

SALES TAX OPPOSED

FORTUNATELY for the people of Florida, a strong group is forming to oppose a state sales tax of any kind . . . The people everywhere should support this group. Let it know that it has their moral support and best wishes in their efforts to keep SPECIAL INTERESTS from shifting the financial burdens from THEIR COFFERS onto the SHOULDERS of EVERYDAY CITIZENS!

John Knight Profits By Human Misery

ALL THE BLAME for poor business conditions in the country today is being shifted to the door of Mr. Average Citizen. Herald Publisher John S. Knight holds forth a blank that he requests all his readers to sign and dispatch to Pres. Truman. It says:

"Dear Sir:
Because I believe that billions can be saved and efficiency improved by putting into effect the recommendations of the executive branch of the governor (the Hoover commission), I urge that you make every effort to carry out this program."

HE ASKS that you sign it, giving your street address, home city, and state.

He devotes a half-page editorial cunningly calculated to work up sympathy for his idea.

He quotes the much-publicized "Hoover Report."

He points out how two government agencies—the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation—were paid a half-million dollars for drawing up the Hell's Canyon, Idaho, reclamation plans but misfigured it \$75,000,000.

Another of the several evils he refers to, is "a Middle West project" that cost \$131,800,000, although the government had previously figured it at \$44,000,000.

The Hungry Horse project in Montana, he says, "grew from an estimated \$6,300,000 to a final figure of \$93,500,000, more than 15 times the original estimate."

HOWEVER, Publisher Knight does NOT point out that the workers, business people who sold materials, manufacturers, newspapers, adjacent communities, and the nation as a whole BENEFITTED from the expenditure of these huge sums of money! . . . If great numbers of people had not worked on these jobs, the government would have had to take care of them somehow through their "bureaucratic" welfare department, or let them starve!

Knight bemoans the cost of government hospitals running as high as \$51,000 per bed as compared with \$16,000-to-\$20,000 per bed in private hospitals.

Would Publisher Knight STOP construction of these hospitals?

In a private insurance company each employe handles an average workload of 1,763 policies. But in the Veterans Administration each employe handles only 450 policies. The Hoover report indicates this is appalling and these employes must be got rid of . . . But another "evil" pops up: it requires an average of seven months to fire an incompetent worker. Some have held onto their jobs as long as 17 months by resorting to appeal methods. In one bureau it was found that 24 subordinates received as much salary as the heads of the department.

John S. Knight obviously agrees with Herbert Hoover recommending that we adopt a "slave labor" policy.

He disapproves of the government being "more solicitous" to its civil service workers than private industry is to those who are dependent upon them for the wherewithal to keep body and soul together.

The Herald publisher would eliminate civil service in government and unions in business.

SO THAT THE EMPLOYER COULD, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE WORKER, FIRE HIM.

THE HOOVER report charges that the government's housekeeping job is performed without central direction, under no orderly system, and with enormous waste.

We agree in part. And the Hoover Report, in our opinion, is the BEST example of this!

THIS EDITORIAL was based, as we have said, on the Hoover report. Now comes some of Editor Knight's OWN thinking.

He says: "Shocking as these examples of government waste may seem to you"—see how he's made

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Papers Try Again To Dupe Us

WINDING UP an editorial titled, "The Fault Will Be Ours," the text of which emphasized our independence, the Herald the other day said:

"Our forefathers never intended the federal government to be the national economic over-all planner, that its bureaucrats should know better what is best for the people than the people themselves, that the planners should determine how much freedom of action, opportunity and choice should be enjoyed by the citizens as well as what goods and services they need and are entitled to have."

"This is regimentation of the boldest character. It is wholly contradictory of every principle of liberty and freedom and respect for the dignity of man emancipated in the Declaration of Independence. If we are despoiled of our rights, we the people will be responsible for not stopping the despoliation when we could have."

Now let's repeat—and emphasize—portions of the above, and thus prove why the Herald will not and cannot see itself in the light that others see it. For instance—

. . . that its bureaucrats should know better what is best for the people than the people

LET'S VOTE ON SCHOOL TERM

IF YOU haven't already done so, please sign the blank below, so we can forward it on to Gov. Warren.

Help Miami parents and teachers obtain a referendum on Extra-Long School Terms in Dade county through legislative enactment!

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(City)

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themselves." The Herald in all its crusades, time and time again tells you that "the people are up in arms" about this, about that.

We go to bed peacefully perhaps—have pleasant dreams—but upon arising and opening the Herald, we find that we are "up in arms" about something! . . . Often it's something we ENTIRELY DISAGREE with the Herald about!

In the last election, the Herald viciously fought Sheriff Sullivan. It claimed that Jimmy conducted the sheriff's office in a manner opposing the will of the people, against the best interests of the people.

But the will of the people as the Herald sees it and as expressed at the polls is NOT the same thing.

For the people REELECTED Sheriff Sullivan!

But did that deter the Herald from again trying to force upon the people something they didn't want?

Not a bit of it. Even since the election—ever since Sullivan's overwhelming victory—

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Club Official SHORT?

STARTLING REVELATIONS of a shortage in big Gables fraternal organization are READYING, according to a rumor reaching us this week . . . a former of-

ficial, a supposed amnesia victim, is involved . . . investigators haven't quite completed their probe.

'SLOTS' FLOURISH

Slot-machines ARE prevalent in Florida . . . throughout the state, . . . even in Dade county!

There's no essential difference between the one-ball "pin" machine and the console-type slot machines ("one-

armed bandit"), except in the mode of play, and except that it has no plums, cherries, lemons, etc. It's action is just as fast. Pay-off is over the counter instead of automatic (which, however, could be arranged if it became feasible).

'Sour' Publicity Hurts Fuller Warren

WHOEVER is advising Gov. Warren in a publicity capacity sure pulled a boner when he had the chief executive hock his auto for \$3,000 in order, for three months, to forego his \$1,000-per-month salary so that there's no hardship visited upon lower-salary employes of the state.

This move theatrically impresses Floridians with the seriousness of the financial plight the state finds itself in as the result of legislative blunders.

However, the necessity for Florida's young governor, who just won a very popular election—and moreover, a beautiful and popular bride from California—having to mortgage his Cadillac is a little too far-fetched for practical-minded and calloused

Floridians to swallow.

Why, Warren has friends who raised tens of thousands of dollars to conduct his campaign and get him elected.

These friends were willing to risk that much on the bare possibility of Warren becoming governor—and with no hope or desire to get the money back.

Certainly AFTER Warren's IN, they'll surely risk a few bobs on him! Even if he merely hints that he'd pay them back sometime.

Nasty things have been said about Warren for this unwarranted and unnecessary publicity.

We, however, believe he is doing a swell job under the circumstances. Naturally he would accomplish more if the legislature weren't so uncooperative.

(Watch that Publicity Department, Fuller!)

IT WASN'T SO CONFIDENTIAL!

