

# Other Editors Say...

On a number of occasions we have observed here that while the Soviet Union has great military power, it is — in fact — no real threat to the United States today unless we surrender out of misguided fear. And even in terms of military strength, the United States can destroy Soviet military potential five times over within 24 hours, and defeat any Soviet attack even if they should strike first.

Thus, the danger to the liberty and independence of the American people is not primarily military. Nor is there any real danger — unless we permit it to happen — of the Russians overtaking, much less surpassing, the free enterprise system in this country. If, that is, we will just let free enterprise continue to be free.

In an editorial some weeks ago, we discussed a report by an assistant to the President who had analyzed the relative economic strengths of Russia and the United States. In order to equal the Russians we would have to do the following:

Destroy three-fifths of our steel production, two thirds of our oil production, and 95 per cent of our output of electric motors. We would have to abandon two-thirds of our hydro-electric power, cut out 90 per cent of our natural gas production, rip up 14 miles out of every 15 miles of our paved highways — if we wanted to be equal with the Russians in these things.

We would have to tear out two-thirds of our railway tracks, sink eight out of every nine of our ships, scrap 19 out of every 20 cars and trucks rolling on our streets and highways. To be equal with the Russians, we would have to cut our standard of living by 75 per cent, destroy 40 million television sets, tear out nine out of every ten telephones, and put more than half of all of our workers presently in industry back on the farms.

In scanning the October issue of a publication called "Population Reference Bureau Bulletin," we note that more than 38 million Russians work on farms, while 36 million work in industry. More than 50 per cent on farms — yet there is a food shortage in Russia! In America, only ten per cent work on farms.

Now this may surprise you — as it did us: Nine-tenths of the

food produced in the United States is produced by ten per cent of the farmers. In other words, if 90 out of every hundred farmers left their farms, we would still produce more than enough food for our people! American agriculture, like American industry, is so far ahead of the Soviet Union that it is ridiculous even to compare them.

The Russians aren't kidding themselves about all of this. We recently ran across a quote from the July 15 edition of *Pravda*, the official Soviet newspaper, which acknowledged that Soviet industry is less than half as efficient as that of the United States. This is because most of it is done without any machines.

During last year's Presidential campaign, a great deal was said about the respective "growth" rates of Russia and the United States. The statistics frightened a great many people including, frankly, us. This year, however, it was acknowledged that the Russian growth rates referred to during the campaign covered the period of 1948 through 1953, when Russia was rebuilding after the war. If you want to take the growth rate from 1917, when communism took over in Russia, through 1956 — the story is quite different. During this period, Russia's growth rate averaged 1.2 per cent. The growth rate in the United States during the same period averaged 2.3 per cent.

In other words, for nearly half a century, we've been growing at a rate almost twice as fast as Rus-



**SIZABLE ACHIEVEMENT—** Marine PFC Tyrone S. Sutton hoists a huge model of an automatic rifle. He recently "shot holes" in all existing records for Browning Automatic Rifle marksmanship at the Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Marine Corps air station with a 245 out of a possible 250.

sia. There is no reason for Americans to tremble at the suggestion that this nation should stand up to Russia. Nobody knows better than the Russian leaders that America, for all of her faults, still possesses the potential superiority and ability to defend around the world. But this is no time for faint-hearted surrender, and certainly not for the

cowardly cult that whimpers "better Red than dead."

American who have been history's principal beneficiaries of freedom now need only to recognize their responsibility to stand up for it. **WRAL-TV VIEWPOINT**

### Patrol Cars Anonymous

People are not afraid to lose their lives, but they are afraid to lose their licenses. — Connecticut Police Captain, William A. Cruber.

With that terse summary of its reasons, the Connecticut state police department recently instructed all its officers to patrol the highways in unmarked cars.

Undoubtedly there will be cries of "foul" from those who regard highway speed as a sporting proposition rather than a matter for regulation to save lives. But these are hardly worth considering under

any system of logic. For they always envision a game with the most lopsided rules: The driver is permitted to cheat whenever he thinks he can; police must always remain neon-marked and unable to sneak up on him when he is cheating.

This is a different matter from those small - town hidden speed traps and quickie fines that are a legitimate aggravation to motorists. The rules are plainly printed throughout the State of Connecticut. And unmarked police cars merely serve to make the law-enforcers seem even more ubiquitous to would-be-law-breakers.

Other states and nations ought to consider making every square-jawed motorist in a neat, dark car a potential deterrent against recklessness. — *Christian Science Monitor*

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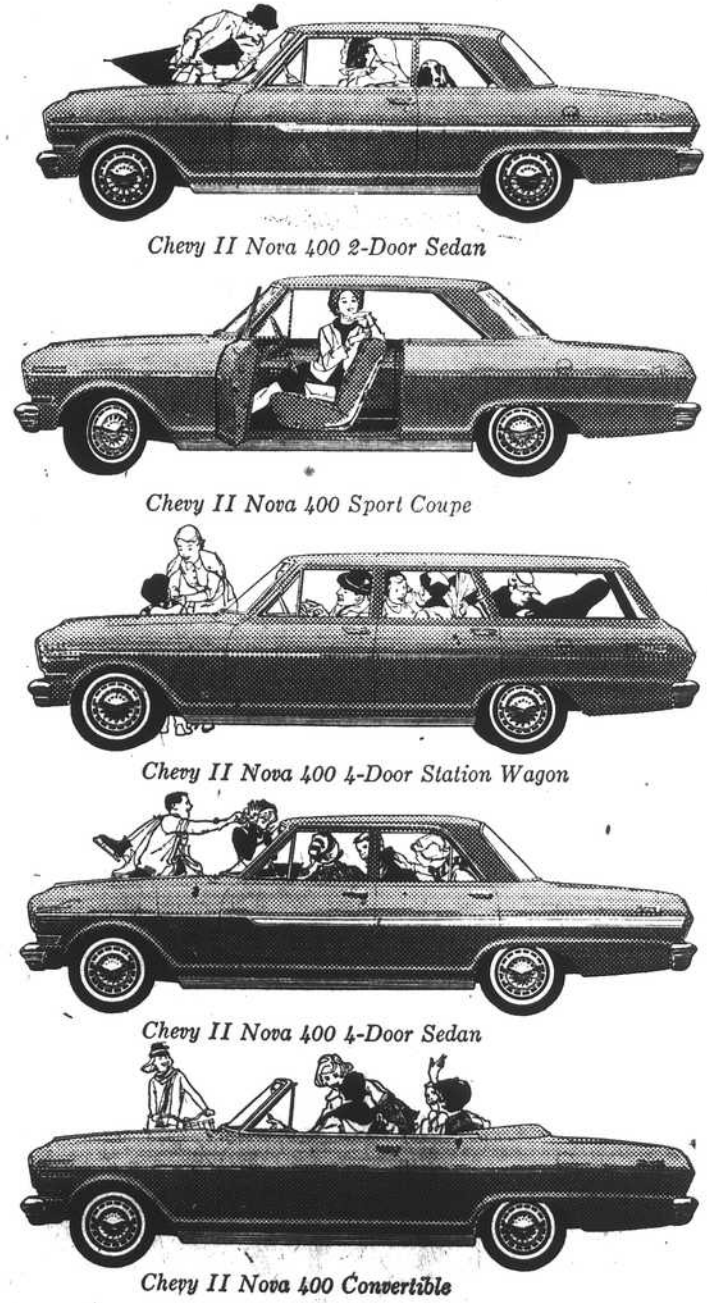
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