Stop, Thief! Stop This "Thief"!

Every time the treasury of the U.S. issues extra new bonds, bills or notes against the faith and credit of the people of the United States, it is guilty of the original sin of inflation. The extra money it thus puts into circulation "waters down" the currency already in use; it is simply reaching into your pocketbook and "stealing" (and that's what it is!) your income, our wages. Since 1939, the ever-yawning your wages, since 1955, the ever-yawming, hungry maw of the federal government, (aided by a few other related mechanisms in our economy) has reduced the value of the American dollar by more than half

Are you on a pension? Do you live wholly or partly from annuities, from fixed investments? Do you have a life

insurance policy? Do you own U.S. govern insurance poincy? Do you one of any of the above you are being "gypped" every day that your Uncle Sam spends more than he takes in . . . or when he spends on a variety of boondoggling schemes.

There is a way to stop most of this— if you are sufficiently opposed to it. How? Contact your U.S. Senator or Congress-man, by telephone, telegraph, letter or in person. Let him know how you feel ... and conclude by telling him that "from now on I'm going to watch you and if you fail to vote for a more economical federal operation I'm certainly going to vote against you at the next election!"

You tell him . . . and tell him often!

U.S. Catching Up On Culture

Europeans who number themselves among the so-called intelligentsia have traditionally poked fun at America's supsed cultural shortcomings. They have posed cultural snortcomings. They have joked, though not always in good humor, about our "cola-culture." This attitude of intellectual snobbery has thrived despite clear evidence, in recent years, of U.S. cultural development.

Those who believe that American de-votion to things cultural still suffers in comparison with that in Europe should look at the evidence and take heart. They would do well, particularly, to consider what the London Times recently said. The Times, which ranks among the

handful of the world's greatest newspa-pers, notes that the United States stands and shoulders above the rest of the orld in the development and use of the

symphony orchestra. It points out that the 500 orchestras functioning in this country represent more than are possessed by all the rest of the world together.

NOR ARE THESE symphonic assemblies the result of massive government subsidization. While boxoffice receipts seldom keep such orchestras solvent, their deficits have been made up for the most part by individuals and businesses within the immediate locality.

Though Europe is the cradle of our culture, the New World need no longer

culture, the New World need no longer feel inferior to the Old. Symphony orches-tras comprise only one aspect of this new state of affairs. In literature and painting and sculpture, too, much of the best work and much of the most devoted supportis now found in the United States

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Whatta boy this Paul M. Butler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has turned out to be! Recently he blamed President Ike for the tragic death of those Navy band chaps; and he later ap ologized for saying it. Now he has "leaked it out" that he believes Senator Kennedy will be nominated for his party's choice for president—and at once Senator Hum-phrey jumped all over Butler, demanding his resignation. But the Demos will have to put up with the irritating Indianian until July, when the National Convention will be held in Los Angeles. Butler then will retire to his law practice . . . and, no doubt, find more comfort away from the frantic frenzies of big time politics. (But it must be admitted that he managed to develop a first-class dislike, almost hatred, of the Republican party.)

The U. S. State Dept. rightfully, we believe, criticized the South African government for killing and injuring Negroes who opposed certain of the white man's laws and customs. Yet that same State Dept. refuses to "tell off" Cuba's Fidel Castro for expropriating millions of dollars worth of U.S. citizens' property . . . also remains

silent while Castro and his henchmen are setting up what appears to be a Communistic regime — and right to the U. S. front door! (It's certainly difficult for the average American, and millions of eigners, to understand our foreign policy.),

Telephone companies report that many women are purchasing telephone opera-tors' headsets. This enables the lady to have both hands free for much household work, at the same time enabling them to carry on telephonic communications with whomever their fancies wish at the moment.

It is no mystery that Mamie Eisen-hower, like her predecessor Bess Truman, isn't exactly in blissful love with the social and protocol duties of being a President's helpmate. So some authenticity accrues to the forecast that Mamie turning some of these activities over to her very lovely daughter-in-law, Barbara. 'Tis rumored that she may accompany her Dad-in-law on his forthcoming trip to Russia and Japan. Fortunately, Barbara graces every occasion.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Now that we have told our Birmingham school board in effect, "Do the best you can on the money you have," who's next—Senator Harvey Lodge, Reps. Farrell Roberts and James Clarkson and their Lansing colleagues?

Then on to Washington for Senators Pat McNamara and Phil Hart and Rep. Bill Broomfield?

Or has our "crusade", our energies tak-en us only as far as the board room in the Hill school building on Chester street in downtown Birmingham?

can live alone and like it only if YOU have made the choice.

Birmingham City Commissioner Flor-ence Willett still is battling for some im-proved walking conditions along the north side of Maple from Southfield west to Lakepark avenue.

She's not one of those women who have to be toted everywhere. She likes to get out and walk regularly.

"But the city is making it too difficult for anyone to walk along the Rouge ravine," she declares.

HER GENTLEMEN COLLEAGUES on the commission aren't interested, they have let her know, in constructing a regular sidewalk. The other day she suggested a narrow strip of asphalt—"just some-thing to keep up from getting all muddled

Commissioners responded: "But there's been no one else up here complaining about the situation!"

So unless there are other townspeople who have been silently putting up with Maple mud, dirt, tree roots, bushes, and traffic—it seems Mrs. Willett will continue to walk alone.

"Yeah, I'm Beat---So What?"



Nature Now Is on Page 5-B

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

School Millage Defeat Blessing In Disguise?

To The Editor:

As one who voted "Yes" on the millage proposal I would appreciate an opportunity to offer a brief post-mortem. I don't think this defeat is going to cripple Birmingham's schools and it, may well turn out to be a blessing; I disguissed to the proposal of the proposal of

Happenings of Long Ago

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April 19, 1930
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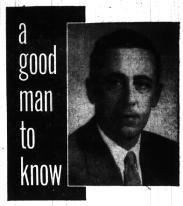
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