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EDITORIAL

An exchange says: 'It's time the government shook the scatter-brained economic theorists out of its hair and accepted big business as a normal, necessary, and indeed, desirable adjunct of this great industrial nation.' And we heartily agree.

Every American citizen should read the article on Korea in the last issue of Readers' Digest. It must be the truth or it would not have been published.

After reading it will some one please tell us why Uncle Sam is the goat. Also why we have had more war casualties than during World War II and as yet no war has been declared.

How many people do you hear saying, 'To heck with it, we're living better than we ever did before?' And how many of the people who make that remark could pay off their share of the per capita national debt we have accumulated to make our current standard of living possible? Surely these same people are smart enough to know that we can't continue borrowing forever. But do they have the determination and the fortitude or patriotism to sacrifice something upon the altar of democracy? Too many, we fear, having the wisdom, lack determination.

CASH FOR THE FARMER

When it comes to cash income, meat is the biggest thing in the life of the farmer. Last year meat animals brought him the nice round sum of \$9,500,000,000—almost one-third of his entire cash income from all crops plus government payments. No other single source of income came even close to the receipts from meat. And the meat was \$1,000,000,000 greater than in 1949.

The virtue of livestock, from the farmer's point of view, is that it can be raised in practically all locations and on any scale from one animal up. There are great ranches, which produce thousands of head. But a very large percentage of the meat we consume is found in the accumulated supply produced by farmers who raise a few animals each year as a sure and steady source of cash. In the meat business, there is room for all, and all are needed.

A hearty meat industry is of the highest importance to the farmer and rancher—just as it is to the consumer, who wants his steaks and chops and hamburger to be available when he desires them. The kind of a meat industry was built in the free, competitive market, under the supply-and-demand economic system. And the pity is that kind of market is always undermined and weakened when government takes hold of the reins with price and other controls. We are seeing that now—with meat scarcities in many consuming centers, growing black markets, and dislocations all along the line in the normal process of production and distribution. In the long pull, a controlled economy harms everyone—except the bureaucrats.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE
Under free enterprise, the consumer has freedom of choice. He can go into any store, look around and buy or not buy, as he pleases. He can shop about from store to store seeking the most attractive deal.

Things are different in a totalitarian economy. For instance, the book business in communist Lithuania had been in the doldrums. So a cooperative federation there decided to improve sales by deduct-

ing money from the paychecks of its workers for the compulsory purchase of books—whether the workers wanted books or not! It also compelled every consumer purchasing any article to buy one or more books in addition!

This is the same as if, when you went into a store to buy an overcoat, you were forced to buy a pair of shoes too, or go without the coat. Today an American merchant would last about twenty minutes if he attempted to follow such a policy. All his trade would move with the swiftness of a hurricane to the stores of his competitors.

Actually, in most foreign countries there is nothing that bears even a good resemblance to our splendid American retail stores. And in the communist countries, of course, the consumer gets what the bosses want to give him—which is usually the bare minimum needed for subsistence on the near-starvation level—and he likes it or lumps it. Everything is rationed, and practically everything is scarce and extremely expensive when measured in terms of the average man's earnings. Freedom of choice is unknown.

All in all, American retailing is just about a perfect example of the virtue of the whole free enterprise system.

The Korean war is one of the most terrible conflicts ever fought. Geographically, it is a small war—in terms of human and material costs it is a big one. Veterans of some of the most difficult and bloody campaigns of World War II say that Korea is even worse—in terrain, in climate, and in the character of the enemy. It is a war which we cannot win under present conditions, and it is also a war which seems to be half-forgotten at home. Even if a truce is finally reached, it will be an easy one, and unless there is a reversal of policy our troops will remain on guard in that racked land, watching and waiting to see if the enemy has more grim surprises in store for us.

Theoretically, it is a war of the United Nations against an aggressor. Actually, it is a war in which one country, the United States, is doing almost all of the fighting, providing almost all of the money and weapons, and taking the vast majority of the losses. Our casualties approach the 100,000 figure, and of them well over 15,000 are known to be dead. The death rate among those now listed as missing is expected by all to be exceedingly high. Our allies have fought bravely and taken their casualties too, but, as U. S. News & World Report accurately said, the "U. S. with 150,000,000 people, is being called upon to assume losses of its ground force youths that are far higher than losses of U. N. allies with 240,000,000 people. The proportion of U. S. casualties to those of its U. N. allies now is about 13 to 1, and is rising gradually week by week."

