

Guaranteed Annual Wage Is Preface To Socialism

Now that the UAW-CIO officially has presented its demands to General Motors for the guaranteed annual wage, you may expect to witness a real controversy between these two gigantic organizations.

The union leaders will use every angle of the subject in the pursuit of its objective. The corporation will, of course, do likewise.

We agree with those who argue that the guaranteed annual wage cannot operate under the orthodox American economy of free, competitive enterprise. How can any business perpetually guarantee a profitable market for its products (unless it has a monopoly on that type of business, which is illegal under federal law)?

ACTUALLY, THE ONLY AMERICAN employer that possesses the power to "guarantee" wages is government itself, which has the power to tax and tax, and tax some more. . . . government whose

very nature is not dependent upon making a profit in order to survive.

Long it has been reported that the Reuther brothers, who dominate the UAW-CIO, are at heart Socialists. To demand and get the guaranteed annual wage is part and parcel of the Socialist method of aiding government and its bureaucracy to take over the nation's private industry—so what have the Reuthers to lose, should their scheme upset the free, competitive system? Absolutely nothing, of course.

WILL INDUSTRY, IN ITS contest over the guaranteed annual wage, reveal the Socialistic nature of this dangerous plan? Let's hope so. . . . the tens of thousands of families directly involved in this coming controversy are entitled to know ALL the facts of the subject. . . . their blood and butter depends upon knowing these facts!

25 Years Of Good Public Service

To have served, with mere token financial compensation, his community in an important civic sense for 25 years, is the splendid record of Clarence E. Otter, of the nearby city of Bloomfield Hills.

In the light of this long and loyal public service, it is quite understandable why Mr. Otter has refused to become a candidate for re-election to the Hills city commission April 4.

"Twenty-five years ago when William T. Barbour, Thomas Talaferro and John Endicott asked me to run for the then village commission, I told them I had no political ambitions," relates Mr. Otter. "But they said it was my civic duty to run for election, if I intended to receive the benefits that living in Bloomfield Hills would give me and my family. After 25 years I feel that I have fulfilled that civic duty."

INDEED, MR. OTTER, all who know of your many personal sacrifices to help your community in its struggles over a quarter century to develop into the beautiful residential area it is, agree you have earned the privilege of retirement.

Make Union Funds Public

Too often newspapers carry stories about the theft and embezzlement of funds that belong to members of a union. It may be in one of the large welfare funds or, as the current case in Detroit, in a credit union.

Unions now are able to get tremendously large sums of money from their members, many of them handling amounts in excess

of the tax incomes of fairly good-sized cities.

Public officials, of course, are required to keep a public record of their income and expenditures, and the same ought to be required of union funds.

No honest union leader will oppose making public his financial books.

See What the Bunny Has for Dad!



ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

Among the millions of words published at the death of Joseph Stalin, and the tons of newspaper used to carry the many varied predictions of the changes to be expected in American relationship with Russia after George Malenkov became Premier, the least possible notice seems to have been taken of the possibility that the Russian government might continue to do business as before.

Recently we saw the deposition of Malenkov and the appointment of Bulganin to the position of Premier. Now has come another great flow of opinion from the "qualified observers".

This time Americans should benefit from their past experience and take note of the fact that, while the advertising on the billboard shows a different star in the lead role, the play inside the theater is the same and that the over-all plan of Communist world-domination remains the same implacable menace which they have long known.

As soon as the Birmingham fire department vacates its present headquarters at the municipal building for a split operation at the two new fire stations, city officials will face a decision on which department(s) will get the newly created space.

Not that there won't be pressure from many points to have at least a share in the new room.

It might be advisable—if it already hasn't been decided—to bring in a good architect to see what should best be done. His advice could be worth many times in the next decade what it would cost now.

"Controversy is not a dirty word," says television commentator Edward R. Murrow.

I agree.

There has come up a feeling that differences of opinion should not be aired on radio and TV programs, and that views should not be expressed to which any listener might conceivably object.

If this theory prevails, the life will be taken out of all programs on public affairs. They will become mere chronicles of phrases, which the commentator may try to phrase entertainingly, but will not be remembered an hour after their delivery.

OUR DEMOCRATIC-POLITICAL system cannot work without the thrashing out of ideas. Our government rests firmly on public opinion. I don't see how public opinion can be formulated without presentation of both sides.

Controversy is vital to true Americanism, it seems to me.

Nothing like a brisk, cold, winter morning to inspire a man to do his best—sleeping.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

The other afternoon we dropped by the Community House for a picture and story and while waiting for everything to get set up, found ourselves in conversation with one of the staff cooks.

