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ing their fraud) say that the public really DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT'S DOING!

After adverse elections, they always say the public is "unenlightened." They forget having pointed out how ENLIGHTENED the public was getting BEFORE election!

Thus it is with the newspaper strike.

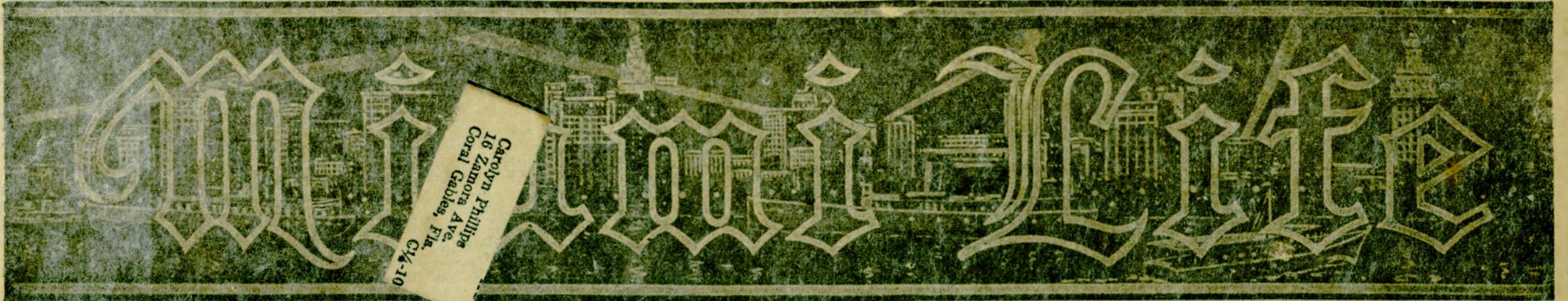
We're not so naive as to think for a moment

that it is strictly a fight over wages.

IT is a fight for SURVIVAL . . . right now, survival of the important and powerful Typographical Union, but ULTIMATELY of the WHOLE Labor Union movement.

We cannot go along with the publishers in

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Reubin Clein, Editor

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F.E.C. RR DIDN'T SEND EMPLOYEE-HERO'S KIN CONDOLENCES EVEN!

YOU remember Miami's Outstanding Hero of 1948—William "Buck" Weaver, the F. E. C. RR. maintenance man killed in a vain effort to save an 87-year-old blind woman who was walking into the path of a moving engine at the Miami ave. and 19th st. crossing.

His feet were cut off and he bled to death in the long time it took to get him to a hospital only a few blocks away.

She was decapitated. You remember the front-page eulogies given him for his great selfless heroism—and the demands by various civic organizations that he be given a Carnegie medal posthumously.

Well, we'll now tell you something that you'll scarcely believe. His sister, only living close relative except his aged father, came to Miami to serve as ad-

Look Kids; Exams For The Teacher

National Teachers' Examinations for Florida school teachers who want to raise their teaching ranks and qualify for higher pay will be held at five Florida universities Feb. 19 and 26.

Teachers passing the tests can qualify for rank 5, 4, or 3 teaching certificates without the usual college training.

State School Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey held the examinations will be held at Florida State University, University of Florida, University of Miami, University of Tampa, and Florida A. & M. College.

Miami Snow Scene

Just to make the northern guests feel more at home, there is a large painting of a snow scene in the lobby of the El Comodoro hotel. The artist is W. B. Peattie, whose name is inscribed on the painting, and Miamians, unaccustomed as they are, at times almost attempt to snatch up the snow. But it doesn't come off.

ministratrix. Weaver's fellow-workers and other friends did all in their power to console her and help her—for they knew that she'd been very close to her brother. In fact, their mother had died when she was two years old and he, four, and they had started early in life mothering one another.

But, to date, her brother's employer through the years—the great, INTENSELY SELFISH, ever-grasping F. E. C. RR.—has not even sent a letter of condolence to this employee's family, let alone inquire into his sister's financial status!

What an example of Corporation Attitude-Toward-Employees! . . . or, to be more explicit, Capital-Attitude-Toward-Union-Labor!

As this is being written, it looks as if railroad officials intending to keep this aloof attitude toward their former employee and his survivor, (she has four children).

She visited one lawyer. He doubted whether Weaver's family had a claim.

MIAMI LIFE was amazed to hear this. So we asked an attorney. We found there might have been contributing negligence on Weaver's part . . . that he must have realized the risk he was taking in endeavoring to save the old woman's life—and risking his own life was his own bad misfortune, for which the railroad could not be blamed at all.

We wonder. In the eyes of this big corporation—and corporation law that its founders probably had a hand in devising—while he might be a

great hero, a deserving hero, from the standpoint of the railroad's pocketbook, he had no business risking his own life to try to save another's!

This railroad, of course, has killed and maimed countless Miamians in the years gone by—and it will continue to do it, because it has SUCCESSFULLY INFLUENCED municipal, county, and state officialdom for the privilege of speeding through the most congested parts of Miami and otherwise menacing Miamians' lives and property.

This is the railroad that OWNED the Herald in the early days of Miami and which is STILL protected in all its anti-public maneuvers by that same Herald.

This, mind you, is the railroad that SOME newspapers and SOME officials would TRUST to do the RIGHT thing for Miami—IF we leave the location of the new proposed railroad station in ITS hands!

The F. E. C. RR's attitude toward this lowly employee-hero and his family is the REAL attitude of this railroad (and its adherents) toward the people of Miami.

From the very beginning the F. E. C. RR has ROOKED Miamians.

Can we expect anything but that in our future dealings with it?

In Miami Human Life Is Held So Cheaply

HAS the case of Waldo Mobley, 45, Riverside hotel guest, who died as the result of several falls out of his hotel bed (as published reports said), been thoroughly investigated?

Has there been a coroner's inquest? an autopsy? Have the movements of the deceased prior to the falls been checked?

A law should be laid down by the police department that any unusual death hereafter be investigated to the fullest extent. Human life is held altogether too cheap in this area.

Had this been a bookie joint in downtown Miami, we're sure that the commission, headed by the active (and well-known) Daniel P. Sullivan, would have again dug up the name of Al Capone to prove that we were being neglected by law enforcement.

Yet there is, on at least, a very mysterious death which does not seem to have occasioned more than a routine inquiry.

Billion-Dollar Plum Available for Miami If Commission Acts

BURIED in the daily newspapers this week was a story that, because of its importance to present and future Miamians, should have been emblazoned on their first pages. For it concerned Miami losing one of its greatest rights—the power to control utility rates (in other words, its power to do what it did back in 1933—cut the Florida Power & Light Co.'s thievery by one-third)!

