

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Average Citizen Is Saving More, Sales and Profit Survey Reveals

PEACE TALKS—As home towners had expected, the 30-day provisional cease-fire-line agreement in Korea expired without final agreement between the Communists and the United Nations in their peace talks. As a result, it will be necessary to redraw the cease-fire line whenever all other armistice points are settled.

Second, the United States and its allies have a general idea, although somewhat inaccurate, of the number of fighting men held by the Communists in their prisoner-of-war camps. United Nations negotiators, however, are still pressing for a full accounting of more than 50,000 unlisted Allied prisoners. The U.S. has asked specifically what has become of 1,058 Americans not on the official Red prisoner-of-war list.

How soon a final agreement can be reached in the talks is anyone's guess, but distrust on the part of both sides will not hasten it. As an example, the Reds charge the lack of agreement due to "extraordinary antics... colossal bungling, criminal negligence, and master-race arrogance" by the Americans.

On the other hand, the Allies charge the "Communists have run true to form... With few exceptions the talks have been marked by the familiar Red pattern of delay, deceit, and diversionary tactics."

PRICE CUTS—Rural and small town families, by far the largest group of mail order patrons in the country, are wondering if the announced price cuts on thousands of items by the firms located in Chicago is an indication of things to come during 1952.

Midwinter sales catalogues of the four biggest mail order houses in the business list lower prices on thousands of items. It is the biggest cut in years.

One firm cut the price on an 11-cubic-foot refrigerator from \$282.72 to \$212.75, a 25 per cent mark down on men's shirts, and price reductions ranging from 80 cents to \$2.30 on tires from last fall's levels. The firm also listed 400 price cuts on both wood and metal furniture.

SALES SAG—The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, in a report of business conditions during the last quarter of 1951, said sales in the nation dropped under the previous quarter's level for the first time since 1949. The report also said the profit sag, which began at the end of 1950, continued with manufacturers returns amounting to 15 per cent before taxes and 23 per cent after taxes. Sales fell off \$2,666,000,000 during the period.

Only four of the 22 industries covered in the report recorded an increase in sales in the third quarter of last year. They were petroleum, food, tobacco, and apparel and finished textiles.

The commissions did not attempt to interpret the general decline in business. "It was obvious, however, that decline was due to a consumer buying lull that started early in 1950, sharp increases in defense taxes, shortages of materials and controls on scarce metals. Most observers believe the trend can be expected to continue during the early part of this year."

THE OLD SOCK—According to Secretary of Commerce Sawyer the average citizen in the home towns of the nation are putting more and more of their money in the old sock and keeping it there. He says savings are greater now than at any time in the last five years.

Sawyer is all for this saving spree of Americans amounting to an annual rate of \$22,000,000,000—because he believes it has helped turn the tide against rampant inflation. He warned, however, that if Americans spend these savings in a new wave of buying, inflationary pressures will surge up again.

Personal incomes rose from \$225,000,000,000 in 1950 to \$251,000,000,000 in 1951. Now, in the early days of 1952, the rate is about \$260,000,000,000.

GOP CIRCUS—The race of Republicans to secure the GOP presidential nomination is taking on the atmosphere of a circus—so many are joining the show that spectators are going to miss some of the acts. The latest is Harold E. Stassen. Already active are Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio and Gov. Earl Warren of California. Remaining to join the big show is Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, considered by many the white hope of the Republican party.

The other candidates had this to say of Stassen's announcement: "Every American has a right to run for President, and it's well that the Republicans should have a wide choice."—Taft. "His (Stassen's) candidacy should stimulate discussion of national issues and he will undoubtedly be an important factor in the Republican convention."—Warren.

THE SUMMARY—Secretary of State Dean Acheson, whose popularity with the American people has increased since the Japanese peace conference in San Francisco, recently summed up the American foreign policy for 1951. Dividing the global picture into four sections, he had this to say:

Europe and the North Atlantic—The year 1951 was a period of progress and growth... The North Atlantic Treaty organization's military command has gone forward... The important decisions that must be made early in 1952 have to do with the quantity and quality of European military forces, German participation in the defense of Europe, and creation of a European defense community and a European army.

