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Young Republic Fights For Life

THERE is a tendency now that the Berlin dispute has assumed major importance to think of a shooting war with Russia as an event of next year or of some time in the distant future. We forget that in two nations — Greece and China — Russian guns and United States guns are exchanging volleys. Perhaps it is the phrase "shooting war" suggesting some sort of diplomatic conflict, that has obscured the fact that we have been sending weapons, ammunition and military advisers to both Greece and China while the Russians do exactly the opposite.

that its Government has not achieved stability. It is not surprising that the National administration under Chiang Kai-Shek has been unable to put down Communist rebels. That these rebels have been and are still supported by the Soviet Government has made it even more difficult.

WHAT can the Soviet Government think, if while we insist upon standing firm in Berlin, we allow Communists to threaten the Chinese Republic? Can it not but assume that since we allow Communist strength to grow in China we may retreat from Russia's Berlin action, and so it appears from Europe's Berlin action, our policy — or lack of policy — in China contributes to that opinion.

It is in China that our greatest test awaits. It is in China that tomorrow celebrates the 37th anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese Republic, the time of decision is near.

Administrative action to restore the honor of the United States in keeping its commitments and to keep one fifth of the world in the area of human freedom.

Can You Speak Freely?

"I topped my telephone wire at home and the office, and all the telephones of the U. S. News Service."

However, if John L. Lewis' telephones were tapped and if any secret information gathered in that way is used to bring illegal political pressure against the UMW chief, however salutary to the nation, then his civil rights have been violated.

THE US John L. Lewis threw at the Justice Department and Attorney-General Tom Clark one of the most serious charges that can be leveled against the Administration: the interstate use of Federal powers to violate civil rights.

Of course there is nothing sinister or ominous about use of the telephone tap in apprehending criminals, or in espionage investigations. In such cases the telephone tap is a necessary, and highly successful, instrument of detection. But there have been reports that phone taps have been used for political purposes, by the FBI in gathering intelligence for the U. S. Army. These reports are indefinite and unverified, but they may not be incorrect.

Clark argued it off, denied it with a jocular comment that "Old John talked so loud and belittled so much it was not possible to tap his line. He didn't deny, as many a private citizen hoped he would, that the Justice Department had ever used the Federal wire-tapping power except in criminal and espionage cases. In view of the accusations against both the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation published recently in a New York newspaper, it might have eased many of us if Clark had made some sort of categorical denial.

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Now we don't consider either Old John or Old Tom lily white. We don't know which of the two is lying. We might even be tempted, if the statements weren't contradictory, to assume that both were. We might even agree that Old John's words should have been tapped, we do agree so we can be sure that information gained thereby was used solely in the prosecution of Lewis under the due process of the Taft-Hartley Law. However, there was no mention in the recent contempt trial against Mr. Lewis of information gained in this manner, no indication that Old Tom's gunner men had anything to use against Old John.

Importance Lawsuit

THE \$50,000 suit of Alger Hiss against Whitaker Chambers for libel is a lawsuit of more than usual public importance. Chambers, a confessed former Communist spy who is now senior editor of the New York Times, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that Hiss was formerly a Communist. Hiss, a former State Department official, was named in the "Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, of which John Foster Dulles, a leading Republican authority on world affairs, is chairman of the board.

THE program is vague only regarding the final amount to be asked of Congress. Estimates by those in the know range from \$25 million to \$50 million.

LOVE is like an onion. And when it's gone you wonder, Whatever made you delight.

But why should authors and publishers? There would be no nasty books if people wouldn't buy them. — Richmond (Va.) News-Leader.

The public opinion has shown how much marched off as dimes came back as dollars. — Greensboro Daily News.

'Don't Expect Me To Get This Real Accurate, Bub'



Government Costs Will Stay High Budget-Pruning's A Tough Task

WASHINGTON (AP) — The next President sends the budget to the 81st Congress in January, he will have a formidable job in bringing the total much below the \$40-billion level of the last three years.

the cost of government is now practically back to its 1947 level. And it may be headed even higher.

