The Unreality In Washington

WinSTON CHURCHILL'S Westminster address has gained in importance as a starting point for official American discussion of our painfully stained relations with the Russians; it has served, as has no other public statement since the end of the war, to underscore the schizophrenia that besets official Washington—the desire to talk tough with Russia coupled with reluctance to back our harsh words with force.

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Mr. Churchill, of course, is a frant imperialist, and imperialist, whether it be Russian or English, does not set well with Americans. He has, therefore, come under the fire of even those Congressmen who share his Tory view of Russian "expansion." And inevitably, he has been condemned by such liberals as Senators Pepper, Kilgore and Taylor, who are dedicated to the proposition that Russian communism—and Western democracy can prosper side by side in, a peaceful world. There is a frightening unreality about both these positions. Those who openly suspect Russia of the worst, and believe that we should back our claims in the world with force, loudly denounce Mr. Churchill as a "power politician." But perhaps even more unreal is the stand taken by Senators Pepper, Kilgore and Taylor who are still clinging to the illusion that we achieved real and lasting unity with the Soviet during the war years. Of Mr. Churchill's proposal for an Anglo-American alliance, they said: "It would destroy the unity of the Big Three without which the war could not have been won and without while the peace cannot be saved." Yet even while the Senators were drafting their public statement, the Canadian.

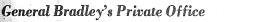
without which the peace cannot be saved." Tet even while the Senators were drafting their public statement, the Canadian were releasing the details of Russia's espionage in that country. The Kremlin, we learn, had not only instructed its Ottowa attache to pick up the formula of the atomic bomb, which we are piously but admittedly keeping secret, but had also ordered him to check on radar development, the United States army's threeyear-old electronic artillery fuze, and the details of American troop movements from

the European to the Pacific Theatres.
There is no reason for being shocked at Soviet espionage to determine atomic secrets, which we have invited by our avowed secrecy, but the fact that the Russians also want to learn about these other military devices is most revealing. The Senators speak of unity, when in our joint effort against Germany we withheld from our ally those developments in radar and artillery fuzes that might have materially shortened the war, and when we kept secret from our ally in the war against Japan the size and formation of the army we were moving against the common nemy.

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We believe true and lasting unity with the Soviet can still be obtained when the United States and Britain honestly and sincerely desire it. But it seems to us a foolish and dangerous error to assume that it does exist when it obviously doesn't, to pretend that we are allies of the Russians when every friendly official word on either side is matched by an unfriendly official act.

If we reject Mr. Churchill's frank and accurate appraisal of the world we are now building, and the means he suggests for guaranteeing our survival in it, then we must. in the terribly short time left to us, embark on a course of honest, whole-neared co-operation with the Soviet Union. It will mean sharing the secret of the atom, it will mean neutring Russia in on the world's oil supply, it will mean dismantling part of the Praifits it Empire and relenquishing our own security and/or certiforial claims in the Pacific, it will mean mutual disarmament, it will mean mutual disarmament, it will mean mutual disarmament, it will mean abandomment of all preferrable trade. territorial claims in the Pacific, it will mean mutual disarmament, it will mean bandonment of all preferential trade reatles in the Western Hemisphere as well as the Eastern, it will mean contributing some of our own soverigaty to the UNO. These are the conditions upon which voluntary peace with the Russians depends, and until we are prepared to meet them we are accomplishing nothing by pretending that we have, by becoming UNO lodge brothers with the Soviet Union, wiped out the threat of war in our time.



WHEN Commander John Stelle of the American Legion wanted to discuss the affairs of the Veterans' Administration with its Director, General Onar Bradley, he invited the General to appear before the Legion's Executive Committee, an invitation that smacked of a summonsteneral Bradley very properly rejected it. Commander Stelle then went to the mountain, asking for and obtaining an appointment with the General, and promptly informing the press that he would like to have reporters present at this historic meeting, Aid General Bradley, again very properly, refused to agree to any such peculiar arrangement.

