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'We Have Nothing To Fear . . .

THREE years ago today, fear came to America when the word went out from Warm Springs, Ga., that Franklin D. Roosevelt, thirty-first President of the United States, was dead.

United States, was dead.

In the days that followed, fear fed on contusion, doubts and slarm raised both at home and abroad, until now the nation is gripped by what many observers of the series of t

that I taly may go Communist and there will be a world disaster if it does.

"Fear, stark elemental fear, is today the chief threat to peace," declares William Benton, chairman of the U. S. delegation to the Freedom of Information Conference at Geneva. "The Soviet Union and its satellites profess to be fearful of the West. The Western powers doubt and fear the intentions of the Soviets. No nation escapes this universal infection. Actions based on fear set off the cycle of greater fears and even more antagonistic action." Mr. Benton will not go so far as to say that the only thing the world has to fear is fear itself because he will not "presume to analyze the motives of the Soviet Gov-

ernment or of any other government."
However, it is certain that the world will
not begin to recover from this acute fear
phychosis until men who bear the responsibility of leadership do afffrm, as Frankin Roosevelt declared in accents which
none could doubt, that "we have nothing
to fear but fear itself."

This demonstration must come first from
America, the world leader, the nation
which has the least to fear. The nation
which has the least to fear the first
flouse, this country went from crists to
crists and demonstrated it was equal to
any emergency. If met dangers as great
as any we now face without hysteria or
panic. It won out in each test not only
because it had the physical resources, the
material wealth and the industrial might,
but mostly because it had the morale expressed in Roosevelt's magnificent testimonial of confidence in Amerimanty,
America hasn't changed.

Christianity and moral law still are the
dynamic forces that will carry the day if
we will place an abiding trust in them.

The people still are capable of rising to
the heights of courage and faith. The
world trembles, and turns back from the
road to peace, only because a relatively
few men in places of leadership have lost
their nerve for a time.

Mr. Roosevelt spoke a profound truth
when he said we have nothing to fear save
fear itself.

Bogota Serves A Warning

Down in Bogota, Colombia, we have had a roaring demonstration of the fact that Communism isn't the only serious challenge to democracy with which we are faced in the present world struggle. As we are made to see all too painfully, in the Colombian revolt, a growing threat comes from the right and it is one

There are charges but little real evidence that the Communists were responsible for the disorders that broke out in the midst of Inter-American conference, completely upsetting that gathering which many diplomatic observers had looked on hopefully as the most important meeting hopefully as the most important meeting of its kind since the initial session at Washington in 1890 when the Pan-American Union was organized.

can Union was organized.

There are only £000 Communists in Colombia, according to estimates we have seen. The only known Communist activity in the revolutionary disturbances was a move for a general strike. That câme after the rioting and bloodshed which was precipitated by the assassination of Colombia's Liberal party leader. Excited crowds immediately exacted reprissal against the Conservatives, slaying some of the Con-

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servative leaders, and the Liberals moved to take over the Government.

It is possible that a Communist was the assaction who lighted the fues but the fact remains that the revolutionary situation was created by the existence of a rightist government which had disaffected a large part of the population.

The Colombian explosion grows out of a condition which weakens the American position in many parts of the world. Our world campaign against Communism has forced us to depend on many allies who are them, like Argentins, Turkey, and China, are pure dictatorships. We are backing a Government in Greece which has little to recommend it to people who love liberty. We are supporting middle-of-the-road regimes in Italy and France which include many elements that make those Government under the alogonas of democracy—the conditions of the control of th

A Note On The Dogwood

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A SUGGESTION that the name of the dogwood be changed to "something more poetic, more esthetic" appears in cold print, through the medium of Ern est Rogers' column in the Atlanta Journal.

It has never occurred to anyone here to associate anything but enchantment, and poetry, and love and hope with the dogwood to the property of the property o

the dogwood assumed a new form, alender, bent and twisted, so that it could never again be used for a Cross.

Its blossoms are in the form of a cross, with nailprints on each petal and in the center of the flower, brown with rout and control of the flower. The solid property of the country of the flower, brown with rout and Legend asys that this was according to the wish of Jesus, "so that all who see it will remember that it was upon a dogwood tree that I was reculfied, and this tree shall not be mutilated nor destroyed, but cherished and protected as a reminder of My agony and death upon the Cross."

