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The Die-Hards Must Smell Gravy

THAT there are elements within the Republican Party of the Old Guard who are champing at the bit and pawing the turf in an impatient fever over the prospect of a protective tariff, without consideration for the predicament the world seems to be in, is plainly evident in the current tempo over how long reciprocal trade agreements shall be extended. The President's power to effect tariff-cutting pact has been continued. Under gag rule forbidding amendment from the floor, the Republican leadership in the House proceeded through a bill limiting extension of the Trade Agreements Act to a year. Three years has been the custom. Secretary of State Marshall and former Secretary Hull pleaded for a three-year extension without crippling amendments. Now Vandenberg and Taft are tiffing, and the prospect of a debating society continuing its wrangle beyond hoped-for adjournment June 19, 1949, before the Republican National Convention is a sadly accepted reality. Vandenberg would continue the President's authority and Taft would not.

The big danger is that the Trade Agreements Act will expire June 12. If the Senate does nothing but argue, the Hull trade program, which has worked out well, will have been killed.

It is the traditional clash between the two parties. Republicans cry of protection.

ing the American worker against the competition of cheap foreign labor. Democrats stress taking the larger view of world interdependence and the benefits of international trade.

Without going into details, on the basis of the records of the two men we would be inclined to give more weight to Vandenberg's position than to Taft's on any matter involving dealings with the rest of the world.

The bright part of the picture, however, is that virtually all of the leading candidates for the Republican nomination seem to be above convening at a revival of the Hawley-Smoot set-up which made it impossible for other nations to pay what they owed us. Blasted Dewey Vandenberg is progressive, and Taft comes right out and says he is for low tariffs but is just against giving a President such broad authority. Even All Landon (remember him?) is for three-year extension of the trade act. And Gov. Earl Warren of California, a Presidential candidate, says:

"I am sure that the American people want to know whether the Republican Party has grown with the years—whether it has learned with the world-shaking events of recent years. Does it propose to turn the clock back to prewar time or does it propose to face the problems of this day in the light of changed and changing conditions?"

The Voice Of America Scandal

THE HAPLESS Voice of America broadcasts have stirred another rumormongering in Capitol Hill. This time the State Department's propaganda service finds no less than four Government investigating committees paying on its trail for what angry Segators called "libelous and slanderous" statements about the United States.

The Senators charged that Spanish-language broadcasts relayed to our Latin American neighbors such choice morsels as: "New England was founded by hypocrisy and Texas by sin." "Mormon Leader Brigham Young carried a bottle of whisky in one pocket and a cud of chewing tobacco in the other," although, the script said, he used neither.

Birmingham, Ala., was "conquered in a hurry and they have not had time to improve it." Alabama was also referred to as the "darkest" of all the states.

Two of the main cities compared with each other because "people get married in Las Vegas and divorced in Reno."

That seems like pretty stiff medicine for

a propaganda branch in which Uncle Sam is seeking to put his best foot forward. But let it be noted here that it is dangerous and misleading to condemn leading radio stations without considering the context of the entire broadcast, which the Congressmen have apparently done. Then, too, poor translation of original Spanish versions of broadcasts have twisted the author's original meaning.

The whole ruckus, however, may be attributed directly to Congress' own niggardly appropriations for the very vital propaganda branch of the State Department. George Allen, assistant Secretary of State in charge of the "Voice of America," explained that lack of funds and legislative direction necessitated "farming out" the broadcast to National Broadcasting Co. and made it impossible for the State Department to maintain any sort of supervision over the program.

It seems apparent now that the Congress' own bloodhounds are sniffing along a trail that can only lead straight back to their own august chambers.

Our Churches Go Forward

RELIGIOUS freedom and its associated ideas were the reasons this nation and this region came to be populated, and the growth and well-being of Charlotte is due in large measure to the influence of its churches, separated and independent from public administration yet never failing to exert a steady hand to progress the city. We need not wait for the news that the Myers Park Baptist Church, organized in 1943, has raised nearly a half million dollars in its building fund and that the congregation will be asked to pass on plans tomorrow for a sanctuary, or central building.

Facing Queens Road at Selwyn Ave. the structure is planned to be a 180-foot steeply having a set of bells donated by W. Carey

Dowd Jr. and his family. Construction is expected to begin in the Fall. Eventually an educational building and other structures will complete the housing for this congregation of approximately 1,000 persons, every one of whom is contributing to finances. Dr. George D. Heslop is pastor, who also is director of religious education, and Dr. W. Marvin Searles is chairman of the building committee. Other members of the church are to be congratulated on the fine spirit which has taken them so far in such a short time. The building will be the pride of their faith in their God, their community and themselves.

