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#### MAN BEHIND THE WHEEL

THE MAR Behind the Wheel rolled from his driveway out into the quiet suburban street. It was Labor Day and the Man Behind the Wheel was taking the wife and kids to the beach. For a moment, as he, paused at the corner stoplight, he thought about all the hundreds who would be killed in automobile sacidents before the week-end was over. He shook his head rather selfy about it, touched the gas and was off. The Man Behind the Wheel and the wife and the kids didn't get to the beach; they were four of the more than four hundred who were killed in automobile accidents on 1940's Labor Day) week-end.

THE Man Behind the Wheel is anyone
who drives. He knows that a great
number of lives will be needlessly smifed
out on a holiday, but someone else's lifenot his, not the wife's, not the kids'.
He is the man who knows how to drive,
been driving since he was big enough to
see through the windsheld, Good tires,
good brakes — the car will stop on a dime.
But then he becomes layo or tired or it
rains or a drunken driver careens around,
a curves and the Man Behind the Wheel is
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The more than 400 traffic deaths over this year's Labor Day holiday, says Mr. Dearborn, are 'enough to make every decent American sick at heart and boiling mad. A nation posing as civilized has just given one of the most shocking peacetime exhibitions of mass indifference, recklessness and insatiable craving to show off that the world has even seen.'

The indifferent men, the reckless men, the show-offs — they can wreak heavier damage on human life within two days than a whole corps of homicidal maniacs can in a year.

than a whose corps of nonnemax manuscan in a year, "America," says Mr. Dearborn, "has iron-facily and tragically celebrated a holiday dedicated to the advancement and welfare of its citizens by wantonly killing more than 500 of those citizens in accidents that need never have happened. Approximately 400 of these holiday victims died in traffic accidents—the biggest holiday record like this makes a mockery of the term, pleasure driving," When the streets and highways are used like this, driving its a grim business. It's time the country took steps to stop this sort of thing and perent it ever happening again, Whatever this means," he urges, "lest's do it."

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WHAT will it mean? Will this meas mur-der-suitelde observance of holidays continue until the death toll becomes so high that it cannot be ignored? Will it continue until every home has been touched by it?

It will unless

(1) The licensing of drivers throughout ne nation becomes more strict:

the nation becomes more strict;

(2) The impercion of all vehicles is reestablished in Morth Carolins and put into
use in all the states of the Union, and unless

(3) The Man Behind the Wheel realizes
that the other man doesn't have a monopoly on sudden death.

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THAS been apparent for some months that the Democratic Party would swing into the 1980 Congressional elections with an all-out appeal for the big farm-fabor voting blocs. But it remained for the President himself to outline the platform in full detail in his two Labor Day addresses.

The geographical specing was significant. Bits first speech was delivered at Pitteburgh, in the near-center of the industrial East and Mid-West. It was a centing demonsciation of the "seiffah interests" (a pet phrase Mr Truman likes to hammer home at the same time he is deriding his opportunit for repeating such phrases as "cofficient of the proposition of the present proposition of

Here it was that Secretary Brannan and a group of Democratic big-wags had tried, unsuccessfully, jos sell the farmers on the Brannan farm plan a few weeks ago. Mr. Truman took up where they left off, biast-ing both the present 90 per cent parity pro-gram and the Alken measure which pro-vides siding support prices for farm prod-ucts. The President didn't pussytoot, he

went all out for the principle of a guaran-teed income for the nation's farmers which is the very heart of the Brannan pian, and pledged his party to a continuing battle in behalf of greater and greater farm pros-perity.

fect."
The die appears to be cast. Since his good fortune at the polls last November, Afr. Truman is the undisputed bose of the fire Democratic Party. He determines the policy and sets the pace.
He -believes that labor and the farmer can be Brought together - despite their traditional antipathies — and that once bonded to the party by mutual self-interest, they will make the Democrats unbeatable.

able. It is an ambitious program. But Mr. Truman has shown before that he is a daring politician, and sand program of the daring politician, and sand the creation of the daring politician, and sand the creation of the general welfare, and he will succeed unless someons can make the "little man" realize that the more dependent upon his government he becomes, the less personal freedom he will enjoy.

### MISGUIDED 'PATRIOTISM'

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DESPITE the efforts of a legion of law enforcement officers, a proveative assembly of Paul Robeson admirers near Peckskill, N. Y. wound up in an angry brawl Sunday.

The officers—including 250 N. Y. State troopers, 100 regular and special members of the Peckskill police force, and 550 officers from 35 nearby communities — were sale to disarm combatants on both sides and the provided over the drift, the provided over the drift of the people to passemble provided over the drift of the people to passemble provided over the drift of the people to passemble provided the provided over the drift of the people to passemble provided over the drift of the people to passemble provided the provided provided the provided provided the provided provided provided the provided provi

we mine separated. Moceon's voice carried over the din, thanks to a battery
of powerful loudspeakers.

