

By Drew Pearson

First Hurdle

We don't know what the last stand of Secretary Edward Stettinius will be like, nor on what battlefield he may fall...

For almost the first act of the new Secretary of State, even before his staff could be assembled, was calmly and firmly to denounce a principle upheld by the British...

He said that the United States would oppose the outside influence of any power in setting up a government in Italy. The United States had not repudiated Italy's Count Sforza...

That was an outright challenge to Britain, which had just finished rumbling that it reserved the right to install an Italian government acceptable to its Foreign Office...

Mr. Stettinius had hardly finished speaking when it became apparent that American views were not being well received in Britain...

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That there are certain types of employment—good many of them—in which the closed shop is the preferable, or at least entirely acceptable, working agreement...

That in any case wherein union membership is a prerequisite to employment, union practices need some supervision...

That we think that a constitutional amendment is precisely the wrong approach to a big problem that needs only regulation...

Unproductive

Cameron Morrison was the only North or South Carolinian in the House of Representatives who didn't vote to freeze the Old Age Insurance tax rate at one per cent...

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Statesmen At Work

(Excerpts From The Congressional Record)

DURING debate on the Rivers & Harbors bill, while the proposed Tombigbee-Tennessee canal was being discussed, Senator (The Man) Bilbo of Mississippi gave the Senate a sketch of Senator Vandenberg...

Mr. President, in the very beginning I wish to state that it will be impossible for me to conclude my address this evening, but I wish to begin by telling the Senate my opinion of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Vandenberg)...

Mr. President, I do not know whether my friend the Senator from Michigan is a lawyer; I understand he belongs to the third estate, that he is a newspaper man; but he missed his calling, for he is not a lawyer, because when it comes to getting something out of nothing, and coloring things to pre-

the others (save one unrecorded) voted for it. Only he and Folger voted against overriding the President's veto of that bill...

Another—on the bill fixing mustered out pay for soldiers up to \$300. Changes are that he was not opposed to mustered out pay, but, on the contrary, preferred an alternative bill fixing higher amounts...

He joined with the majority of the delegation in passing the tax bill for which the President later blistered the whole Congress, and the subsequent veto of that bill was one which the Mecklenburgher did not hesitate to override, proving, at any rate, that he is not congenitally allergic to vetoes...

At about this time a series of "NRS" begin to characterize the Morrison record. On ten out of the last eleven roll calls of any importance during the period June-July 1944, he was not recorded. Beyond that point the complication does not go...

Well, the record proves little, if that. In fact, we consider that our research has revealed that Morrison has been ruled less of much either to his credit or discredit...

A Surprise

Whatever else happens, Charlotte is going to be a big port, more or more new air routes, and that is great importance to the city's future growth...

The examiner of the Civil Aeronautics Board (whose decision is not quite final, but almost) has suggested that, of the various routes suggested by a number of companies for the South, Eastern and Delta air lines be favored...

What North Carolina business men seem to want in the way of air service for the future is a swift, localized service with special emphasis on outlets to the West, through Tennessee and into the Mid-West...

That regardless of the merits of the various proposals presented to the board, there is an interesting statement made by the examiner in question. It expresses a philosophy we thought was on its last legs, and was thus a little astonishing...

He said that, if applications were granted to lines other than Eastern, a good many more people would have to be employed, and more capital would have to be sunk in ground installations...

And all the while we've been thinking that the new goal of U. S. industry was to allow unimpeded development of new business frontiers, wherever private enterprise thought it could turn a profit...

A New Deal

Quite aside from our admiration for the Atlanta Journal's Morgan Blake, we consider the Federal prison rebellion which he quelled single-handedly to be an important sign of our times...

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MY DEAR DAUGHTER: Well, the Fall report came and it was not as bad as first anticipated. Of course, I would have felt happier if she had had a better mark in current events...

I wonder if my teacher has been telling the class about the very important shake-up which is now taking place among the men who run our foreign affairs—the State Department...

I wonder what would happen if the son of John L. Lewis were appointed Assistant Secretary of State. Young John went to a fine private school in Virginia and later to Princeton. He has an excellent educational background...

