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A Field Day

These may be dull days to many Americans, with nothing going on but the final throes of the war in Europe...

There was the Blatz incident, and the train-holding incident, involving Sons Elliott and James. Don't suppose for a moment that the outrages which went up in these cases came from citizens who deplored the waste of time and space in the midst of war...

And not only did Elliott and James turn up properly as whipping boys for these people. They could whip their perennial dislike for the President into a frenzy over the case of young Wallace...

In these times the professional FDR-baiters aren't forced to come down to basic issues, and speak of the virtues of good government against those of little government. They aren't called upon to defend our traditional, and sometimes outmoded, democracy...

But almost we wanted to hear an issue kicked around. They wanted more hotstuff, more pictures of the wild radical who dreamed big dreams, and was strictly out of this world...

Frank—And George

Frank Graham makes a compelling statement in support of the bill for Federal aid to state education. There is something truly pathetic, if you think of it in terms of humanity, in the statistics that...

In stating his case Frank went more into particulars than Senator Hoyt, who has endorsed the bill. He addressed himself to the distinction between what we can have Federal aid to build highways, then surely 26,000,000 children can be its responsibility...

And we may be sure that he was thinking earnestly of North Carolina's children, and their teachers. But we should still like to hear him explain why...

Statesmen At Work

SENATOR WAGNER (R., W. Va.)—The twentieth century eyes out for a greater and richer content of the place of a nation in the family of nations. We must reach for practical devices that have the power to give us power, that place justice above will, and that replace submission with responsibility...

The Federal Government, going deeper and deeper in the hole, should be expected to rescue of the rescue of the State of North Carolina, which has a thumping cash surplus. Even now this State has set about increasing teachers' salaries and expanding its schools...

The Other Side

The Atlanta regional War Labor Board, after breaking precedent in recent months, has now balanced the scales. Just a few weeks ago the Board was denying a labor union in Gastonia the right to strike during contract negotiations...

But now there comes just the reverse of that decision. In Gastonia again, two striking unions were hailed before the board as the arbitrator sought to terminate the strike. When the case was argued it developed that the company involved had neglected to observe a previous board directive involving wages...

This shows, as far as we're concerned, a cool, Jewish impartiality by the board, and a determination to see that the continuing labor-management struggle in the Southern area, which has become an admiration just as did that of a couple of months ago, when labor was called upon to stand up and bear its own burdens, or pay the price.

Coming Storm

We can't bring ourselves to think of John L. Lewis as a Cassius, with a lean and hungry look, but he has been called half of that. And reports of his doing have an ominous sound. Mr. Lewis, according to Drew Pearson, has quite a little scheme cooking. His plans of course involve improvement of working conditions and higher wages for his United Mine Workers—proposition which deserve a hearing on their merits...

For Mr. Lewis has already refused a proposal by Harold Ickes that negotiations for a new wage agreement begin by March 1, to give management and miners sufficient time to thrash it out before the deadline. He is, in short, the same old John. He aims to defy governmental authority, whatever the consequences, and hang the wellbeing of the public!

A heavy winner on closing day at a Florida track, Frank took his pile and bought a farm in Florida through with gambling," he said, in his innocence.

The Merry Co-Round

By Drew Pearson WASHINGTON (Special Staff)—The Democratic membership of the Senate holds an annual caucus, but when the sparks really fly and the issue usually gets down to the roots of what makes or breaks the Democratic Party...

That issue split the Democratic Party wide open in the 1920 race between Al Smith and Herbert Hoover. Since John Franklin Roosevelt has been elected to keep the two wings of the party together—at least at election time...

By no means did all the Southern wing side with Bailey against Wallace. Energetic Senator Russell of Georgia made a straight-from-the-shoulder statement that he believed the President had a right to appoint his own Secretary of Commerce...

What we are doing is helping the Republicans. They're adopting Jack Garner's old technique of stealing votes away from the other side in order to win. The Republicans are now stealing votes from us in order to put us in the hole. That's not the kind of party teamwork I intend to support.

The speech which Wallace delivered in New York before the United Democratic Action came in for some stiff criticism from Tennessee's bellwether Senator McKeither and also illustrated the basic difference inside the party. McKeither read a clipping commenting on...

"We Will Fight on to Der Finish"



The European Advisory Commission has set for many months, considering first the conditions under which the occupation of Germany will be carried out. In the Senate of last year the American delegation on the reparations commission asked by directives so that American policy could be clearly formulated...

Here Is Our Problem

By Marquis Childs LONDON committee with authority clearly laid down. There is some tendency to put the blame on the Russians for the delay, but the facts would seem to show that the Russians have been severely handicapped by lack of personnel on the diplomatic and economic fronts...

The British have been tearing their hair over the lack of any agreement among the several American groups shorter responsibility for planning the occupation of Germany. By contrast, at any rate, the British operation is streamlined.

It is a government policy and it is unimpeachable, one of the pillars of our foreign policy. It is the nature and direction of that policy. Civilization expects that their respective jobs are to be made use of wherever necessary. The whole is unified through a special...

A Benevolent Russia

NEW YORK keeper: "We do not replace one kind of father with another. ... how the people want to live is their own affair. The Red Army is busy with its job—the removal of the German." Mr. Ehrenburg denies vigorously that the Red Army is in Europe to impose a new order of government in Europe. "Benevolent cannot create fear for people," he says. "It can only destroy fathers."

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm so glad to have them all home together I don't mind their loud talk—besides, it's only a little argument about who's winning the war!"

People's Platform

Editors, The News: After reading Mr. Peter McKeither's article in The News just had to write you about my seven-year-old son. He is a retarded child and all the doctors who have seen him tell me that it is likely that a year or two in a good school, the feeble-minded would probably enable him to attend public school.

The people with children like mine are anxious for schools. I think the state should use some of the surplus money to build schools for the feeble-minded. Max Gold says you are more power in the writing. I was told by Mr. McKeither and other writers write more often on this subject.

FRANCIS NEWTON

Editors, The News: After reading W. C. Nisbet's little poem in The News last week I gather that he is a Republican...

Correcting A Lady Editors, The News: Will you please see to see that you are correct in your editorial dates when you do not appear an editor's note to the letter from Mrs. A. C. Haggard on Wednesday?

The lady made the claim that there was filling out mental hospital and that the terrible conditions of overcrowding were due to the fact that the patients were almost all feeble-minded children...

FRANCIS NEWTON

A Poet Has Started a Blaze Editor, The News: Since you saw fit to publish the "Ode to Blatz" in your issue of Feb. 1, I trust that you will permit me some comments on same, with all my apologies to Mr. Nisbet.

As a poet, I am a good poet, as subject matter for poetic endeavor, it was in questionable taste, and for what it sought to accomplish, it was in very bad taste indeed.

HEADING UP OUR SHIP OF STATE, AS ELLIOTT'S FATHER, FRANK, NO MATTER HOW CRANK, GAVE THE ONE A GOOD TUG ON THE REEL!

Quote, Unquote surprise by the Germans but also in the West and back through to Berlin, as we hope will happen in the near future.

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