Now we, like hundreds of others, have walked into the House many times, seated ourselves at a table, ate a good luncheon or dinner, and walked out.

Never once did the "housekeeping" problem involved in serving this meal enter our minds. . . . Since our chat, we have thought about it often and long, and have not yet ceased to marvel at what is done there.

THE AVERAGE housewife works several hours preparing dinner for her family of four and perhaps four guests. Lunch that day is apt to be a pretty sketchy affair, and skipped entirely if Mrs. Birmingham can persuade husband and children to eat elsewhere.

At the House, though, it is a different story.

They may serve a "breakfast" for a morning group, several lunches and several dinners.

The group having the morning snack is merely dropped in the bucket and little or no problem.

LUNCHEONS are a bit more complicated. They may spread beyond the two rooms which have dinner in the kitchen and bring up the problem of delicate timing. House workers like to serve the "distant" group early to avoid taking service carts through another group's meetings.

These luncheons are followed by program meetings. Members here expect to walk into a room already prepared and no visible sign of a luncheon.

While one crew removes dishes, another is rearranging the room

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of FLORENCE COOKE NICHOLS, Deceased: At a session held court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 22nd day of March A. D. 1935.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing claims against the above named estate shall be the 6th day of June 1935, at one o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are hereby notified and ordered to give their claims at said hearing and file to said hearing to the written claim therefor, with this Court and with the Secretary of this estate under seal, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the Secretary of the nature and amount of the claim.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

★ Smile a Minute . . .

"I would love to share your troubles," she cooed.

"But, darling, I have none."

"No; I mean after we're married."

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Happenings of Long Ago

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

30 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1905

"There was an informal gathering at the residence of Dr. J. L. Campbell on Saturday last, when Mrs. Campbell met her four sons and two daughters, Dr. J. L. Campbell and A. W. Campbell of this place, A. C. and D. L. Campbell of Royal Oak, and Mrs. Felder and Mrs. Crow of Royal Oak. Just as a remembrance Mrs. Campbell presented each of her children with a roll of \$200."

"Through the kindness of the 20th century club of Detroit, our Village Improvement Society is able to furnish school children with a party of seeds at a penny a package."

Stanley Peabody is now in full possession of the Peabody farm at Gilbert Lake and will soon be a horny handed son of toil. Nearly 300 acres of land ought to keep the young man out of mischief and make him a garden spot anyway."

"James VanEver, Sr. near Wing Lake, has taken unto himself a bride in the person of Mrs. Matilda Fuller of Detroit. Jim's friends join us in extending congratulations."

"Dave Rainey, his wife and son, Fred, accompanied by Will Edwards, have gone to Mr. Rainey's new home in Washington, Young Edwards is headed for the Klondike."

30 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1925

A 300 pound bull, in the key of D, to cost \$250 was decided upon by the school board at the regular meeting Monday evening of last week, to be installed on the

new Pierce street school that is to be completed in July.

On Tuesday evening the home of Mrs. A. J. Bruce on Oakland avenue, at the disposal of the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women, was attractively arranged to accommodate fifty dinner and bridge guests.

A party including Mr. and Mrs. J. Bert Peabody of East Maple avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Heckock of Ann street will leave for Los Angeles, California today, where they have been spending several weeks. They will go by boat via the Panama Canal to New York City and from there by train back home.

Gordon Mendelssohn of "Quartermore," Bloomfield Hills, left last Saturday for New York City and the first of the week sailed for London, England. Mr. Mendelssohn, who is an ardent sportsman, expects to attend the Grand National Steeplechase in Liverpool, England, on March 28. Later he will go to Paris for a fortnight's stay before returning some time the latter part of April.

15 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1910

Lawbreaking appeared to decrease in Birmingham in 1929 when 1938, according to the annual report of Public Chief John P. Hackert, submitted to City manager Donald C. Eckert.

A parking lot, a recreation ground of almost seven acres, more property for the schools and several other smaller parcels of land for public use were acquired by the City and School district in the State Land Sale of Birmingham property which draws to a close today.

Lynn Lyle, 9th grade student at Adams school, almost seven classmates were thrilled Wednesday when a missionary balloon they sent forth more than a month ago resulted in a letter from the finder Wednesday. Lynn (she's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lyle, 1347 Yorkshire) got a letter addressed to "Mr. Lynn Lyle" telling about the find on a farm near Wheatley, Ont., 50 miles directly east of Detroit.

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By George



"If you think that's good medicine, you should look in the other boxes!"

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"The fellow who talks about what a fool he is, is certainly an optimist!"