

A Reason U.S. Industry Goes Foreign

The International Ladies' Garment Workers Union recently struck four plants of the Kenmore Manufacturing Company. For what? More pay? No. Better working conditions? No.

The Union is striking its employer to keep it from building a factory in Ireland, or—if it does—to require it to indemnify its 1,200 employees against the possible loss of their jobs.

Well, well, the chickens are coming home to roost! The position of the I.L.G.W.U. is understandable enough, for who wants his job exported to foreign lands?

BUT WHO PUT THE AMERICAN manufacturers of clothing, steel, autos, cameras, toys and scores of other industries in the squeeze of foreign competition? With domestic wages six times those paid in Ireland, and two, three and four times

those paid in other foreign plants making the same articles for the same markets, just what would you have manufacturers do?

For the ominous rise in the export of American jobs, organized labor is more responsible than any other group in this country.

Organized labor, enjoying monopoly power by the grace of Congressmen they elect, continues to push relentlessly for more pay and shorter hours. It has supported 70 billion dollars of foreign aid which have largely gone into the most modern foreign factories and equipment.

And it has ceaselessly promoted more and more Government spending at home to add to the tax burden of all job providers.

It is now caught in its own trap!

Prof. Wants Arrogance & Humility

A University of Michigan professor of design declares that "a creative individual should possess both arrogance and humility." He is Aarre K. Lahti. "This may be paradoxical," he writheth, "but the creative person must have the arrogance to feel he can improve upon what exists and contribute beyond what has been done before. Without this quality he will be defeated before he starts.

"At the same time, he must have the humility to say to himself: 'Others, who have not been slouches, have struggled

with this problem. I can, too!'"

WELL, MISTER LAHTI, you've got something there, we are sure. But don't you believe that your use of the word "arrogance" should have been withheld and in its place something synonymous to "self-confidence, self-assurance" would have sounded better?

After all, "arrogance," according to Webster, implies "a sense of superiority which manifests itself in an over-bearing manner." Perhaps, Sir, you really didn't mean what "arrogance" means, after all.

From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

Plenty of "talk" these days about "doing something for your country—to make it strong and safe." One can do very little to achieve such an objective unless he is willing to make some sacrifice, or sacrifices. We do not mean the greater willingness to pay higher taxes, either. This form of "loyalty" amounts to little in the inventory of what one may offer his country. Instead, if more or us were willing to forego more of our own pleasures, our own pleasures, our own worship of materialism (and we mean this very vigorously) hunger for understanding of life's demands in defense of liberty and freedom . . . if we were more willing to demand less of gadgetry and give more of self-sacrifice . . . well, only of such stuff is human freedom achieved, then defended. Is each of us really living the life of a dutiful, responsible free citizen?

Dear Reader, please remember this: The higher the echelons of politics, the dirtier it can, often does, become—as witness the current American scene. Political activity close to home is, generally, performed on the basis of common honesty and decency; local candidates for city, township, village or county offices generally act like ladies and gentlemen. But from them on, the game is faster and, as we have said, dirtier. Too bad, isn't it?

Cyrus J. Eaton, the Cleveland, Ohio, multi-millionaire friend of the Soviet's Khrushchev, recently was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize. It is one of the Soviet's highest civilian honors. We hope that Eaton will soon become aware of just how he is "playing" into Khrushchev's hands—at least we join many Americans in reacting thusly to the Cleveland's apparent pro-Russian loyalty.

That seven-year-old youth who successfully plunged over Niagara Falls, and lived to tell it, is destined, we presume, to become exploited by some enterprising press agent. The youngster, you may recall, was thrown from a small boat when the craft was not too far from the edge of the Falls; luckily, he was wearing a life-preserver, else the story might have ended tragically.

Let's admit it! Let's agree that, for pure show of the carnival type, the Ole Democratic Party far surpasses the Ole G.O.P. The Demos certainly are a scrappy crowd; they fight like the chickens before and during their national conventions . . . then they spend the time thereafter fighting the Republicans. Apparently, they like to fight.

Use of the radar-telescope, say the experts, has revealed that a sort of hissing sound emanates from the Milky Way. Sour cream—maybe?

