

Soviet Won't Even Pay Its U.N. Way

The refusal of the Soviet Union to pay its fair share of the cost of the United Nations Congo operation is an economically painful nuisance, but it is more than that alone. It frustrates the hope of those who thought there was a chance for reformation in the Soviet's manner of carrying on its diplomacy.

In international affairs, commitment to an organization of states means commitment to the majority will of the group. When, therefore, the Congo asked for help from the U.N., and it was given, this pledged all the members. A vital part of that pledge, of course, was financial. The money to support the U.N. campaign was promised by each of the powers.

NOW, TO HAVE THE Soviet Union renege on its share of the financial burden is a bitter blow—a punch below the belt. It means that someone (the U.S. has already offered) will have to pick up the Russian tab in the middle of an uncompleted task.

However much one may decry this irresponsible Soviet behavior, it provides a valuable lesson to the West. The lesson is not a new one, but there is benefit in having it repeated. The lesson is that the Kremlin cannot be depended on to play according to the rules which normally govern the intercourse of civilized states. This is the factor that must always be taken into consideration in dealing with the Soviet Union.

Culture Strengthens A Nation

President-elect Kennedy made rather a point of sending inaugural invitations to a few notables from the world of the arts. Leading musicians, painters, writers were notified that the new administration holds the arts in high regard and intends to do all it can to foster them and increase their stature in our national life.

Americans who cherish the nation's cultural vigor cannot but feel that such recognition of the arts is gratifying. Yet the rose is a bit wilted, the peach—a trifle bruised, when one considers that in this mighty world power it is still necessary to call attention to the arts as a worthy part of our society.

That ought to be taken for granted. This nation will not have attained maturity until the importance of cultural strength is accepted as readily as the importance of economic and military strength. Certainly those who create beauty, who provide deeper insight and understanding through literature and music and the visual arts, are vital to our national well-being. It is no reflection on Mr. Kennedy, whose objective in inviting artists to attend the inauguration festivities was laudable, to say that this should have been done as a matter of course.

Indeed, "Man does not live by bread alone!"

Stay In School—It'll Pay Off!

Along about this time of year, high school pupils dissatisfied with school for one reason or another begin to consider the delights of chucking it all. They find themselves daydreaming about being outside, with a good job and plenty of money to spend and no homework and . . .

To all such, and to parents who may be aware that a desire to drop out of school is simmering, the United States Department of Labor has addressed a message. The message, embodied in a report recently issued, is that those who drop out of school before graduation seriously cripple their future earning potential.

THERE IS NOTHING NEW in this. Statistics showing the relationship between more education and better jobs (in terms

of both pay and satisfaction) have been widely publicized in recent years. But the Labor Department report does two vital things: it reiterates a warning that needs to be hammered home often, and it brings the data up to date. A study of thousands of student records in various parts of the country proves more clearly than ever before that dropping out early does not pay.

The chances are excellent that dropping out will be even more foolish in the future than it has been in the recent past. The emphasis is increasingly on more training, greater skill, more knowledge. So we say, to any student who thinks it would be pleasant to quit school now and lead a free life while others do the studying; Remember, dropping out now may blight your future.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Kenneth Bannon, UAW director at Ford Motor Co., a few days ago debated with Malcolm L. Denise, Ford V-Pres. in charge of labor relations, and said that the union should have some right to participate in the decision where Ford should locate any new plants. Bannon, of course, doesn't want his members to lose their jobs where they live. Well, neither does an employer want to disturb such relationships . . .

which is good reason why unions and employers should get along better. Unfathomable reasons may arise where a plant may have to be re-located in order to lend increased economic security to the whole of a company's employees. As long as private enterprise exists in the United States, such final decisions must be made by the people who are the ownership-management team.

Nathan Leopold, who many years ago with a pal seditiously killed a Chicago boy, is now out on parole, working in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He has met a widow there, and soon they will be married. Leopold, who served 33 years in prison, gives every evidence of being a changed person. His wife-to-be appears much in love with him, and he with her. Well, Leopold is entitled to wrest a bit of happiness during his remaining years . . . to wish him less would be unlike what others would wish for themselves.

Gov. Swainson has proposed a straight three percent personal and corporation profits income tax for Michigan. He asks that, if it is adopted, some other taxes now assessed on business, be removed. There

are those who declare that Michigan's "business climate must be improved," which certainly means eliminating some taxes on business. If such taxes are removed, how would you replace them? What tax can you invest instead of an income tax?

The recent cold spell got down as far as southern Florida . . . and though it got very cold in Michigan, when it gets cold in Florida (and many other Southern areas) you certainly notice it mightily—especially if you left your "longies" back home.

