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Shout For 'Shout Freedom'

PROGRESS reports on rehearsals of "Shout Freedom," the Mecklenburg historical drama to be presented May 20 to June 3, are encouraging. In fact, the whole organization for the production is working smoothly and there is only one problem that hasn't been solved.

Molotov's Trick In Peace Talk

WAS there a Russian trick in Soviet Foreign Secretary Molotov's announcement of U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith's trick, which he construed to be an American invitation to a two-power conference to settle differences?

We are inclined to believe there was a fast diplomatic play in the Molotov "mistake" by which observers who say that Russia intended by this maneuver to place the United States in the light of an appeaser. The trick, as we see it, was a Russian move to start a peace offensive.

All the circumstances in which the Molotov statement was issued support our contention that it was a cunningly planned elaborate peace offensive. This is the logical time for the Soviets to embark on such a campaign.

Cry Wolf, Cry Illusion

THE HEAD of the Missing Persons Bureau in New York City must be a fellow who has had to learn the facts of life the hard way and keeps them constantly in mind in dealing with any situation.

The proof of this particular pudding may be found in the facts that women have most of the money in this country and far outlive men. The rocking chairs at any resort, however, are usually those of financially filled with older women, many of them widows whose husbands worked themselves to death paying insurance premiums.

Madam Chairman

BRITISH cultural anthropologist recently came to the routing defense of an American "type" — the club woman caricatured by Helen Hokinson in her New York dramas. The author, who is a young woman, says Geoffrey Gorer in his provocative book, "The American People, these mothers of grown sons," with their much vaunted aggressiveness for "culture" and "good causes," are the hope of America.

They are many of them, civically conscious and conscientious, who are imbued with genuine, if often provincial and insular, ideas. They are the women who, with the amorality of the male world of business; if they are convinced of the rightness of their cause, they give their time, money, and energy unflinchingly.

Such a view takes refreshing issue with the popular school of Philip Wylie, which castigates the American "Mom" as the source of most of the nation's ills.

ganized and brought into being a major theatrical spectacle all within a matter of a few months and entirely with Mecklenburg talent. It has developed a team which should inspire pride in every loyal citizen. Business men and club women underwent the \$30,000 fund for financing the project. LeCote Blythe, Charlotte actor, wrote the drama in which are re-enacted some of the stirring events between 1770 and 1781, when Mecklenburgers figured conspicuously in the winning of American independence. Kenneth Whitsett, Charlotte artist, designed the settings and scenery. Lamar Stratfield, Charlotte composer, prepared the musical score. Thomas B. Humble, director of our Little Theater, is directing "Shout Freedom." Norman Krumm, Metropolitan Opera star, who was reared in Charlotte, will be the narrator in the drama. Doris McGuinn, Charlotte singer, will play the principal feminine role of Jennie, wife of John Mecklenburg. Lamar Stratfield, Charlotte composer, prepared the musical score. Thomas B. Humble, director of our Little Theater, is directing "Shout Freedom." Norman Krumm, Metropolitan Opera star, who was reared in Charlotte, will be the narrator in the drama. Doris McGuinn, Charlotte singer, will play the principal feminine role of Jennie, wife of John Mecklenburg. Lamar Stratfield, Charlotte composer, prepared the musical score.

People's Platform

ROCKINGHAM I CAN'T go along with your reasoning as to your interest in the race for governor. I believe your man has made a good treasurer but that doesn't qualify him for the job. He is a banker, pure and simple.

A banker is more interested in balanced budgets, surpluses and interest rates than he is whether the children have an adequate education or the backwoods man has a road to town. My experience with bankers has been that they want to lend you money when you don't need it, and yell for payment the minute they think you might not be able to pay. They are needed to look after our money but not our lives.

Show me a man who has made a dairy farm pay and I will show you a man who will send your money willy nilly and get 100 per cent for what he spends. Our State can only be as prosperous as its farmers are laborers. Give us the man who will look after these people and not the coupon clippers. —SCOTT.

Points For Umstead

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As an editor well known, Governor Cherry and former Governor Broughton were both selected by the same political machine which during the past few years has supported and promoted the error of North Carolina. The editor does not state what he knows that in the appointment of Mr. Umstead's Senate opponent had demoralized about for the unknown potentials of possibly a more vociferous Broughton. —LEWIS AYER SMITH.