The Near and Middle East—We lost some ground. The Suez waterway and Iranian oil crises offer dangerous opportunities for exploitation by the Kremlin. On the other hand, Greece and Turkey are bright spots.

The Far East—In Korea, the UN must guard against a renewal of Communist treachery, even if an armistice is signed. In the Pacific—the past year was one in which progress was made toward building a structure of peace through a series of treaties with Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Japan.

THE BIBLE SPE (Delayed) Kindergarden — Mrs. Witte. We are all glad to be back in school. Billy Darbee sent us a card from Florida. We drew pictures of oranges and orange trees.

About Face Lesson for January 20, 1952. Dr. Foreman. Now in Palestine, in the time of Christ, it was different. Throughout the gospels the name "publican" or, as translated in present-day English, "tax-collector", is evidently a name for a mean man.

TAX collectors and customs officers in these days are highly respectable men. They are not (officially) popular, but every one knows they are necessary. What they collect is fixed by law, and they get no commission on their collections. They live on a salary so fixed by law, if any one feels "gouged" by taxes he never accuses the collector, the fault is somewhere else.

Dr. Foreman. Now in Palestine, in the time of Christ, it was different. Throughout the gospels the name "publican" or, as translated in present-day English, "tax-collector", is evidently a name for a mean man. Jesus himself used publicans as examples of the lowest level of society.

A Christian's Job ONE day Jesus just said "follow me" to one of these men, named Matthew, and the man got up and followed him. So far as we know he never set foot in his office again. Very likely, as a great preacher has suggested, this was not the first time Matthew had seen Jesus.

Be that as it may, Matthew understood quite well that he could not be both a publican and a follower of Jesus. This raises a question: Are there occupations today which a true Christian cannot follow without sin? There was a dope peddler one night sitting on a stone wall outside a New England church. Somehow the Spirit of God blessed the singing that night, for one of the hymns sang its way straight into that man's heart, and that very hour he threw his packet of dope away and became a Christian.

When Do You Follow? THE story of Matthew suggests that also that every one is some kind of follower. Some people just "follow their noses", that is, they just keep on in the routine of their lives, doing today what they did yesterday just because they have the habit of living in this way. Others follow an ambition, others a desire for revenge, others follow pleasure, others attach themselves to a leader (political, social or what not) and follow somebody else's bandwagon.

The tragedy of the Christian church is that although every Christian, or rather every church member, has solemnly promised to follow Jesus Christ, they don't all follow him, by any means. They go right on following habit, or pleasure, or ambition, and they do not ask (as Matthew must have asked) whether these things are such as Christ can bless, or not.

About Face! THE word "conversion" means simply "turning around". It means turning all the way around. When the sergeant says "About Face!" it won't do for the rookie to twist his face around, or to turn one foot. It's all the way or nothing.

Employment in 1952 All-Time Peak of 63 Million Seen Robert C. Goodwin, director of the employment security in the Labor Department, has predicted that 63,000,000 Americans will have jobs during 1952, an all-time peak in the nation's history.

The greatest industrial strength and capacity on record. As for 1952 he forecast employment expansion by mass hiring in heavy industry as many industries with big defense orders complete tooling and designing stages preparatory to volume production.

The School Bell...

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First Grade — Mrs. Brooks. Winter is here. We are learning many winter words. We have had many beautiful dolls in school since the holidays and find that we have some very fine little mothers too.

Second Grade — Mrs. Johnston. We were glad to be back to school after our new toys and books with the class. Many of the girls in our room received new dolls for Christmas. Tuesday they brought their dolls to school. There were sixteen dolls seated in our library.

Second Grade — Mrs. Bowerman. Most everyone in our room is back to school after a nice vacation, rested and ready for the last stretch of the school year. In numbers, we are working on "money". We have learned a little about the history of money and about some of the coins used in U. S. but not now in circulation.

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Tommy Derenzy is our new student teacher and Ronald Metcalf is taking care of our library. Third Grade — Mrs. Hughes. Everyone was glad to be back in school. Every child reported a nice Christmas and many showed new cloths, new dolls, new books and new sports equipment.

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movie and field trips, resource people from departments of field conservation. Teachers from Michigan State College will lead discussions. Eight teachers from East Jordan will have the privilege of attending.