Commissioner Perrine Palmer, Jr., discussing a resolution to get the city on record as opposing any attempt by the state railroad commission to take over the municipalities' present jurisdiction over municipal bus lines, this week declared that he understood the state railroad commission would ask the 1949 legislature to so broaden its authority.

But Palmer's resolution was concerned ONLY with the bus-transportation angle. He stoutly opposed the railroad commission overriding the city commission in controlling bus companies.

We mean, principally, the electricity franchise of the Florida Power & Light Co.

That's the BIG issue!

Really, it's a BILLION-DOLLAR STAKE Miami has in this proposition!

We are hereby warning the public of Miami that they're about to lose their biggest asset THROUGH 1949 LEGISLATIVE MACHINATIONS BY THE POWER TRUST!

And our community leaders had better GET BUSY!

Instead of worrying Gov. Fuller Warren with requests to oppose or favor bills suppressing the racing wire service—or to let the communities establish their own "liberal" (or vice versa) policies—we should be beseeching him to PROTECT us from an FP&L "Deal" with the incoming legislature!

Gov. Warren is a known foe of the Power Trust.

Wouldn't he oppose a bill that would take away from the people of Miami their rights to own their own plant and regulate the rates of the power-and-light utility within their confines?

COMMISSION CAN'T IGNORE PLEA FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

THE Palmer resolution referred specifically to the suit by the city of Miami Beach questioning the right of the commission to regulate a proposed fine from Hialeah to Haulover Park vi-

Palmer told about the legislative move he'd heard of on the part of the state railroad commission to broaden its powers.

So far, so good. But not nearly far enough.

This resolution should be broadened to include all utilities, not just the transportation utility.

The city commission, individually and collectively, cannot much longer IGNORE Miami's crying need for municipal ownership of its RICHEST PLUM—ITS BILLION-DOLLAR PLUM!

We mean its electricity concession!

BILLION-DOLLAR PROFIT IN 30 YEARS—COULD BE MIAMI'S!

WE'VE stated the problem before. We'll do it again, as briefly as possible. The Florida Power & Light Co.'s 30-year franchise expires in 1955. Renewal of that franchise means a BILLION-DOLLAR PROFIT for the Florida Power & Light Co. in the following 30 years. (Right now it's a million a month—and zooming annually!)

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LIFE lines - LIFE lines

Now that the Orange Bowl has been emptied and the holidays finished, perhaps we can get back to sensible normalcy and business—not forgetting the tourists.

Many become drunk but only a few are pinched.

Washington seems to favor democracy for all the nations of the world—except the United States—especially the South.

Florida in the new year has a new Fuller broom with which to sweep clean.

It's a chill wind that makes Miamians and their visitors hot—under the collar.

Isolation is still the best assurance of peace and security for individuals, families, neighborhoods and nations.

CALL THE NEXT CASE

By BOND

THREE girls, 15 years old, were not in school for the reopening Monday morning. Instead they were in the Court of Crimes to appear as witnesses before Judge Wayne Allen. Two of them testified that James Shepherd, Negro, had attempted to grab them off their bicycle early in December in the Northwest section. They snatched themselves away and ran screaming.

Patrol officers, hearing the cries, rushed to the scene and picked up the suspect. Two women said he had annoyed them.

Shepherd stood meekly before the judge. "Are you sure this is the man," asked the judge, realizing the difficulty of making certain as to identification in a period of excitement. Both girls were certain.

James said it was not true. He was on his way to work when arrested. He had been in jail for three weeks awaiting trial. The judge decided he should spend six months more behind the bars.

There have been too many attacks and purported assaults and rapings of white women and girls by Negroes. The law is going to be severe, even to the death penalty, with any convicted of this serious charge.

B. A. Nienhauser was arraigned before Judge Allen on the charge of passing worthless checks. He was identified by witnesses and the officers said he had checks on his person from the Miami Herald and other local firms. The court had dug up his record. It seems he had one up in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Jacksonville and other cities, as well as here. Three months, pronounced the judge, in addition to the four weeks already spent in the county bastille.

THESE and others had spent weeks in jail before brought to trial. Trials often last only a few minutes. What about the innocent—if any? Is it possible they may be confined behind the bars for weeks before given the chance to prove their innocence.

IN THE Miami City Court of Judge Cecil C. Curry there is little or no delay in the handling of cases. There couldn't be. Or there wouldn't be housing room in the entire courthouse for all of the prisoners picked up as drunks, for assault and battery, for fighting, for misdemeanors and petty crimes of all sorts.

The day after the New Year's week-end there was a large grist of drunks and battlers, scores held in jail Saturday and Sunday. But the crowd did not equal that after Christmas. There were only four charged as drunken drivers as against 23 after Christmas. Perhaps the police were lenient. Or the drinkers took the advice of the column—stayed home and got high—or took care.

Negro found that imbibing liquor was costly, with fines of \$50, plus costs, with jail terms added in certain cases. If he did not have the money, and few did, they worked for a \$5 fine. Try to hire a man for \$5 a day. It's a bargain. But then the city must room and board them.

Drunks are punished for drinking unwisely, one source of that alcohol—the fellows who

fight between men and in families. Victims come with lacerated heads or visible scars. To the victors rison to. There was the Negro who wielded a pipe ly against another who, he said, came after him with ser left with his sore head, the winner went back to

was the strange tale of the neatly dressed Negro, and lughter type, both charged with fighting. The dude said he m approached by the other man who demanded a dollar,

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claimed it was due him from two years ago; stuck a gun in his ribs to enforce the collection; extracted the wallet and the dollar. Then the battle started. And the police. The collector was returned to prison.

And the sad case of a Negro who appeared with his pockets ripped out. Asserted he had been robbed of \$15 in jail. Nevertheless he was sent back. Maybe he will try to collect what was due him. Apparently there is no safety from thieves—not even in the Miami jail.

Women, white and black, frequently charge hubby with assault during a squabble, have them arrested. Then relent and fail to appear. No prosecution—the case is dismissed. But what about the others who succeed in having their mate jailed for a month or more. What happens to the gals with their husbands locked up and furnishing no support?

Several babies were in court, pickaninies and white folks. They cried their protests. Mrs. Gussie Drum, 1144 S. W. Fifth st., carried a baby in one arm, held another child by the hand when she testified against Abram Smofsky, 67, of 720 S. W. Fifth. He was charged with assault and malicious trespass. The small burdened woman told her story—that Smofsky had pushed open the door, pushed down her child. The judge was not impressed. Smofsky said nothing and was dismissed.

Pegler Epitomizes Herald's Hate

MALCOLM BINGAY'S editorial (and he is always worth reading) in the Pegler space last Monday morning made us think, for a moment, that this was a reform on the Herald's part for 1949. And we applauded.