Michigan's ex-Governor Soapy Williams, newly appointed Assistant Secretary of State for African affairs, is provided with the unique opportunity of creating plans to change a number of semi-barbaric African tribes into the beginnings of civilized living. At Williams' disposal will be some of the mental and material wealth of the U.S. We suggest that Soapy try to imagine the money he wants to give Africans as though it came from his own pocket—and, of course, we'd hope that Mr. Williams would be the possessor of the habit of reasonable thrift.

You bet it was wonderful that those two U.S. fliers were released by Russia, and allowed to return to their families . . . yet it doesn't warrant an emotional surge of gratitude" to Khrushchev. After all, they were shot down illegally, we are told. We must never lose sight of the fact that the Soviet leaders have been, still are, Godless gangsters.



PEOPLE'S COLUMN Photo-Letter Shows A Trashy Situation



To the Editor: I guess most people are afraid to speak up—or maybe they don't care. Bloomfield Village deserves a better break than this! Bloomfield ordinance—no, not a number and a cop to enforce the code—but ordinance "have a heart."

The lady was not inclined to take time to battle the wind. But the whole episode could have been avoided with a bit of string, making the bundle of papers secure. AS I PHOTOGRAPHED my catch of an exciting day (above)—multi-colored, assorted papers and even some Valentine hearts which had blown against the shrubbery in front of our home—a lady drove up, rolled down the window of her car and shouted, "Hurrry!"

CONTAINERS all have tight-fitting lids. Disposable containers, like boxes and bags, should be tied so their contents will be secure. A cleaning lady carrying old newspapers to the curb lost a whole issue, which separated and

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 23, 1911 Because the paper goes to press one day earlier this week, the program of the UAW Friendly Society cannot be given in detail but the names of those who will participate will be a guarantee of excellence. They are Mrs. Blake, violinist; Miss M. Deig, pianist; Miss E. Converse, vocalist; and Miss Jamieson, pianist. Others on the program are Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Crawford, Miss R. Starr and Mrs. C. Starr, N. G. Patterson and Mrs. Parkinson.

Charles Crouse, one of our most complacent of D.U.R. conductors, claims that on the morning of Feb. 20 he saw a robin.

Are you ready for the sewer question? You surely could think of nothing else to vote but "Yes." It looks to us as if it is the only thing to do for anyone who has the present and future welfare of this pretty village at heart. In our opinion, the present board is the only one to elect. By all means, President Daines should be re-elected, as he understands the needs of the village and is thoroughly posted on this important question.

10 YEARS AGO Feb. 26, 1931 Paid employees for the employment and thrift departments of the Community House have been receiving more, of course, effective March 1. In making cut in personnel, the board of directors of the Community House state that replacements will not be made for many months. Activity of the two departments will not be curtailed . . . as the staff will . . . double their duties and supplement with volunteer help.

Southfield Township's primary election next Monday is expected to be one of the most heated of recent years as a result of a controversy over the campaign between James Kirchoff, incumbent and Daniel E. Hazler, for nomination on the Republican ticket for highway commissioner.

In anticipation of a meeting of Greater C. Hillman State Highway Commissioner, with other state and

One Thing or Another

BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Winner of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce's "Man of the Year" citation is kept secret until the moment it is announced at the annual award dinner.

Only the judges and the Jaycee who has to get the winner's name on the plaque know who it is beforehand.

So it was a surprise to the 1961 recipient, Jim Willoughby, 31-year-old member of Ford Tractor & Implement Division's public relations staff.

PERHAPS MORE SURPRISED even than Jim was the speaker at last week's award night. He was Jim's "big boss"—Merritt D. Hill, Ford vice president and general manager of the tractor division, himself a dedicated participant in many extra-curricular community and state activities.

In his formal remarks, Hill lauded the Birmingham Jaycees for their lively participation on the state and community levels. "Did you ever ask yourself this question—how am I paying my rent for the space I occupy on cars?"

"Some men in business whom I know have the idea that there is a permanent rent-control ceiling in force—and if they make their annual contribution to their Torch Drive or Community Fund, and give a dollar or so to their church, they have done their duty. The landlady can't threaten them with eviction.

"Well, this may be enough to keep off some

solicitors or some church trustee's blacklist. It may be enough to keep a man from being labeled a non-conformist.

BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH to give a man the kind of inner satisfaction that he can and without which his purpose in life seems to me to be—if not empty—at least not full."

