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U. S. Protests Please The Reds

THIS department of The News thought it had settled the matter of the Soviet personal attack on President Truman before it became an international issue, but...

ble would-be humorist in this corner still says it is unfortunate that the diplomatic conventions are so inflexible for he observes that our quick defense of our interests...

Cutting Down The Overhead

IN AN attempt to placate eating-people owners, American restaurant equipment designers have dealt the eating-out public a mean and despicable blow which has rocked the very foundations of such basic American institutions as hamburger, hot dogs, and nickel cups of coffee.

Restaurateurs report that they use less mustard with these fool-proof jars than with the ordinary open kind.

North Carolina Up A Notch The Eighth Poorest State

By TOM LYNCH
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STATISTICS, those regimented figures which supposedly never lie, indicate that although the per capita income of North Carolina has risen 150 per cent since 1940, the Tar Heel State still is holding its own with its impetuous Southeastern brethren as the eighth poorest state in the Union.

created its per capita rating 168 per cent to pull still further above the Tar Heel State.

BIG DIFFERENCE IN DOLLARS

If measured in purchasing power, the gain would not be nearly so pronounced. Although the increase in Southern pay checks is gratifying to note in spite of a general inflationary trend, the gratification is tempered by a look at the figures from a different angle.

Issues Instead Of 'Mudslinging'

IT-GOV. STAG BALLENTINE, who is so busy today with the idea of running for Governor next year, has been generally and openly criticized the campaign strategy employed by backers of State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson. This strategy, which was to create the impression that Mr. Johnson cannot be defeated. Since other gubernatorial hopefuls would thus steer the "new" up the Democratic trail for Mr. Johnson, as Mr. Ballentine charged.

about the other candidates, he does not have anything else to talk about.

WELL BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE

In order of per capita income the Southeastern states line up with Mississippi (455) leading the wretched stretch. Arkansas (469), South Carolina (472), Alabama (473), Louisiana (478), Georgia (480), North Carolina (481), Tennessee (484), Virginia (492), and Florida (510).

WHERE HELP IS MOST NEEDED

The South would appear in a much more favorable light were it not for the vast number of Negroes who are sub-marginal wage-earners or share-croppers. The future is a challenge to North Carolina, which is the one of two money-crop systems of agriculture which have survived in the past few years, while the more important New England and Middle Atlantic states have gone to their graves.

Let's Look At The Record

ALL the makings of an endless debate can be found in that simple question on high prices: 'Who's to blame?'

Overton amendment to decontrol grains and animal foods made from grains: Republicans, 30 for, 3 against; Democrats, 12 for, 12 against.

Merry-Go-Round : GOP Delighted By Truman Appointments

REPUBLICAN political strategists who were very busy when the late Franklin Roosevelt lifted the Republican Party with the big banks, now aren't winding anymore. In fact, Truman's recent appointments have been a Republican face, for no longer are they worried by that big business-rankin' burdock.

Quote, Unquote

TRYING to live within your income is sometimes as hard as it is to live without it.—Harding.

New Big Business Champion

LATEST Truman appointment to the War Department, Undersecretary for Air Arthur Barrows, has an equally interesting background. As a member of the U. S. Military Government in Germany, he was directly counter to the American policy of encouraging small German business.

Food Cost Doubles

OVER at the mammoth Department of Agriculture building in Washington, the nation's leading food and agricultural economist has just come up with some interesting statistics.

FROM strict-form Macedonia and through the Balkans to the border that they had anticipated. All such reports, of course, must be taken with a generous grain of salt, since through the Summer and into the Fall the rebel bands have been able to keep on the defensive.

The fact that the offer of general amnesty comes at this time is highly significant. It comes at a moment when the Greek government is struggling and the half-hearted are longing to leave the mountains. It comes with the pleading of Prime Minister Sotiropoulos, who has the respect of many Greeks, of a new political party. And, even more important, it is underwritten by the Americans who helped to bring it about.

The number to surrender in the month of amnesty may be less than 50 per cent estimate of Sotiropoulos. But even if the first total should be negligible, the amnesty is a gain of the first importance. Communist propaganda out of Moscow and on the rebel radio screams that the Sotiropoulos Government is nothing but a "show window for American imperialism." This in itself is a confession that the Government is a victory.

AMNESTY NOT PUBLICIZED
Some observers, however, are afraid that the offer of amnesty is being worked hard enough to propagandize the amnesty and its terms. Unfortunately, the American Government is not equipped to give any assistance in this direction.

Samuel Grafton

Soviet Problem, Too

ONE reads of the fascist street meetings in London every Sunday at Dalston with a shock and rather than just at Dalston. Municipal authorities have in many instances got the help of the general public in their struggle to bring them to manageable proportions.

There was a similar scene in Rome one day in the past few years. It was seen again on the streets of Italy's capital, little more than two years ago, when the Italian people were again against fascism. It is not so long since Mussolini was being upbraided here they are in the streets again.

What can they hope to accomplish? Fascism is the biggest flop since Hitler and Rome. It is a reflection, however, distorted, of the split between America and Russia. It is a reflection of the fact that whatever odd things fascists do when they are not holding meetings to these inefficient means are not based on a vain hope of re-selling a girded past. I am afraid that the only way to deal with a reflection, however, distorted, of the split between America and Russia is to close the rift.

Fascism has died, but the conditions (the split between East and West) which have saved it have not yet been removed. Fascists begin to feel that they have a chance to re-born.

Later, a friend in the reserves, Col. William Nebbett, told me that he had seen the article in the next issue of the magazine. "I can't say I'm surprised," he said, "but I'm surprised that you are surprised. It's all so obvious. The American people only about 10 billion dollars a year. It will be 15 billion in 1950. The economy is going to be a disaster. How much more efficient these citizens committees would be if combined into one force, subject only to Federal control."