BIRTHDAY SUPRISE PARTY The East Jordan High School Band had a surprise birthday party for their band director, Mr. Acitelli, Friday, Jan. 4, after school. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The group presented their leader with a gift.

The P.T.A. of the East Jordan sponsored a dance December 28 1951 in the gym. There was an orchestra which was composed of Mr. and Mrs.

ABSENTEEISM Following are statistics showing the tardiness and half days absence by grades. This includes the High School and the Junior High for the last six weeks.

Tardiness—7th, 54; 8th, 109; 9th, 64; 10th, 80; 11th, 82; 12th, 71.

Half Days Absent—7th, 132; 8th, 210; 9th, 126; 10th, 114; 11th, 77; 12th, 101.

Let's try and cut these figures down!

WEEKLY EATING CLUB By Jim Barstow. THERE'S ONE IN EVERY LUNcheon CLUB AND TWO TO GET HIM IN THE END! HE SHOULD WORRY! WITH HIS BOOZE ON ONE SIDE AND AN UNDERTAKER ON THE OTHER! ONE PIECE OF THAT BAKED BEAN BEANS AT LEAST TWO CALLS AT OGG OFFICE!

Meet Your Michigan. UNIQUE NEWSPAPER: PORT SANILAC WAS THE HOME OF THE SHANTY TIMES IN THE MIDDLE 1800'S. THIS WAS MICHIGAN'S ONLY NEWSPAPER WITHOUT REPORTERS, EDITORIAL STAFF, PRESSES OR DEADLINES.

M.S.C. Designs Handy Table on Wheels. Why should the homemaker walk miles carrying the small supplies needed for baking, cleaning or sewing when a table on wheels can do it all in one easy trip? That's what Miss Olevia C. Meyer, extension specialist in home management at Michigan State College asked.



Officers at the Army post office in Tokyo are pictured as they started sorting some 800 letters from Red-bald Allied prisoners-of-war in Korea to their families. The letters were flown to the United States and then sent to families in all parts of the nation by airmail-special delivery.

The Servicemen's Letter

He Fellas:

Two men from overseas reached home this past week. Both of them were from European way. Chuck Gothro reached here on January 8th and Dale Gee pulled in from Ellsworth RR Station on January 10th — family and all. Harry Saxton came back from Ellsworth that day and he said to me, "You know, Jake, that Gee guy got off the train in Ellsworth today and he had the best outfit for carrying a baby. It was just like a big market basket with handles on it." Guess they must have developed these new Baskettes since Harry raised all his kids.

Phil took off for Detroit on January 8th and brought Chuck back with him that night. Chuck doesn't seem to like this country so much. Almost the first words he said to me were that he's much rather be back in Germany. Guess he is really sold on service over there. Chuck is due for a 39 day furlough here then he goes back into the service for one year duty here in the States. He says he's going to get onto a boat headed East just as soon as he can make it. (Could it be that there's a Fraulein over there waiting for him?) Anyway, Chuck and I had quite a talk about things over in — Duishland. He reports that the Germans are really doing a great job of cleaning up and rebuilding their bombed out cities. Their factories are beginning to run again and the stores hold about the same amount of merchandise that you get over here.

Dale Gee reports that he had quite a rough crossing. They left Southampton, England on December 31st and were out in the Atlantic at the time of the big blow that crippled and finally sank that American ship off England. He said their ship went away South to dodge the storm area and then came up to New York from the South. Dale is due to report back to McCord Field, Washington after a 20 day furlough here. Unlike Chuck, Dale has no desire to return to the European Theatre. He would welcome a stretch here in the good old States.

A card from Parris Island gives a new address for Dave Wade as Pfc (Note that Pfc already) David S. Wade, 122 81 74, Marine Air Det, Naval Tech Center, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee. I notice by my file that Keith Vance is listed as being at NATTC 23 North. Perhaps you two can get together.

Here's a change of address for Bob Kitson. He has moved from Fort Campbell, Kentucky to Camp Drum, Watertown, New York. It seems a little odd to me that there is no unit mentioned in his new address. Could it be that the whole unit moved to Camp Drum?

