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Fuel Oil Crisis A Scandal

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In the Charlotte fuel oil crisis, the oil Industry has been faced with a major challenge which cannot be met on the local level and which the industry as a whole apparently lacks the will or the means to meet. No other interpretation can be placed on the refusal of eight major companies to bid on the loth the City Government of the companies to the other interpretation can be placed on the refusal of eight major companies to bid on the loth of the formation of the companies to the other than the companies had responded when the time for the bids passed yesterday and those three declined to quote prices because of the lack of stocks.

From the showing that has been made, there is every reason to believe that the industry is hiding a condition that is much more serious than the general public yet realises, and which will manifest itself later in the year to the greater distress of charlotte and other communities.

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Where is constituted by the control of the control of the country, Mayor Baxter has been aken only on driblets of rele oil and kerosene.

The condition in Charlotte has been a national agandal for day, yet no one in industry or Government outside the Charlotte are has come forward to offer anything in the way of relief. The National Administration, which has no authority over the industry for rationing or allocations but does have the power to draw

on Government stockpiles and transportation facilities, has taken no steps to deal with the emergency. This is a problem that concerns the national leadership of both business and Government. It demands extraordinary measures. A merican citizens are suffering while those in positions of responsibility wait for someone dies to take the lead. The disgraceful condition that has been allowed to develop in Charlotte calls for a Congressional investigation and to recommend remedial measures before the thortage gross worse here and elsewhere. The only substantial relief provided thus far has come from the emergency distribution plan worked out between the City Government and the local distributors and dealers, and that is far from adequate. At this point, drastic conservation efforts by Charlotte fuel oil consumers offer the only hope. They must not wait for uniform program to well of the contraction of the contraction

'Colossus Of The North'

ITTLE Panama obviously has big Uncle
Sam over the barrel in the controversy
over military bases for defense of the vital
Panama Canal. The tiny Republic (650,000
populsation; 33,607 square miles) apparenty is holding the United States in that embarrassing position in order to satisfy
wounded Panamanian pride and sense of
self-importance more than anything else.

self-importance more than anything else. This incident is in many ways the most humilisting experience of 1947 for the United States. It is mortifying, for one thing, because it calls the world's attention to the fact that we aren't loved and trusted in our own hemisphere. The action of the Pansam National Assembly, which unanimously refused to ratify an already signed agreement between Washington and team military bases, reflects growing sentiment in Latin't American countries against "the Colossus of the North."

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Communist influence may have figured in that agitation but observers generally agree that the demonstration has its roots in long-standing native prejudice against "Yankee imperialism" and "dollar diplomacy" which has been reviewed by extension of United States influence in Central and South America during and since the war.

The Panama embroglio also is one of the

most delicate problems which this country has encountered in its efforts this year to strengthen itself as a world power in the contest with Russia. Without the military bases in Panama proper, we can all the state of the Russia without the military bases in Panama proper, we can all the state of the Russia without the beart of the Republic.

Resentment against occupation by for-eign thoops rose high in Panama during the war. Unless this opposition is overcome and Panama reverses its action, the defense system of the whole Western Hemisphere will be jeopardized. There has been talk in Washington of building a new canal in Micaragua, or Colombia or the Isthumus of Tehunalpoe in Mexico. However, the practicability of those projects is uncertain, and none of them could be carried out in time to meet the present emergency. It is clear that the problem must be met

out in time to meet the present emergency. It is clear that the problem must be met and solved in Panama. The Washington Administration's diplomatic ability has been put to a severe test and the United States has been served a dramatic reminder of the interdependence of nations, big and little. The whole incident directs frest attention to the fact that there will be no real security until the nations depend more on reciprocal economic, political and cultural relations and less on military defense systems.

Three Forecasts For The New Year

SENATOR WAYNE MORSE'S forecast for 1948 is that the Republican Party will have a change of heart on price con-trols which will manifest itself at the next trols which will manifest itself at the next session of Congress, opening in January. He believes that his Party will give the Administration authority for compulsory wage-price curbs and rationing, to be used in the event that the Tatt voluntary sys-tem, voted at the special session, falls to ease the inflation.

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This astonishing reversal in GOP sentiment will come, Mr. Morse believes, as one result of the Christmass season, when the Senators and Congressmen will talk with the citizen who have their minds on the big bills for the Yuletide gifts. "I think that when the Republican majority checks over the holidays with the people back over the holidays with the people back over the control of the c

For our part, we had intended to make no prophecies for 1948 but we will go out on the limb to declare that the reform predicted by Senator Morse is the least likely even it in the coming year.

Senator Morse is a famous liberal from Oregon and it is apparent that the people he consults back home aren't in the same

class with the citizens on whom the ma-jority of the GOP lawmakers depend for jority of the GOP lawmakers depend for advice. Moreover, it seems unlikely that there has been a marked shift in sentiment on controls among all classes in the brief period since the special session opened Nov. 17. Beyond that, the Republican Party has staked its political future on "on regimentation" of Justness and it would take a national disaster like war to make the GOP admit that compulsory economic controls are in the national interest.

economic controls are in the street.

Finally, the Republican determination to ride out the boom without brakes was re-enforced this week by the most dependable forceast for 1948 that we have seen. That came from an Administration source account of the street of the s re-eniorece this week by the place dependable forecast for 1948 that we have seen. That came from an Administration source when the President's economic advisers when the President's economic advisers between the President's economic advisers to the place of the property of the president of the property of the president of the

From The Christian Science Monitor

What Would Panchito Say?

