

Three Interesting Things Chapter 4 and 5

The ***Tomorrow Without Fear*** book written in 1946 by Chester Bowles is something I never heard about. I believe many younger folks would agree with him. He articulated what the US would be like if FDR's programs from a liberal point of view if the New Deal type programs continued after the war.

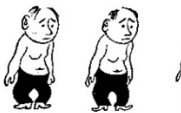
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The Seamy Side of 1940

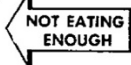
3 out of 4 Americans had improper diets. 1 out of 3 Americans wasn't eating enough.



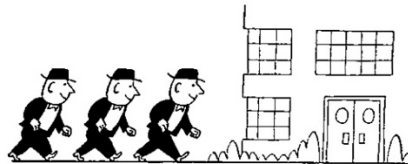
PROPER DIET—EATING ENOUGH



IMPROPER DIETS



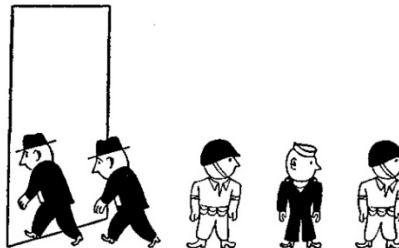
1 out of 4 Americans lived in slums.



Americans in 1200 out of 3100 counties had no hospitals.



2 out of 5 men failed to meet Army and Navy physicals.



Fewer than half our children finished high school. Only 1 in 14 finished college.



FINISHED COLLEGE

FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL



DID NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

This is an interesting graphic from his book. He claimed this was the way it was in 1940. Pg.74

His book Pg.7

Based on this graphic, was enough done after WW2 to improved lives of Americans? Should Truman have done more to have more New Deal policies during his presidency?

In Prosperity and in Depression the City Worker and the Farmer Go Up and Down Together

75 -80 percentage of women that worked in the war wanted to continue working. They wanted to keep their higher paying jobs but didn't.

Black men came back from the war and they registered to vote increasing the numbers to 12% in the South alone.

Unions increased after the war, strikes increased as well.

“The 1945–1946 General Motors strike was a massive 113-day nationwide walkout led by the United Automobile Workers (UAW) from November 21, 1945, to March 13, 1946.” It was a walk out instead of a sit-down strike. It was a long strike.



Presidential candidate	Political party	Electoral votes	Popular votes
Harry S. Truman	Democratic	303	24,105,695
Thomas E. Dewey	Republican	189	21,969,170
Strom Thurmond	States' Rights Democratic (Dixiecrat)	39	1,169,021
Henry Wallace	Progressive Party	0	1,156,103

Wallace got votes but not many even though he was vice president earlier.

Roman Catholics were very concerned about communism.

The TV quiz show called the *Price is Right* was popular!

There was good economic growth after the war. People owned their cars, TVs, etc. which fueled the middle-class lifestyle namely a high consumption lifestyle. Buying cars, appliances, and all the good things in life was sought after. The GI Bill afforded returning military the ability to attend college and improve their lifestyles while the VA and FHA loans boomed as well in the housing market. Technological breakthrough helped fuel productivity and industries. There was a shift in the labor market with white collar jobs overtaking blue collar jobs, a new economy.

Tupperware was started in 1946. The business is still making products, but you can buy it from store and not just from parties. This shift came with the changes in society. It recently filed bankruptcy.



The baby boom was a huge growth industry. This is the current UN population pyramid. Immigration had altered the shape.

