

## Labor Needs Fair Regulating

In spite of what most labor leaders say to the contrary, informed Americans realize that certain restrictions and controls should be placed upon the activities and operations of the vast majority of labor unions. Secondary boycotting, the use of coercion and compulsion to make people join unions against their personal notions of American freedom, illegal picketing, and numerous other of labor's "weapons" should be eliminated by law.

Indeed, many believe that labor's monopoly must be broken, just as business monopoly is contrary to the general public welfare. Yet there are those in Congress today who want to push through a law that is so weak that it will not protect the American people (including union rank and file members) against real and potential labor tyranny.

THE EVIDENCE REVEALED thus far by the U. S. Senate McClellan Rackets

## Why Work? Biology Provides

Want to know how to live without working? It's simple. Vote for the Welfare State and have kids. This is the way to independence.

Mr. Brooker, of England, lives with his wife, 13 children, 12 dogs and 1 cat—28 in all.

And he doesn't work. Not that he's sick. He's well. Not that he is rich. He's not. He has a mortgage on his house.

The fact is, he can't afford to work. The British Welfare State gives him subsidies and allowances of cash, groceries, milk, clothing and free doctors' bills amounting to more than he could earn if he got a job.

SO THE OTHER BRITISHERS, who do have jobs, but not 13 kids, have the job of supporting Mr. Brooker, as well as themselves.

Committee vigorously proves the need for new and stronger labor controls. The threat to American political, economic and social freedoms espoused by certain of labor's elements is just as dangerous as the threat of an alien ideology.

We tax our people for Soviet Russia's efforts to take over our nation . . . yet, from within, certain of our top public officials condone, even defend, the alien ideologies, the un-American enemies that lurk within some of labor's policies and actions.

Lord help us from all demagogues who, though some of them claim good intentions, may and can become veritable dangers to the cause of human freedom.

What is the real difference between a gun in the hands of a foreign enemy, and the various weapons of a domestic enemy of freedom? Both bear the chains of slavery. Both fear, and thus seek to destroy, personal freedom of the people!

## New Record or Old Tune?



## NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frehse Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

### Black, Gold Queen Begins Spring Job

Have you seen and heard the first bumblebee of spring nuzzling and humming over the early flowers of trees, wood lots and gardens? This insect is a queen of her kind, bedecked in black and gold velvet.

The only survivor of her last year's colony, she has spent the winter hibernating in most leaves or a crack in the ground. Having dined on nectar, she begins at once to search for a possible nest site. She flies hither and yon, probing underground into some discarded animal home preferably that of a field mouse or chipmunk.

Once satisfied with her choice, she begins to huddle a colony, first feeding a spot to place a little platform of pollen mixed with thin honey from her crop. This she crowns with a wax cell the size of a pea.

She then fills it with six to twelve eggs and seals it. Next she makes for herself a small wax pot filled with honey, which she places nearby. This is her rainy-day food supply.

After a while she begins an unexpected bee-chore; she sits on her eggs like a barnyard hen throughout the four days it takes to hatch the first larvae. These feed on their bee-bee platform, making there in a hollow which serves as a cradle. The mother supplements their diet with a milky liquid from her crop which she inserts through a hole in the waxen cell.

AFTER ELEVEN days the grey, grub-like young enclose themselves in cocoons, from which they emerge as full-grown workers. The queen continues to lay and hatch eggs until there are enough work-ers to care for the young and do the household chores. Henceforth she remains underground to enlarge the nest with more egg-cells clustered in one lumpy colony.

Many of you have seen the untidy nest, a jumbled mass of yellowish papery cells filled with eggs, larvae, cocoons and bee-bread. It is made to last for a single season; the honey is strong flavored and there is seldom more than enough to feed the colony. The early worker-bees are what their name implies; they work but they are infertile. Their furry bodies are covered with split or fringed hairs which hold pollen like a human holds dust.

THE WORKERS visit many flowers difficult to pollinate, such as larkspur, columbine and jewel-weed, whose nectaries can be reached only by the extra long tongue of the bumblebee. Such species as the snapdragon open their throats to this heavy insect which alights on the lower lip, exposing both pollen-laden anthers and the entrance to the nectary. Most important of all, bumblebees pollinate red clover. Without their industry it is impossible to grow and seed this important forage crop.

