

The Season of Changed Minds

It seems likely to go down in history as the greatest season of public mind-changing in American history. Henry Wallace, the recent victim of a series of awkward public faces by President Truman, now about a spine-tingling agreement to an agreement to publicly confess the fallacies in his criticism of the Baruch plan for controlling atomic energy. This is a curious incident, which may serve no more useful purpose than to demonstrate the depth of Bernard Baruch's feeling in the matter. What happened, according to Mr. Baruch, was something like this: (1) In a personal interview with Mr. Baruch, Mr. Wallace agreed to have based his criticism of the Baruch Plan on insufficient information, and further agreed to issue a public statement admitting his error. (2) A statement was drafted by Mr. Baruch and Mr. Wallace and forwarded to Mr. Wallace. (3) Mr. Wallace rejected the statement and submitted one of his own to Mr. Baruch, which Mr. Baruch found unacceptable. (4) Mr. Baruch gave a press conference and made the whole exchange public. Mr. Wallace, in his version of the exchange of views, claims that he never expected to find a man who would demand, but was still attempting to work out a compromise statement based on "fairness and sportsmanship" by the Baruch plan. Mr. Baruch "the unequal support" he demanded, but was still attempting to work out a compromise statement based on "fairness and sportsmanship" by the Baruch plan. Mr. Baruch "the unequal support" he demanded, but was still attempting to work out a compromise statement based on "fairness and sportsmanship" by the Baruch plan.

There Are Also Union Monopolies

COMPETITION proverbially is the life of trade, and there is reason to believe that it may also be the life of trade unions. In the year of their greatest gains the CIO and the AFL slugged it out on every industrial front, and Phil Murray and Bill Green couldn't agree on the time of day. Disunity is still rampant at the top, but in the ranks there are increasing signs of cooperation between labor unions. This goes far beyond the mere refusal to strike which was the only common union's plank line—a tradition which even such earnest unionists as Eleanor Roosevelt (American Newspaper Guild) have usually observed. In the shipping strike the Communist Party has been conspicuously jointly struck and are jointly negotiating a contract. In the earlier strikes of the two big maritime unions locals on both coasts supported each other's demands in the Demobition, and the Government control of the victim of their strategy. And in Pittsburgh a variety of union, AFL, CIO, and independent, joined at one time or another to produce something very like a general strike. And this is the score, of course, on which the unions are most vulnerable. The right to strike, when used as a legitimate bargaining weapon, is amply protected by law. But when the right to strike is employed to assist in bargaining in which the strikers have no direct interest, and which they therefore cannot control, it

Oh, Those Big Blue Eyes

IF all probability no citizen spent his war years more pleasantly than Lloyd Irvin Chavis, the ex-football player who spent his years in the Army and Navy. At that crucial moment when he was about to board the bus that would take him off to the induction center. He went home and unpacked instead of answering the draft notice. As a practicing draft-dodger, Chavis has had to keep out of sight for the past five years. The wife with the big blue eyes, a school teacher, sheltered and supported him until 1943 when he apparently she began to wish she had let him catch that bus. Even then, however, Chavis was not flung out into the cold world. He was delivered by his wife to a girl friend in a nearby town. He also met a North Carolina schoolteacher, with whom he lived until the how did he occupy himself during the long days when he was not earning his living? Well, it seems he devoted himself to the arts. He wrote poetry and short stories. He dabbled in surrealist painting. He learned to play the saxophone. He wrote and directed a play. And none of this, not even the saxophone playing, discouraged his true love. "The reason I didn't turn him in," explained True Love Number Two, "is that he is a fine and useful citizen. He has enough ditch-diggers and soldiers. We should save our artists." Well the artist has been saved from the Army, but we have an idea that the courts will find a fair amount of ditch-digging, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, to occupy him for the next few years. It is necessary to thus serve the ends of justice. For that reason many friends and relatives think that the Army owes a major debt of gratitude to the two schoolteachers who couldn't bear to part with Lloyd Irvin Chavis. We've never heard anybody the Army was better off without.

