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Huzzah! That's Our Bob!

You Mustn't Overlook His Anti-Peace Vote; He Just Underlined His Hatred of Russia

North Carolinians cannot claim, now, that they were looking the other way when Bob Reynolds cast the vote against peace—the vote that was the straw that broke the camel's back. They must like to hear good old Bob rant and rave in another campaign, that is, after a loss, a harmless sort of a critic. He is not that. He is the enemy of every Carolinian, every American, every citizen of the world who is interested in the future and peace.

Reynolds. Wheeler. Shipstead. Langer. Johnson.

Those were the five negative votes, as the U. S. Senate took its poll on the Moscow Declaration. Those were the five men who wanted to go on record as being against the wishes of the American public, and all Allied leadership. Those citizens, were five votes for the old days of isolation. Those votes brought up quick memories of America First, The German-American Bund, The Vin-Dictors, The Silver Shirts.

They may have seemed only five honest and determined little voices, courageously standing against their fellows for what they believed to be right. They were not. They were voices singing the same old song of ruin they have ever sung. When they were widely heard in the land, America was studiously unprepared for war—and for peace. These five friends of our foes are Americans we can so well do without.

Gerald Johnson Leaves Us

A Leader of Southern Thought Quits Long Newspaper Career

The departure of Gerald Johnson from the editorial staff of The Baltimore Sun is more than an ordinary transfer in the annals of southern journalism. It is, so far as men of the trade are concerned, the sad parting of a man who has been one of the leading liberal minds of the profession for almost 20 years. Certainly no other Southern editorials has surpassed him in the steadiness of his effort to enlighten and lead the South to a better way of living.

As he leaves his editorial post, under pressure of outside work with books and magazines, The News hastens to bid him a farewell and wish him great success in his new field.

A North Carolina boy, born in Riverton, he has carried a new earnestness with him through his career, and made a definite and lasting contribution to the stream of life in his times. Author of more than 100 books, he has been a concern with the South, he has become a voice for his people. Though he now leaves his professional life, he will continue to speak for them.

France Casts The First Stone

Committee of Liberation Protests Against Moscow Pact—Jealously

Listen to France. Do you hear, from the Committee of Liberation? Is that the swelling refrain of the Marseillaise? No. It is the high, shrill and irritating voice of nationalism. Poor France, bedraggled and unfortunate in her defeat, speaks for a place at the peace table, and her men who are still free spit at the Moscow Declaration. They say they will not abide by them. The reason? Why, France was not represented at the table.

It is not, apparently, that the Frenchman do not like the terms written in Moscow. It is just that they see no realization, for certain, that the Allies regard the French Republic as peace, so far as non-politics are concerned in Europe. And the men of France, carefully nurturing a dream of recovery in the future, do not like this discovery. Thus, they protest. It is not unimportant, this protest. Not at all.

France may not be a world power, militarily or politically, but she is a nation traditionally dedicated to liberty and justice, and her quarrel with the Moscow Declaration will be echoed in this land, where little people share a deep, abiding love for freedom.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

LAST week's amazing Republican victories had two effects upon the White House. Effect No. 1 is on those around the White House—greater deterioration that the President and those who can save the Democratic Party, that he must run for a fourth term.

Effect No. 2 has been on the President himself. As usual he is keeping his mouth shut but close friends report less inclination to run for a fourth term.

Even FDR's severest critics have to admit he is one of the shrewdest political observers in the country. As previously reported in this column, he had warned the White House associates that the Administration was failing. His exact words were, "We're behind." If he thinks he is still behind next June, it will make more than Frank Walker's drama into a race for a fourth term. Meanwhile, tides may shift. Anyway, he will not make up his mind until June.

Middle-of-the-road Democratic leaders who believe the party should begin thinking about a candidate if the President steps aside, more and more have their eyes on Gen. Marshall, the Chief of Staff. Marshall couldn't get into West Point because his father, the only Democrat in Unionsville, Pa., could not get an appointment from the McKinley Administration.

Football Tickets

Capital football enthusiasts couldn't get, borrow or steal extra tickets to the Army-Notre Dame gridiron game a week before the contest. Even Postmaster General Frank Walker, a Notre Dame alumnus, and Idaho's Senator D. Worth Clark, another graduate, couldn't get extra tickets.

However, four of the precious passbooks were sent by mistake to a Senator who has been dead for 48 years. They were addressed to "Senator Al Thurman, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C." Senator Thurman hailed from Ohio and was the Vice-Presidential running mate of Grover Cleveland in 1888 in the latter's unsuccessful bid for the Presidency.

The football tickets weren't returned to West Point. They were accepted and used by the late Senator's grandson of the same name, Al Thurman, able director of investigations for the Senate Small Business Committee.

Secret GOP Meet

It isn't supposed to be leaked about, but Republican Congressman "Ham" Andrews of Buffalo and his near neighbor Congressman Jim Wadsworth of Genesee, N. Y., are planning a significant meeting soon with a view to launching new GOP candidate for President. That candidate is Jim Wadsworth himself.

