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What's In a Name?

Does America have a "capitalist" economy? A writer in the current issue of Harper's magazine claims, and with logic on his side, that we need a new phrase to describe the way things are done in this country.

In Europe, he claims, the word "capitalist" is a dirty word, having connotations and meanings which it has lost in America.

It is thus, he says, when Americans talk affectionately of our "capitalist, free-enterprise economy," that Europeans react with a startling lack of enthusiasm.

HOW do we describe our system which has, he says, progressed "past Socialism?" "Planning," he declares, is a word which has pleasant connotations to Europeans, but unpleasant ones to Americans.

AMERICA has succeeded in erecting a structure of relative social and economic justice by planning and by controls, but without calling them by those names, he maintains.

They don't know about our anti-trust laws, our security and exchange commission regulations, the federal communications commission rules, the wage and hour laws, social security laws, and the multitude of federal and state laws and regulations designed to curb the abuses of "capitalism," a system now all but gone in actuality through these regulations, and which has been succeeded by something no one has bothered to give a name to.

PERHAPS it would even add to our own understanding of ourselves if we acknowledged that capitalism (as it was understood 50 or 75 years ago) is dead in America, and that we have something better.

The Southern Barriers

Ten members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce visited Medford last week, and during a luncheon with the directors of the local chamber, discussion brought out a lot of "gripes" which local businessmen have about relationships with the Bay City.

LUMBERMEN were concerned about freight rates which put them at a disadvantage in shipping into San Francisco (even though they can ship to the south or east on a competitive basis with northern California lumber firms).

Drivers were concerned with the tortuous Sacramento river canyon highway south of Dunsmuir. Airline passengers were concerned with the fact that there is one flight per day less to the south than there is to the north.

IT should be pointed out that the gripes were not particularly bitter (except for those concerning freight rates), but they did represent an almost unanimous opinion that traffic and business between this area and the Bay region would be considerably greater and more prosperous if these barriers were eased.

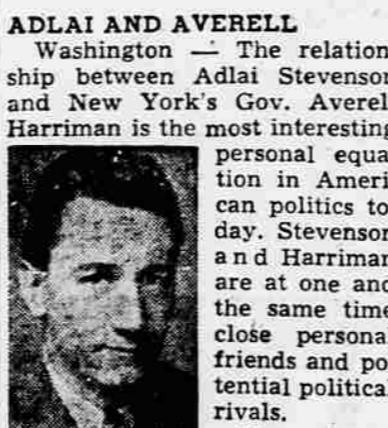
The San Francisco delegation, a friendly and intelligent group, promised to take these complaints back with them to see if progress could be made in knocking down the barriers to more extensive trade.

IT IS only when he has fancy political propositions put up to him by skilled politicians, and realizing that politics is a field in which he hasn't specialized—relics on the advice given to him by the politicians by whom he is surrounded that our President sometimes seems to fumble.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop



Stewart Alsop

ADLAI AND AVERELL Washington — The relationship between Adlai Stevenson and New York's Gov. Averell Harriman is the most interesting personal equation in American politics today.

But this time, Harriman said, there could be no indefinite delay. This time, in Harriman's view, the problem is not the nomination but the election.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS By FRANK JENKINS I suppose you've been reading about the Eisenhower - Zhukov correspondence — and, like everybody else, have been wondering what these two old comrades-in-arms said to each other when they took their pens in hand.

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word, Harriman himself will "go." To "go" in Harriman's case, simply means giving a tacit green light to Carmine DeSapio, able chieftain of Tammany Hall and Harriman's principal political backer.

JUST when the point of decision will come is uncertain. But it could come rather soon. DeSapio reportedly favors starting quietly to build a Harriman organization by early autumn, if Stevenson does not pass the word before then.

THE simple fact of being Governor of New York has added a cubit or so to his political stature. So has publication of the Yalta papers, which show him in an admirable light—there is a certain irony in the fact that the only man to benefit politically from the Yalta papers is a New Deal Democrat.

HARRIMAN is an essentially uncomplicated man. When he wants something he goes to work to get it—and usually succeeds. Thus his advice to Stevenson, to nail down the nomination and start right away working to win the election, is perfectly in character.

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Is That So?

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

Time in for our outdoor quiz. Score five and you are an expert; four is mighty good; three fair to middling. Answers follow three questions.

1. As high jumpers go, man isn't so bad with a record of 6 feet 11 1/2 inches. But several animals do better. Among these mammals — lion, jackrabbit, American elk, African kippingspringer and horse, the following records have been recorded: 20 feet, 8 1/2 feet, nine feet, eight and seven. Link these high jumpers with the appropriate animal.

2. With summer coming on, temperatures of 110 to 130 degrees Fahrenheit will be recorded. But what is the hottest body temperature a human can withstand and still live? 100 degrees Fahrenheit? 105? 110? 115? 120?

3. No doubt you know the butcher's name for the "desexed" rooster, but what do you call a sexless hen?

4. What male fish attaches himself to the head, side or back of a female and lives off her predestined food for the rest of his unnatural lifetime?

5. The gestation periods of animals varies enormously. Naturally it is impossible to remember the exact number of days but an outdoorsman should know approximately. Of these varied groups, which is the shorter? Chipmunk or hamster? Bear or cow? Camel or horse? Hippopotamus or fisher? African elephant or whale?

