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By George R. Averill

What Top Soviets Have Said About Human Freedom

Present leaders of the Soviet Communist Party are the successors of Lenin, Stalin, and all others who have been prominent in this movement to conquer our world. Perhaps you will want to read what some of them have said—it may add to your belief that human freedom, everywhere, is menaced so long as Sovietism exists.

Socialism First

"It is impossible to establish communism as the immediate successor to capitalism. Hence communists work for the establishment of socialism as a necessary transition stage on the road to communism."—John Strachey, (The Theory and Practice of Socialism), Random House, New York.

"Lenin is our teacher and we Soviet people are Lenin's disciples. We never did and never shall go back on Lenin's directives."—Joseph Stalin, (New York Times) May 4, 1947.

"As long as capitalism and socialism exist, we cannot live in peace; in the end, one or the other will triumph—a funeral dirge will be sung over the Soviet Republic or over world capitalism."—Joseph Stalin, (New York Times) May 4, 1947.

"Who will conquer whom?—that is the whole question. . . . The world is divided into two camps—the capitalist camp, headed by Anglo-American capital, and the socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union."—Joseph Stalin, (Soviet Union) Gospolitizna, Moscow, 1947.

"When people talk to me about morality we say: For the Communist, morality consists entirely of camp discipline and conscious mass struggle against the exploiters. We do not believe in the morality of the bourgeoisie—all the fables about morality."—Lenin (Selected Works) International Publishers, New York, 1943.

Dictatorship Morality

"The Soviet state directed by the Communist Party is the main force which engenders in the masses the standards of Communist morality."—Joseph Stalin, (Izvestiya Gasetta) Moscow, 1946.

"Let the enemy consider us nasty people. From the mouth of the enemy this is praise."—(Pravda), Moscow, 1946.

"In our times it is not the custom to give any consideration to the weak—consideration is given only to the strong."—Joseph Stalin, Central Committee Report, Moscow, 1947.

Liquid Fireworks

TROY—Someone had a gay Fourth of July that if the conscientious didn't bother them too much. Thieves forced a rear window in the Troy Y.W. at 407 1/2 Hall at 3025 Rochester road July 3 and looted nine quarts of whiskey, according to Troy Police Chief David E. Grappo.

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Is Incorporation Advisable For Bloomfield Villagers?

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE — Morris C. Purdy, 215 Glenary, has been appointed to what is probably the most important commission post which exists under the Bloomfield Village Protective Association.

His post, planning commissioner, includes that of studying various types of government which might be adaptable to Bloomfield Village (a village in name only) and choosing one form most suitable for the area.

Village leaders, seeking various types of governments being organized around them, want to look into legal aspects of various forms of incorporation as a "precautionary measure."

"INFORMATION that I am getting leads me to believe that city form of incorporation is much more satisfactory than village form," said Purdy, who added that he had not had time to make definite conclusions yet. He has been in the planning commission post about one month.

What can happen to Bloomfield Village? In its present position, Bloomfield Village is a vulnerable situation if residents there would control their future.

"IT WOULD have to approve that petition and set an election date on the petition's request. If two more petitions are filed involving the same piece of land, the first petition filed would be acted upon first."

This is where Bloomfield Village could run into trouble, much in the manner of those areas in northern Southfield where a petition was filed for incorporation of all of Bloomfield Village.

Nomadic Shriners Go Out of Bounds —Nine Miles Out!

Amplified, six uniformed Shriners streaked through Birmingham Tuesday night on their return trip to Detroit after a visit to the Shrine which they had made in an Arabian oasis in Bloomfield Hills. But it was all a mistake.

The convention Shriners, all uniformed deputy sheriffs who had been invited to dine at a dinner event, caught the attention of Birmingham Patrolman Jack Kalbfleisch, a Norman Propat.

"We were going 85 miles per hour, but we were stopped by the Toad Eccentric. They were blasting the sirens on their shiny motorcycles and running the red lights."

BIRMINGHAM police car finally halted the fest-topped cyclists near 12 Mile road in Royal Oak. The Birmingham police officers, who were in their official and speedy escort had been set up ahead of time with police, who had agreed to cooperate.

Merchants Buy 77 New Flags

Seventy-seven new flags, complete with sleeves, have been added to the flag displays by Birmingham merchants in the past.

The increase in flags flying along Birmingham's streets resulted from efforts of the Birmingham junior chamber of commerce, who sold the flag kits and city commissioners, who are having the forestry department to put up, take down, and store the flags.

Each flag kit included a sleeve for the sidewalk, complete with cap when the flag is not on display.

THE FLAGS, ordered so they could be displayed for the first time on the Fourth of July, wound up in Birmingham, Ala.

However, the sleeves are in now, according to Al Firth, junior chamber of commerce president. Approximately 100 flag kits, or sleeves alone, still are needed to cover all Birmingham merchants. The forestry department service is not available to merchants who do not have a sleeve installed in front of their place of business.

that Wood Creek Farms could not get involved, incorporation-wise, with one other area, until that petition was acted upon and settled one way or another, by Wood Creek voters.

It is not difficult for anyone to gain enough signatures to validate a petition, so it would not be out of line to assume that Bloomfield Village might someday be entangled with some other government to the Villagers' displeasure.

AGAIN, WHAT can happen to Bloomfield Village? Petitions could be circulated to:

1) Incorporate any or all of Bloomfield township into a village, home rule village or one of several classes of cities.

2) Annex Bloomfield Village to Birmingham.

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If incorporation of Bloomfield into a village, home rule village or one of several classes of cities, the charter—and the city—becomes a reality and Bloomfield becomes a part of the city.