DOES City Manager Renshaw know that his "hot" telephone conversation with a certain "Bill" (not Bill Burbridge, councilman, however)—or it might have been "Phil"—following last week's council meeting which he hadn't attended—was somehow crossed up with a business line in Miami, and that the

conversation was heard by at least two people?

It was obviously a "report" from a confidential friend upon the various councilmen, their stands on the gambling situation, and coming strategy.

Renshaw "confided" to his confidant (and to the listeners-in, of course) that three or four weeks of butting the "stone-wall" would eventually force Richard (Councilman Melvin Richard, opposing the Big Syndicate) and his allies to make peace with the rest of the council.

Renshaw was informed that it was dangerous the way speculators crowded the council room. The city manager said speculators really should be barred—"but if we did that, they'd call it oppression, and so we have to put up with it."

MIAMI LIFE thinks, however, that Renshaw's idea of the stand Mayor Turk will eventually take on important issues isn't entirely correct.

WELL, the Herald finally comes out and recognizes that there's a great oil field in the next county, northwest of Miami! Yes, the other day it carried an analysis of the Sunniland enterprise, where No. 14, newest of the wells, has just been brought in.

Hospital Paint Falls In Soup

NAT GREBS has been recovering at Jackson Memorial Hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

And Grebs, like others, has complaints about the hospital.

"Why," he said from his hospital bed, "even the painters are permitted to daub on walls without sizing first. And what happens? The paint keeps chipping off and falling on the defenseless patients, into the soup and other food. And the plain walls are so cheerless. How about some decorations or pictures or something to take your mind off the pains and the sickness."

WE'RE HUNTING A SLANDERER!

THE publisher of MIAMI LIFE got an anonymous phone call this week that certain contractors are spreading a story that he told them he could get them the big City of Miami sewerage contract if they slipped him \$300,000.

Now \$300,000 is a nice sum to think about. We must admit we could use it—to produce a better and bigger MIAMI LIFE.

And we have to admit we have gone out of our way personally to try to get SOMEBODY interested in getting Miami's MOST NEEDED improvement under way. But admit we were foolish enough to demand \$300,000 for ourselves? . . . for a contract that ANY REPUTABLE FIRM can have FOR NOTHING? . . . a contract that existing conditions have rendered almost an impossibility?

NEVER! Why, we'll wager that anybody who could get a qualified contractor (with proper performance bond and security) to take the project for the amount of money available, COULD COLLECT \$300,000 EXTRA FROM THE CITY COMMISSION!

We believe they'd pay that much BONUS to anybody who could put such a deal through.

We personally have taken various contractors to various city commissioners in an endeavor to get things moving—but never in a secretive manner. Always open and above board. And ALWAYS in the presence of several witnesses.

Each time we received the same answer: the city was interested if the contractor could produce and was gilt-edged.

We'd welcome more information as to the source of this slander against us.

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LIFE lines-LIFE lines

There is one nice thing about going to Jackson Memorial hospital. A fellow wants to get out so badly he recovers more rapidly.

The welfare state makes people sick.

It is better to oil the motor than the motorist.

Well, anyway when a guy loses his shirt in Wall Street now he can buy another one at reduced prices.

America is so hard up today that it doesn't know where to invest its excess cash on hand. Tell Stalin that.

Call The Next Case

By BOND

Merchants In Murder

Anybody Can Buy a Gun Without Questioning; Arsenal in Negro Town; Shootings and Cuttings; Spit in Soup; Forgot Whom He Killed

MURDER is made easy in Greater Miami. Anybody can buy a gun and start shooting, or robbing. It is that easy. Under the new regulations there is no check upon the sale of pistols. A record, however, is kept of all purchasers.

Under the old ordinance it was necessary for a purchaser to obtain a permit from the detective bureau in the city of Miami. The average gangster and criminal and the folks with an itching finger hesitated about undergoing an examination by the police. That definitely slowed up the acquisition of shooting irons. But it also hurt business of Miami merchants in death.

It seems that Dade county, Coral Gables, Hialeah and other municipalities had no restrictions on trade in guns. So those who wanted to kill somebody merely stepped across the street from a Miami limit boundary and got the revolver in a rival hardware store or pawn shop. That made competition unfair to Miami merchants, so the city commission and police department changed the rules. However, the city commission did not remove the tax on cigars to protect the trade of Miami merchants. It was more important to encourage the distribution of death.

MIAMI Negro town is well armed. It is an arsenal—of democracy. The colored boys and girls love to possess some sort of weapon, and pistols are the most popular, along with razors and ice picks.

During the week-end the cops in the Negro precinct had a gay and dangerous time, what with several shootings, one dead Negro; assaults with guns and other weapons, theft of revolvers, and cutting frays.

Most of the shootings and assaults are among members of the Negro race, but the possession of guns is a threat to the entire community. The police are anxious and nervous over the situation.

Whites and blacks can be arrested and punished for carrying concealed weapons, but anybody can buy and possess guns if they are kept in the car or at home.

There is no real excuse for having such a weapon, unless a person is connected with police authority in one way or another. A revolver is an invitation to murder. It is so easy to pull the trigger in the heat of the moment and regret it ever after.

It is hoped a state legislative act will shut off the traffic in death in Dade county and throughout Florida. New York state has its Sullivan law which bans the sale and possession of guns. Florida needs to follow that example.

In the absence of City Judge Cecil C. Curry, undergoing a minor operation, Albert S. Dubbin presided over the municipal court, faced the many Negroes who had enjoyed a violent week-end.

There was Isaac Crump of 234 N. W. 11th terrace, arrested at the city incinerator, charged with using a pitch fork on Jack Browning. Asked if he had wielded a pitch fork, and if so, why, Crump claimed Jack had spit in his soup.

Now Isaac had a defense there. If some guy spit in our soup we might not hit him with a pitch fork, having

High Points Of Aronovitz Suit

THE suit brought in circuit court by Attorney Abe Aronovitz in behalf of Norman N. Blakley, former city judge, "and all other taxpayers similarly situated," seeks to join the city of Miami from paying \$3,200 to Rep. George Smathers's law firm (Smathers, Thompson, Maxwell & Dyer) for defending City Manager Danner, Chief of Police Frank Mitchell, and Lieut. Huttoo in Blakley's "illegal arrest" \$250,000 damage action, and seeking to make Commissioners Floyd, Palmer, and Charles as well as Finance Director George N. Shaw individually liable for the \$3,200 attorney fee if the city does pay it.

Director Shaw has been warned by City Attorney Watson to hold up payment until the new suit is decided.

Commissioners Quigg and Gardner voted against what they declared was an "illegal payment" to the Smathers law firm.

The Aronovitz suit declares that in paying such a claim—which Aronovitz claims is a personal obligation upon the officials' part—the city would be "establishing, as a result thereof, a precedent and a principle that any and all officers and employees of the City of Miami who may commit some act of stupidity, or indulge in conduct which is illegal, and for which some citizen may feel aggrieved sufficient to bring a suit, that thereafter the City shall pay any and all legal expenses for any attorney in any amount for which the said party so charged may become involved."