But, alas! The "gnat" (as Mrs. FDR mildly catalogued the Nasty Man) was back on Tuesday.

After all, perhaps it is fitting that Pegler occupy the leading space on the Herald editorial page (upper right corner).

He is so characteristic of the Herald's attitude toward people. There have been few more hateful papers in the history of Journalism than the Miami Herald.

And never a featured columnist so hateful. He stigmatizes every publisher, every editor who hires him.

Caldwell's 'High Achievement'

THE papers of Florida—that is, the big-town dailies—all have the same pat praise for the retiring governor, Millard Caldwell.

"The retiring Governor's record is one of high achievement," said the Herald. Almost the same words appeared in the other leading papers.

But NONE itemized this "high achievement." Well, what do YOU think?

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"The time has come," the Walrus said. "To talk of many things: Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—Of cabbages—and kings—And why the sea is boiling hot—And whether pigs have wings." —THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

THIS certain friend of ours has a colored maid who comes only afternoons for the supper meal. Moreover she often comes by cab and is so nicely coiffured and tailored that visitors call her "Glamor Girl." She is often late coming but never leaving; she departs the precise stroke of the clock. This certain friend became mildly angry the other day. "Yes," said the maid (who speaks what might be called upper-crust Georgia), "I know I'm well paid. But I can demand more—and get more. For I'm pleasant—always pleasant." She won the argument. She still has the job.

claims 80 per cent of the males of grade school education become sexually active with the onset of adolescence and that nearly half those of high school education have sexual intercourse before the age of 15. "What is needed," says Writer Bertram Vogel, "is the keenest sense of realism. That—and only that—can take the booz out of our sex education." To make it plain, he says our kids are now getting their sex knowledge in the streets, when they ought to be getting it from out schools—and from COMPETENT instructors.

ties, has sidestepped for another year a decision that might, or might not, lead to a universal democratization of college fraternities. Some fraternity heads claim it isn't discrimination; they say, "All we have is a restrictive clause." At the University of Minnesota, where there are 32 national fraternities, 40 per cent have definite discriminatory clauses in their constitutions. Several others simply discriminate by "gentlemen's agreement." Here is the secret restrictive clause in one leading college fraternity (is it in Miami?): "Members must be of the Aryan race and not of the black, Malayan or Semitic race." Another, "Candidates . . . must not be of Mongolian, Malaysian, Negro, or Jewish blood." The words "white Caucasian" in many national fraternities are used to keep out not just Negroes but Catholics as well as Jews!

WEATHER Note: The not-so-civic-minded dailies of Miami gleefully elaborated on the New Year's chill in Miami and predicted overcoats for the Orange Bowl Game and a mercury of 50 or below. (All right, look up your files!) The "sun temperature"—which somehow they ignore, although it is this "sun temperature" that brings down the hundreds of thousands of sun-worshippers every winter and enable them to swim while the Miami editors shiver over their own statistics—was actually about 75 degrees at 1 p.m. Those sitting in the sun got uncomfortable, even in coats! But we looked our dailies next day and found not a word of it!

FUR may fly next Saturday and Sunday! The big cat show (Miami Cat Fanciers) of the winter comes off those days in Miami's Lummus Park, just west of N. W. 3rd av between 3rd and 4th sts., and dopsters say, some of the reigning champs (they're coming from many states) may be dethroned . . . COL. STOOP-NAGLE (via Sat. Eve. Post): "A slice of bread is fine for making a sandwich with two of them, and beef."

AMOS and Andy last Sunday night met Jack Benny outside the CBS studio and welcomed him into the new network. They parted. And (according to the Benny script, of course) the following conversation took place: AMOS: "Say, that Mr. Benny—he's supposed to be a top comedian—but he didn't say nothin' funny!" ANDY: "It's jus' like I tol' you, Amos—he ain' NOTHIN' without Rochestah!"

CATHOLICS, Jews, Negroes—all of them—are discriminated against by most college fraternities, Collier's Magazine is revealing in a set of articles by Howard Whitman—and the National Interfraternity Conference, which rules 58 national fraterni-

Stress Big Need Of Flood Control

THE state-wide significance of the \$208,000,000 Central and South Florida Flood Control Project was emphasized anew this week by Col. A. G. Matthews, chief engineer of the State Division of Water Survey and Research.

declared. Stressing the point that adoption of the \$208,000,000 program will set a state-wide precedent for the solving of flood problems everywhere in Florida, he cited the terrible damages to the State and county road systems in South Florida as a result of the 1947 floods.

He reviewed the disastrous damages inflicted on the transportation system of the State by floods at various times in the recent past.

"Road damages in that area amounted to nearly six million dollars," he declared, "and a considerable share of the money for repairs came directly out of the State treasury."

Just last spring with the Suwannee, Aucilla and Ochlockonee way out of their banks parts of North Florida were completely isolated. The only way you could get out of Tallahassee was by boat or air.

Matthews also recalled the re-routings in Central and South Florida this fall that were made necessary by the heavy rains. And he pointed to the bridge crossing wash-outs on the Cheney Highway between Orlando and the East Coast.

"It is virtually impossible to estimate the millions lost in business and transportation when those disasters occur," Matthews

BEST story of the week: the statement Margaret Chase Smith, new U. S. senator from Maine (first woman ever to climb to that elevation via election) is supposed to have made as a girl in getting her first job—in a 5-and-10-cent store job in Skewhetan, Me., "I'd have come sooner," she told the manager, "but I wasn't tall enough to see over the counter." She got the job—her first.

SEX Dept: Now the mag, The Woman, joins many of the others in deploring the poor sex education given our youngsters. This publication says, "the frustrated, the embittered, the intolerant, and the unsympathetic" are teaching our kids that sex is "shameful, nasty and furtive" instead of facing the fact that the very kids they're telling this to already are practicing sex avidly (perhaps the majority of them) and they're certainly NOT too young for sex education. It points out that the Kinsey report

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To the Editor, MIAMI LIFE:

Because I am sincere in my efforts to forward co-operative housing in this area, and because I do firmly believe that such housing would enable the citizenry, by self-help, to raise its standard of living and preserve a more desired economic stability, I am addressing your editors of our local papers, stating some of my views, and at the same time seeking your opinions and co-operation in placing the matter before the public.

Cooperative housing does work, and saves the tenant-owners up to 50 per cent of current shelter costs. Dubiosity concerning the idea may be allayed if one will investigate what has been accomplished at Bayside, Queens County, New York. Bell Park Gardens at that place, as related in The American Legion Magazine, January, 1949, entitled "Best Buy for the Little Guy," has provided shelter for 800 tenant-owners at monthly over-all cost of \$14.10 per room in an area where similar space rents at average rate of \$35.00 per room.