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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Richard M. Nixon as President. Henry Cabot Lodge as Vice President. Some of the people who want their men in the White House next January.

But there's another large group which wants the Presidential Seal in the hands of John F. Kennedy, and the Vice Presidential seal on the desk of Lyndon B. Johnson.

BUT THESE FOUR MEN are going to give all their attention to the people in the middle. These are the so-called "independent voter," the one who makes up his mind at the last minute on the issues, the personalities, the speeches, the appearances or any one or more of the many things which influence voters to vote as they do.

Many people I've talked to since Thursday night's GOP convention ended look

now for a political campaign the likes of which this country has not witnessed in several generations.

Nixon and Lodge are closely matched with Kennedy and Johnson.

LODGE MAY TIP THE BALANCE in favor of the GOP ticket. The question, "Which team can best keep us from war yet outmaneuver that Kremlin crowd?" is in most voters' minds, according to the pollsters.

The way Lodge has been handling Mr. K and Co. has won much admiration, both Republican and Democrat.

I only hope the political maneuvering in this campaign doesn't take the voting public's eyes off the real issue as I view it:

Who can accomplish the most for this nation without wasting a dollar or an American life in the process!

'Charge!



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Police Cooperate In Alerting People To Parking Ban

To the Editor:

In the July 21 edition of The Eccentric, you published a letter addressed to the Bloomfield Twp. police, from the unhappy recipient of a parking ticket. As a word of explanation to Mrs. I.M.O., a survey of parking conditions was conducted by state and Oakland county police. It was found that parking on the side streets of Westborne and Middlebury would not allow entry and exit of fire equipment into Westchester Village. As a result, "NO Parking Signs" were very clearly posted.

The Birmingham police have attempted to assist in enforcing no parking on these streets by warning "school traffic" that violators will be ticketed. Most drivers move their cars.

Some ignore the warnings or, worse, voice their sarcasm at the officers and are surprised and unhappy to find tickets when they return.

EVEN THOUGH Cranbrook road is posted with no-parking signs on both the Birmingham and Bloomfield township sides, the township police have cooperated with Birmingham and allowed parking on the township side of Cranbrook for almost all school events.

Along with the many other problems encountered by our extremely busy township police, they have been kept quite busy with this difficult parking problem. Frankly, they are to be commended for their efficiency and results they have obtained to date.

Mrs. I.M.O., I hope this explanation will shed some light on your problem and we can count on your future cooperation.

Thanks Eccentric For Harc Coverage

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for the splendid coverage on James M. Hare. I'm sure that some day soon you will be proud that you gave Hare your attention.

The turn out for Hare on Friday, July 22, was good, and particularly so in the rural areas. His wife, Ann, accompanied him on his tour of Oakland, as Meretrotte scheduled. She, like her husband, is truly loved by the people.

Thank you again.

CASS S. JAROS, Coordinator.
Hare for Governor (Oakland)

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

August 3, 1910
A Birmingham citizen wrote an open letter to the road commission complaining about the condition of road maintenance. Mr. J. H. Hortle suggested that the commission, Mr. Reed, preferred to retard the work rather than assist in it. Mr. Hortle also complained of the dust nuisance on Maple road.

A large party was held at the home of Mrs. W. E. McEllan in honor of her mother, Mrs. Knapp who was celebrating her 80th birthday. The more than 50 friends spent the afternoon bringing Mrs. Knapp congratulations and listening to poems which had been written for the occasion.

30 YEARS AGO

August 2, 1930
"Unless a more satisfactory agreement between the supervisors of Troy and Southfield townships can be established with the Village of Birmingham for the furnishing of fire protection service in the future, those townships may be charged double the present rates or denied the services of the Birmingham Fire Department, the village commission said."

Alex J. Groesbeck and Senator James Couzens, candidates for Governor and United States Senator, respectively, will appear at an open meeting of the Birmingham Rotary club at the new Community House.

The village manager, James W. Parry, was rebuked by the village commission for not carrying out their request to purchase three new automobiles for the police department.

15 YEARS AGO

August 2, 1945
The City Commission rejected a planning commission proposal to rezone that area of a district south of Bowers in which many building contractors are located. It asked the planning commission to make

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