Both candidates also call for big appropriations for such items as reclamation, soil conservation, and rural electrification.

But on almost every other item of Government spending, economy, whether Republican or Democratic, runs lambing into one of the most painful dilemmas in policy: How can you cut the most important spending without also cutting Government services all of which are politically popular to some degree?

Governmental state and local as well as Federal agencies are growing under both Republican and Democratic administration for more than 50 years.

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Merry-Go-Round Defense Groups Ready For Lend-Lease

IT'S BEING kept very hush-hush behind tightly closed Pentagon portals, but so matter who is elected, the Defense Department is preparing to Congress next January.

This is all before any money is appropriated for the normal fiscal year of the government.

Behind all the conversations held by England, France and the Benelux countries on how to stop the Red Army's drive into Italy, France, England, Western Europe, Belgium, and The Netherlands.

While the program is being kept hush-hush until after the election, top Pentagon officials have been holding innumerable meetings with every member of the House, the Wall Street banker sometimes mentioned as Dewey's Secretary of National Defense.

1. A straight lend-lease program under which we would ship surplus arms and equipment to France, Britain, and Benelux armed ground divisions.

Even Dewey is a slip. TOM Dewey is a cool, shrewd campaigner, but even he makes occasional slips.

2. Establishment of semi-permanent American air and ground bases in Italy, France, England, Western Europe, Belgium, and The Netherlands.

Annoyed at all the noise, Dewey blurted: "That fellow Hamil is no friend of mine."

THE Western European nations are also urging Pentagon to ask Congress for the right to declare war automatically in case any of the Western European countries are attacked by Russia.

Dewey On Ball IT IS NO secret that Dewey dislikes Minnesota's banishment Senator Joe Ball now having a tough fight for re-election in the Democratic primary there.

Marquis Childs

Uphill Fight

ALMOST WASHINGTON back-pedaling from now until the week-end before Election Day President Truman will be in the carry-over of his uphill, underdog fight to the counter.

injecting the Taft-Hartley threat into his back-pedaling speeches according to present plans, the President will make a major talk on the subject of Chicago in Akron, Ohio.

During the brief interval in Washington the President and his advisers reviewed the strategy of the past two weeks and planned the attack to come. Greater emphasis has been put on the "constructive" side of issues rather than on denunciation of the 80th Congress and the Republican leaders whom President Truman is blaming for the failure of his domestic program.

By way of contrast it is revealing to look back the Democratic campaign of 1944. That campaign, too, was conducted in an atmosphere of despairing crisis with the formerly free countries of Western Europe under Nazi tyranny.

Thus, in his speech on Social Security, the President will say that the constructive effort of the Democratic Administration was to expand \$2,000,000,000 additional programs to be put on the rolls in Congress.

President Roosevelt, running for re-election to an unprecedented third term, started out by saying he was too busy to campaign. Except for brief "non-political" inspection trips to developing war industries, he would confine himself to the nationally broadcast speeches.

APPEAL TO LABOR In virtually every talk in the past few weeks, the President's strategists plan, it emphasizes is to be placed on the Taft-Hartley Act too.

There is no obvious way in which the Soviet set could be trumped. The Western powers could only forestall it by being the first to propose a total evacuation of Germany, under certain conditions.

Joseph Alsop

ACE UP SLEEVE

IN Paris, there has been a big surprise in store. Despite the fact that the Russians are in a great deal of doubt about what Mr. Andrei Vainitsky has up his sleeve.

effective. It would be designed to make up the immense loss of prestige which the Russians and their Communist allies have suffered in Germany as a result of the Berlin blockade.

There is plenty of evidence that the Kremlin is preparing to play a double game in reorganizing the troops, the Korean precedent, the Soviet-controlled German press. More and more, it is clear that the Russians are busy organizing their own pro-Russian German militia in eastern Germany.

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Quote, Unquote

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