I received a card from a Servicewoman this past week informing me that she was no longer in the service. You know that kind of salves my feelings a little bit. I've been needing Fern Morris about writing to me a long time and finally she wrote me a goodbye card. She writes, "Please discontinue sending me the paper as I'm at home now. I really appreciated receiving it while I was in the service and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for it and also the Christmas Box." (Did you notice that "y'all". She's been down in Memphis.)

After a long period of waiting we now have a permanent address from Rod Gibbard. He checks in from Seattle, Washington and writes the following: "High time to report in again with my latest and I hope permanent for awhile assignment and to ask you to please start sending the paper again. I'm working at a large Finance office in downtown Seattle and living temporarily out at Fort Lawton till I can find a place for the family out here. Just reported in last Thursday after spending a nice 12 day leave over Christmas with the wife and kids and don't know yet what my exact job is to be. But at least I didn't have to jump on a boat here, like most of the fellows who head this way." Rods new address is: "Lt Rodney H. Gibbard, FOUSA — 4735 E. Marginal Way, Seattle 4, Washington. Say Rod — Niles Hill is with the 369 Sngr. Co P, 2nd Plat, Shore Regt out at Fort Worden which he says is in the inlet there at Seattle. Perhaps you two will jump into each other."

Hershel Young writes from French Morocco and gives us a slight change of address. He is still with CBD 1521 but gives us Navy 214, C/o FPO, New York, N.Y. instead of Port Lyantey. He writes, "I guess I had better get this letter written this year. (He dates it 12-31-51) Wish you were having the weather we are here in Port Lyantey. French Morocco sure is nice. As yet I have not been out sightseeing but I did pass through Casablanca and Rabat which are

very beautiful and modern, especially Casablanca. The duty down here is OK. It will get better when I get my wife and daughter down here with me. I am working in the garage down here — not very exciting but very interesting.

French Morocco is a growing affair — Militarily anyway. As you might have seen in the current issue of March of Time there are a lot more Americans here than people think.

Seems that my stay with Claire A. Loomis was short. He at present is in Gtmo. Bay, Cuba with MCB No. 8." Hersh wishes everyone a Happy New Year even though a bit late.

Here's a letter from Panama. Howard Sumner checks in from Fort Sherman, Canal Zone. "I think it is about time I got a couple of lines off to you again. Well, here it is the fresh start on a new year. Another month and I can look down-hill. Hope only one year left.

Now that the New Years celebration is over — everyone down here is going back to work. Down here it was more like the 4th of July. Everyone had firecrackers and all the flares of the 4th. How they set them off — in bars, stores, or where ever they want. Every place you walked was the smell and paper of the leftovers of crackers. Oh well, here is what they call the "Hell Hole — of the World". It really is too.

I've gotten off the LCM's now and into the Company Motor Pool. Driving truck for a change — a lot of hours but at least I know what I'm doing. At least I think I do. Full responsibility for a 6x6. Just like civilian life — almost. Just now I'm in the Guard House. We get Regt Guard about once every ten days. It is hot and muggy here today but I won't have to stand the Saturday inspection because of the guard."

Hud also complains that the paper has been so long in getting to him. We all hope that the new method of sending the paper by Air Mail will straighten that all out.

So Long
"Jake" Snyder

WEST PENINSULA

(Edited by Mrs. Wm. Gaunt)

The Board of Commerce held their ham supper last Tuesday at the Peninsula Grange Hall. We are glad to report that everyone was well satisfied with their supper and the members will thank everyone who helped to make it a success. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Copp, on the Lake Shore with supper served at 8:00 o'clock before the meeting. Every member is urged to attend.

On January 10th which was Mrs. E. H. Phillips birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gaunt Sr. spent the evening with her and her family. She was presented with some lovely gifts. A lunch of two birthday cakes and ice cream was served. Games were played to fill in the evening.

Mr. E. H. Phillips drove up from Detroit Friday to spend the week end with his wife and daughter and family. He returns to Detroit again, Monday to resume his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howard attended the funeral Tuesday of Mrs. Harman of Boyne Falls.

Mr. Bob Williamson and father-in-law, Edwin Phillips drove to Petoskey, Sunday morning and picked up Joe Schneider from there they drove to Indian River where the men all went rabbit hunting. The snow was so deep it was hard to get around but they came home with some meat.

