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What To Call Our System?

The economic-political system in which we live has long been called both "free enterprise" and "capitalism." It is both, to a degree. But, over the years, a number of regulations and inhibitions against the "robber baron" type of capitalism have evolved, until the phrases don't really mean what they seem to mean.

The regulations have been imposed on the economic community by the political community, largely for the protection of the "little fellow" from the admitted evils of unrestricted economic royalism and monopoly.

A REMINDER of this fact hit the front page yesterday, when a federal judge fined six electrical manufacturers for violation of federal anti-trust laws, and accused their officials of "mocking" the capitalistic system in its hour of crisis.

Several of the companies' officials drew jail sentences and fines, in addition.

This case probably will do more to mar the favorable "image" these companies have attempted to build up for themselves than anything else they could have done.

WHAT did the judge mean when he said they were "mocking" the capitalistic system in its hour of crisis? He meant that the United States stands now, as never before, at the bar of world opinion, in a struggle with communist ideology.

And the companies, by violating the very tenets of the freedom of the marketplace, by their collusion to "fix" prices, have indeed "mocked" the free enterprise of which they speak so highly. Monopoly isn't freedom. And collusive price-fixing is not free enterprise.

How is that going to sound around the world, to the uncommitted nations which may be on the brink of turning to the East or the West?

ALTHOUGH we live in a "regulated" economy, the safeguards and restraints which in recent decades have been imposed on what Teddy Roosevelt used to call "the malefactors of great wealth" are not as generally known throughout the world as they are here.

We do not live under socialism, by any accepted definition of socialism. But it isn't pure capitalism, either. A new word, a new phrase, accurately descriptive of our interacting economic and political systems, is badly needed, if we are to present a picture of ourselves to the world which is not distorted by the inaccurate mental pictures rising from the words "capitalism" and "free enterprise."

The words themselves are true enough, for it is still possible to be successful in business, so long as the rules are followed. But they do not convey the true picture to the rest of the world.

New Census Figures

In its own size category (cities of 10,000 to 25,000 population) Medford was the second-fastest growing city during the decade between 1950 and 1960.

Final census figures show that it was the third-fastest growing of all cities larger than 10,000. Springfield, with 81.5 per cent growth, and Eugene, with 42.1 per cent, were the only ones with a greater growth rate in that size group. Medford's rate of growth was 41.1 per cent.

AS A group, the fastest-growing cities were in the "bedroom" area near Portland. Oswego, which nearly tripled in population, with a 168.6 per cent growth, was the fastest of all, with others in the area also registering remarkable gains, such as Beaverton (136.3%), Hillsboro (60.1%), Tualatin (44.8%), and Milwaukie (73.2%).

But cities along the coast grew phenomenally, too, although on a far more scattered basis. Samples are Gold Beach (160.7%), Florence (60%), Oceanlake (91.7%), and Newport (64.9%).

SOME areas of the southern Willamette valley and central Oregon had remarkable growth, with Riddle gaining 56.5 per cent, for example, and Chiloquin going up 41.9 per cent and Metolius up 72 per cent.

Also, inevitably, there were some losses in population. They reflect a number of factors, some of them very likely the result of new highway and freeway construction.

The largest loser was the community of Granite, in eastern Oregon, which lost 92.5 per cent of its population—from 40 in 1950 to 3 (preliminary) and 2 (revised) in 1960.

ASTORIA (8.9%) and Lebanon (.3%) were the only losers in cities of 5,000 or more people, other than Portland, which also lost .3%.

Locally, here is how Jackson county cities fared in population, listed alphabetically:

Table with 4 columns: City, 1950 pop., 1960 pop., percentage. Rows include Ashland, Butte Falls, Central Point, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Medford, Phoenix, Rogue River, Talent.

Dennis the Menace



IT'S A SWELL HARMONICA, JOEY. BUT YOU'D BETTER SWALLOW MORE OR IT'S GONNA RUST UP ON YA!

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

Vote to Remember: To the Editor: I want to tell you that I agree with you on the statement you made in your editorial about the vote in the House recently by Dr. Edwin Durno, regarding the motion to increase the Rules Committee. Dr. Durno will be remembered and sustained because he believes in constitutional government.

Thanks for "Patrick": To the Editor: I would like to thank all the people that sent "Patrick" in Portland a Christmas card.

Loss of Rights: To the Editor: We, as citizens of Medford owe it to ourselves, and to our neighbors to cast a critical eye on the recent action of the city council, and also the actions of our paid servants.

A Counselor: To the Editor: Mr. Philip Lee Burns has asked, "What do you readers think of this idea to help make America strong?"

God's Gift: To the Editor: I would like to thank you for your editorial about the gift of God.

Let God Talk: To the Editor: I would like to thank you for your editorial about the gift of God.

Give your small sums of money to God by means of the offering plate in order that the Church, one of the physical means Christ established for us for our use, may carry on the work of God of bringing Christ to people.

Goodness knows that we have few of our precious freedoms left in our country, freedoms which our forefathers in an instance like this would have met with the business end of his rifle.

So I implore you as fellow citizens to call or write your representative on the city council and state your views on this trailer ordinance, that they know that we are aware of the attempts to regulate our God given property rights, which are guaranteed to us in the constitution.

How? To the Editor: I seem to have the impression that most of our law-makers are very much confused and concerned with what-to-do with a so-called surplus of \$39,000,000 bucks in the state treasury.

Our His are obvious and the cause is plain. Our way of life has broken down and we are frantic but we do not know what ails us, and if we do we refuse to admit it.

