

Wealth In The Carolinas

NEW sections of America are so blessed as the Carolinas in the variety of their products and the enterprise of their people.

A dramatic story of the \$996,700 Carolinians and the buying power of their \$5,153,880,000 gross income is graphically presented in an attractive brochure just published by the Carolina Advertising Executives Association.

In the forward the brochure says, Artists have always delighted in painting Carolinas scenes. From ocean-side to mountain tops, they have found inspiration in the rare beauty before them.

Nearly 6,000,000 people live in the Carolinas, live the fertile soil, operate factories, render professional and other services on the wealth of the land.

The brochure gives an impressive analysis of the tremendous annual business volume in the two states. Annual retail sales in 1947 reached \$2,366,800,000 with wholesale figures topping even that total.

The growing richness of the Carolinas market for all manner of goods and services is based, the brochure declares, on the solid economic underpinning of diversified industry.

So far as the Carolinas are concerned, diversification is no idle claim. We have it! Industry itself includes a remarkable variety of enterprises, textiles, rayon, cellulose, woollen goods, hosiery, garments, furniture and many other products, cigarette and glass manufacturing and various forms of tobacco processing, mineral processing, paper products.

On the face of it, this is a feeble protest against a man who has been a noble fighter for democracy and it comes too late to arrest the course of events in the country that once was known as "the little United States of Europe."

There are, however, certain aspects of the matter which place the Benes role in a different and a much less tragic light. The aging President may not be as docile and doddering as he appears and his actions in keeping with the Communists may be part of a new strategy in the Czech resistance.

W. S. Creighton's Fine Service

A NOTABLE instance of a career that exerted great and permanent influence in behalf of the South without fanfare, publicity or colorful activity was that of William S. Creighton, who died last week after a prolonged period of declining health, has removed this outstanding Charlotte citizen from the sphere of traffic and transportation.

Mr. Creighton was recognized as a freight rate economist of rare ability. Among the relatively few men who are traffic authorities, Mr. Creighton was accepted as a leader whose vision and objectives always were aimed at economic justice and progress.

It was in 1911 that Mr. Creighton, recognizing the difficulties which would be brought about by freight rate inequalities adverse to rapidly growing Southern industry, organized the Charlotte Shippers & Manufacturers Association. This activity was personally directed by him until his death. Subsequently, he was a strong influence in the founding of the Southern and the North Carolina Traffic Leagues.

Devoted upon him in the passing years were the duties of leadership of these organizations. Their often disappointingly slow but never relaxed efforts for favorable readjustment of the South's freight rate structure. This assignment of responsibility impressively revealed the confidence which the carriers had in him as a man of freight held in Mr. Creighton's abilities.

duction from forest to finished stock (many kinds, including cigarette paper and high grade stationery), rubber goods, and so on. Agriculture embraces tobacco, cotton and other major field crops, truck crops and practically a year round brood, dairying and livestock raising, poultry and egg production.

Each week in the year finds tourists and vacationers here in large numbers; the diversity of climatic conditions and the scenery removes the seasonal aspects. Amusement is playing a larger and larger part in the picture, and the processing of minerals is assuming increasing importance.

Commercial fisheries and the sea are sources of income for many, foreign and domestic shipping is a major factor; lumbering uses workmen in considerable numbers, handicrafts bring revenue to thousands of folk, and many other forms of activity make definite contribution to the Carolinas' healthy economic life.

Statistics show that our \$539,551,500 tobacco crop and \$223,832,000 cotton crop (1846 figures) top agricultural production, providing the raw materials for processing by our great tobacco and textile factories.

Tourists lured by the attractions of the state's scenic beauty, and the sea, are specifically flock to the Carolinas by the thousands and state agencies estimate that they spent \$280,000,000 in the two states last year.

As an old revolutionary, Benes knows that many causes have been lost by a premature uprising, and the Communists probably will not be able to take advantage for violent extermination of his followers. By remaining in the country, the President exerts a restraining influence on the Communists which may serve to suppress or other reprisals, Benes makes it clear enough that he is repudiating the Gottwald regime.

While the outside world may regard Eduard Benes as a dying prisoner in Lany, it is possible that the Soviet agents find it expedient to place the Benes role in a different and a much less tragic light. The aging President may not be as docile and doddering as he appears and his actions in keeping with the Communists may be part of a new strategy in the Czech resistance.

That victory was the climaxing event of his career, as his health failed soon after the new doctrine became effective. Mr. Creighton's unwavering devotion to the development of a more efficient transportation system was the work of the man in all things. He loved his work, his friends, his civic and fraternal associations, and found his reward in unselfishly serving the public in the science of freight-rate making.

A radio commentator is a fellow who doesn't know any more about what's going on than you do but can use up considerably more time admitting it.—Arkansas Gazette.

No man should live for himself alone. In planning your garden be sure to include a few flowers for the eyes of the neighbor who says "you're wouldn't eat on a bet"—Roanoke Times.

