Insecurity of Freedom Traded For Civil Tyranny!

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It seems that too much of our whole world has lost its belief in its own abilities to claim security through the exchange of work and honest sacrifice for the foods that sustain soul and body.

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It seems that even we who constitute
"... freedom's best and last hope", the
United States, have heeded the siren voice
of that thing called Paternalistic Government, and are willing "to trade our birthright for a mess of pottage."

We live in a land that long ago severed
its political and economic umbilical cord
from ancient Britain ... our land of freedom was won only after its colonists shed
plenty of blood to achieve victory.

TO RETAIN this freedom several other terrible wars have been fought . . . the easily seen, eventually defeated.

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It was the great Abraham Lincoln who once told his people that "... if the United States are ever conquered, it will not be from without—it will be from within."
To the student of these past two decades of U. S. federal and state government, the handwriting is on the wall. Perhaps it always has been!
What, you may ask, does it say?

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SIMPLY STATED: "Most human beings want the most they can get with the least gmount of effort."

Most people would not refuse the gift of a rich inheritance from a deceased relative... and most citizens today stretch out their hands in hopes to get something from their Uncle Sam.

Ah, add to this human weakness the existence of those in and out of government who sound the sizen call!

"Come and get it!" they sing inside and outside the legislative halls—"soup's on ... come on the run and get it!"

YES, THE DAY of the political and conomic quack and demagogue really is

here.
Not all of this world's snake oil is in the

Not all of this world's snake oil is in the hands of carnival sideshow barkers.

All nicely wrapped up in foolish, vain promises, it is displayed by both contemporary major political parties in these United States, as each endeavors to win the acceptance of the most voters.

Utopia still is a far-off place... though still the honest goal of self-reliant people.

LIKE SALVATION, though, it is not for sale in the market place; no legislative assemblies can pass laws that will bring it to you; even the best of religions cannot

A goodly number of Birmingham fathers are doing splendid work in their PTA Fathers' Movie Patrol. Some of these men attend local picture shows every Satur-day afternoon, protecting our children against every form of social harm. They

deserve the entire community's thanks

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

hand it to you in any kind of container...
for salvation always is a personal condition, akin to the Biblical reference to "the
Kingdom ... within ..."
There are those who shout: "In a democracy everybody is supposed to be free
... free from werry, free from tyranny,
free from persecution, free from unenployment ... etc., etc.!"
They mistake the meaning of self-government for the objective of security.

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IN AND OF itself the ideology of "democracy" is only a political device, a pattern of human action, within which the free powers of human heads and hearts is supposed to function, this functioning is depended upon to improve the lot of people. But if the majority of those people who utilize the processes of democracy, or self-government, are not motivated by the desire to work and save, to love and in the loving be loved—if they are not insisting that two and two always are four and not three or five—if they are not willing to apply the rules of commonsense to their political and economic acts . . . then the art of democracy cannot be blamed for the art of democracy cannot be blamed for the negative environment created.

ONE IS GIVEN the power of voice . . . but that does not mean he will always tell a lie, or always tell the truth, or speak mixture of both truth and falsehood. So it is with democracy, or self-governent . . admitted to, be the best method devised, to allow free men and women to covere themselves.

govern themselves . . . yet the most diffi-

cult to keep.

No, Dear Reader, I'm not a pessimist. There are yet many good and splendid days remaining for our people before the shackles of bureaucratic government tyrainy are fastened to our posterity's bodies

BUT TO HIM who reads the handwrit-ing on the wall, who is acquainted with he past history of mankind, the change inevitable. Freedom will have been exchanged for that many suppose is exception.

what many suppose is security . . . but it will be the security of the prisoner of centralized bureaucracy, within a welfare

state.

There is only one way to stop, or at least slow down, this drift into the welfare state in the United States. It is to amend the Constitution, limiting the power of Congress to impose income taxes. Never forget that the power of government is in ratio to the amount of money it has to spend—and until the income tax laws are changed, you can be sure that Congress will continue to tax and spend far beyond actual needs. It is because it has so much money to hand out that the federal gov-money to hand out that the federal govmoney to hand out that the federal government has made so many citizens dependent upon it.

support, and still it is said not to be any-where near enough to do the job. (To be sure, more money is needed . . and it would be obtained more easily, too, if more of today's educators turned out better products.)

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So sharply does winter's, hand transform the landscape that this morning your seribe felt like an alien as she approached a familiar stretch of woods and meadow. The oft-traveled paths were obliterated by deep coverings of dead leaves and patches of show. Trees and shrubs looked unfamiliar beta to many the street of the

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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.

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January 26, 1966

The High School Literary Society was held last Hursday evening to the High School Literary Society was held last Hursday evening and the High School assembly room, in the high school

ber on Saturday evening. A very pleasant time was had by all the manner was had by all the manner was been been dearly for the manner was a way and the manner was a way and the manner was a first of t

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David Ladd, of Madison avenue, when the value of the val

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill most North Americans associate with them. A fiesta might be merely a celebrating table or two at a restaurant, or it might take the form of a picnic or a house

Gino Beehi, Italian operatic haritone, gave a concert from a lion's cage in Florence, Italy. Moreover, there were five lions inside the cage with him. Finding a sudden shortage of planists for such a project, he accompanied himself.

Sometimes it is difficult to be sure whether it is the public which demands this sort of sensation or whether piblicity men think there's nothing left to lattract attention but the spectacular.

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attention but the spectacular.

Since almost constant entertainment by both good and poor performers has been made available by TV, there is good argument for performers complaints that audiences are growing insensitive and unappreciative of quality. They bitterly claim that talent and training are no longer enough, that the public wants a measure of sensationalism thrown in as well.

BUT THERE IS A POINT at about the BUT THERE IS A POINT at about the middle of an overcrowded lion's cage where talent smothered with sensation becomes a measure too much. If the entertainment world is really concerned, let it refuse to sensationalize talent. There is nothing silly about ability truly to entertain, but there is something awfully silly about thinking that throwing talent into a lion's cage is really entertaining.

Go ahead and get angry with anyone who knows more than you! Chances are excellent he cheated and made the most of his opportunities.

Despite governmental crises, Argentinians are incurably addicted to fiesdas. No special excuse is needed for having a fiesta. Any occasion will do, from the weekly pay day to an annual birthday. Such celebrations lack the proportions

mignt take the state they are enjoyed, party.

But whatever the size, they are enjoyed, relished and respected. According to an unwritten law of the business world anybody who announces to his boss that he is celebrating a birthday must be excused from work. This customary privilege recently was upheld in a court decision.

IF THE FREQUENCY OF FIESTAS

IF THE PREQUENCY OF FIESTAS seems excessive, it should be remembered that few, if any, other peoples of the world, value time as highly as we.

A puritanical as well as a pioneering hertuge and a highly industrialized society have accustomed Americans to valuing work for the sake of work alone, and to put, a premium on time.

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Also we have many more entertaining outlets and have never concentrated on any one of them enough to mark it as the characteristic American entertainment.

With the exuberance with which fiestas are enjoyed, it seems certain that in the Latin countries work will never quite take place of enjoyment.

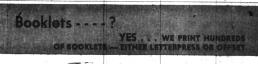
The way I look at it, the best feature ever built into ANY home ANYWHERE is the doors. They permit those on the inside to get to the outside. If you aren't convinced, spend at least a solid week cooped up inside one of these residential boxes, You, too, may discover that man has a new faithful friend.

On Army Exercise Over in Germany

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His wife, Barbara Janet, is with him in Germany.



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