



## **Other Editors Say.**

\ Frontier of Freedom Most of the Greek philosophers, speaking from experience of the democracies they knew, believed that democratic government was impossible in a "state" with a population of more than a few thousand. And this same argument cropped up during debates as to whether or not the Articles of Confederation should be dispensed with in favor of the United States Constitution.

This belief was based on the argument that assemblies of the people were not feasible when the population was large. But the framers of our constitution believed that a representative government could be made to work, and that there was no population ceiling to this type of democracy. And the history of the United States has proved them right.

A representative government can remain democratic only so long as the liaison between the people and representatives remains good. This is one of the main reasons for the freedom of the press 'guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

If a newspaper was simply a business, the press would have no more

amendment guaranteeing its freedom than would any other business. Protection of freedom of the press is protection of the right of the

people to know - and especially to know what their government is doing, because traditionally it has been government which has restricted freedom of the press. It is the duty of the press, within the limits of human capabilities, to keep the people informed as to what the representatives they have elected are doing. The people seldom attend city council or school board meetings. The press does. All of the people of the United States

couldn't possibly attend every session of Congress. The press does. Through the press, the people can keep informed of what their government has done and is doing. The press has a responsibility to

keep the people informed, and the people, too, have a responsibility to protect the freedom of the press. which is their freedom to know. Monte Vista (Calif.) Journal.

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The Older Worker Many thousands of business have either written or unwritten policies of not hiring older workers In some cases the age limit is set as high as 55 or 60, but in others it's far below that. Now some jobs do require great physical stamina, and these cannot be filled by older workmen. But mechanization has continually trimmed the volume of this type of work. Unfortunately, though, there remains a tendency to demand Charles Atlas types for jobs that can be adequately filled by mature but less muscular hands.

It's doubtful how long we can affort this type of folly without serious trouble. According to the U. S. Labor Department, America's work force is expected to in-crease by 131/2 million persons between 1960 and 1970. And, because of the low birth rate in the 1930's, there's going to be a smaller number of workers in what's been regarded as the prime age bracket, 35 to 44.

At the end of the decade, two out of every five persons in the potential labor force will be over 45.

What these figures add up to is this. We'll have to stop our present practice of age discrimination in employment or the country will face a serious and artificial labor shortage.

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the situation is to shatter some of the damaging myths of the past. The U. S. Department of Labor, slong with some business and labor groups have done research in this is not as well off as yourself.

fied older workers for many jobs s a gound and profitable manage-nent policy. — Stations WBZ and WEZ TV, Boston.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPH be from one member of the family to the other. This makes Santa ore reasonable in the tots' mind and keeps the Christmas spirit alive in the home long after the smallest member of the family has passed the happiest age.

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