

Diplomatic Double Talk

You can get drunk on many things beside love, fire-water and dope. Napoleon said: "There is no drug by which I can get armies to fight and die—no drug but words."
"Aggressor" is one of these words that deaden thought. Who, what and when is an "aggressor"? The United Nations has never been able to define it. In 1976 were our forefathers "aggressors"?

Egypt insists that a state of war has existed with Israel for ten years. But when Israel tries to enforce its acknowledged right to use the Suez Canal, the U.N. calls it aggression. Israel calls it self-defense.

"FORCE" IS ANOTHER intoxicant. The President says: "If the U.N. once admits that international disputes can be

settled by force, then we will have destroyed the very foundation of the organization."
But what are sanctions but force to settle international disputes? By sanctions, you can cut off food and fuel until people die from starvation without being hit by bullets, as millions did in both World Wars.

"The conscience of mankind" is another opiate that blinds men to reality. Isn't it plain by this time that most votes in the U.N. represent nothing but the self-interests of the voting nations?
"With words we govern men," as Disraeli said.

The capacity of mankind to delude itself is immense, and grows as the methods of propaganda increase. Ethics and simple morality are drowned in the sea of words!

Inflation's Pattern In Budget

Edwin Lahey and David Kraslow, two Washington reporters, read the 1,249 pages of the new budget submitted by the Administration. Respecting the "tax-eaters" on Uncle Sam's payroll, they note that there are 2,289,772 civilians employed, and the new budget proposes 40,000 more. Among the total are 273,674

located in France, Germany and Japan. 37,817,000 citizens are receiving direct checks from Uncle Sam each month, including their dependents, according to Senator Byrd. Many of these people are old and living on Social Security payments. They should particularly object to the budget, as it endangers their future support in sound dollars.

Ike's Aid Opposes Thrift Program

Listen to Charles I. Schottland, U. S. Commissioner of Social Security. As quoted by the NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN on April 3, he thinks that "saving for the rainy day" of old age and "the cultural beliefs about individual responsibility" are "hangover ideas of an earlier economic era" which hinder "the fullest use of social legislation!"

Now listen to President Eisenhower, in a message to Congress in January: "Government must pursue policies that give positive encouragement to the spirit of enterprise and protect the essential incentives to work, to save and to invest."

SCOTTLAND MUST FEEL very snugly frozen into his job to flatly contradict the President less than three months after the President had declared his policy.

Congress Doesn't Control Purse

With the graduated income tax, Socialism is inevitable. It was Karl Marx's method to create Socialism. He knew that government becomes domestically powerful in proportion to the money it controls.

Present taxes are a big reason why the \$ continues to be worth less—inflation. We have little fear of a deep depression, but inflation alarms us. Congress has lost control of government spending by losing control of the purse. It did so by inviting so many "federal aid" boys aboard the ship, and is now afraid to lighten ship.

Truman, when President, stated at a Jefferson-Jackson dinner in February, 1948: "Conditions are too grave in the world at this time to put Congress in control of the purse strings of the country." (Yet he had sworn to uphold our U. S.

The President says saving is essential. Schottland says saving for the "rainy day" of old age hinders the "fullest use of social legislation."

Of course, if a man is permitted to save something for himself, wife and children, he can't be taxed to turn all of his savings over to Mr. Schottland. This hinders "the fullest use of social legislation!"
No wonder the United States Savings and Loan Association, with 4,300 member institutions, violently protested Schottland's remarks.

Why doesn't Eisenhower do the same and fire this smart "aleck"? Or has Government got so big that Ike can't know what's going on?

With Schottland running Social Security, no wonder the relief rolls grow and grow!

THE POWER TO TAX INCOME is the power to destroy income. The power to tax property is the power to destroy property, whether by capital levy or other forms. Only reasonably free capital can ensure the continued existence of a Free People.

Those in the 20% tax bracket are carrying about 85% of the cost of U. S. Government. A reduction in spending and taxing would check inflation. Inflation is itself an invisible tax as it makes each dollar to be worth less and less.

The best thing that has happened in years is the present nation-wide revolt against the Federal budget. Even Rip Van Winkle didn't sleep forever!

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Five years from now will newspapers be able to print, in their "Five Years Ago" columns: "It was just five years ago that Teamsters' Union president Dave Beck was kicked off his fat pedestal because of mis-use of union funds. He appeared before a U.S. Senate Committee and refused

to answer questions more than 200 times... using the Fifth Amendment as a refuge. By kicking Beck out, the union literally said: 'Dave, give up the reins and get down from your seat on your horse and buggy... don't you know we teamsters no longer drive horses?'"

Suburban Sidelights by Neil

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"Got to change the lineup—Lefty's tranquilizing pills turned out to be sleeping tablets!"

The Big Question



NATURE NOW

North Woods - - - Enchanted Kingdom

With the city marts left far behind, the north woods country seems like a world apart. It is as if the doors quietly opened, admitting us to an enchanted kingdom where we stand as spectators, enthralled by the magic of the first spring.

Looking back over many holidays in the north woods, it is difficult to believe that we have ever seen the earth bedecked with so green a mantle: flower-studded, bird-chirped, trees bending to so sweet a wind rippling the crest of wave and quiet shore.

DARK WAS falling as we sped northward. Just before we reached Gaylord, five deer, lean and grayed by winter's hazards, came out to stare at the passing motorists.

