

Mr. Truman States The Issue

THIS is a serious course upon which I embark. I would not recommend it except that it is the only one which is more realistic. This was the crux of the President's special message to the Congress yesterday.

"The serious course" proposed by Mr. Truman is immediate American assumption of the British economic, political and military commitments in Greece and Turkey. The "more serious" alternative is to leave these limited and imperfect democracies untended and allow them to pass, as they certainly will, into the Russian orbit.

The implications of Mr. Truman's proposal go far beyond the maintenance of traditional Western control of the Mediterranean. bluntly he stated — as it has not been stated before — the new American policy of positive opposition to Russian expansion in any quarter of the globe. He left no doubt that it is his intention to apply the full weight of American diplomacy, backed by American money and American arms, to the maintenance of the present status quo. He chose the term himself: "The world is not static and the status quo is not sacred, but we cannot allow changes in the status quo in violation of the interests of the United Nations."

Protest Against The Gag Rule

THE desperate attempt by Representative Odus Mul of Cleveland to hobble a prohibition measure on the biennial appropriations bill ended in a compromise, as it was found to be. Nevertheless, we are glad Mr. Mull made his gesture.

We are not in sympathy with the objective of Mr. Mull's measure—to prohibit the sale of beer and wine in Cleveland County, as he, however, in sympathy with his effort to get the measure onto the floor of the House for a vote.

The UNC Press Has A Birthday

THERE will be a modest celebration at Chapel Hill today—a birthday party for the University of North Carolina Press, which has just turned twenty-five.

A university press is a unique enterprise, fundamentally non-commercial and yet operating in a highly competitive commercial field. Its function is to publish and sell books, at a profit if it can, and yet it is not free from the usual manuscript on a basis of their popular appeal. If a university publisher believes a work should see the light of day he is bound to bring it out even though he may not be convinced that the sale will never pay for the cost of printing, binding and distribution.

Another Voice

OUR long-standing respect for the British House of Commons is now confirmed. We learn that crackling nuts, chewing gum, and eating chocolate are barred from their noble sessions. And our respect grows as we hear that peeling and eating oranges now also falls under the ban.

This is an idea which we would like to recommend to Congressmen about to tinker with the tariff. Britain, which is wholly to be desired. It could be applied to all sorts of public places with considerable benefit and few disadvantages.

I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid which is essential to economic stability and orderly political processes.

Primarily through economic and financial aid. In the case of Greece and Turkey Mr. Truman also asked for authority to "detail American civilian and military personnel . . . at the request of those countries, to assist in the tasks of reconstruction."

The first reaction of Congress appears to be favorable. The President's speech was timed as a body blow to the Soviet and designed to set the tone of the Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers, and there is force of a primitive pleasure in seeing such a haymaker aimed at the ill-mannered Russians. But as the Congressmen digest the message and ponder its full implications old doubts and fears will arise.

Once we had a choice, or thought we had, between a world order based on international co-operation and a world order based on force. Mr. Truman now sees only a choice between a world order based on force, and destruction. That is the essence of his message, and believing this to be true he had no choice but to define a new, aggressive foreign policy and ask the Congress for the authority to implement it.

People's Platform

Editor, The News:
I FEEL a certain responsibility to protest our Anglo-Saxon tongue from many radio speakers who write and one instance is using a compound "get-together" as a substantive noun.

Intolerance

Editor Peoples Platform
EVERY new argument, in the defense of entrants of National Political Ideologies, serves only to merely because they heard someone use this slang and became obsessed with it. It is more than a center of revolution inside of education and speakers to us decent English.

No Tariff On This, Please

And the aroma of salted peanuts, and popcorn dandied in venerable butter, wafted on warm juvenile breath around the back of one's neck, neither improves the aesthetic appreciation of Ingrid Bergman on a Tuesday eve, nor eases the pain of a Class B Western thriller on a Friday.

But we would draw the line at the ball park. There, somehow, the fresh breeze blowing in from the pennant pole in centerfield, ornamented with the scent of hot air balloons and men's-foot oil, make even the thousand barefoot "coolers" smell right, and proper, and good.



Our Saloon Culture

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Philanthropists?

CHARLOTTE
THE Charlotte News of 10 March 1947, in its report of the anti-ABC score meeting held last Sabbath at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, quotes Dr. Clovis G. Chappell as follows:

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Some of these bills will become law. Certain measures may be essential to correct injustices. The House's bill is powerful and unopposed.

Harold Calkins Lewis & High Court

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A GREAT many people are wondering, as I have, at the exuberant headlines in the newspapers announcing that the President Truman will fight to the finish with John L. Lewis, Supreme Court Justice.

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