It could be made to work in the Miami Area if a lot of people would work together. The primary element is a spirit of mutual helpfulness among those who themselves as well as others derive the benefits. To screen these, each Veterans' Organization could canvass its members and make a register of who wants what and where. Other groups and organizations could do likewise. These groups could then be served by Realtors who desire to locally implement NAREB's '48 Resolution, to "Make available to veterans and others the knowledge and techniques needed to plan, build, and operate cooperative housing projects." Lawyers could cooperate in proper corporate organization procedures, and in the perfection of By-Laws and Lease forms. They could also investigate as to whether present laws of Florida are adequate, and if not the 1949 Legislature could make such new laws as may be necessary. With the qualifying of cooperative groups by these gratuitous services and their organization into legal entities, then it will follow that lending institutions, architects, and builders will be pleased to serve them—and, perhaps, for less than normal fees.

It seems to me that veterans, labor organizations, school teachers, city employees, and other groups should without delay form their registers of interested persons. I am willing as a Realtor to forward my National Association's Resolution

"Make available knowledge and techniques needed" and I am willing to appear before any group organization interested in discussing the subject toward the end of setting up required registers. This offer, I deem a duty under the Realtor's pledge to adhere to the Realtor Code of Ethics. If a thousand families in the Miami Area avail themselves of this instrument of self-help through cooperative effort, the aggregate saving of nigh half a million dollars annually for the benefit of local people is an objective well worthy of my efforts and labors.

Very truly yours,
E. Q. RODGERS, CPM,
Realtor-Appraiser.

As To Tax Bills And Exemptions

WITH the holidays over, folks are settling down to work, settling up bills, and now it is expected business will pick up in the city and county tax and assessment offices, at the auto licensing stations, and certainly with the Internal Revenue Department hauling in the income taxes, with reports due by Jan. 15.

No wonder the citizens are in a constant state of confusion—it's always something. There was a great rush for homestead exemption applications prior to the holidays. Then came the usual lull, although patronage has maintained a fairly steady pace. The best time to apply is the afternoon, when the lines drop off and prompt service can be given. These applications must be made in person and you should have the legal description of your home. That helps and saves time.

You apply for the exemption and for the county forms for personal and intangible taxes in

the offices at the south end of the second floor, to the right as you leave the elevator. You file your personal property form for the city in the offices to the north and left of the elevators. The county homestead application takes care of both city and county.

The income tax matters are handled at the postoffice building; the new car license taxes and plates are obtainable—oh, goodness knows—at the new northwest location or at private stations provided for convenience at half a dollar extra fee—and worth it.

You pay your city and county taxes on the first floor of the courthouse; you buy your marriage and dog licenses somewhere else, and you file divorce proceedings in Clerk Leatherman's office, also on the first floor of the courthouse. The jails are up on the 16th or 19th or 33rd floors. You get sent there by courts on the sixth floor.

Luster Notes 10th Year With City

There was no extra smoke at the Miami city hall and courthouse this week when Ed. C. Luster observed his 10th anniversary with the city of Miami.

Among his duties is that of smoke inspector in a community which has been noted for its lack of smoke, although that problem is beginning to grow with the increase in industries.

Luster is also chief inspector of boilers and elevators. He served as assistant city manager under Andy Bloodworth in 1941 but returned later to his civil service status as the boiler inspector.

He is one of those important cogs in the municipal machine about whom one hears little, but he is on the job to protect the safety, security and comfort of the people in this booming metropolis.

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GAS FROM NEW BUSES IS POISONOUS, WARNS CITY

POISONOUS monoxide fumes are pouring out from the rear of the new Miami Transit Company buses. They are caused by the Diesel engines using the cheap residue oil that can be purchased for six cents a gallon, as contrasted with the high prices for gasoline required for the usual truck and automobile motors.

Complaints are being filed with the city, and Smoke Inspector Ed. C. Luster announces that the company must take action to correct this nuisance. These gases, about 90 per cent monoxide, are definitely poisonous and dangerous, will affect health and may actually cause deaths, declared Luster.

Motorists and pedestrians have noticed the strong odors coming from the new buses. One motorist complained that the spot emitted from a bus just starting showered the car and blackened the windshield.

Where such Diesel buses have been used in other cities, it has become necessary for the companies to run the exhaust stack or pipe up to the top of the buses so the fumes will go out into the upper air. This partially relieves the situation on the street level but is apt to affect offices on upper floors above the buses. The gas is heavy and is not easily carried away.

The effects and smell of fumes have long been noticed at the courthouse, said Luster, coming from the F.E.C. Diesel engines.

This gas creates a new and serious problem in cities and crowded traffic, Mr. Luster informed MIAMI LIFE, and some of the increase in respiratory and heart ailments may be attributable to it. What may be done here to force the Miami Transit Co. to correct the dangerous nuisance has been taken up with the city manager.

And on top of this, the Miami public is complaining that bus service under the new ownership and management is steadily growing worse.

MADES PACKING CO. SEEKS TO CORRECT NUISANCES

AS A RESULT of the campaign waged by MIAMI LIFE, city court procedure, and efforts of the Miami city smoke inspector, Ed C. Luster, all possible changes are being completed by the Mades Packing Co. in the 800 block of Northwest 21st Ter., to abate the noise, fumes and smoke caused by the plant, and against which scores of residents complained.

Changes were made to the exhaust system, a blow-off was added to the boiler and a well dug so that the exhaust would explode into the well instead of outside; the boiler windows are closed, and a muffler was being installed. It is hoped that these improvements will subdue the sounds to such an extent that they will no longer be annoying.

The two stacks from which the smoke and fumes come have been raised. The Mades management, said Mr. Luster, has now shown a willingness to comply with recommendations and with the regulations of the municipal ordinances.

Luster is keeping in touch with City Judge Cecil C. Curry, who held in abeyance any decision on the second case brought against the company, pending the alterations. The nuisance cannot be entirely eradicated, said Luster, due to the nature of business, that of smoking hams, and the plant is located in an industrial section.

Nazi Spirit Alive

That Nazi spirit is still alive in Miami. Racial antipathy keeps popping up when differences arise. Hitler has his living friends in America.

Mrs. Celia Levin tells the story. She operates Your Handy 5 & 10-Cent store at 1408 S. W. Sixth st., and has been in business here for seven years. She was born in Lithuania, has been in many countries and speaks seven languages.

During a dispute over a small consignment of goods with a local salesman, she says he shouted:

"You are a liar. Your name is LEVIN. Hitler was right in what he did. You people just want to grab and grab. I know plenty of people. I'll fix you."