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Panchita is the name given "Tepexpan Man," the 10,000- to 15,000-year-old remains of an Indian found recently in the Valley of Mexico, just introduced in a report before the National Academy of Sciences. He's really the chip fossil evidence so far of ancient peoples hitherto known from artifacts and broken pottery to have roamed America in very ancient times.

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He gives the ethnologists their most complete evidence that the human race coes back in the Western Hemisphere to a time when extinct forms of blson, mamnoths, and other mammals roamed this

moths, and other mammans region.

Would he agree, with Dr. George D. Stoddard, president of the University of Illinois, that natural science cannot contained and a confident structure devoted to peace?

Supposedly he could understand that there is plenty of space on this planet to take care of the world population, assure every-

one of enough to eat, enough to wear, even provide some of the luxuries of life to all; that since "wars begin in the minds of men," as the preamble of UNESCO de-clares, "It is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed."

are must be constructed. Though he seldom ventured far afield 15,000 years ago without a trusty stone ax over his shoulder, Panchito wouldn't need much Twentleth Century experience to see that "modern" warfare is revolting and stupid, more barbaric and unnecessary than the conflicts of the Stone Age.

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From his impartial vantage point what
would he say about our placing loyalty to
geographic divisions or political boundaries
above service to the higher purposes of
peace, to which all states subscribe as mem-

pers of the United Nations?
What, would Panchito say of today's
Stone-Age diplomacy that acts as if it never heard of the atom? What would be say
of moderns who use their superior education, background, and understanding of
mankind's needs and deeper yearnings
only to hunder toward self-destruction?

'This Is A Far. Far Better Thing You Do-



Score Of 80th Congress

Ten Steps In 168 Days

9. Authorized \$35,000,000 (appropriated \$222,000,-000) for foreign relief and \$357,000,000 (appropriated \$254,000,000) for interim aid during Winter of 1947-48 to Austria, China, Italy, and France.

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At the end, as usual, there was violent disagreement between Republicans and Democrats over exactly how much money Congress had actually appropriated, and no two sets of figures, even from members of the same party, agreed. Congressional Quarterly's acore sheet for the year showed:

Budget Estimates Passed Congress
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in prospect during the 1988 session. But the issue was confused so far as party politics was concerned, because most House Democrats and almost half the series of the process of the series of the process of the proce

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Piecemeal Aid Likely

WASHINGTON
IF THE Mood of Congress, as revealed during the recent special
session, is any indication of what
the Congressional state of mind will
be when the regular session convenes early in the new year, the
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Even those members of the House and Senate who, in their heart see no need for the Marshall Plan or who, like Senator Roberto Tartier, and the second to the

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Samuel Grafton

'What Is Life?'

40 Years On The Throne

King Gustaf Of Sweden Sets Record In Democracy

By GUSTAV SVENSSON

COMPLETING his fortish year as a king and nearing his active, and his subjects have come to think of their grand old man of the first have come to think of their grand old man of the first have come to think of their grand old man of the first have come to think of their grand old man of the first have come to think of their grand old man of the first have a cane last year and had to drop his tennis playing at the insistence of his doctors, he still hunt twice a week in the woods outside his capital. He meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament.

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of his reign on Dec. 3, he holded back on a larger gonger than any other King of Sweden. He met Queen Victoria and Gward VII of England, he talked with Diracell. he snow Bismarck, he met the Ruse had been the first had been considered the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the first had been directly and the size of the size of

and CHRY Allerhoof in San vincing in Germany.

REPRIMAND FOR IEW BAITING

KING GUSTAP also met Hittle, who left red-faced after

A the King had blumby told him his opinion of 1se baitings.

In 1833. Actually, the King met Hiller three times, each time on his way to the French Riviers for a Winter season of tennis as "Art." of "That was before Hiller became a deadly mensus to Sweden and Hill British and the season of tennis as "Art." of "That was before Hiller became a deadly mensus to Sweden and Hill British and the season of tennis as "Art." of "That was before Hiller became a deadly mensus to Sweden and Hill British and with all her power every invasion of her neutrality, especially every attempt to militarily cross her borders.

Season of the resultantian season homesmarily are restricted. His closest advisers stress, however, that King Guitaf has been no mers figurehead during his long reign.

In February, 1914, a speech made by the King Guitaf and the season of t

SAVED LIVES IN HUNGARY

IN 1944 he sent's personal appeal to Amiral Horthy, then
Regent of Hungary, asking him to halt persecution of the
Jews. He arranged for Hungarian Jews to receive the protection of the Swedish State, thus saving many thousands of

claims in nevent year repeatedly have said that King Gutai "in a remarkable way has rehabilitated monarchy."

PRAISE IN SOCIALIST ORGAN: "The Socialist Party organ American and the second organic many party of the second organic many party in the subdom and experience in political things. They know how well and smoothly he cooperates with the representatives of the people in the Outerment. They like Mr. Of for his simple manners."

Although the King no longer plays cannix, but sworter and he still intake on hunting at least twice a week. He still crams his day with skitcen hours of activity, still smokes twenty to thirty claratties and day and is still an opera fan. This Winter he plans to go to the French Riviers again, as he did mais of the years before the way.

never goes to bed before mindinght. There are no descinding in this long day. He is continuously active.

EMBROIDERY & A FASTIME

It is also brother. Eugen, an outstanding painter, and his large and the large and large

LIVING HABITS REGULAR

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