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## RUSSIA BANKRUPT

To the Editor:

Methinks that Nikita doth protest too much.

It's all right for the free world to be lousy with commie spies, saboteurs, etc. It took a lone spy (?) plane to scare Khrushy, so much so that he is making like a jackass, and a braying one, at that.

He is hollering and screaming for the West to sever diplomatic relations and boycott Russia and the conquered countries.

Will the somnolent heads of the free world let this golden opportunity pass and still try for peaceful (?) coexistence?

Does Old Nick have something big to hide? Or is Russia bankrupt as a former minister of finance for Hungary, Nicholas Nyaradi, now director of the Institute of International Studies at Bradley University, told a luncheon meeting of the Bond Club of Chicago, "After what I have seen and heard recently, I can report to you with full responsibility that Russia today is bankrupt. She is bankrupt economically and also, more important, ideologically."

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## SUMMIT MEETING

To the Editor:

From Woodrow Wilson to Eisenhower, we never won a conference until "Nikita" lost the last one with his tantrums. We had little to gain by an orderly meeting so what could we lose by the circus being called off? (Well, perhaps we could lose Adlai, Eleanor and Drew Pearson.)

We used to have two wise guys who thought they could play poker with terrible Joe, F.D.R. and Churchill. They would stake everything we had, even our lives, and regularly come home heavy losers. Those meetings at Potsdam, Teheran, Yalta and earlier could have been won with a little effort and a nickel's worth of common sense. That, of course,

is water over the dam, we are in it. How do we get out of this mess? That is the \$64,000 question. So far, I haven't heard any politician nor anybody else, for that matter, come up with any good answer to this problem.

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## STARVATION ARGUMENT

To the Editor:

I've just read and appreciated very much your editorial entitled "The Starvation Argument." This reminds me of an experience I had the other night at a large and well-known university. I had addressed about 45 members of the faculty at a dinner affair, after which there was a question and answer period. A couple of the professors took out after me pretty vigorously. Later I made a speech to the Student Forum and at least half of the professors came over for that performance, and I particularly remember the one who had previously behaved so bitterly.

One of the students said that he didn't see any place for social security in my idea of governmental scope, and wouldn't that bring a great hardship on many people? I told him I would answer his question by telling a story that took place in October 1948 just 30 days previous to the Truman-Dewey election. The story:

I was having dinner with the Dean of the School of Business Administration, University of Pittsburgh, at the Duquesne Club. A pompous gentleman in the other part of the room got up, passed us, said hello to the Dean, and the Dean introduced him to me and he sat down at the table and joined in the conversation.

Liking to direct discussions along my line, I said, "Tell me, Mr. G., do you think the rapid turn toward socialism will be abated should the Republicans win come next month?"

"What do you mean, rapid turn toward socialism, Read?"

I named a dozen items and

threw in social security for good measure.

"Do you mean to tell me you are not in favor of social security?"

"Indeed, I am not."

"What would you do, let them starve?"

I replied, "You are as old as I am, are you not, Mr. G.?" (Mr. G., being a lot older, replied in the affirmative.) Then I said, "Well, you were here then when FDR became president," to which he nodded.

And then I asked, "Did we ever have any compulsory social security previous to FDR?" He shook his head.

I next asked, "Tell me, Mr. G., did you ever personally know of anyone in America who died of starvation previous to FDR?" And Mr. G. had to allow as how he had not known of anyone personally who had starved to death.

That was the end of my story for the benefit of the student, but the professor who had been so spiteful in his questions shouted out, "I have seen a dozen people starve to death," and I replied, much to the professor's embarrassment, "Do you mean to tell me, professor, that you actually watched a human being starve to death?" The students laughed at the professor, for they knew, as well as he and I, that he had lied. Even an Al Capone would not see another human being starve to death if he had so much as a crust of bread to share with him.

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## PALMER HIGH BAND

To the Editor:

As conductor of the Palmer High School Band, I want to express my sincere thanks for the excellent coverage of our spring concert. The stories, articles, and pictures, were responsible, I am sure, for the large and responsive audience. My special thanks, also, to John Fetler for all of his assistance and for his fine review. It was really appreciated by our Band.

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## COMPETENCY

To the Editor:

How could replacing Republican incompetents with Democratic incompetents, or vice versa,



## TOURISTS SET RECORDS

There continues to be an ever-increasing flow of visitors across the Canadian-U. S. A. border, despite some fuss about Canadian money being at a premium over U. S. A. currency.

In 1959, U. S. A. visitors to Canada spent an estimated total of \$357 million, almost \$50 million more than in 1958. While American tourists were distributing this vast sum to Canadian motels, restaurants, stores, etc., Canadian visitors spent an estimated \$454 million.

## As Alexander Sees It

# Aerial Reconnaissance

By HOLMES ALEXANDER  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—For as long as peace lasts, the USA is going to have to maintain aerial surveillance over the Soviet Union and, perhaps, over Communist

equipment and become far more effective in reconnaissance. For instance, the cameras and radar could be fitted with anti-vibration gadgets and would produce still clearer pictures with finer detail. Infrared sensors could be added to the wing-tips and other extrem-