A few days later and recently she received through the mails a picture postcard on which was openly scribbled in red pencil: "I told you I'd ship so you would get it. You lie when you said I said consignment. I am having all your corresponding to Sudbury sent to me and I'll sue you out of business if you lie. So be careful." It was signed by A. L. Schuster, the man Mrs. Levin charges commended Hitler, spoke the thoughts of Nazism.

The dispute arose over the shipment of a few bottles of Mildew, for which Mrs. Levin later received a bill before she had disposed of the goods. Schuster, she declares, appealed to her, to let him send more, that he needed the business, and she consented. But after the bill arrived, she refused the second consignment.

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Which Do You Believe—

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their claim of being wronged.

We know enough about human nature to know that printers willing to sacrifice 40 per cent (some are sacrificing 60 per cent) of their income in these inflated times, aren't simply being contrary.

We see them, instead, fighting for basic DEMOCRATIC principles—principles for which men have died in various memorable struggles on down through history—principles that concern safeguarding not only a decent living for present-day civilizations but of those yet to come.

In Miami we see the printers on one side. But does the public see, clearly, the other side?

Or, to put it another way, will Miamians believe what they read in their Daily Newspapers—OR WILL THEY BELIEVE PRES. TRUMAN?

Pres. Truman made, just before election, what we think is a MEMORABLE ACCUSATION—for he made it, straight from the heart, unadorned with rhetoric, and thus all the more convincing because everyone who read it knows, instantly, instinctively, that Pres. Truman was TELLING THE TRUTH!

Before quoting it, we want to say that the Daily Newspapers are no different NOW than they were BEFORE ELECTION . . . if anything, they're even more vicious . . . because in the next few weeks they've GOT to stir what's left of their REACTIONARY STOOGES in congress to action, OR ALL IS LOST . . . not only for them but for the Greedy Billionaires whose plundering they servilely protect.

MAIN Objective: SAVE the Taft-Hartley Law (for this means ultimate enslavement of ALL Labor).

Now Pres. Truman, in his campaign tour, accused the late Congress of trying to tear up the Bill of Rights. From the Truman speech we

Traffic Bungling

THOSE six new traffic lights on busy N. W. 5th st. between Miami ave. and N. W. 2nd ave.—six lights in a distance of only two blocks (including the F. E. C. RR. tracks)—besides establishing some kind of record in traffic-light multiplicity, has slowed down traffic at least 50 per cent, more likely 75 per cent.

One of the most serious mistakes of this ill-considered traffic set-up is the No-Left-Turn east of the railroad for those heading east. It forces unsuspecting motorists (especially business folk) into a traffic bottleneck.

This is probably the worst of many blunders.

The three-way traffic light recently installed on the Trail at Douglas rd. (the N. E. entrance

to Coral Gables) has not facilitated traffic. It has hindered it or diverted much of the normal traffic altogether.

Three-phase installations at busy intersections invariably, at the busy hours, create jams on one or two streets that are a long time clearing, with the result that the wise motorist thereafter avoids these intersections entirely.

The new three-phase installation at S. W. 12th ave., Coral Way, and Third ave. pleases few motorists.

The N. W. 5th st. bridge presents a terrific bottleneck at busy hours. There the three-phase lighting system is further complicated by bridge openings.

mentioned, we're selecting one paragraph and capitalizing sections upon which the Miami public should ponder:

"That is the reason I'm out telling the people just exactly what the issues in this campaign are, for the simple reason that you'll NEVER FIND OUT about them IF I DON'T FACE YOU AND TELL YOU about them, BECAUSE between EIGHTY and NINETY PER CENT OF THE PRESS IS AGAINST a Democratic administration because it is FOR the people. THEY'RE FOR the special interests!"

Herald Planned Strike for Months

(Excerpts From An Article in the Miami Citizen, Labor Paper)

The strike was planned by Mr. Knight and the Herald. There is ample and irrefutable proof of the truth of this statement.

Two years ago Mr. James L. Knight, who is highly skilled in smiling to a person's face while knifing him in the back, intimidated members of the Typographical Union would see the day when our members would be trudging the high ways north, their belongings wrapped in newspaper, hungrily seeking, even begging, for work—at any wage and for any number of hours per day the publishers in their beneficent charity might dictate.

In August of this year (1948) Mr. Knight boasted to officers of Miami Typographical Union No. 430 that after Oct. 26, 1948 (the expiration date of the union's agreement with the publishers of the Miami Herald), there would be no more Miami Typographical Union No. 430 as far as the Herald was concerned.

For all his vast wealth and the brilliant newspaper background of his father, smiling Jimmy leaves the impression with those who know him as being a little boy who has been reading too many comic books. He needs only to be dressed as a man from Mars, armed with a Buck Rogers disintegrated pistol, to complete the illusion. Further and conclusive proof that the strike was planned by the Herald management and not by Herald printers can be found in the plans and moves made by the Herald management during the last year.

The Herald installed a scissors and paste-pot synthetic process of printing. Electric typewriters, which can type a page with even right-hand margins, were installed; reporters and stenographers were trained in their operation. The printers knew all this at the time. They knew also, as did the publishers, that the process is complicated, slow and, of greater importance to the publishers, much more expensive than the established operation, using regular printers. For one thing, it takes more than twice the number of newspaper pages to publish the same amount of news as is required when regular typesetting methods are used.

But money is no object to the Herald and to Mr. Knight so long as it is used for the purpose of crushing labor, reducing living standards and increasing working hours. Mr. Knight and the Herald have no objection to spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in experimenting with new methods

if those new methods will help them to pay lower wages for longer hours; help them to destroy the dignity of labor; help them to grind out the lives of organized labor between the upper and nether millstones of reduced wages and rising living costs.

Some months ago the Herald installed teletypesetters, which punch a tape by which a linotype machine may be operated from remote control. The Herald started in great secrecy, under lock and key, a school to train typists in the operation of these machines. Herald printers knew all about this school and received daily reports from some of the Herald's "loyal" employees and students as to progress made and difficulties encountered. Had the printers contemplated a planned strike it is naive to think we would have waited. This should prove to the most biased person that the strike was not planned by the printers. It should prove, too, that although there are other issues involved, the matter of wages, and wages alone, is the sole and only reason for the strike called last Friday, Dec. 23, at 6 o'clock in the morning, by a vote of 235 to strike against 4 votes not to strike.

No oratory, no exhortations, no Billy Sunday revival methods of arousing emotional hysteria were used in obtaining this overwhelming and almost unanimous vote to strike.

Not once did officers of the union, members of the scale committee, and those who spoke from the floor raise their voices. Conditions which forced the taking of a strike vote were stated in a calm, deliberate and judicial manner, and the vote was taken in complete order and proper dignity. Every printer on the Herald knew that the management was planning a strike.

