

State Socialism Forging Shackles For All of Us

It was (and still is) only through the application of proper thinking, plus plenty of physical hard work, that the wild and raw lands of what is now our United States have been transformed into habitable, and reasonably comfortable, home environments today.

Only about 150 years ago this Birmingham area was in the hands of the remnants of American Indians; then white families moved in and American genius changed it into a so-called state of civilization.

Because our nation's founders were determined to create a government where free men and women could apply their heads and hands to the job of creating commodities, we have been able to develop our entire economy to its present world leadership.

IN AND OF ITSELF, this device we call Government never produces any wealth; it taxes us for its support... otherwise is presumed to be, under our basic American concepts, a sort of "perpetual pauper".

Only by keeping it poor can it be controlled. Make it rich and it then develops those paternalistic programs that make people, and groups, dependent upon it. Once this dependence is created—like nar-

otics—its "victims" lose their freedom to the shackles of governmental bureaucracy.

If American industry is to continue to expand, it must have freedom from too high taxes and from Government competition which is unequal justice—not "equality under law." Only by continued expansion of our "know-how" in time of peace, can our industrial capacity be assured, which is our chief line of defense in time of war.

THE JOB AHEAD is to preserve the economic integrity of competitive capitalism and prevent its weakening by Government competition and taxation. The unhampered operation of risk capital opens the door to human ambition—the incentive to produce more and more goods at less and less cost. This is the only process that can keep us free enough to be strong enough for whatever is ahead. Enlightened Government, operating as the guardian of the people's liberties, but not their master, can make America invulnerable against all enemies—"foreign and domestic."

What will it avail us to try to stop the growth of Soviet Communism if State Socialism conquers our own nation from within?

We Gave Tito A Billion—He Rejoins Soviet

Joseph Broz—known as Tito, the Communist boss of Yugoslavia, has rejoined the Communist bosses of Moscow.

After taking our doughnuts, he leaves us holding the holes. We gave him a billion, plus, to help him, but when we needed help in Korea, he didn't even send a horse doctor.

Our bipartisan State Department figured that the way to keep a Communist—from going Communist—was to give him money! Are their faces red now? Oh, no, it "was a noble experiment. The calculations weren't wrong, just the risk."

The House of Representatives, hearing from home, has taken note.

All that Broz had against Communism was "good old Joe." All the rest, Broz liked.

NOW THAT JOE IS GONE, and the

gang is left, Broz has company again. "Dear Comrades," says Broz to the gang, "dear friends, we march again with Marx, Engels and Lenin. Long live the Soviet Union!"

But our billion to Broz has gone down the drain. Even last year, with all the Red warning flags flying, we gave this Tito trickster more than we gave Turkey and twice as much as we gave Spain—the two countries that have really proved to be against Communism!

Wouldn't surprise us if our State Department doughnut-cutters now offer millions to Moscow to keep it from going Communist!

That very idea was proposed when the Marshall Plan was born!

Talk or write about this to your Congressmen.

It seems to us, Broomfield really developed a working organization that got out the vote Aug. 7. Now it remains to be seen whether Republican Broomfield can win over his Democratic opponent, Paul Sutton.

Five of the seven Birmingham city commissioners have voted to refuse the gift of a Grand Trunk Western Railroad locomotive, which could have been installed in Eton Park. Recreation Board member W. Coit Alley vigorously opposed the idea, holding that "such a locomotive belongs in a museum, not in a public park." Anyway, present and future local youngsters will never have the opportunity of joyously clambering over an Iron Horse. (But the offer, of course, should be appreciated, even though not accepted.)

In another Presidential election or two, the candidates in both major political parties will be closer to a common platform; each will seek to represent a Santa Claus with a larger pack... gifts and special privileges for all on a sort of "resurrection morn time payment plan." When the majority of people in a democracy get a taste of "something for what appears to be nothing-in-cost", they will vote to keep it.

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NATURE NOW

Nature Displays Wide Color Range

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"I am so glad of the color of things," wrote the poet. And so is your scribe as was evinced on a recent visit to Waugoshance Point, that part of Wilderness state park which juts out into Lake Michigan forming the most northwesterly shoreline of our lower peninsula.