Had they seen this coming, they might have avoided trouble by petitioning for some type of incorporated government themselves.

WOOD CREEK Farms, a one-square mile area west of Franklin between 12 and 13 Mile and Inkster and Middlefield, protected its independence by filing a petition requesting incorporation as a village last summer and asking Oakland county board of supervisors to delay action on the petition. Being the first petition filed meant

'Handbill Heaven' Is City's Lot, Charges Ingraham

Birmingham's municipal parking lot is "a heaven" for handbill and other types of advertising distributors, City Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham charged this Tuesday.

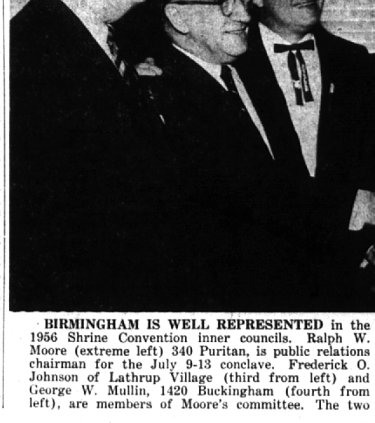
"Hardly a day goes by that I don't have to take some kind of report or advertising literature off my car," he declared.

And what particularly irks him is that he must carry it all the way home to dispose of it. To throw it away on the spot could not a fine.

"I'm right with you, I'm getting tired of it, too," joined in Commissioner William Roberts, who is another all-day parker in the lot.

SO THE commission asked for a report on municipal handbill ordinances any other cities have.

Some years ago, a previous commission considered such measures here, then dropped them when "freedom of the press" guarantees seemed to be threatened.



BIRMINGHAM IS WELL REPRESENTED in the 1956 Shrine Convention inner councils. Ralph W. Moore (extreme left) 340 Puritan, is public relations chairman for the July 9-13 convuls. Frederick O. Johnson of Lathrup Village (third from left) and George W. Mullin, 1420 Buckingham (fourth from left), are members of Moore's committee. The two

6-Month Search Ends in Choice Of Harold Schone

A six-month search for Birmingham's new city manager ended Saturday morning when city commissioners and their new chief administrative officer came to terms on his salary.

He is Harold K. Schone, 42-year-old city manager of nearby Oak Park. He will get \$14,000 a year, and expects to be able to take over his new job sometime between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1.

He succeeds Donald C. Egbert, who on Aug. 1 will take over as engineer-manager of two South Oakland municipal authorities. Egbert is retiring from his Birmingham post after 27 years with the city, 20 of them as manager.

SCHONE was named officially Monday night by Birmingham commissioners in a unanimous vote, the same evening he submitted his resignation to the Oak Park council, effective Aug. 2.

Since the first of the year, city commissioners have been looking over applicants for the post, which drew a total of 30 candidates from Michigan, and as far away as Illinois and New York.

Commission scouting parties quietly visited the communities of several Michigan municipalities, personally interviewed others as late as last week.

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To let him continue there, the Birmingham commission will ask for the resignation of one of its present four supervisors.

Schone expects to report for his new duties here in five to seven weeks, depending on how fast he can settle his Oak Park assignments and responsibilities.

"I have great confidence in Birmingham's municipal organization and hope to fit myself into its plans and policies as soon as possible," he emphasized.

A registered field engineer and native of Kansas City, Kan., Schone became a city manager in Sept. 1942 at Harbor Springs, Mich. In 1951 he took over at Oak Park, then a city of 5,200 people. It now has about 32,000 residents.

In commenting on the appointment, Mayor James Allen said: "To us, the outstanding thing that recommended Schone is his performance in the face of Oak Park's population rise and his ability to get millions of dollars worth of capital improvements made without the political bitterness characteristic of a growing city."

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\$36 Million Retail Gain Here Last Year

Special to The Eccentric

NEW YORK — Significant business gains were made in Birmingham in the past year as its residents, enjoying relatively good incomes and a high rate of employment, expressed their strength in large-scale buying in the local retail shops.

The average family income in Birmingham last year was \$3,456, according to a report by the U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Divided by the number of local families, it amounted arithmetically to \$9,888 per family compared with \$9,224 in 1954.

This was more than most families in the nation had after taxes. The average was \$8,466.

The improvement, which amounted to 6.0 percent, was better than was achieved generally, the gain was 3.6 percent for the United States.

THE RATIO of how much is actually being spent in each community, as compared with its full capacity, is shown in the survey by a "buying power index." This weighted figure is based on such factors as income, sales and population.

It lists Birmingham as able to produce .6288 percent of the nation's retail business. Since a larger amount was taken last year, 3.41 percent, it is evident that Birmingham is the buying hub for the outlying region.

STRICTLY FRESH

GRASS roots movement: when they gets hubby to move the lawn.

Now that the spirit's gone out of the Briedy Murphy controversy, we'll have to depend on politicians to put us into those deep sleeps.

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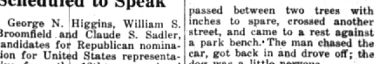
GOP Candidates For U. S. House Scheduled to Speak

George N. Higgins, William S. Bloomfield and Claude S. Sadler, candidates for Republican nomination for United States representation from the 18th congressional district (Oakland county) will speak at the next meeting of the Birmingham-Broomfield Republican club. The meeting will start at 8:30 p. m., July 17 at the Birmingham Community House.

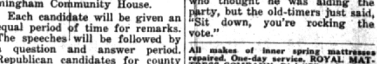
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