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The conference ended with the General and the Commandea posing together, with great big smiles, for the photographers who waited outside the door, and for a while it appeared that the hatchet had been buried in some spot other than General Bradley's back, where Commander Stelle originally tried to place it. Then, in separate statements issued later, the General and the Commander appeared in disagreement on a good many points covered at their conference, indicating that their differences have survived the love feast.

All this has led The Greensboro News All this has led The Greensooro news into what seems to us an irrelevant discussion of the need for turning the spotlight on public officials, in Washington and elsewhere. Says The News, approposithe Stelle-Bradley meeting:

. Some of these Washington big shots and, for that matter, some of these big shots not in Washington, can get themselves and the in Washington, can get themselves and the entiruted into the worst mess simply by failing to do the obviously common-sense thing in the first place. Misunderstanding is most easily built up behind closed doors; and even when that factor does not enter, thore's nothing like scerey for breeding

suspicion, however unjustified the latter may be.

Agreeing that maximum publicity should Agreeing that maximum publicity should be given every public undertaking, we still fail to see why General Bradley should invite reporters into his office when he alts dewn for a talk with Commander Stelle. If he had done so, he would have conferred upon the American Legion a sort of quasi-official position in Veterans' Administration affairs, a position it once held to the VA's detriment.

The records of the VA are public, and we have heard no claim that General Bradley has attempted to conceal anything from anybody, or that he has made any effort to infringe upon the American Legion's right to publicly criticize his administration, even though that criticism has been intemperate and premature. With a good deal of forebearance, he turned th other cheek to Commander Stelle; who only a few weeks ago, asked Congress to remove him from office, and received him as a representative of millions of Legion members, listening politely to what he had

to say.

We can think of no reason why the General should be lockeyed into a public debate with the American Legion. This, we think, would have resulted in a far worse meas than he now faces, for he would have been admitting that he is answerable to a private organization of veterans, rather than to Congress. In his few months in office, General Bradley has made a valiant effort to divorce the muddled Veterans' Administration from the pressure groups—American Legion, VFW. pressure groups—American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, and all the rest—that have dictated its policies in the past. His treatment of Commander Stelle is in line with that effort, and it seems to us not only proper, but highly commendable.

The Symphony Also Needs Support

IT certainly doean't deserve any such formal title as a membership campaign, but there is a sort of gentle movement underway to raise funds for the Charlotte Symphony. The orchestra, which works its musical miracles on a budget that would hardly keep the Briarhoppers in guitar picks, has retained (if that's the word) its conductor, Guy Hutchins, for another season and has brave plans for becoming one of the finest musical organizations in the South.

Harris E. Gaffney, the Symphony's business manager, believes that no campaign of solicitation will be necessary to raise sufficient funds. Charles W. Tillett, speaking at intermission of the Wednesday night concert expressed the hope that 1,000 mem-bers would beat a path to Mr. Gaffney's doorstep at 210 North College Street, and if they do a successful 1948-47 season is assured.

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The orchestra is no Johnny-come-lately, of course (the Wednesday concert was its 9783 in Charlotte) but its audiences have been conscious of a marked improvement in the past seasor. Perhaps the prettiest compliment paid it came from Dick Pitta, music critic for our distinguished competitor, who returned recently from the army and heard the orchestra for the first time in four years. He was, he reported, "surprised over the vast improvement in, the

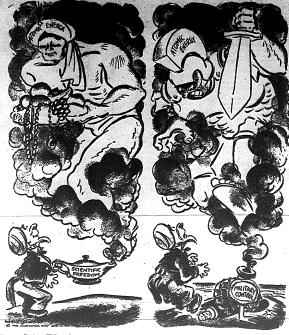
general musicianship, surety of attack and balance of the orchestra. . . For the first time it is apparent that the orchestra is headed in the right direction."

