Our Nation Has Drifted Away From Pure Socialists' Program

In his very successful recent book, "The Big Change," Frederick Lewis Allen, long-time editor, of Happer's magazine and a popular historian of high standing, observes that the American people believe "that we have demonstrated that business can be far more resourcefully and vigorously run by private managers; and, furthermore, that the private managers can run most of it if not all of it with such consideration for the general public welfare that they can achieve for us all that government ownership would bring, plus the efficiency, flexibility and adventurousness which government ownership would peopardize—and without the danger of tyranny that government ownership might invite. In short, there is a subconscious agreement among the vast majority of Americans that the United States is not evolving toward socialism, but past socialism."

A SHORT TIME AGO, the best known and most respected Socialist in the United States. Norman Thomas, published a pamphlet entitled "Betwoeratis Socialism—a New Appraisal." In this thrief but significant work, Mr. Thomas said that if the state owned all industry—which is the old goal of the classical Socialists—a top-heavy bureacracy would result.

He said that' the traditional program demanding complete state ownership of the means of production is no longer feasible and added, "We have learned that it is possible, to a degree not anticipated by most earlier Socialists, to impose desirable social controls on privately owned enterprises by the development of social planning, by proper taxation and labor legislation, and by the growth of powerful labor organizations."

organizations."

He then pointed out that socialism has been a political failure so far as attracting

any large number of voters is concerned. This is demonstrably true. In 1912, Socialist candidate Eugene Debs rolled up some 900,000 votes. In 1918, Mr. Thomas, making the list of his six campaigas, on the Socialist ticket, gathered only 139,000, even though the total vote then was much larger than in the earlier year.

THE LAST ELECTION certainly drove another nail into the Socialist coffin in this country. Governor Stevenson, of course, did not run as a friend of socialism, but he did not ruh as a friend of socialism, but he was the fine-ritor of policies and programs which many people regard as being definitely socialistic. Virtually all such policies and programs were made targets by General Eisenhower, and it can hardly be denied that his stand on these contributed to his landslide win.

Obviously, what has happened is that both business and the public's attitude toward business have changed a greater toward to the supplementation of the programs which have been supplementation of the programs which may be supplementation of the programs which may be supplementation of the programs which have been supplementation of the programs which may be supplementation of the programs which may be supplementation of the programs which was a supplementation of the program of the program of the programs which was a supplementation of the program of the prog

both business and the public's attitude to-ward business have changed a great deal-more in the last half-century or so than some of us seem to realize, or are willing to admit. Many of the greatest businesses used to owned lock, stock and barrel by one man or a few men. Now, with very few exceptions, the ownership of busi-nesses of substantial size is widespread, and the administration is in the hands of bired managers. hired managers.

THIS WAS THE RESULT of what has THIS WAS THE RESULT of what he been vividity termed "the managerial revolution." That revolution made business far more productive and efficient than was formerly the case. Equally important, it brought a new concept of social responsibility and responsi-

bility and consciousness to business.

This concept came in part from within, and in part it was imposed from without through laws and regulations and the sheer weight of public opinion. But, re-pardless of its origin, it exists.

Golden Rule Vs. the Jungle

In a recent speech, J. C. Penney, head of the chain store system which bears his name, said: "In a free nation, where the individual is of first importance, that timportance carries with it is heavy obligation. He must be worthy of the trust, by being a responsible citizen, by idealing reasonably and fairly with his fellow men.

"The free choices he makes cannot be jungle choices—they must be based upon the Golden Rule. He must do unto others as he expects to be dealt with by them. This is a stern discipline, but on it depends

One Reason for Price

One of the largest retailer associations in the country, representing more than 7,000 department, chain; and specialty stores recently held its 42nd annual convention. Attending members adopted a resolution which says: We believe it is imperative that our people and government awake to the full realization that the present and future well-the of our national economy is seriously menaced by government waste and extravagance; and that

his survival as a free human being.
"And on him and his fellow Americans, ultimately depends the survival of this country. Every man who falls, even in little things, may be responsible for the loss, to every man, woman and child in it, of the priceless gift of liberty."

Freedom is not a right. It must be carned, nourished, protected, Whether we shall have it or lose it will depend on our character as a nation—which is simply the sum total of our characters as individuals.

all governmental expenditures not essential to the nation's economic health and to the national defense be eliminated."

No one knows better than retailers the bitter consequences of wasteful government measured in terms of inflation and depreciated money. They must explain it to consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the waste of the consumers across every store counter in the consumers across every store consumers across every store consumers across every store consumers across every store consumers across every ever in the nation, because "cheap" money means "high" prices.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Michigan's Supreme Court recently approved the State law remains women the right to serve as burmaids (unless they own or are closely related to the owners in establishments selling iquot. Apparently trying to restore the situation to the respectability of the old saloon?

A Hoosier offers this advice: "If you want to be a self-made man, out the working parts?".

Ex-King Farouk, of Egypt, now a refugee Ex-King Farouk, of Expt. now a retugee in Italy, is losing his latest wife, and many creditors are descending a pon him for payment of debts. Were mightly glad the old roue doesn't live in this country, or we'd soon have to support him on relief.

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If and when Hawaii becomes one of the United States of America will the ukulele and grass skirts become a more common sight in our continental night clubs?

For many years Sonja Henie dominated the skating world in this country. Now cometh along another, Barbara Ain Scott, Olympic champion, who takes over where Sonja left off. That's the way of life... you just learn how to skate nicely and then your skates get-dull.

Great and happy things were expected from this new Eisenhower administration of late, things seem to have quieted down along the Potomae. . are Ike and his chief advisers becoming too hesitant in executing the plass they argued during the late Presidential campaign?

So They Say . . .

Dwight D. Eisenhower:

"Tyranny cannot long endure in a world where free men are strong, united and reso

George D. Aiken, U.S. Senator from Ver-

"The peril point has been passed on farm

Y. T. Pyun, Korean Foreign Minister:
"If Russia decides on all-out war, she
(Russia) is going to jump right on the
U.S."



Happenings of Long Ago

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Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric The Items That Make Up The distorical Background Of The Breningham Of Today.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E, MORGAN

The average newspaper reporter does not think of himself as a writer of history—blut he is, the same of the same o

nity, this is brought out more and more each day.

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Till then—we'll be smellin' ya II.E.W."

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ceence is dear."
Pach new atember then is pre-sented with the "Decodorized & kin ks Creed and Greeting, which reads:
The Skunk's Lament

on dead, to himself hath said; is is MY land—my native and, r which I'll fight with tooth and gland.

patrol its front line in the

deep of night
With my banner, striped black
on a field of white
And with stars above set in midnight blues,
Seeking only the food God gave
ime to use,

"All men have chosen to call his foe,"
just why, of course, only they would know.
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That we shoot with a gland instead of a gun.

That man his many sins we de-plore.
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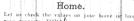
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