Here are the city charter provisions Aronovitz cites: Section 4, Sub-Section F: "The ordinance making appropriations shall be confined to the subject of appropriations."

Section 35: "No liability shall be enforceable against the City upon any contract not supported by the previous appropriation, nor shall the City be liable for any services, material, or supplies furnished to the City or to any department, office or division thereof, the financial requirements of which are to be met out of the proceeds of the taxes or of any other funds controlled by the Commission, unless the Commission shall previously have made an appropriation therefore . . ."

Section 37: "The Director of Finance shall examine all payrolls, bills, and other claims and demands against the City, and shall issue no warrant for payment unless he finds that the claim is in proper form, correctly computed and duly certified, and that it is justly and legally due and payable; that an appropriation has been made therefor which has not been exhausted or that the payment has been otherwise legally authorized . . ."

Section 38 "If the Director of Finance issues a warrant on the treasury authorizing the payment for any item for which no appropriation has been made, or for the payment of which there is not sufficient money in the proper fund, or which for any other cause should not be approved, he and his sureties

none, but we would feel impelled to empty the soup on the other guy's head. Anyway the judge gave Isaac 30 days in the jug, with or without soup.

THE judge and court attaches were startled by Henry Williams, 1753 N. W. 4th court, 32 years old, laborer, when he was arraigned on the charge of impersonating an officer. He was pretending to be a cop while wearing a badge inscribed: "Special deputy sheriff of Ocean City, N. J."

"Ever been up in court before?" asked the judge. "Yas suh," he replied, "I was up for murder once."

Quite calmly the judge inquired: "Who did you murder?"

"I doesn't remember now."

It was that important. He escaped with a \$25 fine.

JESSIE Mae Jones had quite a day of it. She charged Charlie with stealing a Spanish revolver but the gun could not be produced, it had been pawned and Charlie was dismissed. Jessie also appeared against Bernice Moss, claiming she had been slashed with new safety razor blades. Bernice did not deny it. "Did you cut her up good?" asked the judge. Jessie wore several bandages. Bernice was remanded to jail for 60 days.

Another Negro was charged with hitting a woman with a revolving chair, after he got out of jail. "Why did you return to that house when you had been warned to stay away?" Judge Dubbin asked.

The prisoner answered: "To get my clothes so I wouldn't smell. I visit a lot of white folks houses and I mustn't smell bad. Then she pulled a gun on me." He was fined \$50 or 20 days.

EDWARD D. Frankel, white, 51, 170 N. W. 41st street, was arraigned for his second case of driving while under the influence of intoxicants. Reckless driving and causing an accident were added. His first accident injured a girl. He was out on \$150 bail. It was continued and the case was postponed. But his driver's license at least was taken by the court. If he hits anybody else it won't be with legal permission.

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shall be individually liable to the City for the amount of such warrant, if paid."

Here is a quotation, in part from the Aronovitz action: "If the services rendered by the defendants (the Smathers firm), were rendered to the City of Miami, then the same is in violation of the Civil Service provisions of the City of Miami in that the said attorneys never took or passed any Civil Service examination nor was the same authorized by the Civil Service Board, and the said attorneys would perfunctorily be usurping the functions, duties and responsibilities of the City Attorney's office; and if the services were not rendered to the City of Miami, then either by an Ordinance or a Resolution the said would be void and illegal in that the City of Miami has no right to pay funds for the private obligations of its officials and employees."

In another place, the suit claims that such a payment cannot legally be taken from the contingent fund (as ordered by the 3-2 vote of the city commission) and moreover, that it must be authorized by ordinance, giving taxpayers a right to come forward and protest in accordance with their legal rights. It was by mere resolution that the commission majority a few days ago authorized the payment of the Smathers law-firm fee.

AMATEURS ARE STIRRED BY BOXING SHOW SUSPENSION

AL Ridgeway, boxing promoter, is fighting mad and has grounds for putting on the gloves for a bout with the A.A.U., as a result of the sudden suspension of his amateur fistic.

Down here from New Jersey, he organized the Allie Ridgeway Athletic Association some seven months ago, with the club headquarters at 228 N. E. Third street, where training for all amateurs in the community was available. Two months ago he applied for membership in the A.A.U. and sanction for the presentation of amateur boxing. This was approved.

Ridgeway spent \$800 in fixing up the Dade county Armory and putting on two amateur bouts, which were televised from the ring side. From the first show Ridgeway reports the revenue was \$111 and the second \$147, meaning that the bouts were provided at a loss.

Then on June 15 Ridgeway received word from Commissioner Williams, Coral Gables, that his club was suspended and it could not continue to furnish the shows on the ground that Ridgeway was a professional and his club was not a non-profit group. Ridgeway denies the latter charge and says that his status has not changed from the time he was given sanction to go ahead. If he was professional and could not be admitted, he wants to know why the commissioners permitted him to proceed in the first place, and then cracked down on him afterwards. He asserts that his shows complied with all of the regulations, offered eight fights of three-round bouts.

Ridgeway declared it strange that he should be shut off while the Hialeah Boys Club is permitted to continue with the only other amateur boxing bouts in this area—and on the same nights given him. He alleges that the Hialeah management allows boys under age to participate and is not fussy about abiding by all the rules.

Ridgeway was licensed as a manager for bouts; he has been coach for the Golden Gloves; has allowed free use of his gymnasium to amateurs, and seeks to promote amateur boxing on a high scale of conduct.

Ridgeway believes that the unexpected and surprising action of the commissioner and A.A.U. warrant investigation; wants to know what the amateurs in this community think of the treatment accorded him.

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FLORIDA MAKES MARRIAGE DIFFICULT; GEORGIA, EASY

A GEORGIA judge megaphones to all marital prospects that there is no delay in Georgia—nothing in the law that forces a couple to wait to be married. In short, you can marry on a minute's notice up in Georgia.

When the new law goes into effect August 25, however, people who get married must produce a certificate showing that neither has syphilis. But this can be had from any doctor or laboratory technician not more than 30 days prior to the marriage.

The judge says he would "like to thoroughly impress on you that there will be no waiting period now or after the new law goes into effect in Georgia for parties getting married."

Georgia makes it easy to get married and tough to get divorced.

While Florida makes it tough getting married and easy to get divorced!

They are sister Southern states. Morally, however, they seem to be poles apart.

SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY

MARCEL CERDAN

THE FIGHTING FRENCHMAN WHO RECENTLY CAPTURED THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT CROWN FROM TONY ZALE, DON'T WANT TO BE A BOXER. HIS FAVORITE SPORT WAS SOCCER. HOWEVER, HIS FATHER COMMANDED HIM TO BOX AND NOW HIS RING-MADE FORTUNE MAKES HIM THE RICHEST ATHLETE UNDER THE FRENCH FLAG.

PING PONG IS MORE DANGEROUS

HERMAN BARDON SHOT A 105 FOR HIS FIRST ROUND OF GOLF. SHOT A SECOND ROUND OF 89 THE NEXT DAY. A YEAR LATER, AT THE AGE OF 12, HE BLASTED PAR WITH A 70!

