

The General Clears The Air

RECENTLY, in connection with General Eisenhower's statement designed to end speculation as to his possible Presidential aspirations...

General Marshall is not a man who deals in double meanings and there is no doubt that he, good soldier that he is, accepted appointment as Secretary of State in exactly the same spirit he accepted appointment as Chief of Staff...

South Carolina's New Governor

WHILE all the signs in Georgia are pointing to reaction, it is good to note that in our sister state there is new and encouraging talk of progress...

Governor Thurmond's address contained a share of generalities and compromises and a certain amount of blarney...

He called for a long-overdue reorganization of state and local government, for a Constitution through amendment...

It is noteworthy that none of this could be classified as radical when Governor Thurmond called for all of them...

Out Of The World Of Ideas . . .

THE questing mind of Albert Einstein, probing into a sphere before him, unlocked the secret of atomic energy...

Einstein, like every major scientist who worked with him on the bomb, is depressed by a great fear and a sense of guilt. The proposals for control of atomic energy brought before the United Nations seem to him "scientifically sound and technically ingenious"...

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Another Voice

So Geese Are Silly?

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But in this instance there was a compelling practical reason why the General felt he needed to make a public statement immediately upon taking the oath...

We happen to have some reservations regarding bi-partisan foreign policy, but since it is accepted and appears to be working reasonably well Mr. Truman probably had no alternative but to continue it...

People's Platform

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- 1. Atomic bombs can now be made cheaply and in large number. They will become more destructive. 2. There is no military defense against atomic bombs and none to be expected. 3. Other nations can rediscover our secret processes by themselves. 4. Preparedness against atomic war is futile and, if attempted, will ruin the structure of our social order. 5. If war breaks out, atomic bombs will be used, and they will surely destroy our civilization. 6. There is no solution to this problem except international control of atomic energy and, ultimately, the elimination of war.

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On Revenue

As a citizen I would like to make a few suggestions about the revenue measure to be enacted by the Legislature.

(1) In my opinion the franchise tax should not be reduced at this time, practically all corporations today are paying more Federal taxes than State taxes.

Drew Pearson's RFC Merry-Go-Round

LAST week the Reconstruction Finance Corporation issued a treacherous report announcement stating that its RPA program would expire Jan. 22. To most people this meant the end of the RFC's merry-go-round...

Charles Henderson, RFC Chairman and generally considered a friend of small business, was absent from the RPA program...

This left the RFC on Jan. 17—the day after Allen resigned his post of three men—two Republicans and one Democrat.

On that date also the two Congressional Committees on Small Business had yet to be organized. Both one staunchly championed RFC loans to small business, but since the new Congress began, two committees have been in the throes of reorganization.

Big Banker Viewpoint

On Jan. 17, therefore, one day after Allen resigned, and before the Small Business Committees on Capitol Hill could get organized, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation issued its RPA program...



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No Secret, No Defense

PRINCETON, N. J. THROUGH the release of atomic energy, our generation has brought into the world the most revolutionary force since prehistoric man's discovery of fire.

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Opinion

In my opinion, there are only three classes of people that vote dry—the bootleggers, the police, and the narrow-minded religious.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to print a communication which should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. It will be published without charge, without anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will accept anonymous communications.

Financial Squeeze-Play

HERE is how the RFC program for aiding small business operated. If, for instance, a small operator of a petroleum derivatives plant in Maryland sent to the local bank and asked for a \$100,000 loan, the bank probably would say: "Your legal limit is \$25,000. But we'll ask our affiliated banks in the Federal Reserve Bank to make it \$100,000."

Actually, the real reason for turning down the loan might be the bigger banks' ties with the petroleum companies. When and if the bigger banks turned down the loan, however, the RFC would participate in it and make it \$100,000.

Following last week's RFC vote, however, this is no longer possible.

Merry-Go-Round

SENATE Department Counselor Ben Cohen wants to practice law in Washington now that Jimmy Byrnes has resigned.

WASHINGTON RARELY has any incoming officer of the Government ever been greeted with such a well-orchestrated and accorded Gen. George C. Marshall. Assuming the duties of Secretary of State, he has been hailed by every section of the press—left, right and center—for his character and achievements.

That this is well deserved no one can deny. In the course of his himself over and over again in the course of the war.

The new Secretary is just now facing up to the hard facts of his job. In our enthusiasm over the qualifications of the new Secretary, we should not overlook the difficulties of his position.

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Even though he took part in the conferences of the Big Four during the war, he is very inexperienced. Those who presumably will work with him most closely are the State Department's experts in various fields—do not know his views except in his mind, and he must get from them the qualifications of his potential continuity of policy.

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On March 15, to start firing the peace for Germany and Austria. This involves far more delicate and troublesome in itself. Persuasive arguments have been made for Marshall to stay on the job. The State Department and send a deputy to Moscow. Staying here, he could get the credit for his character and achievements.

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But if Marshall does not go to Moscow for at least the beginning of the conference, his position would be interpreted as a shift in U. S. policy. It would start a wave of speculation in every Foreign Office in the world. Moreover, the other three Foreign Ministers are now completing their plans to go to the Moscow meeting. Our Secretary of State could hardly at this point change the plan agreed to by his predecessor.

The plans must be put into effect. It will take years of patient endeavor to work out the kind of peace that has any chance of lasting. The manifold problems of the world cannot be resolved by magic. In accepting this assignment, Gen. Marshall has made a noble and patriotic devotion to what he considers his duty. But he cannot work miracles.

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