

the government or cheating the street-car company, Mr. B. gains his revenge and salvages something of his boyhood's "rightful due." He early learned to make his own way, and so as an adult is independent but honest in personal dealings.

The unwanted child is headed for almost certain trouble in the years ahead. Prisons and reform schools are filled with boys and men who look back on the cruelty of a resentful father and the impatience of an unwilling mother.

In the case of Mr. C, however, related by Dr. Hadley, incompetence rather than crime was the form of revenge adopted by the rejected child.

The parents of Mr. C. had attempted to salve their conscience by being spuriously over-affectionate. The falseness of this was sensed intuitively by their "spoiled child." He got his revenge by excessive demands and controlled the parents by tantrums and bad behavior. Later, he, too, pretended affection and became more subtle in his revenge.

He was unfortunate. He failed in college. When he abandoned a trusting girl, the parents believed he had been victimized by an adventuress. They started him in business. He failed. The experiment was repeated. Again he failed. In the end, he involved a score of associates in his "losses." The family fortune was dissipated. And when at last the old folks died, Mr. C. became a burden on the state.

Love Helps

A little love becomes a saving grace in such situations. Dr. Hadley tells of another man born as the third child into an impoverished family where his earliest memories were of hunger and parental discord. Peace came only after a full meal and that was seldom. Yet amid all his recollections of unhappiness, poverty, insecurity and bickering, he remembers that his parents would many times go hungry themselves to provide him with some scavenged bit of food.

This boy resolved that some day his parents would have all they wished to eat. He worked hard and prospered. He had no hate for the rich; they provided the odd jobs that were his stepping stones. He became successful and happy and never failed to provide food and comfort for the parents and all those who appealed to him for aid.

Business men are all too familiar with the grown-up spoiled child who must have what he wants when he wants it and who has gone all through life crushing anyone and everyone who has stood as an obstacle in his path, without the



NOT SO NEW, AFTER ALL

The highway center-line seems to be something new, invented especially for the benefit of this automotive age. But wait—here is a centuries-old highway between Mexico City and Cuernavaca, with a line of light-colored stones laid accurately along its middle, to divide it into two even halves. Were there traffic disputes in those old days, too?

slightest appreciation of the havoc he has wrought—the tyrannical tycoon.

Dr. Hadley tells of another type of aggressive person who has so long sat on the lid of his own boiling hates that he has made himself see the antagonism only in others. He feels that he is discriminated against; that he is persecuted. He carries a chip on his shoulder. He may picture himself as a martyr and suffer long. Or he may be goaded into quarrels, the breaking of valuable business contacts, or even to expensive litigation.

It is the unrecognized antagonisms in business men that boil to the surface in a battle against government intervention in business. They hate paternalism in government for a very good psychological reason. Vigorous attempts to defeat taxes and promote laissez-faire are their expression of a deeply seated grouch, dating back to the days when their own parents "dictated" to them.

Business hates government because its ranks contain many a son of a stern father who once disciplined him without mercy.

Political reformers in the government may rage at "economic royalists," "Wall Street," "international bankers," and the "pirates of industry," because they nurse in their souls a need for revenge against early thwartings at the hands of a repulsing mother. They still long for Utopia where maternal affection would be abundant.

Agitators revile both government and business because in youth they suffered at the hands of both parents and early learned the technique of playing off one against the other for their own personal advantage. Such a personality exploits the weaknesses of either side, in league with the opposition.

The economic welfare of the nation totters under the buffeting from all these hidden hates.

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● Earth Trembles

Information collected by Science Service from seismological observatories and relayed to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Jesuit Seismological Association resulted in the location of the following four preliminary epicenters:

Monday, May 1, 9:58.5 a. m., Japan time

Off the west coast of Japan, in Japan Sea. Latitude approximately 40 degrees north, longitude 139 degrees east.

Tuesday, May 2, 5:14.8 a. m., PST

In Gulf of California, near Lower California coast. Latitude 29.5 degrees north, longitude 113.8 degrees west.

Saturday, May 6, 1:00 a. m., EST

In Pacific ocean, about 340 miles southwest of Panama City. Latitude 5.5 degrees north, longitude 84 degrees west.

Sunday, May 7, 10:47 p. m., EST

Eastern side of Azores islands, on Atlantic ridge. Latitude 37 degrees north, longitude 20 degrees west.

For stations cooperating with Science Service in reporting earthquakes recorded on their seismographs see SNL August 13, 1938.