Another Voice The Mitigating Circumstances

SOUTH CAROLINA citizens who were lured into paying for illegal North Carolina divorces face the prospect of being indicted in North Carolina for perjury unless they may pay the North Carolina lawyer to institute action to have the judgments in their cases vacated. And they are really in a North Carolina trap this time. Their divorces, obtained by means of perjury, are not valid, and of course, null and void and any persons who may have remarried are liable for prosecution for adultery. But Judge Frank W. Armstrong, presiding for the divorce mill at Charlotte, has ordered the solicitor to prepare indictments for perjury against all those who do not voluntarily take action to have their divorces nullified. Yet there are mitigating circumstances in these cases. The South Carolinians involved made the mistake of thinking that the North Carolina courts would take any mitigating circumstances into account. The South Carolinians involved made the mistake of thinking that the North Carolina courts would take any mitigating circumstances into account. The South Carolinians involved made the mistake of thinking that the North Carolina courts would take any mitigating circumstances into account.



People's Platform A Day Of Atonement

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them try, and if the Republicans happen to be in power, they will be blamed for that too. Many of our people will not and do not believe what I have said about ex-President Hoover, but it is true, nevertheless. And I think you would be using good judgment if you would read the Yellow Jacket, published at Moravian Falls, N. C. I want you, the American people, to be thoughtful enough for your voting privileges to vote the way you really should and not sell your vote. You might some day regret it.
—EUGENE BRISTOL

Who's To Blame?

CHARLOTTE
TONIGHT when I was listening to the news broadcast, I heard the report that Chester Bowles made the remark that the Republicans have been trying to win enough votes in the past to get them in power, and being unable to do so, are now trying to starve the people into voting for the Democrats. They did he make that statement? I believe the Democrats are worried, and I know that he told it merely to placate the public. The Administration has a lot to answer for. That has been the Democratic Party's "Ace in the hole" for many years. They believe it is so foolproof that they just can't keep from drawing on it when they hear it in an election. Hoover, who did everything a President could do to get out of debt, is now a speaker. Look around you and ask yourself that question. We will never be out of debt now. As for the Republicans starting people in a depression? They do not and have the power to do so. I think it is time for the American people to stop sneering under the arched eyebrows of the press and the public and to listen to anything but the truth and believe it. Few people realize that a depression is coming, but it is, and if they think they can stop it just let

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round • Russians Threaten To Expose Brits

WASHINGTON
THE State Department recently leaked out a plan by which the United States would publish one of its secret documents relating to Russia's collaboration with Germany during the Nazi-Soviet pact. The document, in the hands of an active collaborator, would be a Hitler and Stalin in active collaboration with Germany. The document would be a Hitler and Stalin in active collaboration with Germany. The document would be a Hitler and Stalin in active collaboration with Germany.

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PERHAPS the most abused positive movement and, more particularly, in Albin Johnson, head of the United States Co-operative Society. Johnson believes in competition in a free economy as the means of getting the most out of higher quality. At the same time, he is realistic enough to recognize the need of getting together with their own interests. The final result is liberal support of state control or private monopoly.

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Prof. Ohlin, well known in the USA, where he frequently has lectured, is an exponent of a kind of liberalism that would make Americans shudder with horror. This professor-politician believes in the rule of law and the rule of law, but he believes in expanding and improving a state of public opinion, which is the only real, practical, and possible for all. There are few social reforms that are so important as the reform of public opinion.

Operation Cat-In-Bag

Peter Edson
WASHINGTON
SALE of U. S. dollars to the Chinese Government, which the Senate War Investigating Committee has already approved, is now being pushed through the House. The bill, which would allow the sale of up to \$500 million of U. S. dollars to the Chinese Government, is being pushed through the House. The bill, which would allow the sale of up to \$500 million of U. S. dollars to the Chinese Government, is being pushed through the House.

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MODERN transportation has made it impossible for a nation to protect itself against the introduction of diseases by quarantine. This makes it necessary to develop health services in every country, which must be co-ordinated through international action.—President Truman.
Disease and poor health know no boundaries. Epidemics carry no passports. The health of one country affects the health of neighboring countries and of the world at large.—UN Secretary General Trygve Lie.
There is a universal desire in all nations except Russia to make peace. My own impression is that Russia is obstructing to gain time for the elimination of all non-Communist elements and thus the consolidation and practice absorption of those areas behind the "iron curtain" and Manchuria.—Herbert Hoover.
It is a curious fact that none of my colleagues who are now in the White House are so much interested in the public's preference for journals of opinion rather than for dailies devoted primarily to uninterpreted information ever will change.—Artistic Blank, 29-year-old publisher of France-Sole.