More Cards On The Table

W/IIH the assistance of Winston Churchill, the United States has spoken bluntly to Russia, Russia, in her turn, has now spoken bluntly to the United States and Great Britain and has

United States and Great Britain and has backed her words with the shuffling of troops in Iran. This exchange of unpleasantries has certainly not improved beace prospects, but it may have placed a few additional cards on the table. During the period of surface amity and hidden conflict, which ended with Winston Churchill's forthright address at Fulton, official Washington spent most of its time muttering about "the enigma of Russia." There should no longer be any question of what Russia wants, although there will remains a question of how far she will remains a question of how far she still remains a question of how far she plans to go to get it.

She wants security, and to a Russian

plans to go to get it.

She wants security, and to a Russian her recent course must seem the essence of logic. Security, in Marshal Stalin's view, involves a layer a Communist-controlled buffer states between Russia and the world. It means the possession of the atomic bomb. It means access to a warm-water port. It means oil.

Russia has been asked to place her faith in international security to be achieved eventually through the United States and States. Buffer individual ruture. But the request, unfortunately, was made by the United States and Britain, nations fully equipped with democratic buffers, numerous ports, atomic formulac, and 85 per cent of the world's oil supply. It is not surprising that the proposition has not impressed the hyper-suspicious Russians.

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The Soviets believed, in the early, days The Soviets believed, in the early, days of their revolution, that the world was not big enough for both communism and democracy (they called it plutocracy). But when fascism emerged in Europe and Asia as conservative revolution inimical to both ideologies, the communists and the democrats were forced into an uneasy and

imperfect alliance, and for a brief moment-there seemed to be chance of developing that tentative unity into lasting peace. But 'for six months now America and Britain, by word and deed, have demon-strated a fear of communism that equals Russia's anolent, fear of democracy. Mar-shal Stalin, in his reply to Winston Church-ill, seems to have gone in full circle and arrived again at his original conviction that Busick titure desents upon world that Russia's future depends upon world revolution. And that too, from the Russian standpoint, is a logical enough conclusion

standpoint, is a logical enough conclusion for Winston Churchill, in the presence of the President of the United States, announced the Enelish-sneaking world's fundamental hostility to Russia.

There is talk now of another Big Three meeting, and it may be that there is still time to start over again—to define our own aims in the world (which we have never done), examine them to see where they conflict with Russia's, and then make the adjustments neceşsary to prove our own good faith (which we have also never done). That would, we suppose, be appeasement, but before we reject it we should realistically consider the alternative—at best a world divided into two armed camps, at worst another world war featuring the worst another world war featuring the

atomic bomb.
It is futile to argue that we have been more honest than the Russians, that we have honored international agreements while they have violated them. The issue here is too big for standard diplomacy—the Russians, if we allow them to convince themselves that their very survival international control of the property of the is at stake, will find obvious justification for any act they may take. International relations will again be based on the primary

reactions with again to based out the primary rule of power politics—might makes right. World War II, like all wars, did not bring peace, only the opportunity for peace. We have now come perilously close to allowing that opportunity to slip away; once it is gone it won't make a great deal of difference whose fault it was.

Mecklenburg Has A Candidate

BEN S. WHITING, entering the race for Solicitor of the Fourteenth District, bears the unofficial but obvious stamp of approval of the Mecklenburg Bar and of the County's Democratic politicians. Prointy's Democratic politicians. Professionally qualified, popular, and a re-cently-discharged veteran, he seems a likely enough choice for a fight that will involve an effort to break up the over-burdened judicial district that now inindes Mecklenburg and Gaston.
The fact that Judge Whiting has de-lared himself a candidate indicates that

clared himself a candidate indicates unta-the old political agreement, under which Mecklenburg elected the Judge and Gas-son the Solicitor, has now been invalidated. That, of course, is all to the good, for it had been a major obstacle in the way of establishing a separate court system for sections. Mecklenburg.

There will be a rousing political battle

There will be a rousing political battle for the Solicitorship of course, with the Gaston-Mecklenburg lines sharply drawn. Baall Whitener, Governor Cherry's appointee and an announced candidate, has demonstrated energy and ability since taking over the office upon the death of John Carpenter. He would, we think, be an excellent Solicitor, but his election would guarantee opposition to the plan for creation of a new judicial district, and

that is an overriding consideration.