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Britain's Socialism

IT has perhaps no exaggeration to say that the British Labor Government finally is fleeing in fright from its nationalization-of-industry program. Labor Party Chairman Emanuel Shinwell and Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison claim that nationalization is about completed and it is time to start consolidating instead of reaching out for more. But the fact is the government has been stymied for years by the slow pace of socialization and how to approach nationalization of the iron and steel industry, one of the major planks on which the Labor Party stepped to power.

The planning and operation of the national system presented no particular difficulty. That field of endeavor in England is more or less self-contained and is dominated by only five banking chains. In contrast to the 14,000-odd independent banks in the United States, Gas and electric utilities also are a rounded entity susceptible of control without undue hardship.

That likewise is true of the transport system. But the British Government nevertheless began tripping there over the very wage and labor troubles the nationalization program was designed to eliminate. And the workers in the nationalized coal industry were brutally plain in their attitude. They would perform no better—worse, indeed—for a Labor Government than a capitalist Government. Production plummeted and the country's steel needs were in jeopardy and exports of Britain out of its financial crisis began to slow.

Hence the extreme apprehension at tackling the steel plants, those traditional monuments of capitalist enterprises whose

operations cannot be isolated, and cannot be seized without jeopardizing the entire British economy. Steel, unlike banking, transport and utility operations, reaches directly into every family, every factory, every export schedule. It is a basic ingredient which cannot be safely segregated for control. That explains the Government's long delay in making its promised move against it. That explains the decision to begin tripping there and begin planning for private enterprise.

London's reform regime apparently is learning what America has known and admitted—unaided—that labor, like management, is not interested in furthering ideology. After that hard-learned lesson it apparently is turning off the road of socialism for a return to the initiative—encouraging capitalist system which offers everyone the opportunity for personal gain.

An air-splitting and sleep-killing hour does not increase the speed and pulling power of the British Government. It is in power for improving the popular mind are banner headlines, big type, in newspapers, and clarion voices of silver-tongued orators. — *Charleston News & Courier.*

Isn't there some countries somewhere which if they do not receive aid and comfort from the Soviet Union, are in danger of going over to the United States? — *Arkansas Gazette.*

The good fisherman knows where the fish are. The poor one expects them to find him. — *Lester (Mo.) Democrat.*



Seeks Presidency, But Stays At Home

Meet Earl Warren

By W. A. WELLS
 SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Earl Warren the man and Earl Warren the politician are one and the same person in the minds of most Californians. This unit of being himself may help to explain the hold he has on the affections of the citizenry for so many years.

It is the basis for their acceptance of his hearty handshake, his engaging smile and his unassuming cordiality as real—not just a vote-seeker's stock in trade.

He has a faculty for putting you at ease. You leave his presence feeling he was glad to make your acquaintance. That he has a interest in your problems, that he and you are in it together. If you knew Earl Warren 25 years ago, you would be interested in the story of Alameda County — just across the bay from San Francisco — you know him today, and the chances are he knows you. Then you may have met him in the past, and he may have met you in the future. He has a faculty for putting you at ease. You leave his presence feeling he was glad to make your acquaintance. That he has a interest in your problems, that he and you are in it together.

The 58-year-old Warren is still at it. Nobody has kept track of the hundreds of thousands of miles he has traveled in the "traveling" governor California ever had. Wherever he goes he talks with as many people as possible. He is a tireless asker of questions. His eagerness to learn how the wheel revolves as he rose from a legislative committee clerkship to governor—and the state's favorite son candidate for the 1948 Republican Presidential nomination—doubtless contributed to his success as an administrator.

CALIFORNIA'S favorite son emerged slowly but solidly as a national political figure. Though he announced early in the year that he would be President, he declined to campaign outside his state for the nomination.

What the blond, broad-shouldered candidate had done in the past year has paid \$25 a day. He was a Republican with 34,000 votes to show for it. He turned it into 250,000. He was nominated at the primary election, sweeping back into the White House the majority ever accorded a California chief executive.

In between these campaigns, Warren gained his first real party recognition nationally. Chosen vice speaker at the 1944 Republican convention, he had a chance to go. Gov. Tom Dewey's Presidential bid was made. He turned it down. It was his job, he said, to finish out his term in California. He stayed in the middle of the Dewey-Brecker ticket.

In 1948 Lincoln Day address, Warren declared the Republican party should be the party of the poor and rich alike. Lincoln, he remarked, "could not prevent people from acquiring wealth through honest effort. All he asked was that the rules be fair. He spoke

not for a class but as a leader of all classes."

The Governor supported the doctrine of free enterprise—he could give Horatio Alger a few pointers on how to get along in the world—but believed it should benefit the people as a whole.

In his first term, Warren put through his state tax reduction program, increased old age aid from \$40 to \$40 monthly, obtained the largest expenditure program in California's history, co-ordinated state defense activities, and provided for post-war development.

Later accomplishments included the reorganization of the state prison system, a \$2,800,000 loan guarantee program, and the passage of a law to reduce the state's annual tax reduction schedule. He failed to swing the legislature over to his public health insurance program.

