmingham Rotarians at their Sept. 29 noon luncheon.

Just back from an 8-week tour of Europe still remaining outside the iron curtain, Bowie said he came back with three distinct impressions:

- 1) Europeans want to remain neutral in the struggle for power between the U.S. and Russia.
- 2) Europeans feel their first responsibility to themselves is to keep from starving or going hungry, with the U.S. supplying funds with which to build up any military strength, and.
- 3) THE PEOPLE of Western Europe would like to see more diplomacy, rather than military force, used in settling the U.S.-Russia conflict.

"They feel it would do no good to spend all their money on arms and forget their stomachs, for a hungry man is not a good fighting man," said Bowie, who is with the public relations department of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

He used the example of "a game of marbles" to illustrate the Europeans' attitude toward America. "They feel that America at the end of World War II, came out of the game with all the others' marbles," he said.

"They point out that we had two things to do—take all the marbles and try and get home with them (which they say we wouldn't have been able to do), or start dividing up the marbles and keep the game going."

HE SAID Europeans are happy to see we chose the latter, alternative.

Bowie said they are more concerned over "American jitter" and that we may stumble into a bigger war, than they are over Russia starting on an aggressive march.

Another impression Bowie said he brought back was that the Europeans to a considerable extent resent the changes that the U.S. seems to be trying to make in their lives.

"They are completely happy with the way they are living and

"WHEN THE neighbors drop in to visit, we don't like to have them try and rearrange our household. Neither do the Europeans. They would like us to visit, but to take things as they are and not try to effect a change."

Europeans have their own opinions, believe in them and certainly are entitled to hold them, Bowie believes.

"We can get things done better and more intelligently if we let them express their opinions and not insist on ours all the time," he said.

"We don't have to agree with them, but then world peace is not an easy accomplishment and will require understanding and flexibility on everyone's part," he concluded.

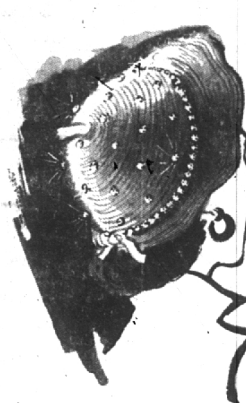
Next Monday's speaker will be Fletcher Renton of Royal Oak, former Rotary district governor.

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HOLY NAME students (from left) Barbara Langley, Hope Hymans, Martha Harrison, Patricia Heatherson, Kathy Rogers watch Edwin Casenhiser work on the poster which he plans to submit in the United Foundations 1952 editorial and poster contest. Deadline for their entry is Oct. 13, while editorials must be submitted to the panel of judges by Oct. 10. Promotions chairman Elmer Sylvester said last week more entries were expected this year as more schools expressed their desire to take part in the program.

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LWV Offers Plan To Assist Voters.

How do I use a voting machine?
What's the real meaning of my vote?
Answering these two vital questions is the purpose of the League of Women Voters pre-election program for October.

The first question will be answered the week of Oct. 25-Nov. 1. The LWV, in cooperation with Himelhoch Bros., the City Commission and the Chamber of Commerce and Business Club will set up a voting machine in the window of Himelhoch's store at 108 W. Maple. League members will be there to demonstrate the proper use of the machine.

Mrs. Eloyd Bunt, of the voters' service committee, stated that the complicated procedure of balloting on a voting machine has been found to confuse many people. The instructions are intended to acquaint the citizen with the operation of the machine and to help him understand how the vote is recorded.

"People moving to Birmingham from communities not using machines will have an opportunity to learn the procedure," she continued. "Many people find the intricacy of all machines appalling until they have learned the proper method. It is our hope that every citizen who has any question about voting methods will stop at Himelhoch's between these dates."

PUBLIC PRESENTATION of the answer to the second question, "What's the real meaning of my vote?" will come on Oct. 29 when a Citizen's Meeting will be held at the Community House at 8 p.m. A panel of League members of the international affairs committee will present "The Citizen and Foreign Policy in '52," as it relates to party platforms, voting records of congressional incumbents and statements of candidates running for Congress. Non-partisan material from the League of Women Voters' national office in Washington will form the basis upon which panel members will speak.

Informal discussion among those present will form an important portion of the program. "We are in the midst of a campaign to urge all our citizens to vote," remarked Mrs. Thomas Canby, of the international affairs committee. "It is equally important that each voter knows the complete meaning of his vote. For example, if he favors United Nations he should be voting for a man whom he believes will support United Nations, or vice versa."

"The League, as a non-partisan organization, is offering this voting to the citizens of Birmingham as a public service. In order to present the candidates' views and voting records as they relate to American foreign policy," concluded Mrs. Canby.

PURSuing LEAGUE policy of educating its own members in order to "help the People Know," LWV will hold two workshops for the purpose of informing League members prior to the public meetings which are:

Oct. 13—"What's the real meaning of my vote?" League members will be briefed on the citizen's responsibility in our foreign relations.

Oct. 20—"How do I use a voting machine?" At this meeting Miss Irma Hanley, Birmingham city clerk, has offered her services to teach league members to use voting machines. Later in the meeting Mrs. Charles Tolle, state government



THOMAS E. HURNS

Tax Experts Elect Birmingham Men

Tax Executives Institute, Inc. elected Thomas E. Hurns, 17851 Brossard, secretary and general accountant of the Detroit Edison company, national president at the organization's seventh annual conference held Sept. 29 at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Alan L. Gurnick, Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, tax counsel of the Ford Motor company, was elected a vice-president. Hurns organized the Detroit Chapter of Tax Executives Institute in 1946 and was its first president. He is the immediate past president of the Detroit chapter, National Association of Cost Accountants.

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