

Communism Guides Freedom Haters

For years we have seen pictures of screaming mobs, with hate-filled faces, in Caracas, Lima, Havana, Seoul, Tokyo, Baghdad, San Francisco, Ankara, etc.

Wherever they have gathered, except in Algeria, they were yelling either against the United States, or against policies of countries friendly to us.

When Hungary revolted, no screaming mobs protested in front of Russian embassies around the world!

These mobs have played a part in the overthrow of five "Western" governments. Take the Chessman case recently. Why were mobs in big cities all over the world so interested in one criminal facing execution thousands of miles from where they took "command of the streets"?

A GENERATION AGO Sacco-Vanzetti

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

President Eisenhower's administration most certainly hasn't emptied the U.S. State Dept. of many of the liberal-liberal and socialist-minded people who play important parts in our international relations and decisions. The late John Foster Dulles admittedly paid very little attention to the need for such a house-cleaning—a cleaning that like, in his 1952 campaign, promised to do. Dulles spent most of his time in international travel; his successor, Herter, is reputed to be less inclined to house-cleaning than even Dulles might have been. Certain Washington, D.C., sources say that some of the recent mistakes, such as the Powers spy case, the blow-up of the Paris Summit meeting that never got started, the Cuban estrangement, and the failure of like to visit Japan because of anti-U.S. feelings there—ask these sources "who in the State Dept. maneuvered things to bring about these tragic results?" Dick Nixon, it is reported, if elected President will do some needed "house-cleaning" in our State Dept.

One does not have to be politically partisan in his appraisal of the American governmental scene, when he laments the rapid national economic drift toward centralized controls—controls that get into the hands of people who really have very little practical business experience. People who "have never had to make and meet a payroll." Why do most of these politicians and ad bet this drift? The answer is plain: They want votes, so they advance and defend legislation that will subsidize millions of those who vote. So long as voters want gifts and grants from government they'll find plenty of office seekers willing to try to get it for them.

stirred similar rioting. But who gnashed their teeth in sympathy with the millions of kulaks and peasants in Russia and China as they were being liquidated by the Neros and Caligulas of Communism?

There is a big spider at the center of a world-wide web of hate. Now that the spider has started to weave his net in Cuba and Latin America, apathetic Americans can no longer indulge in soothing syrup remarks about the "exuberance of youth."

This is something different from tearing down the goal posts of a football field. This is ominous. Yet year after year, the spider rallies certain American citizens to urge the liquidation of the F.B.I. and to cut off appropriations for the House and Senate Un-American Activities Committees.

Recently a meeting was held by the Michigan Dept. of Conservation, together with other interested groups, to discuss reasons for a decrease in fishing licenses in the state. In 1954, 878,668 licenses were issued, and in 1959 only 756,132 were purchased by residents. Outstate licensees, too, show a decline. Chief among reasons is the tremendous increase of power boats, water skiers, canoes on our lakes and streams. Legislation may be asked to control the boats, etc., by restricting them to certain hours each day, so that fishermen may not be interfered with.

Cuba's Fidel Castro continues to lambaste the United States, holding us responsible for about every evil that can afflict human beings. The young be-whiskered Cuban communist recently saw his country criticized by the Organization of American States when the O.A.S. denounced any and all communist inroads within the Western Hemisphere. Castro is an evil leader, an enemy of freedom.

How can you expect Congress to solve the nation's farm problem when it regularly brings on a manner of financial indigestion when it creates its "pork barrel" legislation—perhaps the most extravagant, insincere, and downright partial thievery as yet not outlawed by the competent FBI? "Slopping the hogs" on a farm is conforming to the best in rural etiquette, as compared to the form in which Congress prepares its pork barrel menu.

It was much cheaper to be born 50 years ago than it is now. Considering the risks of today, after birth, it was much safer, too.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL

If you are organizing a group to ban billboards from our highways, send me membership card number two.

Billboards which clutter up so many highway miles have got to go.

I'm all for advertising—don't get me wrong. I am firmly convinced it is the lubricant which keeps our capitalistic machine clicking along and turning out the world's highest standard of living.

BUT I DON'T ADVOCATE scattering newspapers over everybody's front lawn just so some people can read a few more newspaper ads.

Nor can I agree that billboards—and other advertising signs—should be allowed to clutter up the highway.

Heaven knows our nation's scenic beauty is rapidly giving way to new residential, business and industrial developments. We should be able to enjoy the beauty of our rocks and rills, our valleys and our wooded hills as long as we can.

THERE'S NO SENSE IN BLOCKING the view with "Fat at Joe's — 2 Miles

Ahead" or "Suday Beer Is the Working Man's Champagne".

There are a few unblocked spots on our horizons, though. Most turnpikes and freeways are clear of these unsightly signs.

Latest to join the ranks of scenery savers are the members of the Petoskey (Mich.) regional chamber of commerce.

They have been very successful in their campaign to remove all billboards on a section of scenic highway south of Petoskey.

THE C OF C CAMPAIGNED to remove all signboards from a six-mile section of US-131 from Petoskey south to the Emmet-Charlevoix county line.

This is one of Michigan's most beautiful sections of highway. Thousands of tourists will note this clear windowpane in our Water Wonderland, and probably wonder why we don't do it elsewhere.

Why can't we?

