

Notes on UN's Second Birthday

THE United Nations celebrated its second anniversary this week and the usual pious and hopeful words were employed to mark the occasion. Even the most sanguine observers, however, had to concede that the UN is a potent force for good, but that the world organization cannot begin until the two most powerful nations make a real start at adjusting their differences.

Unhappily, the United States and Russia have never been further apart than they were on the second anniversary of UN. They have all but drawn a line across the face of Europe, and divided the nations into zones of influence. Something very like an arms race is under way. And the last pretense of politeness has been abandoned in defense of the toughest kind of diplomatic talk.

There is, however, one bright spot in the current scene. Secretary Marshall's call for international co-operation to restore Europe economically has met with a favorable response from the Soviet Union. Foreign Minister Molotov is at last willing to come to Paris and talk things over with the British and the French. The Russian press has already launched the build-up for another walk-out. It is a fact that the tune could change suddenly if the conference really begins to bear fruit.

Some of our more excitable citizens look upon the Marshall Plan with suspicion now that Henry Wallace has publicly praised it. It remains, however, the first positive step

undertaken by the United States since the Truman Doctrine was enunciated months ago. Clearly, the co-ordinated and integrated economic program for Europe, which is obvious cannot be accomplished by this country and Britain alone. With Russia's sincere co-operation such a program could be evolved in short order, perhaps even by the September 1 deadline the British would like to establish.

The area of agreement as the conference begins is small. It is a line across the globe by all concerned that an economic problem does exist, and that no degree of stability is possible until it is solved. The Russian press has already expressed, on behalf of the Russian government, the fear that Secretary Marshall's economic plans are based on an extension of the political phases of the Truman Doctrine, i.e., the formulation of an anti-Soviet bloc in Western Europe. The Russian press, of course, are equally suspicious of Russian motives, fearing the spread of Communism.

The record of past efforts at co-operation does not give rise to any great hope that the Paris conference will surmount these mutual suspicions and fears. There is, however, some encouragement in the bare fact that the effort is being made after so many months of unilateral action. If a workable agreement comes out of the Paris conference the third birthday of the United Nations could be the occasion for a real celebration.

Senator Hoy's Blow For Democracy

WELL, it seems that on the day the Senate over-ruled Mr. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Bill a visiting Tar Heel, Senator Hoy, happily shaking hands with Senator Hoy, now North Carolinians, as we understand it, have no objection to their Democratic Congressman voting Republican, but when word of this singular incident reached Raleigh there was a great shaking of heads and clucking of tongues in Party circles.

There was so much discussion of the happy handshake, indeed, that one loyal Democratic office-holder (f.e.m.) asked me to attend Senator Hoy publicly, if anonymously. According to Lynn Hibel, our Raleigh man, this estimable lady said: "The idea of condemning him for shaking hands with Senator Taft, who is shaking hands with anybody. He ought to have been a Methodist preacher, anyway. I'm sure it didn't do Senator Hoy any harm and I think maybe it did Senator Taft some good for them to shake hands."

We were inclined to agree that Senator Hoy probably was not tainted by the con-

tact, and we went along with the theory that Senator Taft had probably done a great deal of good for the Tar Heel. We couldn't help wondering just what, if anything, it did for the Democratic Party, of which Senator Hoy has long been a leading exponent.

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One Guess--Across The Board

THE ingenuity of the legal eagles in our state is at the south never ceases to amaze us. Words in a South Carolina statute, or even the Constitution, never get to the lawyers without the lawyers get through working them over.

There is, for instance, the wonderful effort now under way to maintain the title primary by insisting loudly that the Democratic Party of South Carolina is a private club having no relation at all to the State Government.

There is also the effort to maintain the right of dual office-holding, conducted blandly in the face of the Constitution's specific ban. And, of course, there is the annual custom of increasing the pay of Legislators (again in defiance of the Constitution) by granting them "expense money."

But none of these is in the class with the latest gambit at a Myrtle Beach race track. South Carolinians are dead set against gambling, and the will of the people has been expressed in a variety of laws. So

the lawyers have worked out a neat substitute for pari-mutual betting called, of all things, "equal mutual betting." This is a track accepts voluntary contributions from racing fans, paid, of course, through the usual wickets. In return the fan receives a receipt, or ticket, acknowledging his donation. Then at the end of each race the track distributes to the contributors (or such of them as hold receipts bearing the name of the winning horse) all funds in excess of operating funds and a reasonable profit for the track.