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It is indeed, but if it has come a long way in 15 years it still has a long way to go. The orchestra has survived the trials of the past primarily because of the devotion of the musicians who make it up, and we subspect that these musical ladies and gentlemen will keep on making music even if the community's support for the coming season is as niggardly as usual. But their torch-bearing will be made a great deal easier if the necessary thousand citizens line up on Mr. Gaffney's doorstep to donate to a cause a great deal worthier than many they now support; and at the same time guarantee for themselves the half-dozen pleasant evenings the Charlotte Symphony offers in return.

Very handy, we should think having the UNO around New York, in case the Bums of Brooklyn or Mel Otts Giants wish to appeal the decision of a lower umpire.

The bones of a prehistoric glant, larger than any of the present races of man, are dug up in Java. Possibly the first of the heavy coffee drinkers.



A Choice Of Genii

People's Platform

A Rough Rider Remembers

JONESTOWN, MISS, NOW is the time to act, not trenty or trenty-five years hereg when these criminally insame masters of certain peoples plunge the world again into a sea of blood and brutality.

It matters not whether these power-drunk famicis call themselves imperialists, Nažis, Facists or Communists, These Masters of the People are Cowards in their own hearts. They throw the peoples of the different countries at each others throat, danger, and chuckle with give at the have they have brought for their own selfish sims. Does anyone doubt they are cunning maniges?

Let America, North and South, call secret service of the countries to locate their life-outs, and volunteers to locate their life-outs, and volunteers

volunteers to locate their hide-outs, airmen sprinkle these vultures at the moment with

asomic bombs.

Now is the time to make Religious Democracy effective, create Religious Tolerance. Christian Democracy is another name for common decency and common sense.

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Let the peoples of these countries know what we are about and they will co-operate.

There will be more volunteers than can be accepted, just as in the Spanish-American War; those who prefer liberty, justice, excitement and adventure to life Letel, and it will be over in 80 days with the letel, and it will be over in 80 days. We can tree the world if we set, quickly, just swe did Cuba. Cuba co-operated. We can make the boundaries between countries the world over secure without fortifications as between Canada and the United States or Mexico and the United States. Kid glove diplomacy does not and cannot fit the situation the world is in.

—JOHN B. HOOD. EX.MEMBER TROOP E.

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(NOTE: Now. let's see, where did we put that Big Stick . . . Eds., The News).

The Dead Faces

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are so sick and tired of it all they don't knowwhat to do. We have voted 60 thousand strong
against it but nothing done yet.

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business, Mr. Davis tells us how many great things
we had the money spent for liquor, wine and
beer, a church could be built on every hill and a
school house beside it and everyone could have
a decent house to live in.

I know the plea Mr. Davis puts up for reduced rates in taxes will strike the spot with many, but dear people, if you vote for liquor and a drunk runs into your car and you have to look on dead control of the property of th

-SIGNATURE WITHHELD

Another Wee Toddy CHARLOTTE

REALLY enjoyed the Eurike Davis entired for all most of the people her in Charlotte drink and may be all most of the people her in Charlotte drink and pay the high prices the geons charge for it. I have lived in New York City, Washington, D. C., and Miami, Pla., where one can buy liquor from stores, and I have never seen anything in those stores, and I have never seen anything in those stores, and in law of the control of

I hope sof ... I could give liquor up anytime but T don't have the desire to, as it will make a person reel better and eat better with a drink before meals and won't hurt anyone. Yes, I will cast my vote for ABC. Give us more of Burke Davis, Maybe he can start a drive to have the city cleaned. —H. N. GRABAM

Intolerable, Irremediable

CHARLOTTE

ABOUT this Columbia, Tennessee, business. Here A we are umpleasantly reminded of a condition that is at once intolerable and irremediable.

I use the word 'irremediable', because color and creed cannot be changed by legislation or condition to the color of the colo

Let us learn, then, this lesson: not law, but force governed by law, is the answer to our quest for world peace—and force not answerable to national governments.