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BEACH COURT DISMISSES LARCENY CHARGES AGAINST HARRY ZUCKERNICK SON

AGAIN ignored by the daily press, the second case of Miss Dorothy Brand and the Zuckernicks of Miami Beach was heard before Municipal Judge Daniel Galen Friday afternoon. Miss Brand was the plaintiff, charging Michael Zuckernick, son of Harry Zuckernick, recent candidate for the Beach council, with larceny in connection with the snatching of her bag with pamphlets and purse during the evening of a rally June 2.

In testimony presented before Judge Galen, it was claimed by Miss Brand that as she was pushing her bicycle along the street at Second and Washington, an auto drove up and a young man jumped out of the car and grabbed her bag, and raced off. Miss Brand and another witness, Miss Lillian Evencyk, identified Michael Zuckernick as the party who pinched the pocketbook. Michael, in court, flatly denied his guilt.

Police were notified immediately after the incident and the car number was checked, found to be in the name of Rebecca Milstein. Barney Milstein, a friend of Michael, was said to be the driver of the auto. The police soon located the machine and during the questioning at the scene a small boy came up and returned the purse to Miss Brand. Nothing was missing.

The first hearing had to be postponed because of the non-appearance of the police officers, who were subpoenaed for the second hearing. They testified as to the identity of the car and picking it up. Barney, the driver, was missing at the hearing.

However, Miss Brand had described the auto as a convertible when it was a sedan, although she had correctly identified the license number. Largely because of this mistake, the judge dismissed the charges.

This was the second case growing out of the recent Miami Beach political battle during which Miss Brand distributed a pamphlet making certain sensational charges against Zuckernick, who had been her lawyer in annulment and arrest proceedings. Zuckernick filed criminal libel charges against Miss Brand and Justice of Peace Kenneth Okazaki last week, refusing to dismiss the suit, bound her over to the county Court of Crimes. Time for that hearing had not been set.

The attorneys for Miss Brand are Ray Watson and Leo Greenfield.

WOMAN'S WORLD

Summer Modes Offer Diversity In Styling, Fabrics and Color

By ERTTA HALEY

SUMMER FASHIONS are universally appealing. They have the crisp and fresh look, and there's something for everybody's taste and budget.

If you like the fragile and feminine clothes, there's a wealth of sheer materials such as nylons and tissue cottons and rayons from which to choose.

For those who prefer trim and tailored lines, there are the beloved classics with just enough of the new fashion details to make them look interesting. The silky gabardines in wool and rayon as well as the sheer woollens all vie for honors in this class.

Fabric Choice Is Unlimited

Most of the new collections of summer clothes offer a wonderful wealth of fabrics. There are the always popular cottons, but you'll hardly recognize them from their intricate weaves, color combinations and treatments. In place of the usual prints, which are still available, if you want them, you'll find a beautiful array of plaids, checks and colorful stripes.

In the print line, be it cotton or rayon, the print which seems to be holding sway is the border print.

Linens are extremely popular and well used. You'll have no difficulty finding the softest of pastels to fit your coloring; and, for those of you who feel that prints are the thing for summer, there are numerous vat-dyed butcher linens.

Pure silk and silk shantung share honors with the other materials because they drape so softly and lend themselves to the cool look.

Interest in Necklines Highly Favored

Whether the dress be casual or formal, you'll see much neckline interest. These range from the large and flattering shawl collars to the deep dipping slashed neckline.

Shawl collars are face-framing and lovely if you're the tall dramatic type who needs some horizontal line at the shoulders to balance the figure. Many of these collars are used in two different ways: low to bare the shoulders, or high to cover them.

Most of the sundresses are strapless this season, but they do come with ties that are removable. The bodice is boned for security. Another feature which most of us appreciate in the sundresses is the fact that many of the moderate and slightly high priced ones come with a brief jacket. These have a small Peter Pan collar and three-quarter fitted sleeves. If you purchase one of these in a lovely pure silk print, it will serve two occasions beautifully.

Full Skirts Are Popular

Many of the warm weather fashions sport full skirts. These are not only flared as they were last year, but they are also gored, flowing neatly from a snug hip line. Some have unpressed pleats; others have a flounce, a rather deep one, to give them more fullness; and still others are elaborately draped.

There is little change in skirt length from spring fashions. The approved length remains at 12 inches from the floor.

Even the tailored types of dresses show a gentle flare or a suggestion of fullness. It's only in the suits that you have what can be called a really slim skirt line.

Trend Toward Femininity Still Making Strides

The feminine influences which have been observed during winter and spring are bound to show up even more for summer fashions and there's nothing in the fashion spotlight which would contradict this trend.

The camisole effect is new and very womanly looking. It's featured in vests and on the tops of backless dresses. Equally feminine is the use of embroidery trim on pastel dresses of cotton and linen, or the tiny tie belts or the high-busted Empire silhouette.

Blouses for summer are captivatingly feminine. When made of sheers or nylon, they are bound to have a fragile effect. Add to this their froth of lace and ruffles and pretty pastels and you have a pretty good idea of the trend.

It's a Season Of Many Colors

You're bound to be bewildered, and even bewitched, by the colors offered by summer fashions. If you're striking and dramatic, there are strong, singing colors and vivid sunny hues such as deep yellows, vibrant crimsons, sharp emeralds, violet and tangerines.

If you go in for a more pastel look, choose the soft, watered shades in the same colors like pastel yellow, medium or pale lime greens, lilac, party-like pink or lady-like blue.

Lots of greys are making news, too. They range from the misty to the stormy tones. Browns and navy are still popular. Always-desired summer accents of white are much favored, and then, too, you'll have no difficulty finding crisp, sleek black.

Choose Cottons For Play Clothes

As in other years, the demin clothes have been gaining in popularity among the younger set who want a durable, practical play clothes material. With the popularity which gray has been gaining in the fashion picture, this color has been added to the faded blue which has been available.

Clothes in either of those colors may carry an accent of red or blue.



Jacket dresses are popular . . .

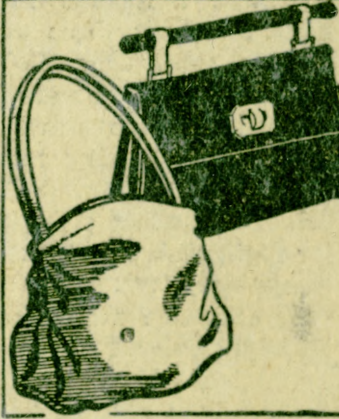


Full skirts come in for honors.

Three-Piece Ensemble



Among the fashion scoops of the season is this three-piece ensemble. Made up on companion color chambray, this grey blouse features the latest rolled dressmaker collar and dolman sleeves. Companioned to the blouse is the blue, grey and shrimp-toned chambray skirt. A shrimp-tone cummerbund accents a tiny waist. A black, cartwheel straw hat and shortie black gloves add to the costume to make it a delightful ensemble.