With autumn's draw near, the queen bee's body becomes cold and inert. As a final gesture toward life, she leaves the nest to crawl off into the grass to die. Winter finally ends the life of all her comrades except the young and already fertile queens. Each of these, guided by an infallible instinct, hibernates for the cold months to awaken on an April morning, to sip hungrily of the first spring flower nectar and to repeat the pattern of her kind.

The bumblebee is the elephant of the bee family. Scientists can prove that her body is too large in proportion to her wing surface to sustain her in flight. However, in spite of their calculations she buzzes her way through the long summer days, soaring from one flower nectary to another.

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Today's world society of human beings stands on the threshold of two extremes: progress toward more civilized status, or something close to atomic-hydrogen bomb annihilation. The final determination of which of the two shall become mankind's near-future destiny depends upon the abilities of national leaders, supported by their populations. Personally, we believe that immediate or near future nuclear war will not take place. If it doesn't, then mankind had better set its respective domestic houses in order—and by that we mean the greater teaching and examples of all those qualities that are contained in the basic roots of Truth and Freedom. To do less is to court future international tensions and crises . . . with more definite encouragement of actual war!

The Detroit Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi recently awarded special tributes to seven area newspaper men, among whom was 84-year-old Joe Haas, of Holly, now on the

editorial staff of The Pontiac Press. Joe was among my first circle of Oakland County weekly publishers, when I came to Birmingham 39 years ago last February. He ran a one-man shop . . . well and profitably. I rejoice in Joe's SDX award . . . and long may he continue to serve his profession!

Twice unsuccessful as a Democratic candidate for U.S. President, Adlai Stevenson currently says he will not be after the nomination again in 1960. "I think it's time for some one else", opines the gentleman. But, in politics, strange are the bedfellows who manage to sleep under the same blankets.

Ancient Winston Churchill has announced his willingness to run for England's House of Commons. At a youthful 84, Churchill has been a member of the House for 59 of his busy years. As a political figure, he could be called a "Rock of Gibraltar".

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## ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

The New Testament declares: "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

What more apt description could be made of today's stalemate in Michigan's legislature?

While our legislators sit around accomplishing nothing, the situation is getting to the point where the public can't stand it.

Clover Hill Cemetery Manager Andy Merrill says these old TV movies have at least one benefit:

"They've shown this newest generation that once upon a time, the Russians were the good guys and the Germans were the bad guys!"

Editors get the most unusual information in their mail. Most of it comes from news releases which carry a plug for the product or company mailing the release (why else would they be mailed?).

Take this odd bit of information from Thursday's accumulation:

"His thoroughbred had to depend on a brain instead of his brawn, he'd be a sure loser. Not that a horse is stupid, mind you. But in a list of the 10 most intelligent animals, the horse scrapes bottom. Even the pig is more of an intellectual."

What a piece of news! Now when you hear someone say you're "pigheaded", thank him. If he says you've got "good horse sense", let him have it right in the kisser!

## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

**50 YEARS AGO**  
May 7, 1909  
"Perhaps you have noticed a little brown dog going towards home early every morning. If so, don't think that he has been up to some mischief, for he has only spent a peaceful night at the telephone office and is on his way home to breakfast."

"A skin from an immense King snake killed by our own John Wilkinson, of Southfield avenue, at his Florida home last winter hangs in our office. His snake-ship is not poisonous, but does whip and kill any other snake that crawls. Uncle John has a fine collection of Southern curios."

"Don't meet trouble half way; it isn't worth the trouble."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
May 2, 1929  
"Music can be had for the asking in one place in Birmingham. The Radio Shop, west Maple avenue, will loan radios to village organizations for an evening of musical entertainment. Members of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church were entertained in the manner last Saturday evening."

"Leveling of 100 feet of Woodward avenue frontage immediately north of The Eccentric office is being completed today and the land will be used as a parking lot. It will be operated by M. Lowman. The property is owned by Harry Rainey of W. Maple avenue."

**15 YEARS AGO**  
May 4, 1944  
"Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Woolfenden, 543 Vinewood, have been at Fort McClellan, Ala., several days visiting their son, Sgt. George A. Woolfenden. Sgt. George has been an

instructor in the infantry cannon company for about a year and a half."  
"Most persons will be interested to know that a new silver ration stamp is now good. It is stamp No. 2 "airplane" in book three and became valid Monday, No. 1 "airplane" stamp remains good until further notice."

"Two thefts reported to police lately include theft of tools and a tire from a car owned by F. W. Raetzke and theft of a package of merchandise from the Indian Art and Craft Shop."

### STRICTLY FRESH

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