Union printers are imbued with boundless patience. Their entire history proves that patience and tolerance. Union printers on the Herald, with full knowledge of the purpose behind it all, set the type and pulled numerous slick-paper proofs of every display face of type in the composing room so the scissors and paste-pot non-unionists might be enabled to print a newspaper—such as it is—after the union printers were forced by thumb-screw and rack methods to vacate the composing room where some of them had worked faithfully and loyally for 20 to 28 years.

Yes, the strike was planned NOT, however, by union printers but by the Herald management.

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MASON at MIDNIGHT

(Mason at Midnight is heard every night from 11 P. M. to 3 A. M. thru WINZ, 940 on your dial, coming direct from Studios of WINZ, 300 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.)

By LEE MASON

It looks as though all the big-time fight promoters had better look to their laurels—for a most formidable opponent to all of them has developed here on Miami Beach—and of all places at the Sea Gull Cabana Club! That's right—the first series of bouts were held last Wednesday afternoon for the great weight world titles, and such famous personalities as Joe Di Maggio, who was the referee, Dan Dunphy of Madison Square Garden, who did all the announcing, and over 1500 spectators had the time of their lives as the contestants gave out with punches and whacked out for fame and glory. Of course, they will all have to wait a few years to reap the benefit of their crowns—for you see all of the contestants were between the ages of three and 10. It was the world's first Kiddie Bout Classic and it was arranged by the Evans family, who donated the use of the Sea Gull Cabana Club and gave a cocktail party for all the celebrities who are here for the big ball game that will be played for the benefit of the Children's Cardiac Home—one of my favorite charities.

There is a lot of excitement around the China Doll—the new place that is north on Biscayne Boulevard. It seems that an alleged columnist in writing what he called a review, took occasion to deliver a below-the-belt punch at the orchestra leader—a lad who has been in the business for many years and who has a reputation second to none as a leader. The kids in the show—all seasoned performers—felt very badly about this and they told me that the leader was a "really-all-right-guy." Noel Toy, Katherine Chang and Hoo Shee are doing a great job and business, says Jimmy Vernon, is okeh.

Harold and the Minsky clan received some bad news this week. It seems that Harold's sister lost her six-months-old child who smothered to death in her buggy. Dad and Mother Minsky planed out to New York as soon as the news was received to be with their daughter.

Colonial Inn Notes: Say it in any language that you wish—there is just one top comedy female entertainer in the "burly" line-up. Who?—that ever-lovin' Carrie Fennell, and the exercises that she illustrates every show have some of our best ladies worn out trying to duplicate them. Pauline Alley's favorite photo model, Paula Sanders, has made quite a hit with the local swains and she is SOOOO glad that she missed the blizzard in New York. That blonde (and it's natural) who swanks her six-foot-two around the Inn, is the famous Dotty Delaney who is the number one choice in tall models in any of the art centers. There is one taller at the Inn—Lois De Fee who has a new wardrobe that is the despair of all the girls in the show.

The Gables Club has added one of the best known night club photos to its staff—Eddie Wright, who has taken prizes at all the famous places for her candid shots and those who make news. Look for some new and startling shots of Sheila Ryan—and that may be the reason for Eddie being in. Jackie Whalen, more pounds, more laughs than ever, looks like a winner with the Gables crowd.

Notes from the Beachcomber: Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis not only giving terrific shows but now having an opportunity with the balance of the cast to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ordinary Miami Beach and Miami—what with the new five-dollar deal at the club. Present most exciting couple in town is from there—Frances Langford and her husband, Jon Hall.

Notes from the Celebrity Club: Alan Gale who is reaping the harvest of friendships he has earned through the years in the form of capacity business every night is now joined by the Murphy Sisters and Kali and Charmaine; Art Craig Mathues holds over. The other night Teddy

King, industriously batonning the orchestra, was hailed by a ring-side Joe who reminded him that they had both gone to public school together in Brooklyn when each was 11. It was quite a reunion.

Notes from the Monte Carlo: Tony Lopez now pitches with Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, premier American tap dancer and dean of all dancers who make with the fast clicks on the floor. Bill is also vice-president of AGVA, the actor's union. Whether Bill can hold up the landliffe business remains to be seen—but either way it will be no reflection on Bill Robinson who gets his wood under any circumstances.

Notes from the Paddock: Max and Willie sat down with a pencil and paper and proved that Shakespeare is correct—"The show's the thing." The actual money paid Lenny Kent is far greater than any previous entire show has cost but the draw not only overcomes it but for the first time in many weeks has the Paddock in the very comfortable black. The four Sullivan sisters have new numbers and are doing a great job—Albie Gaye looks three times as good surrounded by fast company and Tony Fernandez—out for several days with laryngitis—is back in the cast singing as well as ever. A special tip of the hat to Josephine Boyer who gave up an engagement to step into the breach caused by Tony's illness and by subbing for Tony protect his six months' play or pay contract.

Notes from the Mayfair: If you haven't seen Nancy Donovan and heard her sing you have missed the girl that most critics say will be the top of the tops in just a short while. She has voice, looks, youth and charm and if she is not booked in some of the cafes in this area, our managers have lost their ability to know good box office draw. The present bill includes Bud Sweeney, the Dancing Lamaes, Barbara Blaine and Nino Nanni, in addition to Nancy, and is doing a great job for the bosses. Myron Cohen, undoubtedly America's top story-teller, opens Jan. 8 and as I understand it the needle trades and textile industries have 75 per cent of the house reserved for the Cohen engagement.

From the Club Boheme: When you hear Morton Downey you can relax with that comfortable feeling that is like the glow you get after a perfect dinner perfectly served in the company of a perfect host. It is easily understandable why only Morton is on that bill—anything else with the act Morton is doing would be an anti-climax. It is nice to see Teddy Powell—nicer that the local disc jockeys are trying their best to help him by giving a terrific plug to the Powell recordings. I think he deserves it. He's a great kid.

NOTES FROM THE CLOVER CLUB: Vi and I had dinner at the Hickory House and again let's bow from the waist—it was delicious. And while there we had an opportunity to sit down with Clover Club's Jack Goldman. We got into a discussion about the booking of the Cab Calloway unit at the Clover in conjunction with the Gracie Barrie, Buddy Lester show. I told Jack that that was the type booking I wanted to see because that was a balanced bill and certainly Buddy Lester and Gracie Barrie would have no difficulty in holding their own with Calloway. In other words Goldman has taken away one of my chief objections to such a mixed booking—the fact that the Ink



Spots at \$4500 a week were rounded by acts whose combined salaries amounted to about 5 per cent of theirs. At the Club—for one thing—the pub is bound to get a terrific show because judging each act on cafe merit—each is a show stopper and combined the pub is going to be treated to a spectacle of three acts breaking their necks at every show for honors. Such a situation could be good theatrically and I think that I have to compliment Goldman and the management of the Clover for being square with the public and not depending upon sensationalism as their attraction—but rather presenting a theatrical bill as a theatrical bill should be presented with MERIT in every act.