Choose your handbag to match or contrast your footwear, according to your costume's demands. The polished leathers are very popular in the tailored type of handbag. They're handsome indeed for many of the season's favorite fabrics. Thinner, smooth leathers and suede finishes are enjoying great popularity, the latter being particularly popular in light gray shades. Patent, perennial spring and summer favorites, are much in demand, especially if the footwear is glistening patent.

Cabbages and Kings

"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

EARL Rogers, 1870-1922, whose practice was confined almost solely to Los Angeles, was in the opinion of the experts the greatest criminal lawyer who ever lived and, to use a now-trite expression among advocates, had forgot more law than any of his successors ever learned. He defended Clarence Darrow in the McNamara bribery cases. Darrow's own words: "The greatest criminal lawyer of all time!" Ask anyone in California who the greatest criminal lawyer is out there today and they'll tell you Jerry Giesler, a lawyer whose earnings have run way into the millions. But Jerry learned all he knew in Earl Rogers' office; Jerry was Rogers' junior partner and succeeded to his practice after Earl drank himself into oblivion and, finally, to death.

BECAUSE there's so much in common between Los Angeles and Miami, especially in the California city's early days, one case that came up in the latter days of Rogers' pre-eminence is worth retelling in Miami. It was plenty sexy. It featured "reform" laws and ordinances even dizzier than some of Florida's and Miami's.

GUY Eddy, city prosecutor and an aggressive leader in the reform administration which had cleaned up Los Angeles, was arrested on a morals charge, back in 1913. (We are freely quoting here from a book that came out two decades later—"Take the Witness," by Newspaperman Alfred Cohn and Joe Chisholm). There was nothing vague about the allegations. Eddy was declared to have been caught "in flagrante delicto," meaning "caught in the act." The charge was "contributing to the delinquency of a minor," but the "minor" was a married woman, who admitted that she had been induced to join in a plot for the city official's ruin. And under California law, ruin was certainly ahead for Eddy.

BELIEVE it or not, under the reform element headed by Hiram Johnson back in 1912, there was a law passed "to shield the young maidenhood of the Golden State" that actually made it a felony to "philander with any female person under the age of twenty-one years—married or unwed, pure as a vestal or lewd as any street hustler. Of course this was not the exact language in the law, but that's what it meant." And, believe it or not, Eddy was the author of the celebrated "rooming-house ordinance" passed by the city council prohibiting a man and woman, not married to each other, from occupying a room together in any hotel or lodging-house. Needless to say, thousands of arrests and convictions were obtained under this law, and key-hole gazing in Los Angeles became a major indoor sport.

THE COHN-Chisholm book, appearing in 1934, said: "It may be stated parenthetically that both laws are still in effect. It is still a penitentiary offense in California to have intimate relations with any young lady under twenty-one though she may have been married many times, or even be the inmate of a brothel. And it is still a misdemeanor for an unmarried couple to occupy a room together even if they have gone there only for the innocent purpose of looking at some interesting stereoscopic views of Niagara Falls or the Yosemite Valley."

THERE were strong politicians back of Eddy—and they hired the brilliant Rogers. When the good-looking Alice

Phelps, the complaining witness, took the stand, the handsome Rogers was garbed in a new frock coat with a white gardenia in his lapel and soon honeyed the susceptible young woman into such a trance that she forgot her lines. Moreover, the whole case revolved about her being under 21—and Rogers suddenly confronted her with a marriage license from an Illinois town showing she'd become 21 several months before the alleged contribution to her delinquency. And when her mother got on the stand, Rogers' cross-examination made her testimony concerning her daughter's under-age status even more uncertain. He so discomfited the key-hole witnesses and the police, and so cleverly anticipated every ruse that the prosecution had up its sleeve, that he obtained acquittal for Prosecutor Eddy on the third jury ballot.

POOR Earl Rogers, who in his prime made \$100,000 and upwards a year from his brilliant court work! His daughter was Adela Rogers St. Johns, the celebrated writer (her "A Free Soul," novel and play, featured a fictitious Earl Rogers). She idolized her father, but so disreputable did his drunken behavior become after World War I, that she and her brothers, upon the advice of Rogers' closest friends, sought to commit him to a state hospital whose superintendent was an old family friend. The newspapers agreed to ignore the case. But Rogers recovered sensationally. The remarkable attorney defended himself, all alone, cross-examining his own children, and, quickly nullifying their testimony, dramatically beat the case.

HE let his talented daughter go ahead and testify that everything possible had been done for his rehabilitation without avail and that his family's hope was that a stay in the state institution would save him from himself. When her direct examination concluded, Earl Rogers—a shadow of his own self but still an inspiring figure—walked slowly to the witness-stand. As he reached the side of his daughter, he leaned over and kissed her on the forehead. Then, looking at her with reproachful eyes, he asked softly: "You don't think I'm crazy, do you honey?" Adele burst into tears and vigorously shook her head. She could not speak. Earl took her arm and tenderly led her from the witness-stand to her chair. He walked out a few minutes later, a free man.

BUT a few weeks later he was again haled into court and this time effected a compromise commitment. But he stayed at Norwalk only two months, then walked out and into Page 1 limelight. He exposed the institution throughout the land as criminally unsanitary—and got the management fired by the governor. For a little while, basking in this new and favorable publicity, he seemed to recover, even going at his own behest to a sanitarium where his health seemed restored. But, alas, just as friends were arranging for him to recapture his practice, he went off on another drunken debauch. A year or so later, he died, scarcely known, in a cheap lodging house—at the age of 52—in the precise spot where now is reared Los Angeles' magnificent Hall of Justice—"a stately cenotaph" in the words of Writers Cohn and Chisholm, "to the memory of the man whose vivid career is imperishably woven into the judicial history of the Pacific metropolis."

SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY

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Yes, Moonshiners Are Still Active

AN all-time record-breaking month was notched in May by enforcement officers of the State Beverage Department, Director Lewis M. Schott announced.

The all out drive against moonshiners netted 73 stills with a capacity of 14,665 gallons, Schott said.

If operated for a year and their product sold, the stills would have defrauded state and federal governments of \$1,703,022, according to the director's figures.

Beverage agents arrested 217 persons, confiscated 24 cars and a bicycle and destroyed 56,790 gallons of mash and 1,465 gallons of salable shine, department statistics show.

DELTA BOOSTS MIAMI FOR CHEAP SUMMER VACATIONS

AMONG the best summer advertising given Miami is that of the Delta Air Lines in national magazines.

Its advertisement is headed "Cool-Economical MIAMI." It further says: "Trade winds cooled by Atlantic white caps keep Miami Beach summer temperatures down to a comfortable 81 degree average. (U. S. Weather Bureau).

"Enjoy a millionaire's vacation on a budget. One low-cost ticket covers round trip flight—7 days of lazy luxury at your choice of three magnificent beach-front hotels—swimming, dancing, sight-seeing, night-clubbing. See your travel agent!"

The adv. is set off with a picture of a hotel and pool and a map shows the direct flight from Chicago to Miami.