We rather regret that the Solicitorial race has thus developed along County lines, and we understand the resaltment of the Gaston county politicians who feel they are being swamped by the sheer weight of Mecklenburg's population. Nevertheless, it has been our conviction that the old inter-county agreement, which sharply reduced the choice of candidates offered the voters, worked to the detriment of courts in both counties. The overwhelming evidence of lax law enforcement in the past two decades will, we think, bear us out.

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The volume of court business in the present 14th District is entirely too much for one Solicitor, no matter how able and how energetic he may be. The vole in the Solicitorial race is, therefore, largely a vote for the establishment of a new court district, and it is obvious that Geston would also benefit considerably from such action.

would also benefit considerably from sear-action.

Election of Judge Whiting will be a considerable victory for those interested in improving law enforcement in Mcck-lenburg. It will not, in itself, our all our varied judicial ills, but it will open the way for a much-needed reform, with-out which the best qualified Solicitor in the world is virtually helpless.

Second Battle Of The Bulge

CENERAL BRADLEY, stout fellow that he is, still stands firm before a frontal assault launched by Lt. Col. Mary Agnes Brown, Veteran's Administration adviser on women's affairs, who thinks the Gov-ernment should foot the bill incurred by Jemale veterans during pregnancy and childbirth, Victory for the General in this second Battle of the Bulge is by no means the relatively simple matter it was at

Bastogne.

Colonel Brown has pure female logic on her side. "I feel women should have the same service on disabilities as the men have," she declared firmly, "and I feel that at present in that one respect when the same that at present getting it." Who will cry her nay? Will General Bradley, the hero of a hundred battles, find the courage to inquire sently if the Colonel can recall any each of the VA paying any veteran pregnancy benefits? henefits?

Verily, the mettle of the Doughboy's General is being tested. He, who in his

years of soldiering had learned to expect years of soldiering had learned to expect any and everything from his troops, finds himself now faced with the prospect of becoming a sort of Federal godfather, con-cerned by remote control with bassinets and formule, and in dancer of endowing a grateful generation with his unique given name, Omar.

But the General, after all, is human and male, and like his lesser brethren

and male and like his lesser brethren he is bound to be nervous and uncertain when faced with the mysteries of procreation, particularly on such a wholesale scole. He will, we suppose, finally yield, and the day will come when a coy ex-Wes appears in a "No office to file history's first claim for a pregnancy benefit. And, inevitably, the clerk on duty, pushing forward a stack of forms to be filled out in quadruplicate, will absently ask the VA bureauerat's eternal question: "Was the disability service-incurred?" On' that day the General will remember Kessering Pass as a place of infinite peace and calm. of infinite peace and calm.

Another Voice

All This And Truman Too

AST week the town of Fulton, Missouri, entertained President Truman and former Prime Minister Churchill. It was a gala affair, perhaps not as elaborate as the one planned for Statesville some time ago and which failed to materialize. but 40,000 people had been expected and provision had been made to feed that

Sut alas, only half that many showed up for the double billing of notables, which proves once more that the best lad plans of mice and men go oft awny; and Ful-ion is faced with the prospect of living for a whole week on state hot dogs and

hamburgers, for in the face of a world food shortage it would be unthinkable to let all those provisions go to waste. We shudder to think this might have

been Statesville's fate last November. give thanks to a kind providence which saved us from a week of hamburgers, wienliers and left-over buns.

Those strikes were good for somethir z after all.—The Statesville Daily.

In this in-between interlude in sports, perhaps the British chum could relieve the tedium by selecting his all-Empire Rioting team.



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People's Platform

Notes From A Reformed Dry Let's forget the profit. I am no more interested I in Mecklenburg County, and Charlotte, than I am in the rest of the counties of the state or of the mation as a whale. And I don't blame young folks who were not old enough to wote in 1008 and was a Dry and voted for the Administration in 1912 was a Dry and voted for the Administration in 1912 that passed the 1810 Amendment to dry the nation. It is a very nice and healthful thing to do. for young people to the state of the state of

·To Be Engraved

CHARLOTTE

SPEAKING of Clyde Hoey and Ed Pauley, I do not mean to get off the subject but can you please reprint the text of our Senator's deathless statement on the occasion of the death of Franklin Drosevell? I am not, quite certain whether our greatest tragedy since the death of Warren Harding," or whether he said, ". greatest tragedy since the death of Warren Harding," or whether he said, ". greatest tragedy since the death of Mark Honna." The reason I would like to know is that I want very much to have the epitie engraved and hung on the part." He BATL". "AND THE BATL". THE BATL".