They are meeting with GOP National Committeeman for N. Y., Russell Sprague, Nassau County boss, and Republican State Chairman Ed Jacobs of Buffalo to try to convince them to line up the New York state delegation for Wadsworth. The meeting is to be held very quietly on Long Island with no blare of trumpets. Jacobs is the secretary of the meeting and is a Republican. That the country is swinging vigorously to the right, that they can tap across a good

solid conservative vote next year. This was the interpretation they placed on last week's elections. Jim Wadsworth, now 69, has a great record in Congress in preparing the budget. He was said to be supporting Roosevelt's foreign policies. A veteran legislator, he served in the N. Y. State Assembly for five years. Also twelve years in the U. S. House. At his death in the Senate he had the courage to stage a come-back in the less important House. On other than was holding, however, Jim's political thinking dates back to the days when he opposed women's suffrage.

Wheat & Alcohol

All along the Eastern seaboard, distillers are grinding wheat by the millions of bushels for industrial alcohol, at a time when wheat for food is running radically short. Largest distiller is New England Alcohol, at Everett, Mass.; U. S. Industrial Alcohol, at Baltimore and Yorkers, N. Y.; DuPont Co., Des Moines, N. J.; and Publicity at Philadelphia. They are consuming wheat at the rate of 80 million bushels a year.

This plants normally make their alcohol from molasses. They were lousy about the water for the specific purpose of getting their raw material, molasses, by sea from Puerto Rico and Cuba. But today, that molasses is being used to make Puerto Rican and Cuban gin for the thirty U. S. market, while the alcohol companies, Paul and Chicago. Cubans are making gin as never before. Quantity is high, quality is poor. The morning, U. S. officials are still negotiating with the Cuban Government to get molasses instead of gin. Discussions broke down but are being resumed.

Combating Disease

Miss Florence Kerr, an intimate friend of Mrs. Roosevelt, is optimistic about the progress made during the war period in the cure of venereal disease. She has personal responsibility for funds under the Latham Act to set up Rapid Treatment Centers, and she has a long-time personal interest in the problem of delinquent girls.

Yuban soldiers contract a venereal disease, they report to their own officers and are quarantined to the source of the infection. In the majority of cases, the woman can be identified and found. She is taken to a Rapid Treatment Center for application of the new heat therapy process, which cures some cases of syphilis in five days. Not all patients can be subjected to this treatment, however, since the high fever which is induced is a severe strain on the heart.

Experts now hope—but it is still only a hope—that the experience of this war will open the way to the complete eradication of venereal disease from human society.

Rose-Colored Glasses

—By Dorman Smith



From The Senate

A Great Decision

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON SECOND only to the Moscow agreement in controversy, the rest of the world is watching the Senate in approving it. The two events go together. The Moscow agreement ended considerable doubt in the minds of the American people. The approval of the Moscow agreement will end doubts among other governments about our intentions.

In fact, Senate approval of the Moscow declaration may very well contribute materially to shortening the war. It is likely to have deep effect in Berlin. Hitler knows just as well as we do that there must be a general election in America by the year now. He knows that in the previous election the Republicans made large gains and that the results of this week will be sharply against the Roosevelt Administration. Hitler could naturally assume that it might be worth his while to try to hold out until the next election was defeated, in the hope that more acceptable viewpoints might prevail as a result of a Democratic political defeat.

A spanking declaration by the Senate, joined in by most of the Republicans as well as the Democrats, makes it impossible for Hitler to delude himself that there is any chance of America changing its policy to make peace less severe on the Nazis. German propaganda can make no effective use of American election results, nor of the Senate's past isolationism, in face of an overwhelming Senate vote of approval for the new peace declaration.

It is useful for the Senate, to act also to reassure our Allies. We know how disturbing it can be to have unanswered doubts about an ally. Some of Russia's actions in recent months raised doubts in America. Our officials were mystified. We were uncertain what Russia intended to do. While the Moscow declaration is in effect, it is useful for the Senate, to act also to reassure our Allies. We know how disturbing it can be to have unanswered doubts about an ally.

make a treaty immediately with the Nazis. The Moscow agreement is a step in the right direction. Likewise, Moscow and London must have had doubts about America's intentions after the war. They know that the Senate prevented collaboration with the enemy. They know that the Senate is going against the Administration. It was reasonable for them to fear that history might repeat itself. Recently authorizing the Latham resolution might have seemed the beginning of a second retreat into isolation.

We do not realize our strength and the effect of our position on the rest of the world. Our Allies know it far better than we do. Churchill and Stalin know what our military production is. They know the enormous number of heavy bombers produced last month, and the large number of P-30 fighters. They know that in October we built literally a small navy.

We are fulfilling astounding lend-lease regulations for both of our main Allies. We are undertaking special production jobs that stagger the most ambitious of our best production men every day. Yes, we have such abundance of resources that large stockpiles have been accumulated in most materials. In fact we are able to ease off in production of copper and aluminum. Bottlenecks in production now are reduced to a very few items.