The day was clear and sunny, the horizon lost in a haze of sky and water. But what can I write of this symphony of color on an afternoon in midsummer? I can say that all the blues of the spectrum were impressed there. The pale grey-blue of the shallow led out to the rich cobalt of the deep. The varied tints of a summer sky were held in suspension overhead. Cumulus clouds drifted idly by, their whiteness matched only by the crest of the waves forever rolling landward, forever lost on shore.

STANDING ALONE on the wide strip of whitened sand, which makes the Point's northern shore, I found it banked with stones and driftwood, its mood calm and tranquil. Only a few plants flourish here, patterned and suited to their perilsous life at the water's edge. These include spreading juniper, bearberry, hardy thistle and dog grasses.

In winter the shore is whipped by winds and tortured white with a breaking ice. When the spring comes, the narrow land is inundated, making way for a summer dune flora which is as interesting and beautiful as its characteristic. As I turned from the shore to make my way across the narrow wind-swept finger of land, my feet sank deep into the marshy soil. Here the color of wild flowers is like a running tide. Here is a kind of floral paradise, not showy but rare. Here a botanist stops often to touch, to focus the lens on patterned perfection.

NOW IN LATE summer the rosy purples predominate. Large patches of calamint (Satureja alba) fill the air with aromatic sweetness. The two-lipped lavender flowers grow on low stems with narrow deep purple leaves making bright patches all across the variety. Clumps of gerardia (G. pauperula) lend their rosy hues. Light blue-violet of Kalmia lobelia adds its delicate white-centered flowers to the wild bouquet. At summer's end the gentians will climax the season with the most exquisite blues in the floral spectrum.

Bladderwort, St. John's wort and shrubby cinquefoil provide a wealth of yellow bloom. The first of these grows in scattered patches. It is easily the most unusual flower on the Point, lifting its naked scape crowned with double pea-like blossoms above the soft marl.

AT THIS SEASON its leaves are buried in the nitrogen-deficient soil where their attached bladder strain microscopic plants and animals from the seepage of water. Orange-red always the brightest color in the spectrum, is provided by Indian paint brush, and rose-red by the ripening seed pods of false asphodel (Tofieldia glutinosa).

A few evergreens lend variety of pattern and color to the Point's more protected southern shore. The white birch, its branches laden with new cones, is a study in bright greens. Juniper, hugging the rocky shore, is darkly green.

FEATHERY TAMARAC contrasts its yellow-green with the rich purple of its developing cones. Two more yellow-greens are added as the narrow water-logged fingers of butterwort leaves and the tiny creeping selaginella.

Straggled in a moment of departure, I view a world apart. For a split second the landscape transfers itself to canvas. Water, clouds, the distant shoreline are immobilized and the late sunlight floods the scene to lose itself silently in water and shoreline, in tree and flower.

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
August 24, 1906
The fifty-seventh annual fair of the Michigan State Agricultural society will be held on the new permanent location at Detroit, August 30 to September 7, inclusive.

15 YEARS AGO
August 21, 1921
Assistance in patrolling Hunter boulevard will be given Birmingham police by State Troopers attached to the new Oakland County post, it was learned this week.

30 YEARS AGO
August 19, 1926
Miss Sadie Baxter attended a wedding over at Newport last Sunday, as we previously said she would. She reports that the wedding was a success, and she was so impressed by that she's sort of lost interest in her job at the Star store.

30 YEARS AGO
August 19, 1926
Uncle Bill Bobbitt has been slightly indisposed for a few days as a result of a trip out in the country last week. He found a tree full of sweet apples and indulged too heartily. He said he supposed it would make him sick, but thought it would be worth it.

Our telephone service was interrupted for a while last Friday on account of our operator, Miss Mabelle Young, having to go over to the drug store to see the new magazines that had just come in.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Michigan, its vacationland features, are being broadcast more and more each year to the rest of the nation.

We Wolverine staters know a number of these relaxation advantages available here. But you'd be surprised at ALL the things we haven't learned about, even though Michigan Week events have done a great deal to wake up the state to its natural and man-made advantages.

These combine into a vacation appeal that has made Michigan the fourth most popular vacation state in the nation: natural beauty, variety of terrain and countryside, unexcelled land and water recreation, and interesting scenic and historic sights.

