

Pres. Ike: Please Say This to Mr. K....

Here's what we'd like to hear Ike speak to Khrushchev when the latter visits the U.S. next month:

"Mister Khrushchev, you now are in a land whose people enjoy the highest standards of living, the greatest extent of personal freedom ever enjoyed by any nation on this earth.

"Americans first sounded their freedom note at Lexington and Concord! We became independent of British despotism. We went through a War between the States... and Abraham Lincoln emerged a 'man for the ages,' and the U.S.A. was again united solidly.

"Our nation has fought and helped win two World Wars against two modern tyrannies, two merciless dictators... and in one of them we aided your own country to oppose the march of one dictator across your borders.

"NOW OUR BELOVED America, and other freedom-loving nations, is seeking to maintain a world of peace and international good will. You, Mr. Khrushchev, are the current leader of an ideology that you declare will eventually dominate all of

human society. As part of that society we Americans want you to know that we are dedicated to our free way of life.

"We have fought for nearly two hundred years to win freedom, then to protect and defend it. We stand ready to repeat whatever endeavors are necessary to remain free. We stand again, as at Lexington and Concord, with other nations if possible, but alone, if necessary, to sound the clarion shot in defense of freedom, of liberty.

"FOR, MR. KHRUSHCHEV, we are not afraid to stand up against any enemy of freedom... we know that there are catastrophes much worse than war that can come to a nation... the greatest being enslavement to the will and domination of Godless victors.

"So, Mr. Khrushchev, enjoy your visit to America... and only realize, as you go about our beloved land, the faces you see are those of free men and women, free boys and girls. Freedom is our gift from the hands of Divine Providence... eternally we shall defend it against all oppressors!"

Some Uncommon Common Sense

The Governor of Montana, Hon. Hugo Aronson, had home down-to-earth things to say about Federal "Aid" to Education.

His Legislature passed a resolution asking Uncle to build schoolhouses for them. The Governor vetoed it.

He said: "Our schools rank along with home and church as a bulwark against the forces that are forever seeking to destroy our Republic.

"Those at the State and local levels are best aware of the quality of education being given our youth.

"Federal Aid will take more and more control from the State and local levels. The Federal Government always sets up certain standards for States to meet. Each standard is another delegation of power to the Federal Government.

"FEDERAL AID MAY sound like a 'get-

rich-quick' panacea for all educational problems. However, one must remember that Federal dollars still come from the same taxpayers as other tax dollars. There is no hidden mother lode. It is far cheaper for all concerned to pay taxes at home than it is to send them elsewhere, only to find out later that you have lost control of your educational system and your dollars have had a tariff extracted from them.

"If the money is available for Federal Aid, then it is available at the local and State levels. The only Federal Aid needed is for its proponents to support a return of some tax sources to the State and local levels."

Unnecessarily centralized government always creates more problems than it can ever solve... because many problems can best, often only, be solved closest to home.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Wonder if the wives of some celebrities feel they have lugged around those huge bouquets they receive from admiring individuals and groups? It's a nice gesture... but why not, now and then, give the gifts of kinds that may be acceptable to their husbands? Or might such a tendency identify some of the masculine gifts as similar to mink coats, deep freckles... and what were those gifts given to Ike's former aide, Sherman Adams?

Gurdolen Disposal recently confided to one of her neighbors that she is an ardent champion of crab grass... "I like to see it flourish so that John is required to spend hours out on the lawn... and then I can watch my favorite TV programs", she yawned. (Gurdolen denies that she'll ever want to be a grass widow.)

It is a great mistake to assume that all top-level politicians are, or become, honest, unselfish, able and dedicated to the public interest. They seldom change from what they were before elected to office. That is why good citizens ought to learn how candidates measure up to the virtues and

competencies required of good public officials.

Walter Reuther recently blamed President Ike's administration for losing two billions (at least) in U.S. productivity because Ike has failed to play the part of God. Reuther might just as well blame Deity for the mess our world is in!