I don't think that, out of 130,000,000 people, it is wise to pick two representatives of the House of Morgan and one of the House of Rockefeller to be Secretary of State, Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary...

One of them wouldn't hurt. But when you stick three of a kind in a row, plus another courteous gentleman, Will Clayton, who controls two-thirds of the country...

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try's cotton, then our foreign relations are likely to get out of focus.

Task, for instance, Joseph C. Grew. I know him quite well when he was Undersecretary of State under Kellough. Despite his charm, Joe Grew got Mr. Kellough into more hot water in Mexico and Nicaragua than the State Department had seen in years...

There he did an excellent job. Later, he also did a fine job in Japan. But it seems to me such a mistake to take a British foreign observer and try to make him into the administrator of a very delicate piece of machinery—especially when he failed at it once before...

The chief thing I remember about Joe Grew, however, is that he followed the old school of American diplomacy which believed in being the tail on the British kite. Whatever the British Foreign Office did, Grew and those trained with him did likewise...

We are not making much progress. And we are not going to get an orderly world with British troops occupying Ethiopia, or with British tanks lined up around the Belgian House of Parliament while a vote is taken...

Those actions are not in accord with the principles of the Atlantic Charter, and they are not what we entered the war for. I wonder whether the new men in the State Department, some like Mr. Grew, trained to follow British diplomacy, others like Ed Stettinius, trained to succeed Lenin...

This is rather a large mouthful, and I didn't mean to get so steamed up. But anyway, study hard on current events.

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Paying for a Dead Horse



Confab In The East

By Marquis Childs

ONE of the reasons advanced for the delay in holding the Big Three conference is that Stalin insists the meeting be held either in Moscow or at some point close to the Soviet borders—perhaps Tbilisi...

The reason for this, however, is not, as some speculation has had it, that he is afraid he might be succeeded by a palace revolt. Those who know Russia intimately regard this as an impossibility...

One interesting sidelight on the Tehran conference has never been disclosed. The Big Three, flanked by their military and civilian aides, held their meetings during the day in the sprawling Soviet Embassy in Tehran...

The next conference is expected to last considerably longer than the one at Tehran. Decisions will not be reached so easily. There may be some stormy weather before the Big Three put their signatures to a document of agreement...

The People's Platform

Editors, The News:

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This is the reason Roosevelt and Churchill may concede to Stalin's wishes and go to a rendezvous of Stalin's choosing. They recognize that no decision can be made in the present situation regarding the German situation...

The roster of those who will go to the next meeting is very similar to that of Tbilisi. The wise and gentle counsel of the late Field Marshal Sir John Dill will be missed. His successor, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, is expected to go in Dill's place...

Gen. Marshall, Admiral King, Harry L. Hopkins, and the President's own Chief of Staff, Admiral William Leahy, will again be members of the Roosevelt party, as will also in all probability the new Secretary of State, Edward R. Stettinius Jr. Hopkins' wife, the former Louise Macy, is just now beginning to recover from a serious illness...

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Roosevelt will go thoroughly briefed and ready to state the American position every question which the conference faces. Once having made up his mind, he is not likely to give very much ground...

and learn" is submerged now in imperialistic rapacity—let's see, someone you recall reading—"Put your trust in princes" which could easily be paraphrased to meet the situation regarding the Tory Government of England...

Before British troops unshackled their bayonets against these liberated folk, they were sturdy patriots—now they're termed Communists—well, if wanting to have freedom without outside interference is Communism—then more power to these sturdy patriots who long has this "red herring" been used by Britain...

This time they must not succeed with their nefarious tricks—now they're termed Communists—well, if wanting to have freedom without outside interference is Communism—then more power to these sturdy patriots who long has this "red herring" been used by Britain...

Right is right—holding can hold justice to make it appear just—able or not, our voices must be yanked against injustice come what may. —S. R. CHESLOCK, Morganton, N. C.

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spough, D.D.

THOSE who hope to win the war and a durable peace thereafter, should remember the words of the Prophet Zechariah: "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord. They shall be as a flock before the Lord their God in that day, and he shall be with them, and he shall be their King."

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