According to the latest intelligence a circuit judge has examined this harmless pastime and discovered that it is, indeed, guessing, not gambling. A restraining order has been issued to prevent undue interference from local law enforcement officers.

This makes it perfectly legal, of course, and we would be the last to quibble. After all, we've as much as won the racing breeds improved as the next man. So

Another Voice

Mecklenburg's Good Generalship

THE fact that Frank Sims Jr. has been chosen as chairman of the newly-organized ABC Board in Mecklenburg County, is a story of \$100 per year in cash and considerable comment in the state capital. It is being pointed out that Carl Williamson, chairman of the State ABC system, receives only six thousand dollars a year, and that Mecklenburg officials pay salaries less than chairman Sims get.

The Record is of the opinion that Mecklenburgers are exercising good generalship in setting up a strong board in which the public will have confidence.

Although the primary object in establishing ABC Stores in Charlotte, is not to make money, every effort should be exerted to put the stores on a firm financial foundation and do the job as efficiently as possible.

First of all, it must be remembered that the biggest bootleg business in the State has been flourishing in Charlotte. The sold test of the legal liquor stores there will be to demonstrate that the illicit stores are helpless to combat a strong, well-organized local commission which is determined to clean up a very dirty and distasteful situation.

lotted the tables will be turned and many people from the Palmetto State may prefer the comparatively low prices of the new Mecklenburg stores where prices will be substantially cheaper. The South Carolina system, which is privately operated, is far from satisfactory and much less perfect than the Tar Heel plan of governmental control.

Charlotte stores will also be in position to attract buyers from surrounding bootleg territory in North Carolina, because the closest ABC cities are Durham and Raleigh, and the majority of people would rather patronize a legal source of supply than buy from illicit dealers.

Viewed from every angle, sound judgment dictates that Mecklenburg should have one of the best ABC organizations in the state, to the end that hundreds of thousands of dollars of profits now feeding a vast underworld may be diverted into the public treasury--Hickory Record.

A new silly season is upon us, and in due course we shall be hearing of great plans, like the Over-Narragansett-In-A-Barrel stunt by a specially constructed nut.

"Black Night" permits the photographing of oblique and dark scenes, and the participants, perhaps, will try casting it over the month's bill, to show up invisible taxes.



People's Platform

The Greatness Ahead

NEW YORK

WHEN some prominent in Wall Street says, "Forget about the tax veto. That's millions to feed and whole nations to get back on their feet," it doesn't sound like Wall Street, does it?

When an investment counselor handling half a billion dollars for his clients complains labor troubles, inadequate housing, high living costs, and atomic bomb threats with "children's diseases" and "new" in alcoholic excess and literary unpleasantness. We confound the world with ineptitude--when the times call for courage, audacity and political honesty.

By overriding the veto, we have saved him. If his veto had been sustained, he wouldn't have had a Chinaman's chance for election in 1948.

This, of course, clears up everything nicely. The Democrats who voted against the President were saving him from his own folly, while those who voted with him were guilty of conspiring with the Republicans to defeat him in 1948.

Any further questions?

own state. It is estimated that we should be able to get together now and agree upon a food-control plan, which is the sale of any item, but not the cost of production and giving the agency the power to parallel any transmission line of any private utility operating with the sale of electricity.

Now, there is no reason why we can't do something in this country in a logical and consistent manner and not by induction and often times by actual deception and falsehood. The TVA was born, and the argument used for the engrafting of power development on the project was that the country needed the establishment of a measure or yardstick for the production of electric power, and that such a measure or yardstick would actually be established. Well, nothing of the sort has been done. In fact, the act was hardly passed when the TVA backers moved out in the open and disclosed their hand, that the argument was misdirected and deceptive and intentionally so by passing a supplementary act by which TVA was exempted from control by the Controller General's Office, from the operation of the provisions of the NRA which prohibited the sale of any item, but not the cost of production and giving the agency the power to parallel any transmission line of any private utility operating with the sale of electricity.

So this billion dollar baby was given artificial stimulation from the date of its birth, which it today is receiving, and no human being can tell what the power production activities of the agency are actually receiving. The American people, an arbitrary monetary allotment is made as the cost, but the activities of the agency are integrated to the extent that the various factors cannot be broken down and determined. The Controller General's Office is denied the opportunity to live into its operations, and to whether the money actually appropriated for the project is applied as by law directed. No other national agency that I know of is given such immunity.