Now the dogwood, flowering in white and print, apreads a giory upon Charlotte, redeening communities that only restereday looked dirty, drab and quite commonjuec. It doesn't just happen that the dogwood grows here in such profusion. This April miracle is made possible because the people have remembered to cheriah and protect the dogwood. All over town the blossoms ahine and blind indeed is the householder who doesn't now make a note to plant another dogwood on Arbor Day.

From The New York Herald-Trfibune

The 75-Cent Minimum

FOR two years now the question of in-creasing the legal minimum wage has

been a political football. It is impossible to quarrel with President Truman's characterization of the present 40-cent rate as "obsolete." But whether an immediate increase to 75 cents is correct is another question. It is not alone the question of whether industry generally could pay 75 cents to those-now getting less—shout 10 per cent of the 21,000,000 covered by the law.

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There is clear evidence to support a higher minimum. But proponents of the 73-cent rate consistently ignore the fact that when a minimum rate is raised all that when a minimum rate is raised all because of the necessity, in the interests of efficient operation, of maintaining existing differentials based on occupation and skills.

hourly earnings warrants examination too. In 1944 the Bureau of Labor Statistics esti-In 1944 the Bureau of Labor Statistics esti-mated the average hourly manufacturing earnings at a fraction over 94 cents—ap-proximately two and two-thrid times the 40-cent minimum rate which became ef-fective July 27, 1944. In August, 1947, the average hourly earnings were reported to be \$1.20—or a little more than one and a half times the proposed 75 cents.

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The ratio that existed in 1944 apparently permitted 40 cents to be absorbed with relatively fitted with relatively fittle difficulty, but he margin is much narrower today in relation to 75 cents. The effect of a substantial increase in the minimum on our economy is too important to be handled by pressure groups and as a political question only. A higher rate is needed but it must be determined by objective analysis.

The cost of this upward push of all rates
use the reactoned.

Another problem is enforcement.

The ratio of minimum rate to average
bring and the necessity for enforcement.

'Watch This One, George!'



People's Platform

What To Do For Negro Education?

BELIEVE it or not, I have been busy for the past is weeks, which accounts for my failure to give the public the benefit of my acute cognitations on the public weal, which is neither sound nor prosperous, if you ask, me. It is only superficially so, if that:

public weal, which is neither sound nor prosperous, if you sak, me. It is only superficially so, if that.

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citis, it say what the heck? Turn down the applications, with both emphasis and vengence. In no good faith are they made and we represent the notation of the method in the properties of the state any medical training at all within the state. The fact is that we do not offer the Negroes of the state any medical training at all within the state. The fact is that we do not offer a complete medical course at all. We are planning that the properties of the state of the stat

New Pattern In Race Relations

Editors, THE NEWS:

YOUR editorial, 'Race Issue at Chapel Hill' is
disconcerting to many of us who usually expect the News to lead the way in progressive editorial opinions.

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You also assume that the campaign to break own segregation in the South and the campaign from the control of th

-WALTER E. RICKS JR.

Hope In World Government

Stewart & Joseph Alsop

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Samuel Grafton

New Men On Scene

NEW YORK.

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Drew Pearson's: Truman's Weakness Is Shooting From Hip

(Ed. Note—On the anniversary of President Truman's third year in effice, Drew Fewson hand, him the ready of the president truman's third year in effice, Drew Fewson hand, him the ready of the president of the United States meant a lot more than his words as Harry Truman, the Senator. The president of the United States meant a lot more than the words as Harry Truman, the Senator. The president of the United States meant as the president of the United States and even today he still does not seem to realise that his words and actions reverbert as a round the world, he still makes map decisions that influence the fate of millions. He still seems unconcerned that our jerty, up-for our friendlest allies to remain our allies—except that we're going to stant for day after next.

Sizing Up Truman

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or national welfare. They will find that his tem
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Bob Historian, in the days when he was still it

slibi for Truman, used to say: "Sure he made a mistake, but he was man enough to come out and admit it." The trouble is that no President can afford to make many mistakes.

Shooting From Hip

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JIMMIE SYRNES, when Secretary of Sjate, was always
Jacareful to warn Truman, when he had to decide on an
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occasional blood in our delicate relations with that most difficult of all nations.

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