Gold Rush Tales: To the Editor: The time was early in 1920 when I first met one of the low remaining old 1859 prospectors and miners still pale and bearded, who he called to me some of the thrill-generators of the most colorful characters in the old mining days of Jacksonville, Oregon.

One of the fabulous stories told about two young happy-go-lucky who ventured into the business of a men's wearing apparel store. They would tear a five dollar note in two, hold over a gas flame and light their much enjoyed brand of cigars.

Start looking for Christs. You will find Him in any church. It isn't always "the other guy" who is trying to "escape from reality." We all are. Some of

Colombia's Boom Town Shows Progress; Newsom Finds Some Good Will For U.S.

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
Call, Colombia—Here in the lush Cauca Valley between two great ranges of the Andes, is Colombia's boom town.

It does not take long even in a brief visit to Colombia to feel that this whole country is in a hurry. But Call is in the greatest hurry of all.

For most of 400 years, Call, adopted in the sun, its low, plaster and brick houses crowding in upon narrow, twisting streets, just as the Spaniards first arranged them for protection against Indian attacks.

"One of the last corners of the world," a Call businessman calls it. In the colorful open-air markets, some of the shops and the street vendors, Call retains some of its ancient flavor.

And furious while it lasted, soon ended on a decline of personal profit.

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But away from the old city, broad boulevards emerge. Here are modern apartment buildings. One of these was built with a million-dollar gift from Venezuela on the site where in 1956 a munitions blast snuffed out 1,200 lives and leveled many blocks.

Here, too, are the homes of the wealthy, set amid firs, oaks, and on Call's outskirts, in landscaped settings, are the modern plants of American industry.

More than 50 American-owned plants turn out products here with the same brand names familiar in the states. More are coming, for Colombia is encouraging North American investment and industry.

Most of the employees in these American plants are Colombians. In Call there is a colony of about 2,000 Americans and soon an American school, its enrollment divided

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about half and half between American and Colombian children, will be erected.

Aided by this industry, Call is expected soon to rank second only to Bogota as the country's most important city. Since 1925 its population has soared from 128,000 to more than 600,000. In 10 more

years, the population is expected to reach a million.

In Colombia there is a great reservoir of good will toward the United States, mixed in smaller degree with the resentment common among Latin American nations because of U.S. preoccupation with Europe and Asia.

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Nice Experience: To the Editor: I was most pleasantly surprised Friday. On my way back from Kip's, I immediately started changing it without too much difficulty it had a suit on when bingo, this truck stops. "Having any trouble?" they ask. "No, but thanks just the same."

Then as I was about to complete the job three guys in a pickup stop and jump out and immediately take over the job of changing the tire. They could have been hold-up men, the way they completely took over. They were very nice and friendly. The tire was changed in nothing flat, and they were on their way and so was I.

I'm new here. This is the

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see this as any vast problem of any kind, in the lasting sense. In his view it will certainly have vanished long, long before that problem he sees as the real and central one — the cold war.

As to economic policy, the President is deliberately taking up the most unpromising position possible. He would much rather err on the side of seeming too gloomy than on the side of having been too rosy. For he knows that an error of the first kind is subject to very quick redress, whereas a too-easy optimism might be enduringly damaging.

So he is treating the economy to a series of fairly small but brisk booster shots — not in any fear that he is dealing with a terribly sick patient but rather in the conviction that he is helping a hastily stout fellow who nevertheless can use some pre-spring tonic.

THE almost-bleak nature of his inaugural address and of his state of the union message, in short, was not caused by any real economic fear. This tone was introduced for entirely a different reason — his conviction that the general world scene is bad.

It is toward this world scene — the bitter struggle with imperialism — that his ultimate attention and ultimate concern are really directed.

It might be put this way: The economic situation, though a genuine problem, is a problem of the second rank with which he feels wholly competent to cope adequately and reasonably quickly. The world problem, on the other hand, is not only genuine but genuinely immense. And here the President proceeds also with a total determination but with not quite that total confidence in the final outcome that he has for the economic problem.

HERE, also, he is attacking the whole massive complex of the cold war with quick, if small, steps in the belief that first of all and most of all we need some momentum. And here, too, he is coping first with what is nearest to home — Latin America. No one should suppose that the President — or Vice President Johnson, who has important Latin-American connections — is simply making slogans.

Within a matter of weeks at most he will begin to distribute surplus food to needy Latin American areas. Mr. Kennedy proposes, in a thoroughly practical way, to begin to kill communism in this area not by pacts and treaties but by American kindness. It may be a long road, but already this country's left hand has been placed upon it. Already there is some momentum.

Thus when the whole business is seen in perspective it comes to this: The domestic economy requires some attention but there is not the slightest touch of panic in the President's approach to it. All it is going to be well; Mr. Kennedy is moving quickly to put that part of our house in full order while he marshals for the long-pull over the world scene.

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nicest thing that has happened to me in a long time. I thought you should know.

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Shoot the Brutes! To the Editor: Attention all news channels! A Little Jeddell Jubilation

Holy cow! It ain't no joke! Medford must be going broke! We heard some half-wit TV bloke trying to steal some Gold Hill smoke.

It seems he must get extra thrill. From claiming things here in Gold Hill— Like in his "area" is Jeddell delish. But we won't swallow such a pill!

We'll shoot the brutes on the dios. Announcers, too, on TV shows— And any and all other soon's so's. What tries to steal our Jeddell's delish's.

Gold Hill Billy
Gold Hill, Ore.