Toward the end of his remarks, Hill offered a "formula" each citizen should follow to fulfill his citizenship responsibilities:

- 1) Have an opinion. (Don't just sit back and refuse even to think about a situation because you feel it doesn't directly affect you.) 2) Think. ("Think in arriving at this opinion. Don't just endorse someone else's view because you are too lazy or too busy to think the problem out yourself.") 3) Think it up and say something. ("Let others know your views and feelings. An opinion is of no value if it is not expressed and others given the opportunity to evaluate it.") 4) Be flexible. ("Be willing to compromise on procedure though not on principle. Many others probably will be affected by your proposal and all views deserve to be considered in arriving at a final course of action.") 5) Abide by the majority's wishes—unless your principle is a dollar or so. ("If you should be willing to accept the course of action the majority determines, and be willing to give it the best that is within you.")

City Beat

By KEN WEAVER

this in mind."

WHICH COMMENTS draw this response from Ronald Conkleton:

"I don't like this business of controlling weather. I just don't think it would be healthy for us. "We've had the different kinds of weather for years without knowing what was coming the next day. We have our four seasons of the year, and I think we should keep them just the way they are."

WHEREUPON Mrs. Twillett explains: "I would like to remind you, Mr. Conkleton, and the rest of you, that national laws require us to decide what we want the various kinds of weather. We should confine our comments to this purpose."

LONG-TIME resident Tim Jackson is next to speak:

"Just because we've always had four seasons is no reason why we should have them now. Because we must have so many days of each kind of weather, I say we should schedule them to allow as much variety as possible."

MRS. PARK Pennywell declares: "Well, I say we have an opportunity to arrange our weather to suit ourselves. It's impossible to please everyone, so why don't we be democratic and try to devise a plan as favorable as possible to the community at large rather than according to our own individual preferences?"

"THAT'S AN excellent suggestion," replies Mayor Twillett. "Would any of the commissioners care to comment on this?" Commissioner Frank Ingles states: "Madam Mayor, it seems to me that because this is a matter of official disagreement it might be wise to appoint a study committee."

HE WINS the support of Commissioner Rene Chelton.

"You could, Madam Mayor, appoint a joint committee of citizens and a couple of commissioners to make a survey and report back to us on this."

SEVERAL the mayor names several people to such a committee and directs them to report to City Manager G. R. Lare, who will in turn report to the commission. A motion passes to adjourn the hearing for 90 days.

Talk of the Towns

By DENI SCANLON

A certain brother-in-law, a career man in the United States Air Force, sent a Valentine last week that was not only opprobrious but it initiated a very interesting discussion.

The Feb. 14 greeting was a primitive sketch of a funny little man who was saying, "Do you know what makes the world go round?"

The military un-sentimental reply inside was, "Gravitational Pull!"

The card was placed with others on a table that looks more like an altar on days of special observance. But the mention of "gravitational pull" brought back memories of a favorite childhood game, "Logic Problems."

Pacifying three restless youngsters on a long automobile trip is a problem but my parents hit on a solution—logic questions. (Rules are that all questions be answered only by yes or no.)

"A man standing on a dock in New York was taken by force onto an ocean-going ship. He was locked into a stateroom that had no portholes, or any opening that would allow him to see out. He had a bed, a chair and a wash basin. After a few days at sea, he knew the direction of the ship. How did he know?"

It is sort of like the Valentine said—not gravitational pull—but the rotation of the earth. Water that is run into a basin flows out in a counter-clockwise direction when you are north of the equator. It will flow out in a clockwise manner, south of the equator.

The reason for this, according to George Cooper of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, is the rotational effects of the earth. "The motion causes this vortex or 'whirlpool.'"

"As you cross the equator, the angular direction of the force appears to change, depending on 'your point of view' or where you're standing,"

Cooper explained. "Does the water flow counter clockwise north of the equator?"

"Call you back in 10 minutes," he said excitedly. "I'll go run some water to be positive." See, even experts thrive on a little challenge.

A simpler logic problem for beginners is this one: "A man lived on the 15th floor of an apartment house. Every morning he would leave his home, enter an elevator, descend to the ground floor and then head for work.

Each evening, when he returned about 7 p.m., he would walk to the elevator, ride up to the 15th floor, get out and walk up a flight of stairs to the 16th floor. Why?"

The solution to this one just takes a bit of thinking, it isn't hard.

A good chain of questions would be: Is it a self-service elevator? Yes. Is he alone in the evening when he rides the elevator? Yes. Is he a normally built man? No. Does he ride only to the 11th floor because he cannot reach any higher than the control button for the 11th floor? Yes.

Conclusion: He's a migrant. The answer may not come that quickly (even though it's an easy problem) but it is the stimulation of gray matter that's fun.

Next time there's a long trip coming or a commo- nod old western soaring out the television set, check the family's skill with a few logic problems. Check 744 and 795 classifications on the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library for some more fascinating queries to ponder.

Boy, what a little Valentine can do!

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