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Thank you for this service.

ONTE: Senator Heey said: "Franklin Rose-vell's death is the severest shock this ration has sustained since the death of President McKinley."

So far as we know he was never awarded any prize for understatement.—Eds., The News.)

Invitation To Cheraw

ONE of our fine liquor stores buttied a few weeks ago, leaving Cheraw, S. C. only four. As your paper is wet, why not send Mr. Whitehemone to Cheraw who is interested in making Charlotte a wet town, to find out how much this town has benefited by the liquor stores and how many parks have been built by the profits derived from them.

When servicemen from nearby caune came in disgraceful sight. I say, for decency's sake, keep Charlotte dry.

Made In Britain?

CHICAGO, ILL CHICAGO, ILL.

Do you feel that Mr. Churchill's speech should be labeled "MADE IN BRITAIN"? It reminds me of our fishing days—a bobber or floater was always used to keep the balted hook the correct depth for proper biting position.

-T. F. MAGUIRE.

(NOTE: We feel certain that Smoky Joe Maguire. Charlotte's one-time smoke abatement engineer, will find that his present hometown paper. The Chicago Tribune, will label Mr. Churchill's address to his taste.—Eds. The News).

The People's Platform is available to any reader who care to mount it. Communications should be careed to make the communications to the communication of th

Significant Voyage

WASHINGTON
WHILE Iran was the immediate
cause of this sominty's sterner
attitude toward Soviet Russis, the
real contest is still to come. It
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Marquis Childs

is over an issue regarded in the State Department as of much greater magnitude.

That Rosta has asked Turkey to code the Kars and Ardahan regions attuated along the boundary of the USSR has now been continued. This demand is more important to the state of the state of the tribute of spokesmen customarily selected by the Kesmilla to lay down an advance barrage in these matters. But the fear is that it will be only the first demand, to will be only the first demand. And it further were to yield, the Government would be so weakened that infiltration and communist control might be the offing, the United States is sending the body of the late Turkish Ambassador M. M. Ertegun, who died in Washington in 1944. The will be the highly significant mission.

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In spite of State Department assurances that there is nothing especially noteworthy about the voyage, its importance is obvious. Tryfoolish and self-defeating. The Missouri is not just a battleship. It is the symbol of our sea power, the ship on which the Japaness surrender was signed. Through the press, newsreals and radio, the cease.

Missouri is familiar to all Americans.

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to the state involved when a favor to univer and supplied in a weeping the whole world and boiling with the world and boiling in the whole world and boiling in the whole world and boiling in the war hysteric on cocasion. The battleship Matthe was blown up in maxima farbor in world in the fire that had already been well stoked by the sensationalism of a section of the press. No one was blown up. Out of the Spanish blown up. Out of the Spanish American War came poisessim of the Philippines and the American take in the far Facific, with all if the present objective is to demonstrate our interest in the Mediterranean, there was a more defended without any amouncement. The intelligence services of the world without any amouncement, The intelligence services are reported what was lappening. This, it seems to me, would have head less of a chip-on-the-shoulder look. Before the Navy approved the plan to r-catabilish the Mediterranean fleet is add to have been considered and rejected.

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At Gibraltar, the Missouri will be joined by the destroyer Fewer, which will act as excert to the following the model of the control of

Samuel Grafton

Silent Republicans

Mr. Truman is suffering, but they remain unmoved.

In a quick brush through newspaper clippings relating to Mr. Dewey, I can not find that he has made any contribution to a settlement of the great Russian imbrogio, or, in fact, that he has said much about foreign policy in quite a long time.

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It is not that he has not deliveret speeches: Construction of the conespecial control of the conespecial control of the conespecial control of the conespecial control of the conhelp the veterants he has campaigned for the Republican slately
in the New York pace in labor
relations; he has even spoken in
world order and law. Last Spring
he showed a furny came out for
the world court, for the San Francisco Charter, for Bretton Woods;
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THE TWO LEADING candidates

Tor the Republican presidential nomination are, perhaps, Mr. Devrey and Mr. Bricker, and it is kind of an odd fact that the area of the student is even more deserved and Mr. Bricker, and it is kind of an odd fact that the area of the student is even more deserved and the student is even more deserved in the case of Mr. Bricker came out sagnist them during the current Russian crists, it is a pity that we hould not says, but such is the case both advanced to the student of the student is suffered and the student in the student in

its what to do about Russia.