Of course, I am not contending that the TVA has without some justification or that it is today doing some good as a flood control project. But I do contend that flood-control and power-development are not the same thing. Flood-control is a public utility, and power development is a private utility. Power development has to have a head of water dependable at all times and for flood control have to have an empty basin or reservoir. Power development has to have a head of water dependable at all times and for flood control have to have an empty basin or reservoir. Power development has to have a head of water dependable at all times and for flood control have to have an empty basin or reservoir.

The TVA has 21 dams, 11 of which are admittedly for flood control, and 10 for power. It could not, incidentally, which means that we here have a situation where the tail is wagging the dog. But Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "I don't care if I don't have 9 of the 11 proposed dams for power development first and flood control only incidentally. Now I care."

Public Power

OXFORD

Editors, This News:

FLOOD control is now receiving renewed emphasis, naturally so, as a result of the rampaging midwestern streams as well as that of the Yadda in our

SAFE KEEPING--When Secretary of State Marshall moved into his new quarters in the State Department, he found next to his office a giant safe. The huge air-conditioned vault was designed to keep the nation's most secret military plans. Marshall, a man, who, unlike some other people, believes the war is over, figured there were plenty of other plans in the safe, but a confidential source told him that the safe was for the Marshall believes in a 30-minute nap immediately after lunch. To this, Mrs. Marshall attributes the safe's utility to remain relatively free despite the hectic war years.

Appealing Labor--Republican leaders are worried over the prospect of losing so much to the Democrats in the next session of legislation which no one ever expected to see. The House is now in session, and the Democrats are now in session, and the Democrats are now in session.

Dr. Pearson's : Gen. Marshall Takes Naps In Secret Vault

Merry-Go-Round

The Paris Conference

WASHINGTON

VIACHESLAV M. MOLOTOV, Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, is to be seen in the clock room of the Quai d'Orsay in Paris, probably the most important, and possibly the last of the great post-war conferences. The Soviet Union and the West. The paramount questions, which surround the conference, will be the Russian position in the Kremlin take, and what will be the American response.

One American official, nearly summed up the American position toward the Russian acceptance of the Berlin-Bidgatz invitation. "Well, you know," he remarked, "it is going through a minefield, and it's always rather uncomfortable when you are walking through a minefield, and the port bow about one fathom deep." This gloomy view is based on the Russian position, which is not means confined to the Americans, that the Russians have joined the conference to get the Soviet Union will have lost its opportunity to dominate the entire European continent, and that the Russians have a right of evidence has accumulated indicating that the Soviets are not interested in losing that opportunity.

NEWEST EVIDENCE

The present evidence to that effect has been supplied by the Soviet policy toward the United Nations. The European Commission, the only previous international attempt at European economic collaboration. After much hesitation, and after almost fearful pleas by the Polish and Czechoslovak satellites, the western European countries are largely dependent on the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union has no food shortage. Soviet food production is one of Russia's greatest assets. The Soviet Union has a gold reserve of as much as two billion.

FAVORABLE BALANCE

Moreover, in their closed continental economy, the Russians have a solid ground for hoping that during the last year they had a favorable dollar balance in cash and goods. The Soviet Union has cashed another 33 million dollars worth of gold in the United States. The Soviet Union has a large reserve of gold in the United States. The Soviet Union has a large reserve of gold in the United States.

Marquis Childs

FDR: Man And Myth

WASHINGTON

ON July 26, one month after the publication of the papers of Abraham Lincoln, which were preserved by his family, the papers of Franklin D. Roosevelt, son of the Civil War President, deposited the papers with the Library of Congress. He left no personal papers.

in his will, he provided that they be to be included and classified by his family. They were not to be opened to the public until 1947. Robert Todd Lincoln, who was born in 1843, had been 82 years since the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

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Nothing that is written or said from here on out will exert very much influence on the public. The making process. The haters, the bitter blasphemers, the scorners, will chip away at the base of the myth in vain. In vain will the mythologists offer their further insinuations. The myth will stand, necessarily left to the historians of 100 to 100 years from now, and they will catch up with the core of truth.

Miscellaneous Memes--The Interstate Commerce Commission has raised the rate for per car day. Large business no longer think of I.C.C. financing, turn instead to the banks and insurance companies. The Senate's highway program of the steel market will be moved to California as soon as Congress meets. The Senate's highway program of the steel market will be moved to California as soon as Congress meets.

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