Our Allies know how important it is to have such enormous military strength on the side of collective security, that without it no coalition could be formed. We would hope we could hope for it with Russia refusing to participate.

Thus the Senate, in making its contribution to the new hope of collective security and peace, is making it clear that something broader than an Administration policy is being proclaimed. The Senate's unanimous action makes the new peace declaration a permanent part of our national policy.



"And God bless the ration board if they'll just ration the number of things that little boys must do!"

Speak Up!

He Spoke

By Samuel Crafton

THE President simply cannot seem to get anybody to discuss subsidies. He brings up the most wonderful arguments, and a dead silence follows. He makes killing points, and nobody notices. The 10,000-word message of last Monday, on the subject caught the whole country looking out of the window.

To be sure, it was the day of the Moscow Declaration. Everybody was too busy talking about the brave new world to bother with the high price of eggs. But even if we get a world peace treaty, we are still going to have to eat. The silence is stupefying. Only a handful of Congressmen even troubled to listen to the reading of the message. The President's message made the most sensational points, and each one dropped to the floor and expired unnoticed.

What can subsidies do? Remember the copper shortage? When we were caught without enough copper, we found that while most producers could turn out the metal at 12 cents a pound, a number of marginal and high-cost producers needed 16 cents. We had the choice, then, of raising the cost of the metal generally to 16 cents, or of paying 12 cents to most of our producers and giving a special subsidy to the others. We chose the latter. The President showed that we saved \$28 on our expenditures for copper for every \$1 we spent on subsidies.

You know, that's a good point. I have seen some of our editors write four editorials, each as long as an isolationist's arm, on the strength of a lesser point than that. What we did with copper prices we can do with eggs. But even if we get a world peace treaty, we are still going to have to eat. The silence is stupefying. Only a handful of Congressmen even troubled to listen to the reading of the message. The President's message made the most sensational points, and each one dropped to the floor and expired unnoticed.

Even a very moderate use of subsidies, to roll back the price of meat and butter, 10 per cent, and to reduce retail charges for a few other foods, cut the cost of living 1.4 points during this last Summer. We actually cut the cost of living during war! That startling statement ought to bring some sort of response. But one doesn't even hear an echo. Why is everybody so quiet? Speak! Please, won't somebody say something?

Like the grave. Those who want a general price increase have chosen to stand on their dignity, and they simply refuse to discuss the point. The President is making no headway whatever. He says that by spending \$200,000,000 on subsidies we could save billions to the consumer, and avoid wage increases, and still pay more money to farmers who obviously need more money. He makes the statement, but he adds answers with a snore. The clerk clears his throat, and turns a page, and continues reading.

At a matter of fact, the President is receiving the silent treatment on several points in addition to the subsidy issue. I was greatly moved last Summer when the isolationist press began to worry about the amount of beef we were shipping abroad to our Allies. It seemed to me thoughtful and patriotic of these dallas to be so greatly concerned about the American diet.

On Monday the President made the astounding observation that we have shipped only 99,000,000 pounds of beef and veal through lend-lease, and have actually received 90,000,000 pounds of these meats in return from Australia and New Zealand. So all week, I've been trying to say how relieved and happy he is that this is so.

Silence, again. Has the cat got everybody's tongue? Won't someone say something, anything to shatter the deadly stillness?

A Prayer

By J. B. CLARK

God of all men I come to You in prayer, Close my eyes and speak to You, Asking that Your blessing be forever on this—my own, my native land, I know that You are the creator of all, And that You, in your Heaven, Have made man in Your image. It does not matter what his color or his race Or his creed may be, Enduring love, abiding love for God himself, But as I speak to You tonight, dear God, I ask that You will turn to our men, Placing the power and the glory Within my land. Because our land has men of simple faith, Enduring love, abiding love for God, And in a world so mad with pain and fear Our men, created in Your image, Were born to have belief in God. I ask not for this land of mine, the conquered, World greatness, conquest of other men. I ask not for the will to rule, I ask not for this land of mine, the conquered, I ask only, God, that You Look with understanding on my land And pour down there our foes and our men, Remaining with our men who take the sword To strengthen and sustain them in their fight To rid all men of Godlessness and hate. We wish to live in peace To worship and to pray To grow in stature next to God himself, Noble in mind, pure in heart, Powerful in defense of all things right. Return to us, dear God, this week, I've been trying to win these rights and keep our land Where God alone is master. Than be it so, for gladly do we die, Remembering well it was your son too Who gave His life to save mankind.

Quote, Unquote

From now on it's going to be a tough job to get money out of Congress—Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, Appropriations Committee.

If we lose our liberty in the United States, it will be because of our indifference, mental laziness, of even physical laziness—Governor C. A. Bostrom of Idaho.

The experiences of the country as a whole is that many high school graduates value a two-year college course. In which general liberal education is combined with professional training in a variety of fields.