This should be a time of great debate, of monumental utterance, for we are in big trouble. The notion that neet can aspire to the notion that neet can aspire to the sum of their various points of the sum of their various points of their various points, and quies in the and struggles of their day, seems old-fashioned, and quaint, in the harsh, fierce about a know, without having to contain the present of the world crisis. We about a statements, where application to the White House stand in the great quarrel.

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But, of course, another interpretation is possible; and that is,
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while Mr. Vandenberg speaks, so
the Messrs. Dewey and Bricket
att silent while Mr. Byrnes speaks;
that differences between the parties concerning foreign poble;
an easy increase but the decline
in our hopes for an organized
world which has taken place since
the death of Mr. Roosevelt. In
that case it would be a legitimate
question
with the bas lost, in this
hardening of a national view, for
the two did not use to see alike.

Drew Pearson's: Gardner One Of Truman's Best Choices Merry-Go-Round:

(Note-Today, Drew Pearson awards the Brass Ring, good for one free ride on the Washington Merry-Go-Round to Ex-Governor O. Max Gardner of North Caro-

bed of elast constant that is just where lots of them were going.

But why discriminate? Why take one evil and try to eradicate it? There are, I think, fourteen major sins spoken of in the Bible, thirteen of whose way to be a supplemental to the supplemental to the supplemental to the supplemental to the supplemental all at once. Anyway, you Drys have started at the wrong end. If you were to, say, take the murdeer or the fornicator, which would you destroy, the victim or the sugressor? There is no sin in a jug thin the man. If you Drys can kill the desire of the drunkard for drink, you've got him. If you can pull-out the tares without trampling down the wheat, go ahead.

ahead. With no apology!

WASHINGTON

THERE has been so much Senate function were presented in Truman's Englesyeme appointment or metalettal quietly took the eath the other day almost unnoticed. He is O. Max Gardner, ex-Governor of North Carolina, how Undersceretary of the Treasury, an early planner of the New Deal, but first and foremost a friend of man.

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Max Gardner came to Washington in 1933 with the
Roosevelt Administration. When he arrived, he did exactly
the opposite of Ed Pauley, He opened a law office, but
simultaneously he resigned from the Democratic National
Committee. Politics and personal law practice, he felt, did
not mix. If Ed Pauley had done the same, no important
Defore he came to Washington, Max Gardner, then Gevernor of North Carolina, and come to know Franklin D.
Roosevelt, then Governor of New York. And, on July 22,
1932, just after Roosevelt's nomination, Gardner wrote him
a letter suggesting the New Deal and setting down with
a matzing foresight the left-of-center policy which Roosevelt
later followers.

Gardner Devises New Deal

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"It is my opinion," Gardener wrote PDR, "that the Amerian people are on the move, and I firmly beleive that
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as stabilizing effect in its appeal to the ultimate hope of
the nation. If were you, I would become more library, because I tell you the masses are marching and if we are
to save this nation, it has got to be saved by the liberal
interpretations of the sentiments now ruling in the hearts
of men.

of men.

"I am satisfied that we are in the day of a New Deal and that many of our preconceived ideas and formulas are soling to be thrown integrate diseard. We are more than blind if we can think the American people will stand bitched to the satura quo.

"The camp fires of the past are being ahandoned and the frontiers of thinking have extended beyond the limit here-tofore held ascred by the conservative minds of this country."

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Down in his home state, some North Carolinians haven't always considered Gardner a liberal. One of these is Josephus Daniels, ex-Secretary of the Narban States of the Caronic States of the Narban States of the Caronic States of the Narban States of the Nar

OH 165 toes, or both, have been a healthy thing.

Duchess Of Windsor

Danrican Altways and various shipping lines. Max Gardnerhas become more liberal with the years. But he has never lost his Southern charm and his ability to understand people.

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One day the Duches of Window needing Garder on me of her Washington suits, sectioned: "Oh, it was so nice to the Washington suits, sectioned: "Oh, it was so nice to did days. It hasn't changed a bit."

To which Max replied "lady, there is nothing remarkable about the unchanged settly of Anugodis. The suits of the work of

believe the Southern politician any time except when he running for office. And, since I am not a candid you must believe me also when I tell you that when talk with you and the Duke, we feel we are talking the presence of history." Family Tragedy

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Family Tragedy
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