But things got out of control as the
Robeson fame left the area. They ran land
ambuthes along the road. Cars and busses
were stoned, some of them overturned.
Brawls broke out everywher. When it
was all over, some 80 persons had been
fullured, swern of them seriously.

It was a thoroughly disgusting and revoiding exhibition. Tempers had been
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Proof of the ferrible misjudgment of the Proof of the ferrible misjudgment of the veterans was the bigger audience slunday. It had leaped to 15,000, many of whom, according to The New York Timest, came only to register their protest at the pre-vious week's violation of the right of peaceable assembly. Thus an incident which would have passed virtually unnoticed has been mag-nified into a story of world wide interest; perfect propaganda for the Communists

tion, the right of the people to assemble peaceably.

No matter how much we scorn Robeson, no matter how great our revulsion at the mouthings and prating of his serpentine sponsers, we can not let this fundamental right be jeopardized. The Communitate advocate the overthrow of our Government by force; the protesting veterans and their followers have twice overthrown the Constitution by force. There is alight difference between them in this respect.

The tragedy of it all is that the brawls will make a mariyn-of Robeson, unity his failering followers, and bring laughter to the Kremlin.

Not in vears has the nation witnessed.

Catch-All—A bib that catches everything baby spills has just been put on the market. We've had one of those things for years. I've called a carpet. —Carlsbad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

Isn't it amazing how many family prob-lems are aired in taverns? —Assumption (La.) Pioneer.

The Bent Twigs



We Work To Live

### When Will We Learn?

the top two which the grim resper captures in the prime of life in this manner.

TWHIS is not an indictment against either the legal of the banking profession. Rather is it as indicatenties, against certain individuals in these professions who have become so obsessed with their calling that who have become so obsessed with their calling that oling without rest, too hard machines that work too long without rest, too hard machines that work too long without rest, too hard lawyers long before heart without cause.

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These men are, in greatest truth, carrying the world's weight on their shoulders—or, more accurately, carrying its worse on their minds. They do not do this intentionally, but the results are just as deadly.

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This should not be the case. It is not a necessary
unce to life, even with today's complications. The
men of wisdom are those who practice moderan even in business, who refuse to let petty annoy-

TO paraphrase with profound respect, a quodation from the Bible, "What profileth a man if he gain the whole world-and does not live to enjoy fit?" and certain sone has been heard repeatedy over the radio in recent months. It can hardly be called the radio in recent months. It can hardly be called mad rush for competitive permissions of the recent profile of the recent pro

replies. "No you can't!"—"Yes I can!"—and so on, ad infinitum.

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### Quote, Unquote

Henry C. McFadyen

### First Grade Teacher

It is the same way with ing. All modern schools use that show clearly whether or

James Marlow

### **New Bad Word**

in this country."

Sen. Capehart, Indiana Republican, didn't seem sure what Byrnes had in mind. Capehart suggested that when Byrnes mentioned "statism" he might have been warning against sliding into "Socialism or Communism."

gressed in the face of such "trumped up slogans" as "statism" and "col-

So all of them — Mr. Truman Oen. Eisenhower, Byrnes, and Sen-ators Bridges, Pepper and Capehart — seemed to dislike "statism."

"Belief in a government, as in a public, in contrast with belief in ommunism or a Soviet Govern-

## BETTER ENGLISH

2. What is the correct pronuncia-tion of "newspaper"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Capitalist, catastorphe,

di that means "timid; modest"?

ANSWERS

1. Say. "There were left." 2. Pronouse, not noor. 3. Catastrophe. 4. To
attack by words or arguments; to
contradict. "The truth hereof I will
not rashly impugn. or overboldy
affirm".—Peacham. 5. Diffident,

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Barkley's Romance Has Capital All Agog

CAPITOL society's biggest question mark is whether VocePresident Alben Bardiey will or won't marry the winsome widow from 8t. Louis, Mrs. Carlion Hadley.

This speculation cones up at every cocktal party, and
an expectation to the strength of the str

### **British Talk Finance**

THE British financial conversations, beginning today probably as important as any monetary talks he this country since the days when Alexander Hamilton tied the debts of the thirteen Colonies. Here is how

Furthermore, Bevin and Cripps plan to talk in terms of air bases. Britain is title one country relatively and for 5-36 bases. And those bases must be protected not merely the country relatively and for the country terms of the country terms

### Snyder's Panacea

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### Barkley Goes Back To The Farm