Mrs. Wm. Gaunt Sr. drove to the Grandvue Hospital, Sunday afternoon, calling on her father Sam McClure who isn't feeling so good.

Perch fishing seems to hold out pretty good. More shanties are moving out on the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howard and son, Butch spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaunt, Jr.

PENINSULA

(Edited by Mrs. Emma Hayden)

18 present at Sunday School. Charles Arnott is a surgical patient at Little Traverse Hospital at Petoskey.

Roscoe Barber returned home from Little Traverse Hospital Friday after having his tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Coulter and two children of Elmira were Sunday visitors of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Staley spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hayden.

The young folks took in the good skating down by Whales cabins this past week.

Gen Russell got called back to work for the new R.E.A. plant at Advance.

Looking Backward . . .

JANUARY 13, 1912

Mrs. Mary Vanek, 21, wife of Frank Vanek died at her home in the Bohemian settlement Friday. She leaves a husband and two infant children to mourn her loss.

Dan E. Goodman received a telegram Monday notifying him of the death of his mother, Mrs. Dora Goodman, at Eugene, Ore. The body will be brought to this city for burial. Deceased leaves five sons and two daughters. Her husband — Fred Goodman, died eight years ago. Last year she went west to visit her sons, Fred and Ben.

Mrs. Melvin Sheldon, who has been seriously ill for the past week, is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rahling returned home Saturday from Jackson where they have been guests of their daughters, Mrs. George Atkinson.

Mrs. Charles Barrett, 52, died at her home in Charlevoix, Sunday, from heart trouble. Besides the husband, four children are left to mourn her loss, Miss Florence of Detroit, Mrs. Grace Cole of Redstone, Montana and Charles of San Francisco, Calif. Intment was made in Charlevoix Cemetery.

At the first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples State Savings Bank held at their offices Thursday evening a dividend was declared and the reports showed the year just closed to have been prosperous both as to earnings and volume of business. The following officers and directors were elected: — W. P. Squire, president; A. E. Sleeper, Vice-president; R. O. Bisbee, Cashier; Directors A. L. Wright, W. A. Stroebel, C. H. Whittington, C. J. Bisbee, H. I. McMillan, R. O. Bisbee, W. P. Squire, A. E. Sleeper.

JANUARY 13, 1922

John J. Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Porter of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Eva Helen Reynier of Grand Rapids. The ceremony being read by the Rev. A. W. Wishart at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Martha Reynier on Pleasant St., S. E. They will be at home after March first in East Jordan.

Last Friday the girls basketball team of East Jordan High played the girls team of Bellaire High. The score 14-26 in favor of the visiting team. The line up for East Jordan was: Forward, Julia Supernaw; Forward, Grace Atkinson; Guard, Christa Hoover; Guard, Elizabeth Sweet; Center, Alma Anderson; Center, Mary Shedina; Sub, Dorothea Malpass.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Nichols a daughter, Jan 6th.

Ralph Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fuller of this city, and Miss Dorothy Williams of Houghton, were married at the Methodist parsonage at Bellaire, Jan. 9th. Miss Williams taught in our public schools here last year.

B. E. Waterman is at Grand Rapids attending the January Furniture Market. The East Jordan Cabinet Co. has an exhibit of East Jordan made tables at this show.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dye (Esther Monroe) of Redford announce the arrival of a son William Warren, Nov. 27, 1921. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kenward (Mabel Monroe) are also receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Charles Lawrence, October 31, 1921, at Gary, Ind.

Omer, 8-year-old son of Mr. Mrs. Hector McKinnon, received a double fracture of the left leg below the knee, in a coasting accident, Tuesday evening. The lad was coasting with others on Division-st hill when their sled hit a tree.

Ethel Lucia, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradford passed away at their home Saturday morning, Jan. 7th, following an illness of short duration from scarlet fever. She was almost 10 1/2 years old. Brief funeral services were held that afternoon and the remains laid to rest at Sunset Hill.

JANUARY 15, 1932

The date of hearing in the matter of proposed abandonment of the East Jordan and Southern R. R. has been set by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission for Tuesday, Jan. 28th, at 9:30 a.m. in the High School. Every citizen of East Jordan should be interested in this matter and every one is urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown were called to Ann Arbor, Monday by the serious illness of their little daughter, who is in the hospital there.