The season is early. We recall many Decoration/Day holidays when the scrub oak was bare, the new furry poplar leaves just unfolding, the shad bush and wild cherry in bloom. Now most trees are well-leaved and the petals have fallen from the cherries.

After a year's absence it is always a surprise to see how Mrs. Fresh of man's aggression is obliterated by a single season's growth. Paths are covered by fallen branches, seedlings of maple and beech have covered the barrenness of wheel track and parking lot. Here and there the wild has harvested an older tree, its branches sagging under a heavy crown of maple leaves.

ALL SPRING the pileated woodpecker has had his way in the forest. As the season advances he becomes wary of the summer visitor and it is seldom that we catch even a glimpse of him. But yesterday he flew boldly through the cedar swamp and turned on us when he noticed our intrusion. We did not find this particular nest, but sighted another in the dead

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Competition means different things to different people. It's also the thing on which reputations are built.
In its name, many things are done. Friends or enemies are made.
Competitive methods can be wholesome or loathsome.
Your methods are determined by the personal value you place on getting money.

You may be surprised to learn that your automobile contains more than 50 animal, vegetable and mineral substances. The non-metallic items comprise about 20 per cent of the car's weight.
These figures do not account for the composition nor weight of the peculiar objects that sometimes get behind the steering wheel.

The school of journalism at Florida State University publishes a journal of Journalism History, usually devoted to works of professional journalism history teachers, writers and researchers.
The current issue, however, was a special one, and featured the research and ideas of undergraduate and graduate students.
We on The Eccentric were particularly pleased to note that Donna Anderson's history of our newspaper was reprinted on five of the 14 pages in the JHJ's May issue.

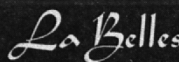
Miss Anderson, now with Chrysler Corp. public relations, was graduated from Wayne University this past January. Her history of The Eccentric, written as a class assignment, was published some weeks later as a feature article in The Eccentric.
Lies please more people, which accounts for the smallness of the voice of truth.
Five weeks ago, this column reproduced a picture from a postcard of old Birmingham 50 years ago. Our comment noted that it had been sent by an unknown "E. T." of Birmingham to a friend in St. Thomas, Ont. The card was returned to Birmingham just last month.
Here is more about it, as mentioned in the Town Topics column of the June 1 issue of the St. Thomas Times-Journal: "That Old Birmingham Card"
"A St. Thomas citizen has confessed" that he is the man who sent the old-time postcard with a picture of Birmingham, Mich., to the postmaster in that city. The picture was reproduced in The Birmingham Eccentric and a reprint sent to the Times-Journal by Mrs. W. H. Jackson, formerly of St. Thomas, who thought someone here could identify the person who sent the card to St. Thomas 50 years or so ago. It bore the initials "E. Y." which a local man declares was the late Ellison Young, at that time on the staff of The Journal here, later managing editor of The Windsor Star. The man who originally received the card and who sent it back to Birmingham declines to have his name published."

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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.

50 YEARS AGO June 14, 1907 "Some snake and broke one of the smaller lights of plate glass in the front of M. Levinson's clothing store Sunday night last and swiped five pairs of boys knickerbockers. No clue..."

"The bill providing a salary of \$2,500 for the deputy auditor general and deputy secretary of state has passed the senate and will be up to Gov. Warner in a few days. The bill increasing the salary of the deputy state treasurer to \$2,500 has passed the senate and is in the hands of a house committee."

"What J. M. Beddoe says: I enclose a check for \$1 for which please start your 'blooming' paper to me. I have been trying to get along without its moral help for some time, but I can't stand it any longer."

30 YEARS AGO June 15, 1927 "No registration will be necessary for the special election July 11 on the \$200,000 bond issue to erect a new grade school on Chestnut and 9th streets, at the intersection of the Chestnut school, according to announcement made today by school officials."

"Plans are complete today for the annual street fair of the St. James Episcopal church to be held Saturday. The parade starts at Pierce and Martin streets, then to Maple to Woodward by Willets to Bates to the church."

James Anderson, Chief of Police: "Our new system of erecting a 'no

left turn' sign at Woodward and Maple avenue on Saturday afternoon, Sunday and holidays is proving very successful. Township people, even though they are not expecting the sign, obey it, as do tourists just going through Birmingham. It saves a great deal of confusion, and is proves invaluable in keeping the heavy traffic moving."

15 YEARS AGO June 11, 1942 "An unnamed denomination seeks to build a basement church on Adams road near Hazel, the city commission learned Monday night. The zoning code prohibits basement dwellings but not meeting places, so the commission ordered the manager to prepare an amendment which would prevent the projected construction."

"Coupon No. 3 in your sugar book expires at midnight Saturday, June 15. Watch this column for a weekly reminder on sugar. The Eccentric has been trying, in a modest way, to stir up interest so that a branch rationing office is established here. Why should our people have to rush out their cheques to Pontiac?"

"Bloomfield Hill" police were puzzled last week while investigating a call which reported that boys were swimming in one of the pools at Cranbrook school. Hot on the trail, the law saw several figures dash into the bushes. When there cried the police, A third voice came back, 'Just us shrubs.'"

Selling your house? Advertise it in the "For Sale—Houses" columns of The Eccentric.