

Mankind Always Is Threatened By Chains of Tyranny

Ever since the appearance of mankind upon this earth, it has had to wrestle with the problem of getting and keeping personal freedom.

Indeed, mankind has gone a long way from the beastly shackles that run the gamut from slavery to the degree of freedom it now enjoys in many parts of our world.

Yet the problem, basically, remains with us. While no longer do civilized nations, especially anti-Communist ones, keep their people confined in chains or chattel ownership, there continues the problem of mankind remaining free from legislative shackles that sinister minds, and even some well-intentioned people, would place upon them through laws and judicial decisions.

SO IT IS REFRESHING to recall a decision on this subject made by our own Michigan Supreme Court, in the case of "Senefsky vs. City of Huntington Woods, 307 Michigan Reports". This decision is worth your reading:

"In recent times there is a disposition greater than ever before to use the police power to secure objects strongly desired by the public or an aggressive minority thereof. This attitude of mind restricts personal liberty and property rights and assumes that a public desire, when strong and persistent, is the equivalent of a real, vital and compelling public need.

"There is great danger involved in over-

looking the constitutional guaranties and neglecting to give them full force and effect as designed. These guaranties, the result of years of struggle and sacrifice, have been made the very heart of our government process.

"Though the exercise of the police power in its very nature, as the power to govern, includes an indefinite and indefinable element of public welfare which the legislatures may in the first instance determine, subject to adjudication by the courts, which have shown in late years an increasing disposition to sustain, it must be remembered that this essential power has its limitations.

"EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED the wisdom of placing restrictions upon the use of the police power and eminent domain that those charged with the conduct of public affairs may not, in disregard of the rights of the individual, render the government despotic. . . . Constitutional inhibitions must not be set aside or wiped out by every wave of popular clamor.

"There is too much disposition to set aside and ignore the organic law when there is a popular wave demanding such course. It is for the courts to steady the ship of State and hold the organic law intact. . . . We should not suffer it to be used to destroy, little by little, the organic safeguards of personal and property rights until they all disappear."

McCarthy's Senate Vote Important to Ike

Among many other reasons why the Eisenhower Administration is loath to chastise Senator Joe McCarthy, this is a most important one: there are 48 Democrats in the U.S. Senate, 47 regular Republicans, and Oregon's pseudo-Republican Senator Wayne Morse.

If the President gets Joe mad, he may cause himself plenty of trouble in the Senate in getting his program through.

To be sure, Vice President Nixon's vote can, if Mr. Morse goes along, win for Ike. But you never can tell where Morse will go if by McCarthy joins him. . . . well, the Eisenhower program will not get too far this election year.

If the Republicans had a nice majority margin, they could afford to get Joe mad. But they haven't the majority, so Joe must be handled with kid gloves, you see.

Affects of St. Lawrence Seaway

For many, many years the U. S. Congress has battled over the question of American participation in the development of the St. Lawrence River seaway to the Great Lakes, thus opening this inland sea to world marine transport.

Chief opponents to the project have been those railroad interests whose business from the middle west to the Atlantic seaboard would be affected.

Certainly, of course, they are given the right to oppose the seaway project, and to date have been quite successful. But all this merely proves that the affairs of a village, city, State or nation are patterned after the ability of one or more dominant

pressure groups to influence legislation; this is within the design of a free country, to be sure.

HOWEVER, IT MAY BE that this session of Congress will legislate in favor of our joining Canada in the St. Lawrence seaway development, and then the various economic interests involved will naturally make necessary adjustments for their own economic survival.

What may help one section of the nation may hurt another. . . . but that's the way it always has been, probably always will be.

A Quarter of U of M Students Are Married

Nearly one quarter of the students of the University of Michigan are married. According to recent statistics from Ann Arbor, 4,199 of the 17,469 young men and women on that campus are already embarked upon the sea of matrimony.

Breaking down the figures by sex, the University finds that 29 per cent, or 3,435 of the men on campus, and 12.1 per cent, or 684 of the women, are married.

Sixty-eight and seven-tenths per cent,

or 8,148 men, are single, while 86.2 per cent, or 4,852 women, are unmarried. Two and two-tenths per cent, or 258 men, and 92 women, or 1.6 per cent, did not indicate their status.

Chief reason for so many wedded couples, of course, is that the average student age is above normal, because many of them had their scholastic education interrupted by military service for their Uncle Sam.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Leaders of students' organizations at the University of Michigan and Michigan State College are mapping plans to prevent the annual spring "panty raid" activities. That's a commendable goal, students, and may be the best men win.

A 67-year-old wealthy New York woman married a 49-year-old auctioneer. They were together the first 12 days of their

honeymoon. He then disappeared with her Cadillac, \$243,000 in cash and \$59,600 worth of her jewels. He reappeared when he had become AWOL for several days, and learned she had sworn out a warrant for his arrest. Now she won't press her court complaint and merely wants to resume her marital bliss. Boy, that auctioneer certainly put on a real sale!

Perhaps the best explanation of why the young generation does all that it does may be found in observing how the older generation did and still does.

Russian rulers, as we go to press, are still working furiously for piece . . . a piece of every nation they can get their filthy hands on.

You never can tell what some people are thinking by what they say . . . and even a few of them seldom become acquainted with the words that roll from their wagging tongues.

One type of proof of the existence of Providence may be observed by watching some of this nation's automobile drivers . . . if not Providence, then what does protect them?

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There Are Strings Attached



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

In a recent article on Juvenile delinquency, a welfare worker in a large city, noted for her efforts among the children, said:

"Children are like sheep, they follow a leader." With this statement she deplored the amount of publicity given to escapades of youngsters who have strayed beyond what society calls "the thing to do."