Financing Global War

PORT WORTH, TEXAS EACH new global war is costing the nation some seven times more than the preceding one. As the world takes care of the war, the USA can never compete with Russia. Her population is four times as large as ours. Her army has been able to penetrate Russia. Her air force has been able to penetrate Russia. Her atomic bomb is more powerful than ours. Her atomic bomb is more powerful than ours.

Dr. Wood's Guard, Reserves Could Replace Army

WASHINGTON NOW that let's take careful look at the next big military question—the draft. Two things are important: (1) If it comes to a choice between a force of foot-soldiers, the USA can never compete with Russia. Her population is four times as large as ours. Her army has been able to penetrate Russia. Her air force has been able to penetrate Russia. Her atomic bomb is more powerful than ours. Her atomic bomb is more powerful than ours.

Substitution For Draft

WASHINGTON A BASIS for Congressional discussion, therefore, this column suggests the following: A compulsory three-month military-training program for all citizens over 18 years of age, then let them join the National Guard. The National Guard is the best man according to his abilities, so he can be called upon for army or factory in case of emergency.

Behind The RR Injunction

STORY behind the Government's last-minute injunction against the threatened railroad strike is that the three brotherhood leaders themselves actually urged this in a very frank conference with Presidential Assistant John D. Eisenhower after the President's veto of the railroad.

'Wait! I Think I've Changed My Mind'



Disagreeing With The Editor

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Grammar And Progress

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Quote, Unquote

Nearly everybody likes dogs and we believe the reason is that they wag their tails instead of their figures.—Morgan County (Ga.) News.

Samuel Grafton

The Wrong Answer

THE exchange of notes between the United States and Russia has led to one of the great diplomatic triumphs in the time of our original nobles. It was sufficient, curious, stressing with equal emphasis the points of agreement and disagreement, and our great determination to be friendly. But when the Russians asked on the subject of our note, and took a "positive attitude" toward the continuing discussions, we immediately reverted to the tough side, and rejected direct talks. Direct talks were rejected. If the Russians had picked up only the long aspects of our communication, and had not been so kind, would we have done so — directed attention to the friendly paragraphs? What strange game of hot and cold Russian diplomacy is this?

THE CHINK CLOSED For one moment there was a bright gleam of hope. It was an unhappy year; for a moment corners in the streets of Europe read bulletins which seemed to promise peace and were happy. Our own stock market and our newspapers were full of the hope of peace. The most distressing circumstance in the entire world is that the Russian and the American seem to be in a seeming casualness with which our government is conducting its policy through which the daylight hours are marked it: "Opened by Marshall."

I had hoped, when I first read of the note, that a certain period was a part of that drawing which was a period in world affairs which could be called the "opening" and discovery of the obvious. It was that strange period in which Mr. Molotov counted on the telephone to take a breathless world and a number of the world's big corporations and the world was the period in which Mr. Truman returned and inside information that Russia was a Communist country, and on the whole, the world was a better place than it had been. This fact, known to every schoolchild for a generation, were inherent in it, and could, in fact, have been made possible by it.

The Big Question

WASHINGTON WHY can't Truman and Stalin talk together and talking things over? Innumerable men and women have called the President and the world have been asking the question for many months. And Molotov counted on the telephone to take a breathless world and a number of the world's big corporations and the world was the period in which Mr. Truman returned and inside information that Russia was a Communist country, and on the whole, the world was a better place than it had been.

One of the rather mixed motives for Ambassador Smith's re-statement of the Russian position in the Kremlin was, in fact, the fear that Moscow would publicly propose another plan. Of such conferences, as Secretary Marshall said, we have already had so many that it is hard to see how they have been planned, and the world has been asking the question for many months. And Molotov counted on the telephone to take a breathless world and a number of the world's big corporations and the world was the period in which Mr. Truman returned and inside information that Russia was a Communist country, and on the whole, the world was a better place than it had been.

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Consequently, the object of American policy is a natural result of the situation. It is to divide the world as the American policy makes sense. It is to divide the world as the American policy makes sense. It is to divide the world as the American policy makes sense. It is to divide the world as the American policy makes sense.

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