It is common knowledge that our major ally, Great Britain, has small stomach for the Korean war, and only came along because, in the current state of world affairs, there was nothing else she could do. Britain feels that it would be economically impossible for her to break off all relations with China, regardless of who runs the Chinese government. She also feels that an extension of the war in the Far East would mean the loss of Hong Kong and other key Crown colonies and possessions. She can marshal strong arguments in support of her position. But whether those arguments are valid or not in the strong white light of history, this situation adds still more somber strangeness to the Korean conflict.

It was General MacArthur's conviction that the war must be carried to the heart of the enemy, which means to the heart of China. It was for stating and restating this that he was relieved. Yet, if all else fails, the American government, though reluctantly, may be forced into that course. It is inconceivable that the war should be allowed to go on indefinitely. The drain on our manpower is too great.

On the bright side are reports from the front that the losses taken by the Chinese, in men and equipment, have been incredibly high—so high that it is doubtful if they are in a position to mount new major offensives. And the feeling grows—and has been buttressed by the most recent atomic tests in Nevada—that tremendous new lethal

HAPPENINGS — of — LONG AGO

20 Years Ago

Fred P. Dupler, of Elizabethtown will open a garage in the P. Frank Schock building on Henry street. A number of trolley lines thru-out the county will be discontinued and busses will replace them. State Police raided the Keystone Sales Company plant at Ephrata and confiscated five tons of lottery tickets and printing machinery. A barn 50x114 ft. was completed to replace the one destroyed by fire on the E. S. Weaver farm. Markets: Eggs 36c, butter 35c, lard 10 1/2c.

Mrs. Charles Morton was honored by a birthday surprise at her home on New Haven street. Two pet beavers built a dam in the stream at the Mt. Gretna Military Reservation which endangered the PRR tracks at that point.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan S. Zug, of Mastersonville, were honored at a dinner for their 50th wedding anniversary. Rev. James B. Musser has resigned as pastor of Zion Reformed church at Marietta.

The Girl Scouts planned to dress dolls for the less fortunate children of the community for Christmas.

A doll contest is now in progress at Dr. E. W. Garbers Rexall Store. Squire John Keener will build a brick semi-bungalow dwelling on Frank street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Stehman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their homes at Landisville. The Marietta Silk Mill went on double time on Monday. Nine turkeys were stolen from the Elks Lodge building at Columbia.

Census figures show an increase of 28,000 abandoned farms in the past ten years in Penna. Football players injured during the game with East End team of Lancaster were Park Neiss, leg injury; Russell Halbleib, nose fractured and Albert Laskewitz, toes fractured.

weapons, suitable for tactical use by ground troops, may be on the way. Hope is strong that the Chinese may be losing their stomach for fighting, and that Russia may conclude that this particular Red cause is lost. In the meantime, the Korean war is unlike any this nation ever fought.

Control Winter Ventilation

WINDOW ventilators will give you controlled air movement in the bedrooms this winter. Wintry bluffs will be deflected and snow flurries will be contained at the sill. Construction of the ventilator illustrated is both simple and economical. First fashion two 4 by 8-inch blocks of 1-inch lumber into trapezoids to serve as end pieces. These four-sided shapes are made by sawing on a diagonal line drawn from the right top corner to a point two inches from the left bottom corner. Now cut a panel of Masonite 3/16" tempered hardboard the width of the window and the height of the diagonal side of the trapezoids. Fasten it to the two end pieces with screws. Another method of construction is creating a slide for the hardboard panel by cutting saw kerfs in the end pieces or nailing to each of them two pieces of quarter-inch quarter-round molding. The hardboard may then be removed readily to permit cleaning of the sill. Before fastening the ventilator to the window casing as shown, give it a prime coat of paint and one or two finish coats of exterior grade paint. This ventilator will give long and excellent service.

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HEALTH HINTS for LIVESTOCK

'SUN SICKNESS' IN WHITE LIVESTOCK
Sunshine, the greatest of Nature's disease preventives, can cause serious trouble for white-skinned animals.

Too much is too much, especially when such animals are exposed to bright sunlight after eating certain "sensitizing" plants. The result is a sore, peeling and highly inflamed skin over all white-surfaced areas of the body exposed to sunlight. "Sun sickness" is a popular name for the condition. Photo-sensitization is the accurate veterinary term, and the disease is also known as solar eczema and trifoliosis. The condition affects all types of livestock with white skin or white patches of skin. It is seen in horses with white-stockings, in line-backed Hereford cattle, in Holstein cows, in white and white-spotted pigs, and in sheep. A frequent complication in sheep is "big head," where the ears become thick and swollen as a result of sun sickness. In some animals the symptoms may resemble a contagious disease. It is therefore important to get a veterinarian's opinion if any of these signs show up. The only known preventive steps are to provide shade, and to protect from direct sunlight.



Note damaged, peeling hide.

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