

UN Has Its Place—But Not As Presently Constituted

When the United Nations was launched in San Francisco, following the close of World War II, our national leaders (plus the leaders of most other free countries) hoped the new international organization would be able to accomplish many good things for human beings . . . including "peace on earth."

Because Communist Russia became a member, with the power to veto any move or policy offered by the free world, the vast organization has failed to measure up to its previous expectations.

Now that Communist China emerges as a strong nation, there are those, including Great Britain, that want to invite her into the United Nations.

Republican U.S. Senator William Knowland, Ike's Senate floor leader, says if China comes into the UN, he will resign his leadership and fight for the late Senator Lodge against the former League of Nations) for the withdrawal of the United States from the UN. He also was joined in that feeling by the Democratic floor leader, Senator Lyndon Johnson.

THESE TWO MEN, from different political parties, must feel very strongly about the situation. Can they be blamed? For, time and time and time again, we

have witnessed the weakening of Great Britain and France in matters relating to the march of Communism. Indeed, as matters now stand, the United States cannot depend at all upon these two countries to support us in the fight against Communist domination of what is left of the free world.

To be sure, the UN has and can find the answers to many of the smaller problems that arise between nations, just as the League of Nations did. But when it comes to the all-important problem of maintaining international peace, based upon international goodwill and understanding, the Kremlin long ago proved that its words and intentions are anything but peaceful.

PERSONALLY, THE ECCENTRIC agrees with those who believe that Russia, Red China and all other gangster-nations are out to conquer the entire earth, including the United States.

Perhaps we'd better face up to this fact right now.

Perhaps we'd better get out of the UN and organize an international group that thinks, hopes, works, and prays as we do . . . for international peace and personal freedom!

Outlawing Communism

Our American Constitution and the Bill of Rights is designed to protect minority groups of people. That is a good situation. Our people enjoy free speech, free press, choice of religion, right to assemble peacefully to seek redress of a wrong.

But our laws also oppose those acts which injure or destroy life and property. If Communism is a menace to our way of life, preaching the use of force and vio-

lence, then isn't Communism as evil as all other law violations?

Freedom, as such, cannot divorce its beneficiaries from also using a sense of responsibility in practicing and defending freedom. You cannot exemplify freedom by fighting for the entrenchment of so tyrannical a governmental ideology as is practiced by today's Communists.

Unemployment Compensation Racket

Federal officials are so concerned about over-payments and fraud in unemployment compensation that congress has been asked for \$2,500,000 to finance a nationwide investigation. This will be no surprise to those who have watched the unemployment compensation trend in many states.

The investigation thus far has centered in only a few states, but it is understood that over 140,000 instances have been found in which the Government made excessive payments. This represents a loss to the Treasury of over \$6,000,000.

IN ADDITION, initial study indicates that another \$22,700,000 may have been lost because of errors in administrative accounts or because of other fraud.

The Republican administration is reported to be seriously concerned with the entire situation, fearing another scandal.

Although the situation existed, no doubt, when the Republicans came into office, the effect of another scandal at this time would cause many people to believe that this Administration had been lax in this

department.

THE RACKET WORKED by many loafers to take advantage of unemployment compensation laws is a well known process. Either the loafer has another job and does not report it, or he does not wish to work, preferring to subsist on unemployment compensation payments alone.

We have often commented that the theory of unemployment compensation was excellent and that the provision for such relief has prevented much hardship and aided many deserving Americans.

Unfortunately, however, the Administration of this program is not what it should be, possibly due to the law, and possibly due to other factors.

NOT ONLY SHOULD frauds be thoroughly investigated and the guilty prosecuted, but the entire unemployment compensation payments system should be reviewed and tightened up so that chronic loafers will be able to take advantage of this program and live off taxpayers half a year every year indefinitely.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

It is always good practice for parents to make the necessary allowance for their offspring—especially if they have any youngsters in college; say at least once each month.

Now that U. S. Senator Joe McCarthy is back in Washington, he no doubt will see that his name continues to get into the newspapers. It isn't always because what Joe does and says that gets his name into newspapers—but rather because certain news editors want to keep him in their circulation lime-light.

Vice-President Nixon recently attended a political meeting in Jackson, Mich. where exercises were held commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Republican Party there. Local Jacksonites

(male only) allowed their beards to grow, which was O.K.—but don't you think that many of our Republican leaders also ought to grow more masculine hair on their brave chests, thus suggesting an inner courage to improve the contributions of their Party in public affairs?

An honor and responsibility of considerable quality and quantity was recently given to Herbert H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank, when he was elected to head the Michigan Bankers' Association for the ensuing year. As president of the association, he will be called upon to offer leadership to many Michigan financial institutions, not only in matters that relate to the internal operation of banks, but to the impact upon the general public whose personal interests are a matter of vital concern to all bankers. Good luck, Mr. Gardner, as you embark upon this new voluntary activity!