ANSWER: 1. A jackrabbit has been known to jump seven feet high; a lion, eight feet; a horse, 8 1/2; an American elk, nine; and an African kippingspringer, 20 — in fact over 20.

2. The hottest temperature the average human being could survive is a little over 105, but a few humans have survived temperatures of 110.

3. Capon is the name of the desexed rooster; poulard, the hen. Incidentally, a desexed rabbit is also called a capon, why I'll never know.

4. The angler fish. 5. The hamster with 16 1/2 days has a shorter gestation than the chipmunk with 28; bear 180-210 as against the cow's 280-285; horse with 330 days against the camel's 390-408; the great hippopotamus 240 days as against the little fisher's 338-358; the whale, around 360 days, as against the African elephant's 607-660.

Free: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best question on nature and wildlife a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week, new questions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your questions to: IS THAT SO? care of Medford Mail Tribune, box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

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Successful Scelba Faces Loss of Job As Italian Premier

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

Premier Mario Scelba has been so successful in fighting Italy's Communists that he is likely to lose his job in a couple of weeks.

First as minister of interior, then as prime minister, Scelba has been a symbol of militant anti-Communism for eight years.

But now the Communist Party is on the down grade. It is losing strength in membership. It also is losing its grip on the leadership of the big Italian labor unions.

Bank Official and Abductor Killed In Getaway Crash Kampsville, Ill. — (U.P.) — A kidnaped bank official and one of his abductors were killed today when a captured getaway car crashed in an attempt to escape a posse.

The early morning melodrama began when two gunmen, planning to rob the Kampsville bank, made their way into the home of cashier Harry Waldheuser, 63.

A neighbor saw lights go off in the home and, when she investigated, spotted a strange man in the door of the Waldheuser home.

She gave the alarm and 30 Kampsville residents and policemen surrounded the house where Waldheuser and his wife were held captive.

Getaway Car Demanded The gunmen demanded a getaway car, threatening to kill the couple. When the car was provided the gunmen forced Waldheuser and his wife to it. They sped down the highway until the car turned over on a curve.

State police said two bullets were found in Waldheuser's body, indicating he might have been killed before the crash occurred.

Also killed was Thomas Underwood, 44, Washington Park, Ill. The other gunman, Clifford Hubbard, 26, St. Louis, and Waldheuser's wife were taken to Carrollton, Ill., hospital. Mrs. Waldheuser was reported in critical condition.

State police said Underwood and Hubbard had originally planned to force Waldheuser to open the bank vault for them.

Nuclear Explosion Again Postponed Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — "Operation Cue," the nuclear detonation designed to demonstrate defenses of American cities against atomic attack, was postponed for the seventh straight day today by unfavorable weather conditions.

Hopes of setting off the device in its tower a few blocks north of Survival Town on Yucca Flat today were dashed Sunday when meteorologists found conditions were adverse, probably due to wind and clouds.

Another weather evaluation session was scheduled at the Atomic Proving Ground late this afternoon but a spokesman warned in advance that "it does not look favorable for firing Tuesday morning."

Hence the Red menace, which loomed so large in Italy after World War II, has become remote.

Internal Party Trouble The Christian Democratic Party, of which Scelba is a founding member, can afford to wage internal feuds instead of sticking together to fight Communism. Also, it has lost some of its old anti-Red crusading appeal to the voters.

Amintore Fanfani long been regarded as an aspirant to Scelba's job. But the latest threat to Scelba came on Friday when Giovanni Gronchi, Christian Democratic president of the Chamber of Deputies was elected president of Italy for a seven-year term.

Gronchi on Left Gronchi is the leader of what is called the left wing of the party, though he is anti-Communist.

There also is a right wing. Scelba is a party middle-of-the-roader. The "left" wing wants to seek the support of the left wing Socialist group of Pietro Nenni, who is a fellow traveler with the Communists. The right wing wants to seek the support of right wing parties, including the Monarchists.

Scelba Must Resign Scelba openly and bitterly fought Gronchi's candidacy for the presidency. Gronchi will take office May 11. Next day, under the Constitution, Scelba must submit his resignation. Normally this would be merely a formality and he would be asked to form a new government.

But Gronchi is expected to accept the resignation of his fellow party leader and name somebody else premier. If that happens, the Christian Democratic feud will be embittered, and the only winners can be the extremists, left or right.

Fairless Will Retire As US Steel Chairman Hoboken, N.J. — (U.P.) — Benjamin F. Fairless, whose first job was selling newspapers at the age of five, announced today he is stepping down as chairman of U.S. Steel Corp., the world's biggest steelmaker.

Fairless, chairman for the past three years, reaches the retirement age of 65 tomorrow. Directors of the \$3,348,000,000 company are expected to meet tomorrow to name a successor. Fairless will remain as a director and a member of the Finance committee.

God Reaches Out Geo. N. Taylor Peter, the Apostle, is telling Capt. Cornelius, a man of Caesar's Army, as to Christ. Of a sudden, Cornelius and his friends there present, break in on Peter. They speak in tongues of Red men and Black; of Brown men and white. God wants the saved to know that he is taking out of all races a people for himself. Christ took the sins of all to clear them with God. The one sin now between you and God is whether you take Christ as the Lord and Saviour who died for you. Accept Him and Judgement is out and eternal life is in. For God so loved you that he gave his Only-Born Son, that if you should believe in Him you would not perish but have eternal life. Having come into God's family, then by Bible and Prayer, Grow Up. This Message sponsored by a Beaverton family.—Adv.

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