The advertisement is directed to the people of the midwest and southeast and centers its attention upon Miami as a desirable and economical vacation land. To encourage the tourists, Delta has arranged packaged vacations whereby the traveler obtains a full-expense ticket, covering the trip, hotel, meals at a bargain price. Many, it is reported, are beginning to take advantage of the opportunity.

This is the kind of direct advertising that does the most good—rather than the generalities that talk about sun and bathing beauties.

MILK PRODUCTION NEAR CONSUMPTION

FLORIDA'S 1,100 dairymen produced approximately 75,000,000 gallons of milk last year, the research and industrial division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce stated in its weekly business review in recognition of June as Dairy Month.

"Last year's fluid milk production from 150,000 cows is more by 7 per cent than the 1947 volume. Production during the current year is expected to increase a similar amount.

"Consumption of fluid milk in Florida exceeded production by 820,550 gallons shipped in from other states. However, this volume of milk imported last year was 43 per cent below im-

portations during 1947 and '40-13 percent cream' imported declined 13 percent, both indications of the progress of the industry within the state. Similar decreases are anticipated in 1949.

"Over 20,000 persons are employed in the production, processing and distribution of dairy products in Florida today.

"Ice cream and other frozen desserts are the principal products manufactured from milk in Florida. Production of these products totaled 10,629,353 gallons last year in the 332 wholesale and retail plants in the state.

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Legal Right To Steal Herald Editor's Own Term, Can Boomerang

JOHN Pennekamp, Herald editor, inadvertently condemned racetracks recently in his overzealous desire to protect them. He exposes them for what they really are.

On Friday, June 17, he quoted Virgil W. Peterson, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, who he says has made a study of gambling history in the U. S., as follows:

"It is very clear to anyone interested in facts that it was not a puritanical tradition or the agitation of any longhaired reformers that resulted in laws making gambling illegal.

"Our experience in the field of legalized lotteries, which is frequently considered one of the most innocuous forms of gambling, was a sad failure.

"Frauds committed by the operators of legalized lotteries assumed monstrous proportions. The public was being bled to death financially."

Pennekamp appended this:

"So they acted to end the evil by passing laws against gambling.

"Here's another instance of the frauds that are practiced when gamblers are given the legal right to steal . . ."

(And then he goes on to quote statistics proving how detrimental to a community legalized gambling is.)

This phrase Pennekamp uses—"legal right to steal"—is what we want to impress upon the minds of MIAMI LIFE readers.

For the pari-mutuel set-up itself is the most vicious "legal right to steal" ever conceived by the gambling Braintrusters.

Remember, betting at racetracks is STILL illegal in Florida EXCEPT on certain days of the year!

And it was illegal at ALL times until the 1941 legislature was CORRUPTED by the powerful racetrack interests from the north into passing a law purporting to legalize racetrack gambling in Florida under certain specified conditions. (We say "purported" because in legal circles it is still argued that a proper test might disclose that pari-mutuel gambling as conducted violates the state constitution's provisions regarding lotteries!)

Let us sum it up this way:

A CORRUPT legislature was BRIBED into giving racetrack operators who qualify a LEGAL RIGHT TO STEAL.

Why, from a player's standpoint, they're more vicious than operators of crap games, who can, and often do, LOSE money!

But a racetrack operator CAN'T lose. Fifteen per cent of every dollar that goes into a mutuel machine is AUTOMATICALLY taken out, even before the race is run.

He gets the cream of the bet, right off the top.

Pennekamp then quotes Author Herbert Asbury to show the extent of the lottery evil that swept the country between 1890 and 1897 when, according to one newspaper of that time, "one-half of the citizens get their living by affording the opportunity of gambling to the rest," and the lottery as an institution "was rapidly becoming a monster which threatened to dwarf legitimate business and industry and transform America into a nation of petty gamblers."

In other words, Dade's racetracks have TRANSFORMED the Miami community into a community of petty gamblers.

Nobody else can be blamed.

Pennekamp isn't big enough to come out and say it. He admits it, in an unguarded moment.

BUT THAT'S THE TRUTH OF THE SITUATION!

COMING HERE FOR SUMMER VACATIONS

YES, they do come down to Miami for their summer vacations in preference to the burning and expensive resorts elsewhere. There was the young woman who entered the Powder Puff Beauty Show, 24 Lorraine Arcade, for her annual Miami treatment. She, with her husband, was on a two-week vacation from the jobs in New York City. They were in Miami and Miami Beach last year and liked conditions so well they decided to return.

The lady explained that they could save enough on their accommodations at the Beach to pay the

difference in travel costs; they could enjoy luxury, and they could bask in the famous Miami weather which was better in summer—just as it is in winter, compared to the North.

That was just one known instance. The Miami News Bureau is making a drive for that business, even among the cities adjacent to the Atlantic seaboard and mountain resorts. Principal vacation advertising in those northern newspapers was by Miami and Florida, stressing the economical, climatic, bathing and beauty advantages.



by Rev. William C. Keena

The COMMON DEFENSE
COMMUNIST propaganda, which has painted the Soviet Union as a worker's paradise, was suddenly unmasked by the brutal manner in which Soviet police suppressed the recent strike of Berlin railway workers. The American Federation of Labor, in a cable to the strikers, praised their "courageous fight against Russian totalitarian oppressors and Moscow's menial German stooges." The Congress of Industrial Organizations said that the Communists' efforts to smash the strike proved (what every American ought to know) that Communism gives only "lip service to the welfare of the workers."

In contrast to this sorry state of affairs where Communism reigns the United States has the freest labor movement in the world, constitutional guarantees—more honored in the observance than in the breach—respecting freedom of worship, speech, press and assembly and, with it all, the highest standard of living anywhere on earth.

Yet, far from being complacent, we press forward daily toward the goal of making ours a better, freer, and stronger country for all the American people.

May 2 brought the news that the poll tax is dying out. Only seven states now have it and four of them—South Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia and Texas—have cleared the way for its repeal, while a fifth state, Tennessee, has reduced the application of the tax to a small group of voters.

On May 5, by court order, Miss Marjorie V. Toliver, a Negro student at Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, prepared to transfer to Harris Teachers College, a white institution which had hitherto barred her for reasons of race only. Also on May 5 William Hatchett, a three-letter man, became the first Negro at Rutgers University to become president of his class.

On May 6 The New York Times commented editorially on the civil rights report of the Committee on Christian Relations of the Presbyterian Church of the United States (South). Said The Times, "The Presbyterian Church is not the only one that has raised its torch directly over the field of race relations. Its committee notes that 'the Roman Catholic Church, long committed to equality where racial rights are at issue, is pressing toward this goal with mounting zeal,' and that their Protestant denominations are taking stands in both 'word and deed.'"

On May 11 news broke about a new program among industrial executives and workers "to lessen the strains and tensions existing between members of different groups of Americans in industry"—and on the very same day Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson approved proposals of the Air Force to effectuate his directive asking for equality of treatment and opportunity for members of the armed services "without regard to race, color, religion or national origin."