-A. E. BASSETT

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscentity will be deleted — otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tun Nawa.

Churchill's Pudding

Marquis Childs

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Samuel Grafton

Mobilization Call

NEW YORK
NOTES ON MR. CHURCHILLS
SPEECH: 1. We must remind ourselves, at every moment, that a process. Mr. Churchills and the West are not a static problem, but a process. Mr. Churchill's speech, raising the fearful perspective of a British. Ramsel is not, herefore, merely a reasoned contribution to the solution of the problem, offered in vacuo, but a part of the process: a stroke which will evoke a counter-stroke.

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If Russian expansionism has called forth Mr. Churchill's speech, Mr. Churchill's speech, Mr. Churchill's speech, Mr. Churchill's speech, delivered in the presence of Mr. Truman, will, in its turn, call forth more Russian expansionism, more Russian expansionism, more Russian offense, or more dynamic Russian offense, or more dynamic Russian expansionism, more Russian expansionism, and the Russian expansionism, and the Russian expansionism of the Russian expansion expansion expansionism of the Russian expansion expansionism of the Russian expansion expansion expansionism of the Russian expansion expansio

2 Mr. Churchill's failure goes even deeper than this, however, for, in sum, what his speech says for it is speech as the speech says and the speech "catches on", so to speak, historian of the future may well say that with Mr. Churchill's famous cration at Westmitzet care famous cratical careful famous cratical careful famous fam

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Drew Pearson's: The Business Clique Around MacArthur Merry Go-Round:

MASHINGTON

IN approximately six weeks, the Philippines hold their most important Presidential election, and shortly afterward—
July 4—the Flippino people cast off from the United States to become a full-fielded independent republic—the first in the war-troubled Pacific.

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Millions of eyes in the Dutch East Indies, French Indo-China, and Indies are watching this historic experiments of the Pacific Paci

after the war.

It boils down to the age-old battle of foreign business interests pitted against native farmers and labor, part of the same issue within has caused upmoil in French Indo-China. The control of the same issue within the control of the partial property of t

Business-Military Clique

CEN COURTNEY WHITNEY—S Maulta lever, who happend to be in the United States at the time of Pearl Harbor, got commissioned, and, upon arrival in Australia.*

La November 1940. Col. Villanor states, he was ordered to fly over the Mother Lode Gold Mine in Mindanao and make was placed in charge of the Philippines escion of GHC, Except for military strategy, Whiting, a close friend of MacArthur, with the Philippines, which was the College of the

entire block of Manila warehouses, and who plays close to Gen Manuel Roxas, who is considered MacArthur's personal candidate for President.

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Paratice as a revent. Despite time, such commanders, and two large brewerles in the Philippines, together with two others in Kanass City and Milwaukee. It was to one of these-the San Miguel brewery—that the War Department flew twenty that the San Miguel brewery—that the War Department flew twenty that of the Philippines in three special planes last December 100 one of twenty tons of ber-bottle caps are commended to the second of the Philippines of the Pacific. War Department officials freely state.

Gen. MacArthur is also reported to have heavy investments in the Philippines, and to be associated with Sorian and Gen Whitney in the Consolidated Gold Miles and the Antamick Mine. Unfortunately, this has added to Philippine Antamick Mine. Unfortunately, this has added to Philippine Antamick Mine. Unfortunately, this has added to Philippine the Vested interest of the MacArthur military clique.

T. COL. JESUS VILLAMOR, Filipino war hero, now retiring from the U.S. Army, goes so far as to state that on at least one occasion Army equipment was used in the interest of MacArthur's investments.

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Villamor was able to operate in the Philippines for elsevan months before American forces landed, and the guerrilla forces he organized were described by Gen. George B. Decker, thefo of staff of the Sitch Army, as "one of the best light-eight of the Sitch Army, as "one of the best light-given the U. S. Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Philippine Media of Honor, Distinguished Service Star, and almost more ribbons than he can wear.