Thomas St Charles who has been at a Government Hospital for treatment, near Chicago, has returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe LaValley came from Pontiac first of the week to make their home with J. F. Kenny.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saxton a son, Robert Glenn, Saturday, Jan. 9.

Clarence Bowman Jr., received a badly cut upper lip, tongue and

other bruises while coasting with John Pray on the Garfield St. hill last Sunday night. The sled struck a telephone pole.

A large gathering of friends and relatives were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark of this city, Thursday. The occasion being the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clark.

The East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, at its regular meeting Wednesday, elected Dr. Bernard J. Beuker, President and Barney Milstein, Vice President. Dr. Beuker's public activities made him a logical choice. He served overseas more than two years. Entering as Sergeant in the 23rd Infantry, he was successively made Lieut., Captain and Major within a year. He served as director of ambulance companies in charge of four companies — of 250 men each; Post Surgeon, head quarters of intermediate section, at Nevers; and sanitary inspector of the Army of Occupation. While serving in the latter capacity he was stricken with appendicitis and was operated on, on the road. When convalescent, he was ordered home and honorably discharged.

Mr. Milstein is a charter member of the old Board of Trade and has been one of its most active members.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

Here's a stopper for upstate voters:

How would you like to have your legislature at Lansing controlled by four counties? It's not so far fetched as it sounds.

Such would be possible legally under a reapportionment plan advocated by Michigan leaders of the American Federation of Labor and the Detroit C.I.O. In fact petitions are to be circulated soon by the A.F.L. asking that reapportionment of the legislature along lines of the 1950-census be initiated by Michigan voters next November. If voters approve, the bill would go automatically before legislators in 1953.

The Detroit-Flint metropolitan area has more than 51 percent of Michigan's present population. Therefore, under 100% reapportionment, four counties could dominate the rest of the state in legislative affairs. By concentrating efforts on the elections of pro-labor candidates, labor unions could achieve their goals readily.

It is the belief of several legislators that four counties, even, if they do have 51 per cent of the state's population, cannot speak for All of Michigan. The argument is advanced by State Senator Greighton Coleman of Marshall that the legislature should act on a "fair" reapportionment plan in 1952 rather than let things drift further.

A resolution, sponsored by Senator Coleman, would add two senators and freeze the senatorial districts. This would assure geographical representation were by such cities as Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Flint could control the Senate.

Senator Coleman comments: "Where you have a highly industrial, highly agricultural and highly recreational state such as Michigan, with one of the most varied economies of any state in the Union, a strictly population-majority control does not seem to be a suitable control."

Coleman pays credit to Senators G. Elwood Bonine and Edward Hutchinson for work done on the compromise reapportionment plan.

The Marshall senator believes it will be unfortunate to simplify the issue of reapportionment by calling it an outstate vs. Detroit fight or a urban-rural contest.

He explains his viewpoint as follows:

"This question cannot be solved by appeals to emotion. Few issues before the legislature are purely city versus farmer; few purely Detroit versus outstate. If that were true, the rural interests would not survive the legislative process in Michigan today.

"No thinking person can claim the legislature of Michigan is now rural dominated. Actually, 16 of the 32 senatorial districts include population centers in excess of 50,000. A senator from such a district certainly cannot be said to represent purely rural areas or only rural issues and interests! I can certainly testify to that.

"The real issue and the one to which all citizens of Michigan

should direct their attention is how best can reapportionment take place in Michigan so that all interests — fruit, fishing, trucking, railroad, city, township, industry (large and small), the professions, tourists, and mining — be given effective representation.

"Some of us believe it can best be achieved by a plan which requires balanced consideration of all groups of people, all the areas, all the interests of Michigan. We do not believe it will be achieved by any plan which permits one group or one area to dominate, control, and dictate to the entire state.

"To this let me add: Whether large urban centers like Detroit were not given proper representation in the past is not the issue now, and should not be the consideration in designing the representation basis for the present

or the future. If the metropolitan areas were denied proper representation at one time, to reverse the situation now and put all the rest of the state under their control for the future would be no more proper than was the previous situation. Two wrongs do not make a right. The question in Michigan is: What is the best and proper way to reapportion now?"

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