Warren shunned public statements on national and international issues until after he agreed to seek the Governorship. He then went on a tour of the state, driving through the mountains, urging a strong N.A.A., and favored U. S. aid to war-stricken countries.

Two early incidents may have influenced his career as a law practitioner. As a boy in Backfield, he saw a gun fight in which a woman, Lawrence Tibbett's sister, was killed. Later his own father was beaten fatally by a robber, the slayer was never caught.

In his first term as Alameda County district attorney and his four years (1938-42) as California attorney general, Warren won fame for hard-driving prosecution of bootleggers, gamblers and the Klu Klux Klan.

Warren is a past grand master of the Masons in California. He was married in 1925 to Nina Palmgren, who died in 1935. He has two children, one of their own and Mrs. Warren's son, James, whom the Governor adopted.

Cooperation Fights Cancer

Editors, The News: WE certainly thank you for your fine cooperation during our recent campaign for funds in this fight against cancer. The money you have contributed means to better serve our community in the matter of cancer control, but much will be needed to bear the financial end of the burden. To date we have approximately \$15,000 returns from our April campaign.

We would like, through the columns of your newspaper, to thank each and every individual or firm who contributed to this cause and particularly for their generous recognition of the fight against cancer. We would like to thank you in this cause to help their neighbors and friends.

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MRS. J. THORNHILL, Campaign Chairman.
 A. C. C. DUNCAN, V-Chmn.

Drew Pearson's GOP Congress Eats Out of Lobbies' Hand

WASHINGTON
 TWO days ago this column contrasted the high-pressure methods of the oleomargarine lobby with the unorganized but persistent efforts of the real-estate lobby through passage of the housing act.

The present Republican Congress eats out of the hand of the lobbies.

When the public doesn't know that their money has gone to pay a group of high-powered New York press agents to fight inside the Joint Congressional Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs, it is not their fault.

The press agents are Bell, Jones & Taylor of 350 So. Ave. They were paid \$10,000 a day to spread real-estate-lobby propaganda from their carefully placed spots in the committee. Another \$10,000 was paid to the same firm for the same purpose.

During the Hoover Administration when Sen. Hiram Bingham of Connecticut was a member of the Committee on Manufactures Association to sit in on a secret trial hearing, Bingham was reprimanded by his Republican Senate colleagues and later defeated for re-election. The tenor of some Republican Senators has now changed.

How The Lobby Operated
 THE Republicans who hired the real-estate-lobby agents were affable Sen. Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin and Rep. Ralph Gamble of New York. The next sleight-of-hand used by these two Housing Committee members was to put press agent Bell, Jones & Taylor on the payroll at \$10,000 an assistant to Sen. McCarthy at the same salary. O. A. Taylor was paid a day at a committee hearing, though actually he spent much of his time in New York. Supposedly the press agents see him in making an impartial study of the housing shortage. But here is how they studied it.

Part of the press agents' time was spent hobnobbing with such "impartial" authorities as the kingpins of the real-estate lobby, the National Association of Home Builders, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, the National Association of Home Builders, the National Association of Home Builders, the National Association of Home Builders.

Blamed The Churches
 The Joint Housing Committee itself should be remembered, was appointed by both branches of Congress to make a fair and comprehensive report on one of the greatest economic and social problems facing the nation.

In the end, the committee rejected the report. Thus a considerable chunk of the public's money was paid out by Sen. McCarthy and Rep. Gamble for nothing.

For although the 400-page report was rejected in favor of a 40-page report written by far-right-wing GOP press agents of Vermont, press agent Bell managed to get his report adopted as a committee "truth." This meant that the committee's report was rejected in favor of the press agents' report.

The Backstage Boys
 THE pay off as to who arranged the whole deal by which the press agents were planted inside the committee

WASHINGTON
 A NEW British Ambassador is taking over in the Embassy in Washington that was designed by Sir Evelyn Baring, the British Ambassador to the United States. The new Ambassador is Lord Gwylter, a 40-year-old man, who is a diplomat of political poise, faces at the moment of his arrival a grave situation in the relations between the two countries.

THE basic error is that the two countries have put their own interests and often competing policies, just as the world did not depend on decent, practical working relationships between the two powers.

The British, in the Middle East, have gone right on playing the old-fashioned game of power politics. They have behaved as though nothing had happened since 1914. The game of pitting shills against pasha, and pasha against shill, could therefore be pursued in the merry old way.

There have been some who have foreseen the disaster to which all this could lead. One was Lord Bessborough, the British Ambassador who is returning to his Scottish estates after more than 40 years spent in the service of the world.

A long-time friend of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the extraordinary genius who is now President of Israel, Lord Bessborough was a man of vision. He saw that the British policy was leading, he could, however, do little to alter that policy beyond the warnings that were given.

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