TO MAKE IT EVEN MORE appealing, Michigan's native interest in auto travel has prompted the development and maintenance of every type of convenience for motoring vacationers: 94,000 miles of well-kept highways; 8,400 roadside picnic table sites; 99 roadside parks; and 60 state parks and recreation areas. And vacationers can choose their accommodations from more than 5,000 motels, resort hotels, lakeside cabins and housekeeping cottages located throughout Michigan's two peninsulas.

Resort development in southeastern Michigan offers bathing, boating, water-skiing and fishing as well as proximity to big city shops, theatres, museums, night clubs, big-league baseball and horse racing.

Major attractions include: conducted tours of automotive plants; Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village; Cranbrook Academy at Bloomfield Hills; visits to Canada via the Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron or the Ambassador Bridge at Detroit; scenic drives along the busy St. Clair and Detroit rivers to view huge lake freighters; and the St. Clair Metropolitan Beach near Mt. Clemens, a 300-foot wide crescent of white sand a mile long—the world's largest supervised fresh water beach.

MICHIGAN'S NORTHEASTERN vacation area features scenic shoreline drives along Lake Huron, canoeing and sailing on inland waterways, as well as pier fishing to perch on the Lake Huron shore.

Special points of interest are: Sturgeon Point Lighthouse south of Alpena on US-23; Grindstone City on the tip of Michigan's "thumb"; Alabaster, north of Bay City; Hartwick Pines State Park, north-east of Grayling; the Lumberman's mu-

ment on the Au Sable River inland from Lake Huron; and Fort Michilimackinac at Mackinaw City.

On the western side of the state, highly developed resort and vacation centers are located both along Lake Michigan and at most of the area's inland lakes.

In the northern part of west Michigan trout fishing and canoeing are favorite summer sports along thousands of miles of streams. Among the more popular are the Pere Marquette, Manistee, Boardman, Platte and Jordan rivers.

A TOP FLIGHT NATURAL attraction of this vacation region is the Leelanau Peninsula's giant "Sleeping Bear"—largest shifting sand dune in the world. From Glen Haven you can take a breathtaking ride across the dunes in specially constructed dunesomobiles.

Ultimately all roads in Michigan lead to the Straits of Mackinac that separates the two peninsulas. This is now the scene of one of the country's most exciting travel attractions—construction of the giant Mackinac Straits Bridge, longest single span suspension bridge in the world.

The rugged and beautiful upper peninsula is enhanced by nearly nine million acres of forest, more than 4,000 inland lakes and 1,700 miles of shoreline along Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron.

A UNIQUE FISHING ATTRACTION here is "deep sea" trolling for Lake Superior trout off shore from the resort communities of Grand Marais, Munising and Copper Harbor.

Other outstanding upper peninsula attractions include: the "Soo" Locks at Sault Ste. Marie; Lake Superior's Pictured Rocks near Munising; the Tahquamenon Falls near Newberry; Kitchinetti Spring at Manistee; Brockway Mountain Drive in the Copper Country; Les Cheneaux Islands at the southeastern end of the peninsula; and the Lake of the Clouds set deep in the Porcupine Mountains of the nation's largest state park.

The entire peninsula offers a pleasant blend of modern resort development and secluded "wilderness" hideaways. Two major east-west highways traverse the area: M-28 in the north and US-2 in the south. Both feature many miles of scenic lakeshore driving.

That's Michigan for you. Whether it's beach or mountains for the family, you would not need to look elsewhere for your vacation spot than in your own state, if you would like to take advantage of its advantages.

Chlorine Taste In Water Explained

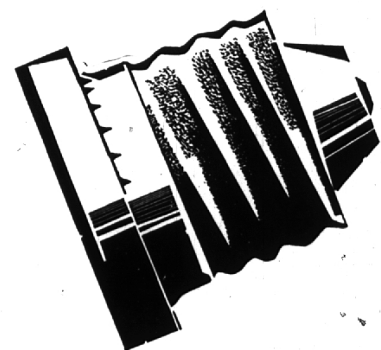
L. R. Gare, Birmingham's acting city manager, pointed to the lack of automatic controls where Detroit water enters the city's system to explain the chlorine taste reported in complaints received by the water department recently.

When the automatic controls, ordered several months ago, are delivered and installed early this fall

the supply from the Southeastern water authority will be regulated and the chlorine taste in the water should be reduced materially, he said.

News copy submitted early is necessarily given preference, so the "early bird" usually gets the space.

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