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Look Out for the Teacher



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

"Admittedly, mid-July is an odd time of year to be talking about Christmas trees, but late June is an equally odd time to have a lot of people in a community concerned about one Christmas tree.

A couple of weeks ago life was made hectic in Birmingham on Friday night when an over-size thunderstorm struck the city. Strong winds, torrential rains and blinding lightning whipped the whole area.

The following morning it was reported around town that one bolt had hit the Wakeek building, another a tree in Sham Park. The Wakeek strike brought rain, lightning and a few words of surprise. The tree, well, that was something else again.

EVERYONE inquired as to which tree has been hit, thinking only of the battered old evergreen that has played an important role in the whole community's Christmas for so many years. Signs of relief were heard when it was learned that the victim was a large elm, and that the old tree still

It would seem funny to have Christmas in Birmingham without the old timer. How many hundreds of dollars worth of electricity has burned itself away in the thousands of bulbs that have decked those old branches through the years?

How many hearts have thrilled when the old timer was seen gleaming with the colored lights beneath a snowy mantle? And surely, the Nativity scene would not be the same if it were no longer tucked under the old timer's gently swaying limbs.

THE OLD TREE could tell many a story of Christmas if it were but given the power of speech. It has seen tiny children stare wide-eyed at the new brilliance as well as the Manger scene, year after year. It could tell of voices raised in joyous song as the community sang, "Joy to the world,

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

The house was hushed, his room was dark; His upturned face contained the spark Of one on fire with fierce desire To quench the thirst Of a question great which from him rushed:

"My Unseen Guide, put forth Thy hand And lead me where I understand— Just why I've failed in my few years To do the things expected of kings.

"This lofty height, it might delight The many sons—except this one. But here I am above the throng: What ere I do, I do no wrong.

"Protector Great, do what you are: Be my shield before I yield To someone's say I'm more than clay! My life is long—I've just begun. But there is he who says I've won; Make him see that little me Is what I am—not ought to be!

"Make him realize that in my mind, He is that king, he is that king. At his knee, there I'll be— Thru the years in humility."

B'ham Air Cadets Have Publication

Assuring the management that they are in no way offering competition to The Eccentric, members of Birmingham's Civil Air Patrol unit this week announced the monthly publication of the squadron paper, "The Aerial Observer."

The paper has been published for some time, starting out as a single sheet planned to inform members of all activities. The pressmen setup calls for a four page paper each month, with a social souvenir issue coming up next week to honor the cadet foreign exchange groups which are coming here from Alaska and Chile.

THE FOUR-PAGER will be distributed to cadets and outsiders to give a complete picture of what the Birmingham unit is planning and doing.

Publication is made under the direction of senior advisors, Maj. R. Nelson, squadron commander, and Lt. R. Doyle, PLO. Joyce Ker-

ley, editor-in-chief, points out that one of the most attractive features is the cartoon section edited by Ron Thurston and Ted Schaefer. Future plans, she said, include a more frequent publication, increased circulation and more pages.

★ Smile a Minute . . . Dealer: This vase is over two thousand years old, sir. Customer: Don't try to pull that stuff on me. It's only 1952 now. "What do you find the most difficult on the piano?" "To pay the installments."

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Happenings of Long Ago

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 July 15, 1904
"The name of Circle City never means anything for Bloomfield Center. We are glad through the efforts of Messrs. W. T. Barbour of Bank and Charles Etinchfield of Stony Croft and other parties in this vicinity, the name has been sunk into oblivion and in its place we have "Bloomfield Hills", a name meaning what it reads and costs the proper thing."

"A. W. Campbell, recently elected Justice of the Peace, assumed the duties of the office July 11, 1904."

"Southfield: Oley Russell killed a blue racer one day last week which measured 6 1/2 feet in length."

The Village Improvement Society better put some chairs on the corners so poor tired men won't have to sit on the waste baskets, for they are ruining the baskets, and besides they are not comfortable."

"Lost, a pair of nose glasses, gold. Finder please leave at this office and case an aching heart."

"John Hanna's family are at their summer cottage at Pine Lake. Postmaster Hanna vibrates back and forth at night and morning."

30 YEARS AGO July 11, 1921
With an enrollment of 35 members, the recently organized Officers Order held their first election Tuesday evening with the election of Chester D. Kelly as their Master. Officers:

Since announcement was made by Post Commander, J. T. McGee, three weeks ago that compensation blanks for filling out by veterans or their dependents were ready, only 46 applications have been filed.

Two silver cups presented by Mr. and Mrs. E. Daniels in the Birmingham Tennis Club tournament, the first of which was held on July 4th, will be awarded tomorrow following the matches with Pontiac. The first cup will be awarded to Laurence Hulbert of

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