Among Americans who have not had all the joy out of life that they might have had are those who have not been living in the Carolinas in the delightful Spring of 1948.—Charlotte News and Courier.



EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

Anglo-American Bickering

By SUMNER WELLES, Former Under-Secretary of State

AN IDENTITY of purpose on the part of the United States and Great Britain is essential if the English-speaking peoples are ever to see that kind of a world order for which they have fought in two world wars.

Notwithstanding Prime Minister Attlee's summary denial, the relations between the two countries have suffered serious damage. What needs searching inquiry on both sides of the Atlantic is whether Palestine is not a symptom rather than a cause of this deterioration in Anglo-American understanding.

Both countries continue to assert that their policies in reality both countries are reverting to nationalism. They have sought increasingly to use the United Nations as an instrument to serve their individual ends.

At the same time that we are announcing billions of dollars in order to further British recovery, we are simultaneously insisting upon a series of national self-righteousness which threaten to make our aid of little, if any, lasting benefit.

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Stewart Alsop Deal In Palestine

There have been hints and portents before this, but it can now be stated with excellent authority that something of vital importance is being handled by the British Cabinet. The British Cabinet has recently been able to use British influence and resources to bring about an understanding between the new state of Israel and the Arab world.

Until this decision was taken, British Palestine policy was made exclusively by British "royal" Secretary Ernest Bevin. The general British attitude to Bevin's policy is now being re-examined, and it is now clear that Bevin's staunchest supporters, who remarked, "Everyone knows that Bevin's making a proper job of it, but everyone's a hundred per cent behind him."

This remark seems at all times almost equally applicable to President Harry S. Truman's handling of the Arab-Israeli problem. At any rate, within the last couple of weeks the terrible race involved in a bitter struggle between the United States and the Palestine issue have become much clearer, as they seem to be becoming clear in the United States.

TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

For this reason, the British policy of trying to bring about a settlement between the lines of the now hopelessly unrealistic Morrison-Grady report has been quietly abandoned.

British influence has already been quietly brought to bear on Abdullah in this connection. The Jordan King has been unofficially but firmly told that the British-trained Arab legion crossing the United Nations' partition line, the British will not support it.

There is a loud demand that Moscow and Washington get together. It is not even more urgent that London and Washington get together upon a common policy which will make their acts correspond to their self-righteous assertions that the success of the United Nations depends upon the cooperation of all peoples.

Mississippi now has a minimum speed law of 20 miles per hour. We asked why and he discovered a 50¢ piece in his pocket. (N. C.) Daily News.

SA preacher watching two small boys fighting recently and he looked so disappointed when the loser went to stop it and they did.—Pittsburgh (Pa.) Journal.

According to a psychologist, fat people have "vastly adjusted" natures. He wouldn't think so if he were a thin man who had to queue up at the front seat of a Chrysler automobile.—Arkansas Gazette.

A friend joined us at tennis last week in an especially good mood. We asked why and he explained that on getting out his sports jacket he had discovered a 50¢ piece in his pocket. On his way home, he was married, say we after discovering that his wife also spent some money into his Spring clothes when he gets to them, which is a cheap way to queue up in a happy, she explains.—Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Journal.

The old country-dog, driving a horse, came to see how well across the country in less than time than it takes to get to you waiting in his office.—Louisville (Ky.) Times.

NOTE—Senator William Langer, North Dakota Republican, pushed through an amendment which would admit 27,000 persons of German ethnic origin to this country every year. This was the fifth column of Hitler's expansion in Czechoslovakia.

Many freight-rates cases and legislative

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

MICHIGAN'S Congressman, Jesse Wolcott, is "booting up" the housing bill, though he would show he was not anti-veteran by calling two witnesses to speak for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Hiler's Standards

IN SETTING up the standards for admitting 200,000 displaced persons into the United States, the Senate approved some very tricky language that Greek and Catholicism must be a foreign power.

But what the Senators probably didn't realize is that their real doubletalk may also get the United States hot water on the diplomatic front, for the bill to admit displaced persons was worded in such a way as to give recognition to the Soviet empire of Eastern Europe and Lithuania.

The State Department has been careful not to recognize Russia's annexation of these tiny Baltic states, but the Senate bill requires that ten per cent of the refugees present in the USA must be from a country which has been "annexed by a foreign power."

Tricking Public On Housing Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House voted today to pass a bill to admit 200,000 displaced persons into this country.

Displaced Persons

There are about 1,300,000 displaced persons in Europe. Last week the Senate voted to let 200,000 of them into this country next two years, at the rate of 100,000 a year.

U. S. May Take Some

Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee, which studied the displaced persons bill, has recommended that the United States take some of the displaced persons into this country.

Mother To Veterans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congresswoman Elizabeth Rogers went on the air the other night to urge homes for veterans. She got one response from a woman who said she had a son who was a veteran.

Georgia And Truman

GEORGIA'S Senator Dick Russell and political boss Herman Tamm have been keeping the wires burning between the Georgia Democratic Party and the Truman administration.