

It Isn't Loyalty

WASHINGTON THE State Department's loyalty code seems a little far-fetched. In effect, it defines a trustworthy American as one who has never commended or supported foreign governments...

Contamination By The Atom Bomb

ONE of our secret operatives in Washington, a veteran reporter, sends you that "war talk really is on every lip here, as I guess everywhere..."

It has aroused belligerency rather than fear of a military attack from Russia. Americans seem completely confident that the Soviet Union will never risk such a step so long as we have exclusive possession of the bomb...

An Echo From The Dark Ages

HUGH WILSON, warden of Raleigh's State Prison, wants to take us far back into the history of man and crime with his proposal that North Carolina state public executions in the counties where crimes were committed...

when pickpockets were publicly hanged—as a grim warning to the hosts of other petty thieves then infesting the state. It happened that on these days, when tremendous crowds thronged about the gallows to watch the fellows done to death...

People's Platform

Reference to the ban of poultry on Thursdays and meat on Tuesdays by President Truman's Food Committee. My family includes my wife and one child. We already have more or less restored ourselves on poultry, eggs, and beef, not to save food, but to get by on my salary which averages \$280 a month...

Restoration Project

THE final phase of the \$27,000,000 Restoration Fund campaign is being launched this month in Presbyterian churches throughout the nation. The Restoration Fund is undoubtedly the greatest project ever undertaken by the Presbyterian Church in its 400-year history...

Stewart Alsop Dangles In De Gaulle

HERE IN Paris, the chestnut trees are turning russet and the city glows with the peculiar silver-golden light of the French autumn. The most beautiful of seasons is its changing year. It is difficult to think of anything more beautiful than the shimmering loveliness conceals a mounting insecurity, an increasing bitterness...

Leaving It To Old George

WE aren't sure that Americans are going to make good peaceful volunteers—to feed Europe or build infrastructure anything else. The President's call for rationing through self-control at the table isn't likely to become a whooping success for one reason or another...

It was feeling more patriotic than hungry. It's apparently too much to ask a nation which produced a new world of black-marketing, and has long tolerated bootleggers in endless variety, to toe the mark and cut down on its food for a cause. This reaction is close akin to those brought forth in the hilarious comedy of high-price investigations, when producer, wholesaler, jobber, retailer and all sang in chorus, "Not guilty!"

Gulliver's 'Secret'

RECENTLY in re-reading "Gulliver's Travels" (first published in 1726) I read that in this Gulliver offered the good king of "Brobdingnag" to explain the secret "as a small tribute of acknowledgment in return for his many favors." He had received of his royal favor and protection—"of a powder that would not only destroy whole ranks of an army at once, but force the strongest walls to the ground, sink down ships, with a thousand men in each, to the bottom of the sea..."

Quote, Unquote

An exclamation: "What made this a great nation? In reply we will say the Brooklyn Dodgers, the Empire State Building, Carmen Miranda, colored people, and the electric light bulb. And now we have nuclear electricity, oil-free, nuclear, anti-air support, atomic energy waves and a host of other things we can't think of at the moment."

From The Greensboro Daily News

Need For The Guard

IT is meet and proper that military affairs, relating especially to the program of the Southern Governors' Conference when it assembles at Asheville next week. While the guard has a vital national significance, it is clear that it always has been considered the nation's second line of defense, a reserve from which the regular may draw quickly in event of emergency...

Measure Of Friendship

FINALLY, that Russian wheat came direct from the Soviet Government—not from the Russian people. Not many a handful of Russian people even know about it. American wheat, on the other hand, was saved and collected after a mass campaign by all the American people in which farmers shined wheat early and every housewife cut down on her flour...

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(Editor's Note—Drew Pearson's column today takes the form of a letter to Charles Luckman, chairman of the Citizens Food Committee.) I WOULD like to butt into your business, but since yours is a public one, I am a citizen. I am making a suggestion regarding your tough job of getting food to Europe. I think you are the hardest job we face in making sure this food is genuinely appreciated by the people of Europe...

For Friendship Train Of U. S.

of one year ago. They want history to repeat. And if we are not very careful it will. So my suggestion to the Citizens Food Committee is that they give their attention to the food that it is a genuine sacrifice for the heart of America. From Heart of America TO that I make the further suggestion that we arrange for the shipment of this food direct from the heart of America in such a way that it can be visualized and dramatized as a great rolling train of millions of people who are true to their hearts. What we cannot do is to make the story of America's sacrifice by turning it into a mere statistic. States straight through the heart of America, collective food as it goes, inspiring the housewives and farmers of the nation to contribute their share to the Friendship Train as their contribution toward friendship with the people of Europe?

Communist leaders of Europe that this food comes not from the United States Government as a part of its foreign policy but is scraped together from the pockets of the people of the United States and the American people to their less-fortunate fellowmen. Getting food to Europe, no matter how it's sent, is important. But it is more important to make it come from our own people. How much more important if the recipients of this food interpret it as a gesture of friendship from the United States? It really is a movement by the American people to stave their own dinner tables to help neighbors in distress who are starving in Europe. Perhaps I'm overjoyed on this, or perhaps you have a better way of getting this idea across. In any event this is a matter of great interest to me and I am very interested in the success of your citizens' food committee. Sincerely yours, FRANK MURDOCK

Who Painted Canol Dome?

MILLIONS of American tourists have traipsed through the hills of the Capitol, admiring the paintings and frescoes around the dome. Many have remarked on the painstaking care of decorating these high ceilings and few have known the history of the man who did the work. It is known that Benjamin West, the first American painter, painted the dome of the Capitol. He painted the dome of the Capitol, but he did not finish the last series of paintings around the rotunda. Now Mrs. John Murdock, wife of the conscientious Congressman from Arizona, hopes to rescue the lonely unloved painter. Mrs. Murdock is even planning to do a little personal lobbying with her husband, to get him to introduce a bill to honor the painter...