NOTES FROM ME: I do have a most sensational story—that I know I am going to write with tears running down my face and if I can avoid writing it I am going to do so for the good of the institution which it concerns in the community in which I live. I am going to make an honest effort to see if something can be done about the rapacious, reprehensible persons concerned—who are utilizing, in my opinion, public positions to mulct money from a local charity by pampering to the publicity desires of certain few headline hounds. It is a nasty story and the people concerned in it are equally nasty. It can be amicably settled, it is far better for all concerned that it never be written.

Well, that's all for this week. There's lots of news, but I will have to give it to you at 6:45 or 11 to 3 on my radio program. And may I, in behalf of Vi, the boys and myself, sincerely thank the hundreds of you for your cards and wires—and again may I say to you and yours the healthiest, happiest and most prosperous New Year you have ever known.

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Propagandizing Disease

By B. B.
ALMENTS—major and minor, seem to come in waves, in epidemics. They become a fad and sweep a community or a nation and then fade out.

through propaganda—like war. The fear is implanted in the minds and every ache and pain or sore spot creates the dread that this may be it. Never before has there been so many cases of cancer reported, so many deaths from this malady. Medical science has made no visible progress against it.

was the doctor, seeing a good excuse for an operation and a nice fee. Off to the hospital the victims were rushed. Today you hear less of this. Physicians are busy elsewhere. Now you permit the pain to go away.

ventive for that disease. There's always something. Much of the disease, of course, is real, but much of it also is psychological, the dread is first placed in the minds through the propaganda of commentators shouting the danger over the air waves and through the press. It is something to talk about.

curately than poll-takers can guess the outcome of an election. Propaganda of fact does not implant the necessity of care and safety as successfully as the propaganda of fear furthers the cause of disease, so far as it may be controlled by the mind.

Post Versus Post And Miami Hats

EMILY POST, the arbiter of etiquette, recently ruled at long last that men did not have to take off their hats in elevators of business buildings when women are present. How nice. The Saturday Evening Post editorially and solemnly backed her, pointed out that doffed hats might get smashed and increase the congestion. In addition to this the S. E. Post saw no reason why men in front should step aside to let the ladies emerge first, only to have them rush over and obtain stools at the bar.

in Miami. Masculine hats are becoming almost non-existent in this land of sunshine and sometimes flowers. Men have no hats to take off in or out of elevators. About the only lid that is lifted in South Florida is the one that makes the Crime Commission blow its top—the now and then lid on gambling.

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Lemmie H. Hess of Fairmont, W. Va., was an affectionate and loving suitor, says Rose Wallace Hess, 2027 N. W. Fourth st., Miami, suing for divorce. But the wedding bells on May 28, 1934, in Wheeling, W. Va., changed that attitude. He began a course of conduct and mysterious habit of temper and irresponsibility. He would fuss and curse and be cruel.

After the ninth month of this unbearable condition, the plain-

tiff left for a year, but they were reconciled after the defendant promised to be good. He was. For two and a half years they led a normal and harmonious life, and then in 1939 a daughter was born, and Lemmie resumed his old unpleasant actions. He used obscene and profane language and did not contribute to her happiness nor supply her with sufficient money for financial needs.

Rose reports that he would become violent, kick and hit her. On Christmas, 1945, Rose planned to entertain some friends, and objecting, he raged, kicked her in the stomach. The situation grew worse and she consulted a physician, as her health suffered. He shifted from job to job and in

LOVING BEFORE MARRIAGE

Then He Changed; Men are Cruel and Shiftless; Only Had Bed and Table in Big Apartment

June, 1947, quit his work in Wheeling and went to Fairmont, leaving her without funds so she had to obtain employment. Charles H. Wakeman, Jr., is the attorney.

CRUELTY, too, is the charge of Dorothy Ashworth against Earl W. Ashworth of Philadelphia. They were united Sept. 24, 1938, in Elkton, Md., and separated Sept. 22, 1948. They have two children. A year ago they purchased property in Philadelphia and were living there at the time of the parting.

Prior to the birth of the second child he began his cruel conduct.

She claims he abused, beat, bruised and threatened her life, so he was put under a peace bond of \$300. He was able-bodied but spent most of his time in bed until late. Benjamin E. Carey is the solicitor.

MONEY, or lack of it, was the dividing element in this case. Carolyn Jane Kerr, 1509 San Ignacio ave., Coral Gables, asks freedom from Edgar Joseph Kerr, who was wed in Miami March 11, 1947. At that time the defendant held a government position but he resigned and sought various jobs, working on salary and commission. In

eight months he earned \$1,000 but turned none of it over to her.

They lived at 1134 S. W. Fourth st. and were \$300 in arrears for rent. She wrote home for money. He got a job with the Miami Sportswear Co., with \$100 a week drawing account, and traveled around the state. She alleges that she began to receive calls to wire money; and that he passed some 35 bad checks which were forwarded to her by hotels and business houses. The plaintiff made these good and was forced to borrow money. She would have gone hungry had not her friends taken pity and invited her to dine.

Carolyn went to visit her mother in Port Huron, Mich., and he followed. Both returned to Miami, August 15, 1948, and rented an apartment in Coral Gables. It was unfurnished and he bought a bed, table and four

chairs, and that was the only furniture in this ornate apartment of two bedrooms, bath, kitchen and living room. The plaintiff borrowed a rug, a chest of drawers and cedar chest. She would get money from mother and he borrowed it. Carolyn is a nurse but declined to seek employment because she believed he would then live off her.

On Dec. 8 Edgar told her to get out and obtain a divorce, or he would; that she was useless, fault finding and not worth living with. She wanted children, but he did not; asserted she would not be a fit mother. She requests restoration of her name of Butler. The barrister is Roland R. Sweet.

MORE troubles, Virginia Ilene Weyland is suing Gerald Leroy Weyland, to whom she was married July 15, 1938, in

Cumberland, Md. They adopted a child in Youngstown, O. She charges he was cruel, inhuman, abusive and threatening; that he would become drunk and disorderly. For a number of months, she says, he was carousing with other women. When she asked him to desist he would curse and strike her. They were separated for 16 months, and then resumed relations while he also resumed his conduct. On Nov. 15 they were evicted for non-payment of rent. She requests support and custody of the child. Louis Falk is the lawyer.