On May 12 front pages of American newspapers told the story of how Levi Jackson, the Negro captain of Yale's football team, became the first member of his race to be chosen out of a junior class of 1,400, for one of Eli's six secret senior societies. At the same time the Catholic Committee of the South was urging Roman Catholics to accept leadership in eliminating the segregated school system.

That's a picture of a few recent days' activity in the life of America. It is an encouraging picture. It is also an invitation to us all to go to work in our own communities on behalf of justice and human rights.

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Church Council Reports On Work, Gambling Hit

ABOUT 200 gathered at the First Christian church last week for the annual meeting of the Greater Miami Council of Churches to elect officers, hear reports, and be stirred by an address by Dade Senator R. B. Gautier, Jr., in which he blasted the wide open policy of this area; warned that the legalization of further gambling would make matters worse; said the Dade delegation stood against the extension of gambling. Gautier referred to Miami as the fastest growing city in the country and would become a leading American metropolis if not retarded by liberality.

Executive Secretary R. B. Giffen, reported on the progress of the council, which has established headquarters at 127 N. W. Second street. The Laymen's Committee of 1,000 has brought the concern of the churches on moral issues before legislative groups, and in the political realm the council has influenced Sunday observance decisions by municipal and county bodies. The Protestant Service Bureau has doubled its work and handles 150 cases monthly. The chaplains have made thousands of visits to hospital patients and distributed thousands of pieces of religious literature.

In addition to the morning devotions over WKAT, the radio committee has inaugurated a unique mid-night broadcast three evenings a week over WIOD when pastors speak and conduct telephone conversations with callers seeking religious advice and information. This is competing with similar night club broadcasting by commentators.

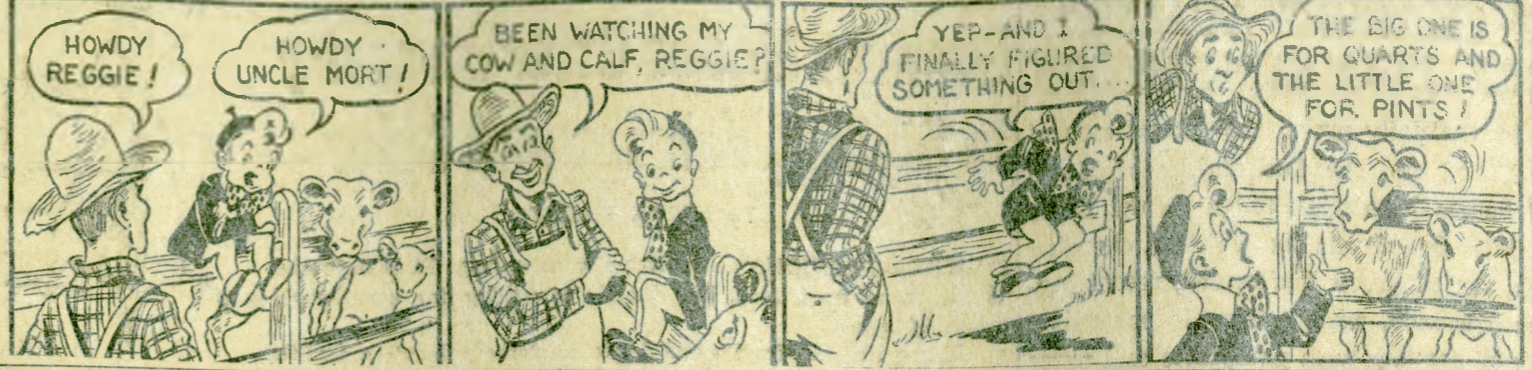
An unusual feature Tuesday night was a meeting of the Christian Youth Council in which both white and colored young people participated—perhaps for the first time in a downtown church.

The officers elected by the Greater Miami Council of Churches are: President, Rev. Albert Dale Hagler, Bryan Memorial Methodist church; First Vice President, Rev. Everett S. Smith, First Christian church; Second Vice President, Mrs. Jenn C. James, president of the Greater Miami Council of Church Women; Secretary, Rev. Frank E. Harlow, and Treasurer, John B. Keena.

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Try To Dupe Us Again

(Continued from Page 1)
tory at the polls—the Herald has relentlessly pursued its policy of trying to cram things down Miami's throats that they don't want.

Back to the editorial, and another statement in it—"that the planners should determine how much freedom of action, opportunity and choice, should be enjoyed by the citizens as well as what goods and services they need or are entitled to have."

The Herald tells you, in effect, that it is bad for "the planners" to determine that for the people—that the people should DETERMINE IT FOR THEMSELVES.

Yet the Herald OBVIOUSLY shows that they want to SUP-PLANT "the planners!"

In the Herald editorialists' opinion, HERALD EDITORIALISTS ARE THE ONES WHO SHOULD DETERMINE HOW MUCH FREEDOM OF ACTION THIS COMMUNITY SHOULD ENJOY!

No wonder the daily press has lost so much respect among Miami-ans!

They take it for granted that the public is too dumb to see through such a thin veil of hypocrisy.

They say, this is "regimentation of the boldest character. It is wholly contradictory of every principle of liberty and freedom and respect for the dignity of man."

Does the Herald, for one instant, believe that their vicious

assault on our public officials and police department, etc., is NOT regimentation itself—and easily seen through?

Or that the people cannot clearly see that all the Herald is trying to do is usurp duly-elected officials who are the people's own representatives and replace them with the Herald's SERVILE STOOGES?

Do they not know that the public can plainly see that the Herald doesn't really want it to have freedom of action. Instead, it wants the public hamstringed by public officials who are willing to knuckle down to the demands of the Miami Herald.

But maybe we should be red-blooded citizens and tell the Miami Herald, in effect, that its editorials are correct.

Let's take the Herald at its word!

Let's become FREE! Let's PRACTICE some of the Herald's fine words—"maintain every principle of liberty and freedom and respect for the dignity of man."

We'll conduct the affairs of state in the interests of the people, and NOT bow our heads to the demands of a PLUTOCRAT! . . . one in particular who, even if he tries, cannot bring himself DOWN to the level of needs and wishes of everyday Miami men and women! . . . in other words, Herald Publisher John S. Knight!

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up your mind for you?—"they represent only a few of the evils that are undermining our national solvency.

"The chief threat lies in appropriating more money for welfare measures and reform than can possibly be paid for out of current government income."

This is an OPEN declaration that Editor Knight is AGAINST sufficient old-age pension, unemployment compensation, etc.

"To hell," he says, in effect, "with those not able to shift for themselves!"

Misery and hunger, he indicates, should be the accepted lot for the poor and the feeble and the sick . . . Knight is more interested in ending "this fantastic unrealism" because it "can only mean higher taxes or deficit financing. In the end, it means insolvency."

Knight then wants to know: "Who is to blame? Where does the responsibility lie for such a sorry state of affairs?"

In Knight's judgment, to blame are "the president, congress, AND THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES."