In another article, an educator said he felt newspapers were hampering youngsters by withholding the stories of their "crimes." He declared each happening should be given publicity in order to make the public aware of the seriousness of the situation.

There you have the views. Local experience has been that publicity does inspire—but local experience met up with the wrong kind of inspiration.

"OUT-OF-BOUNDS" events, published in daily papers, soon were copied in Birmingham. To be sure, they were copied in Birmingham, to be sure, they were copied in Birmingham, to be sure, they were copied in Birmingham. . . .

TO US that's pathetic. We can't help but wonder at a society where being a decent person, a good citizen, is embarrassing. If that is true, we're worse off than we thought we were. . . .

EVERY COMMUNITY has its young people who are outstanding citizens. Birmingham is no exception.

There are plenty of young people here who go about, quietly, who are doing things which are more

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 March 25, 1904
Organized labor of Pontiac is making an effort to have a union man appointed to superintend the construction of Oakland County's new \$100,000 court house.

A Franklin girl said, "Maw, I wish the Lord had made me a man," and Maw answered: "He had you one—I reckon, if you'll hunt for him."

It is reported that lakes without tributaries in the township of North Independence are liable to be depleted of fish, the severe winter having frozen the water to such a depth that the fish have little air to breathe.

"Brother Bartram, pastor of the M. E. church, the 17th of Ireland smiled all over to see his waiters, his chef, his dishwashers, his potato peelers, his messengers, each and every one working for dear life to support the man's success financially and socially which they did notwithstanding.

30 YEARS AGO March 21, 1924
Without a trace of aromatic bouquets of flowers, with no preliminary speeches, and with no citizen present except this reporter, Wiley Bell, newly elected village commissioner. Money singer drew his chair up alongside that occupied by Commissioner Charles A. Bingham and plunged into his two-year term of office.

Final steps of a movement started last December for the organization of a Rotary club in Birmingham were completed Wednesday noon of this week when 15 local business and professional men met at the Birmwood Inn and formally signed as charter members.

Richard Schoder, six-year-old son of Mrs. Vera Schroeder, 123 South Woodward avenue, nearly escaped serious injuries last Friday when he ran into a motor truck driven by Fred Beatty, at the corner of Maple and Woodward avenue.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

In eight rooms on the sixth floor of Detroit police headquarters, 16 men work with scientific devices to protect the innocent and convict the guilty.

They are the members of what is accepted in police circles as at least the nation's second-best metropolitan police scientific bureau. Only Los Angeles is conceded to have a slight edge over the Detroit bureau.

Just two weeks ago, I had the rare good fortune to make a complete and detailed trip through these eight rooms and to meet the man in charge, Inspector Albert Langtry, and a number of his staff members who were on duty at the time.

My visit to the Detroit Scientific bureau was made possible on the invitation of Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, to whom Insp. Langtry had extended the offer "to drop in any time and see how we work." Moxley thought I might like to accompany him. I jumped at the opportunity.

AMONG THE BUREAU'S equipment explained to me were the lie detector, spectograph, chemical and narcotics analysis labs, ballistics microscopes, and considerable other facilities.

A Detroit police officer for over 20 years, Insp. Langtry has been with the scientific bureau since 1944, took command of it five years ago.

"I remember the day back in 1944 when myself and the inspector were the only two department members," Langtry recalled. "We had very little equipment to start with, but have consistently added to it since then."

Langtry and his men are on call 24 hours a day, and they get called in on cases which range from murder and embezzlement to hit-and-run accidents.

"In fact, there is no crime of major importance committed in the city of Detroit that doesn't involve the scientific bureau in

some phase of activity," the Inspector emphasized.

MY VISIT TO THE scientific bureau strengthened a personal conviction I already had before I entered: that police detection generally is becoming more and more exact because progressively-minded law enforcement agencies are adopting the scientific methods and instruments largely developed by private enterprise.

Thus, each day it becomes more certain that the guilty will be caught, and the innocent will be protected.

Inspector Langtry and his assistants, in my opinion, visibly demonstrate that logic and fact steadily are pushing out of modern police work the personal prejudice, the supposition, and the suspicions that often arise when there is an unknown or an unprovable element in the apparent law violation under investigation.

Everyone seems to think the annual "city-wide cleanup campaign" should start with the backyard next door.

A suggestion to the alert 56 members of the Michigan House of Representatives, who want beer and liquor TV commercials kept off the air:

Gentlemen, why not follow through with your idea and nip these television evils—Low cut dresses and gowns. Mystery programs that actually show a person being murdered or killed.

And all the gun-play in the old Western movies.

And the cigarette commercials which actually show the smoke being drawn into the lungs, and exhaled.

And above all, the false, misleading inaccurate statements made on the air by politicians.

Yes, gentlemen, you've only rippled the surface with your beer and wine gag.

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ICEBOX COOKIES
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1/2 cup butter 1 teaspoon soda
2 cups brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
2 eggs, well beaten 1/2 cup nuts, chopped
3/4 cups flour, sifted 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar together. Add beaten eggs. Sift dry ingredients together and combine. Add nuts and vanilla. Beat well. Mold into rolls, wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight in refrigerator. Slice. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake. Yield: approximately 5 dozen.

Ask for other interesting recipes of your Edition office.

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Mr. Ezra Mason is active in the Women's Auxiliary of the Pontiac Marine Plumbers Assoc. She also belongs to several service groups. But she has plenty of time for homemaking and for baking goodies. . . . a simple trick with the help of her electric range.

New recipes are fun when you know they'll turn out perfect—and they always do when you're an electric cook. Controlled, moist heat is the secret of baking success. No guesswork for surface cookery either—for baking just accurately measured. Enjoy cooking—get an electric range.