Along this vein, how nice it would be if people voted AGAINST political candidates who tacked their election signs on trees, poles, fences and walls!

IN HOMETOWN AMERICA

BACK TO SCHOOL



NATURE NOW

Autumn Bird Migration Advancing to Its Height

With the advance of September many species of birds collect in flocks prior to their autumn migration. Warbler, crow, starling, goldfinch, swallow, blackbird; each has its own ritual of departure.

On a recent trip into the country we observed groups of as many as 250 mourning doves perched on telephone wires and feeding along the roadside. They were unusually tame and frequently ignored the passing traffic. This is in contrast to their secretive spring behavior when they travel in pairs.

Although the mourning doves wander into our suburbs and frequently nest in our favorite haunts, are open woodlands and fields bordered with trees. A few remain in Michigan throughout the winter but the majority migrate to our southern states where an open season exposes them to the hunter. The resulting "pigeon pie" is a well known delicacy.

EDWIN WAY TEALE writes, "The melancholy of the mourning dove's call I find in myself, not in the bird that utters it." With us its frequent notes continue as one of the poignant sounds of summer.

This year we have heard it well into September. Rainfall, humidity and the food supply probably affect the season of bird song but what is the determining factor is not known. A gentle ventriloquist is the mourning dove illustrating nature's protective measure in its behavior.

This bird is of great economic value since seed weeds take priority on its bill-of-fare. So full is the crop that it often bursts when the bird is shot down. Some 9,200 obnoxious seeds were found in the stomach of a single specimen, a potential of enemy plants which

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DOVES BELONG TO the pigeon family which boasts some 400 species widely distributed over the temperate and tropical regions of the world. Characteristics of this group is the method by which the young are nourished. A glandular fluid called "pigeon milk" secreted by the crops of both parents is fed by regurgitation.

The mourning dove is often mistaken for the passenger pigeon although the latter has been long extinct. There is a general resemblance between the two but the former is less brilliantly colored and is five inches shorter.

Now as our migrant birds pass through, the mystery of their seasonal flight is once more brought into focus. Such obvious factors as the hazards of winter with its attendant reduction of the food supply are not conclusive since in many sections some individuals leave while others remain. Scientists believe that these and other environmental factors are correlated with internal physiological changes (such as the effect of light upon the gonads) which are not yet fully understood.

AT ANY RATE the fall migration is more leisurely than that of spring with pauses for days in favorable feeding areas. Some species desert their Arctic nesting grounds as early as late June.

Others like warblers and swallows may begin moving southward in July while yet other hardy seed-eaters and water birds linger on into the cold of December. Now in mid-September the autumn migration is at its height. However in spite of the addition of young birds it lacks the spectacular waves of spring as well as some of its wonder and ecstasy.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 16, 1910

Birmingham now ranks next to Pontiac in point of size and as a place of residence takes precedence over all during the past ten years. Holly, Rochester and Oxford have been passed.

And the great growth of Birmingham is due wholly to its location and surroundings as a strictly residence place. Excellent schools, churches, plenty of pure water, beautiful, shaded streets and handsome homes combine to make one of the most desirable locations for a home. Today there is no manufacturing plant in operation within its borders except the Wilson railway gate company and flour and feed mills. Nothing better can be had.

Two new houses are about being finished on Pierce street by Frank Young. They are beautiful and are already rented at \$18 and \$20 per month to be occupied just as soon as finished. These pretty and convenient homes are each eight and nine room houses and are of value to our city and reflect great credit to their builder and investor Mr. Frank Young.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 18, 1930

Curtis Matthews was re-elected president of the Board of high school education at the election held Tuesday. (Ed. note: Matthews is now a partner with W. B. Hargreaves, in the Royal Oak and Pontiac firm of Matthews-Hargreaves Chevrolet company, and is also active in civic affairs. With his wife and three children, he is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.) Other officers elected are: Helen Guckelberg, vice president; Ruth Pratt, secretary; Treasurer, and Mrs. Beulah Packard Ward and William Maywood, advisers.

FRANKLIN—When a fire they had started to remove the tall weeds in back of the school got beyond their control on Saturday,

J. B. Wood and Andrew Bowden were compelled to apply the emergency fire extinguisher in order to avoid damage to surrounding property.

Of 56 criminal cases called for arraignment in Oakland county circuit court at the opening of the September term, 42 were for violations of the prohibition laws. An unusual number of respondents, unrepresented by counsel, entered pleas of guilty and expressed willingness to take whatever punishment was meted out to them.

15 YEARS AGO
Sept. 12, 1945

Birmingham branch of the American association of university women will celebrate its 25th birthday with a luncheon meeting at the Community house, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m. Dr. Alice Tarbell, Crapner, professor of English at Wayne university and president of the Detroit branch of AAUW will address the group; her subject: "Liberal Education."

"What are we going to do with the returning servicemen, so many of whom are seeking small houses or apartments in which to live?" asked Mrs. Fred Samuelson, secretary at the Veterans' counseling center in the Community house today. Mrs. Samuelson said she had talked with ten returned servicemen during the past few days, all of them wanting a place to live. "And the number of such men is increasing rapidly. We expect hundreds more home with the coming months. And we just don't know where to put them."

Mrs. Samuelson explained that many of the men had become married since leaving Birmingham to serve their country in the present world war and were now wanting to return here to live and to work. Some have children and some are more recently married, but all must have homes.