Democracy's educational task is first to prepare youth for the most serious business of being good citizens. This means teaching the value and virtue of personal freedom, something of the theory and art of politics; it certainly emphasizes the need of the utmost vigilance of their various governmental units... to prevent the anaesthesia of citizen apathy and indifference from eroding the fertile soil in which freedom can be made to flourish. Teaching only professional techniques, or the usual liberal arts, without the curricula for good citizenship—well, that's an easy way to lose a nation's liberties. You cannot get along well in a foreign country unless you learn to understand and speak its language... you cannot enjoy freedom unless you learn to understand and speak its language.

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Summertime Visit To Paris, Eperton

It was August in Paris where the slow stain of summer lay on tree and leaf and flower. On this day in 1957 the Tuilleries Garden laid out during the reign of Louis IV was only a well-worn park with dust lying thick on its beds of red geraniums.

A handful of tired but curious tourists searched the stalls bordering the Seine's west bank each hoping to unearth some hidden treasure. The quiet waters of the east bank make a border for the splendor that is Notre Dame with its rose window and its flying buttresses.

As we made our way along the Champs Elysees a light breeze stirred the drooping branches of trees. But the eternal flame burned on the horseman and sycamore brightly marking the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and in the distance the Eiffel Tower rose high to meet the blue of a late summer sky.

THE NEXT MORNING we were early on our way to Eperton, a small French village some 50 miles south-west of Paris. The train sped past famed Versailles and rattled on through the rolling countryside. Here we saw once more the familiar trees of the North Temperate zone: larch, beech, sycamore, birch, chestnut, maple and oak. Thousands of years ago these spread southward over Europe from the first northern hardwood forests even as they did on our own continent.

The train whistled and stopped. We were in Eperton, a village which has changed very little since the 16th and 17th centuries. We wandered along the narrow cobblestone streets where the old houses, their curtains trimmed with hand-made lace, crowd the small door-yard gardens. In one of these grew two large clumps of blossoming rhubarb thus combining beauty and utility.

BUT THE IMPACT of this primitive living was lost in beauty when we stopped in front of a florist's shop to admire a display of white gladiolus and rubrum lilies interspersed with maidenhair.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 20, 1929

"The new building being erected by Whitehead & Mitchell on Pierce street is for the express use of the telephone office and The Eccentric office. This paper will occupy the entire first floor. The telephone office, which has been leased to the Michigan State Telephone Co. for 10 years, will occupy the upper floor and nearly all of it."

"George Evans, while at work in the brick yard Monday last took a header from a scaffold overhead landing head first into the pugmill. At first all thought that Mr. E's days were over. Dr. J. L. Campbell was hastily summoned and after bandaging a cut of an inch or so long, the hardy superintendent went back to work again."

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 15, 1929

"Village Attorney Clarence H. Ogden is investigating Birmingham's ordinances to ascertain if there exists legislation covering the control of stabling horses and conducting dog kennels in the residential areas of the community. If he does not find a statute suited to the elimination of such nuisances, he has been instructed by the commission to prepare a proper ordinance for passage within the next week or two."

"Fornal speaker of the new Orchard Lake clubhouse is scheduled for Saturday night. Approximately 300 persons are expected

to attend the dinner-dance which sparks the opening."

15 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1944

Consumers power company paid for a special election in Birmingham Tuesday. The company's gas franchise was renewed for another 30 years. There were 209 'yes' votes, 4 'no's."

Names of 46 Walnut Lake men and women are on the war memorial which was dedicated by Air Force officer. The memorial at Edgewood and Walnut Lake roads was sponsored by the Walnut Lake men's club.

STRICTLY FRESH

Fellow who can do his job and always have two hours left in which to loaf is either brilliant or doing a poor job.

No honest work is too menial if one's aspirations are high enough.

Friend of ours has his eye on the boss's daughter. Spends all his evenings at the Old Man's front porch, says he's working the swing shift.

A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered mind.

Fellow who's always first man in the office should have his watch adjusted; it's running fast.

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