(The caps are ours, for emphasis).

NOW WE'D like to state here that this question pops up in our mind:

"What segment of the population of the United States will suffer if the appropriations for welfare measures and reforms are ended, and to what extent?"

What segment of the population benefit, and to what extent?

And to WHAT SEGMENT of the population does John S. Knight BELONG?

Would John S. Knight suffer for want of food, clothing, a place for himself and family to live, medical attention,

Or would he suffer only a few income tax burdens . . . huge profits cut a wee bit?

DO YOU THINK Publisher Knight is worried about the welfare of the people or the welfare of the Very Wealthy?

JOHN S. KNIGHT apparently forgets that he has come to be a tremendously powerful and wealthy man under the VERY FORM of government that INSTITUTED these welfare programs and reforms.

Now, after attaining such stature—after milking the U. S. treasury along with the rest of his newly-made-wealthy and powerful cronies (as well as the old tyrants who boss the Herald-Knight empire) without being taxed for the privileged—he would STOP all welfare and reform programs that do a LITTLE good for the masses! He wants only to PROTECT the gains made by this wealthy and powerful segment of our nation, and DAMN the rest of us!

Knight writes:

"Every congressman knows that the only way to reduce the budget is to eliminate useless functions of government . . ."

The ONLY way to eliminate or reduce this is to FIRE lots and lots of employes!

What Knight is REALLY advocating is this! The purpose is two-fold.

It would, of course, reduce spending.

It would, however, more than anything else, tend to flood the labor market. It would be another step towards the MAIN GOAL of Knight & His Greedy Group—BREAKING THE BACK OF ORGANIZED LABOR!

IT WOULD NOT really save the U. S. much money.

The people have learned that they can force Uncle Sam to see that they do not suffer too much.

They can always elect to office candidates PLEDGED to see that Mr. and Mrs. Average American get opportunities to work, whether on privately or governmentally promoted projects.

THIS EDITORIAL winds up with this paragraph:

"For your convenience, a blank addressed to Pres. Truman will be found on this page. Use it! Let the president know that here in Florida the people have decided the spending spree is over."

Knight does NOT tell you that if all of you do this, you will curtail jobs in the building industry

HERE'S that Huttoe man again!

As we told you, Huttoe is using every angle, every stratagem, every technicality that the shrewd brain of his attorney can conjure up to gain delay and thus lessen his guilt in the eyes of the public.

Time—that old healer of all wounds!

So, as a result, Chief of Police Headley, City Manager Hart, Chief of Detectives Barker, are being tried now. Even ex-city manager Danner!

Everybody but VILLAIN of the piece, C. O. Huttoe.

A year and a half has elapsed since Huttoe was demoted from his probationary status as captain.

It is unlike Huttoe, when he is penalized, not to immediately seek relief.

But when he was demoted from captain to lieutenant, he permitted the civil service board, without a question as to legality, to try him as "ex-lieutenant Huttoe" instead of "ex-Captain Huttoe."

Nor did his lawyer, the brilliant Judge Vincent Giblin, then question the right of Danner to hold both the city manager and safety director jobs.

There's a good reason.

Then, he wanted the civil service board to hear the case. Now, he does NOT want the civil service board to hear the case.

THEN—as well he knew—the civil service board was packed in his favor. NOW—as well he knows—the civil service will rule AGAINST him!

Naturally, he wants to cool the situation down.

So far, he is master of the situation.

The Miami city commission, with the exception of Commissioner H. Leslie Quigg, has indicated it's not at all interested in having the charges against Huttoe pressed.

In fact, its action in refusing to hire special counsel to help prosecute Huttoe is indicative of its frame of mind. It favors a "whitewash" for him.

Much time has elapsed. Why, the newspapers now have the audacity to come out and calmly, with straight faces, try to make the public believe that

Gautier Follows Herald on Sales Tax

SENATOR Bunn Gautier is making speeches lamenting our celebrated Homestead Amendment, claiming it necessitates a state Sales Tax. Bunn emphasizes that he'll not vote for a sales tax that will tax the "necessities" of life.

Everything except the "necessities" are already taxed to the limit—gas, alcohol, tobacco, cosmetics, jewelry, luggage . . . what isn't taxed by cities or states is heavily hit by the federal government.

Gautier's statement shows that he is going along with the Miami Herald, which has now OPENLY advocated sales tax.

The Herald at various times has indicated disapproval of the Homestead Exemption law.

Every proposal that favors the special interests and penalizes the masses will be supported by the Herald.

Each time the Herald will claim that failure to vote such proposals into law is what causes this suffering among small business men and workers. Even Consolidation will be broached again as a remedy for our economic worries.

The truth is, however, when and if these proposals are passed, they'll simply further tighten the grip of the FEW on the future of the MANY.

and allied crafts, which in turn affect the entire economy of Florida.

He does NOT tell you that this editorial of his is a stock editorial, given a local effect in each territory where Knight has a paper, by the changing of a single word! . . . in Chicago, it's "Illinois" instead of "Florida." . . . in Akron, and in Detroit, he makes the same spurious "local color" appeal.

More and more, John S. Knight, in his desperation, is showing his true colors.

And the Miami Herald that has masqueraded, lo! these many years, as a champion of the people, is being forced into the open as a rabid Reactionary more and more every day. That Knight is against the better things, is becoming more and more obvious.

Knight's small advertisers, the Little Man generally, should realize that if these "reforms" that Knight suggests are adopted, they'll be fatal to their struggle to survive this adverse readjustment period.

Chief of Detectives Barker would break into Huttoe's girl-friend's apartment just because Huttoe was "TALKING" to her there!

The papers must believe the public has forgotten that Huttoe received such a terrible beating because he and his girl companion ATTACKED Chief Barker for taking a picture of them!

We don't think so. Miamians like a juicy scandal too well to forget it in such short order.

Mr. Huttoe will always be guilty, in the minds of the public, unless he stands trial—willingly or unwillingly.

EMPLOYMENT DECREASES

WHILE unemployment in Dade county has reached about 12,000, an increase of 11 per cent in May over April, the comparison of total employed is not unfavorable when contrasted with May of 1948.

According to the monthly report issued by J. A. Bliss, manager of the Florida State Employment Service here, the number employed during May was 131,250, only a thousand less than during the booming May of the preceding year. However, the glaring seasonal decline is shown in the figures of 137,650 employed in April of 1949.

The increase in unemployment, or rather the number seeking jobs, is not caused only by a drop in employment but by the added numbers looking for jobs. Approximately two-thirds of the unemployment gain occurred among the female job seekers who are finding it necessary to enter the labor market in order to supplement the family income. Persons seeking employment through the Florida employment office June 1 increased 16 per cent over May 1.

Heaviest losses in employment occurred in wholesale and retail trade firms and service industries which are most severely affected by the seasonal changes. Closings and curtailments caused a 26 per cent drop in employment in eating and drinking establishments and 34 per cent in hotel employment. Construction showed a gain of about 10 per cent, although building permits are down from last year.

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