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While primarily a trade event to display the latest in equipment and gear for all kinds of sports activity, there will also be entertainment features and the greatest display of community, club, civic and educational participation in the

great outdoors. A standard casting tank will dominate the big hall on which leading casting experts will demonstrate their skills.

The Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission will have a big exhibit showing live native animals, fishes and birds. The Girl and Boy Scouts will have full encampments showing practical tropical woodcraft and field craft containing many helpful hints for adult campers and trappers.

Tennis and golf pros will give clinics. The Audubon Society, the South Florida Sportsman's Club, the Miami Beach Anglers' Club, the various fishing tournaments

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TAKING pictures of frogs and spiders and snakes might not appeal as a way to spend a

will have displays. Moving pictures of sports and of outdoor life and wildlife will be almost constantly running. A state-wide Skish Tourney will be held right in the building, the first time at any sportsmans show.

The site of the show will be two Navy hangars which have been extensively remodelled by the City of Miami. The famous Miami Boat Show was held there last year and the American Legion had its convention there last October.

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"This total Florida value represented 13 per cent of the value of all vegetables sold for fresh consumption in the nation. The Florida tonnage was 10 per cent of the national, reflecting the

proportionately higher value of Florida vegetables.

"More Florida snap beans, cucumbers, eggplant, green peppers, watermelons and escarole reached the national market basket fresh than from any other State. Similarly, the value of these Florida crops outranked other States' crops in each case. Both tomatoes and cabbage grown in Florida ranked first in value and second in volume.

Counterfeiters Here Worry Merchants

ADDED to their other troubles, Miami merchants are on the lookout for counterfeit money. It is in circulation here and a number of bad bills have turned up

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WE left the city commission last Wednesday at 4:30 . . . At that time not a single one of the 33 matters on the agenda had been taken up. . . The entire day had been devoted to personal appearances. Some were for adjourning at 6 p. m. But Commissioners Quigg and Palmer objected. They wanted to get through, regardless of how long they had to stay. . . As we said, we left at 4:30. . . At times you can well pity the poor commissioners!

Representative Rogers' Idea of Taxing Uncle Sam Silly

WE CAN hardly understand the reasoning of some congressmen. Rep. Dwight L. Rogers of Ft. Lauderdale wants the U. S. to pay property tax. He points out that when the Government owns or takes over large institutions or

developments (Pratt General at Coral Gables is cited) the municipalities lose considerable revenue by reason of them being removed from the tax rolls.

He doesn't point out, however, that usually when the Government takes over land; buildings, hospitals, etc., the Government spends HUGE sums developing these particular projects, and that, generally, thousands of additional dollars are brought into the community by visitors, business folk, the workers, patients' families, etc. They mean big payrolls, in most cases. That money is spread throughout the city.

When the Government purchases materials, food, supplies from the local trade, top price is paid. Don't you forget it!

And cities so favored don't go bankrupt!

Municipalities not only of Florida but of the entire nation ask federal aid for various projects.

If we're not mistaken, Miami just got more than \$2,000,000 to develop Dinker Key.

When the county takes over land, it doesn't pay

municipal taxes, nor do the municipalities in taking over county property pay county taxes.

Now if Rep. Rogers' proposal goes through, the Government would be expected to pay taxes on land that the military has taken over. The Government would pay not only for the land it selects for parks but taxes on said parks.

Rogers claims that the Government's acquisition of lands had forced the areas involved to increase taxes on other property.

What sophistry!

Let's not keep Uncle Sam's hand busy paying us "token payments" in taxes for land that he develops for the benefit of the community where it is located as well as for the nation as a whole.

Let's help him, rather, to keep his hands free to help us on badly needed public developments.

Low-cost housing, for instance.

And slum-clearance.

And purchasing of utilities that can lessen the general taxpayer's burdens.

STOCKS UP---LIKE WE SAID!

AS MIAMI LIFE predicted months ago, stocks are going higher. Business will continue to improve. Washington is going ahead with a Planned Inflation instead of Deflation.

This is attested to by the rise in stock prices after Truman's State-of-the-Union speech before Congress.

You will find hereafter that every time the President or any of his cabinet members or financial leaders make statements, the stock market will find some excuse, by reason of those statements, to go UP.

And 1949, we think, will see the beginning of the GREATEST inflationary period ever experienced by the good old U. S. A.

Billion-Dollar Plum

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tic help of the LIVE communities live), the monstrously ugly railroads and their yards and dilapidated stations, the dirty docks, the worn-out streets—everything that tends to make a city less desirable to live in.

Yet, as we say, salvation is possible.

A city commission majority has it within their power to INITIATE the movement that will practically assure that SALVATION.

It is not too soon.

This plum—this BILLION-DOLLAR PLUM—can be PLUCKED, if the citizens will show the commission they'll brook no compromise, no dillydallying.

Don't expect the daily newspapers to join in such a crusade.

BOY MAYOR... (You Can Have Him!)

Fifteen thousand dollars was appropriated some time ago by the city to have the Florida East Coast railroad station moved from downtown. It was supposed to be used for developing the case before the railroad commission.

Now we find that the money is being spent in having property values appraised around a site that the Du Pont interests (principal railroad bondholders), working in conjunction with the Citizens Committee, commission-appointed group, picked out.

Isn't it a breach of trust for public funds to be thus dissipated on a site that has not been approved by the commission.

But there's plenty of strange developments in the desperate fight being put up by certain interests for the 20th-St. location.

It's only APPARENTLY eliminated.

That site is actually very much alive.

For one thing, Mayor Floyd was TOO upset over Att'y Abe Aronovitz's blasting the city commission for being "facetious."

Our "boy mayor" had remarked cattily that we might want the railroad station up at Pompano or some such northern spot.

This was what led Aronovitz to become "irate."

When Commissioner Bill Charles questioned Aronovitz's remarks, Aronovitz apologized.

So there was no necessity for Mayor Floyd's tirade—EXCEPT that his conscience had suddenly bothered him. ("The truth hurts.")

When he bitterly upbraided Aronovitz, his face got

Expect them, on the contrary, to OPPOSE it bitterly, to ATTACK the leaders of such a movement, to TRY TO DEFEAT any commissioner advocating it and any candidate who runs on that platform.

Just remember Pres. Truman's statement:

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red. The blood vessels in his temples almost burst. He pounded the table.

No toothbrush smile!

He didn't look like the boy mayor.

He looked dissipated!

There were bags under his eyes. Venom and rage in his voice.

"Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

In those few moments, Mayor Floyd made many things clear.

He made it clear to even half-smart politicians and hangers-on that he WAS going to play ball with the DuPont setup!

(If we're wrong, Mayor, we'll buy you a coke—come next election day!)

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