

Clay's Finger In The Dike

AROUND the world this week Russian policy makers are having quite a time of it. Directing a straight-forward, consistent international program is difficult, but to wobble on this one is not enough to turn even Josef Stalin's mustache gray.

The three levels: In the U. S. — Russian consulates are being closed. This is a retaliation against the U. S. expulsion of Soviet Consul General Lomakin, accused of gross abuse of prerogative — and mendacious charges against the American State in connection with Madame Kasenkina's case.

In Berlin — The Soviet Army has supported Communist demonstrations by Germans who have forcibly entered the Berlin City Hall and destroyed the headquarters of the Communist City Council and attempted to establish a Red regime. This is Policy B.

In Moscow — There is apparently some degree of sweetness and light evidenced by the fact that the Kremlin conference on the German crisis. Here the Western envoys report that Stalin and Molotov seem conciliatory, that chances of an agreement on procedure are good. This is Policy C.

The answer seems to be this: Policy B (the Berlin policy) is designed to convince the private citizen — Russian and American — that Berliners want a Communist regime. Policy A (the cautious half-break in dip-

lomatic relations in New York) serves notice that the Soviet mood is mean. These two policies serve to strengthen the Russian position in Policy C, or the Kremlin conference wherein the Soviets hope to make Western occupation of Berlin merely token in nature and to throw any sort of wrench possible into the Western German State machinery.

A victory over the Western forces in Berlin opens the door to further Russian expansion in Europe. This, then, is the purpose to the three-level Russian policy. Suppose, however, that the Kremlin conference ends without agreement, with a walk-out by the West. What then? Although the State Department has not made itself quite clear on this eventuality, and may already have decided to bow in Berlin, U. S. Military Governor in Germany, Gen. Lucius D. Clay has stated his position flatly.

It will be difficult to remain in Berlin. Three problems will beset the West: (1) inadequate currency supply which will necessitate an influx of additional Western marks into Berlin, further splitting the economic life of the city; (2) the difficulty of continuing air supply with Winter coming, and (3) widespread unemployment among Western Berliners which might inspire riot and power to run factories.

But Clay is clear. As far as he is concerned the West will not leave Berlin. The General seems to be in the position of the little Dutch boy with his finger stopped in the dike which would burst through and engulf all of Europe.

We Must Spend The Energy

THE Department of Commerce's per capita income statistics released recently give us occasion to consider the economic position of the South in the nation and the economic position of North Carolina in the South. What one may discover in these statistics is that the South is listed at the bottom of the Commerce Department statistics. Ours is the poorest region in the nation.

If we consider our way of life first, it is not the money that should provide the rest of the United States in wealth. But if we consider our financial status first it is a paradox that we should live in so leisurely a manner. We are forced to ask ourselves if we can support our traditions, if they are not becoming too expensive to maintain.

The Department's figures force us, to realize that we are paying for our tradition with the money that should provide better schools for our children, that should provide at least a hospital for every county, that should be put to work for the improvement of all State institutions, that should be used for research looking to the development of our resources. We are paying for tradition with money that should go to young Southern-prospective leaders—who, if they could not receive more

money for their services elsewhere, would stay in the South and build a new tradition befitting the century in which we live.

Failure to expend sufficient energy on the development of industries in the South has kept the South poor, and unless we make the fullest possible use of our resources and dissolve our economic dependence on the East we will remain poor. In the past three decades North Carolina's industries have made tremendous strides forward, have become more and more diversified; we have begun to process our own raw goods and thus made our state a center of textile manufacturing, tobacco and other industries.

We are well on the road to equal economic status with the East, but our per capita income is still only two-thirds that of the national average. In 1947 we increased our per capita income by ten per cent, but we still lag behind Florida, Virginia and Tennessee in the Southern economic scheme. Our per capita income is now at its highest point in history, but this cannot be taken at its face value since such is the case in nearly every other state.

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Dixiecrats Don't Like The Label

SANDWICHED between disturbing reports of high prices and trouble in Berlin comes a plaintive little United Press item saying that the Southern Bell Democrats are tired of being called Dixiecrats. Leaders of the uprising complain that the Dixiecrat tag throws them for a loop when they try to gain yardage in other parts of the country.

"I don't like it," says Presidential Candidate Strom Thurmond, "because our movement is not a Southern one. It is a national one." Charles A. Stainback of Tennessee ("the term stems from some type of mind that pictures all Southerners as a colonel with the talk of the mass of Southern writers for mint juleps") or Chairman John W. Barr of Louisiana ("I think Governor Thurmond is correct").

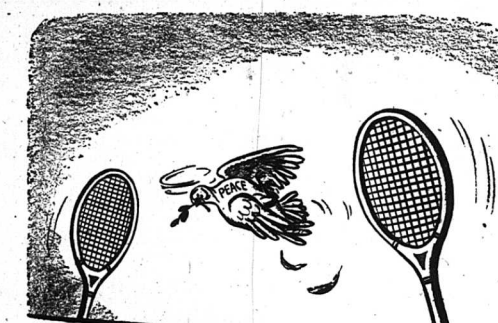
From The Raleigh News & Observer Despite The Talk There's Progress

The News has a stake in this matter, for it was News Telegraph Editor Bill Weisner who coined the word. The office Webster says that "erof" is a combining form, taken from the French "erof" meaning a party or member of a class or type of government, usually specified by a corresponding noun as in "democrat or pliotocrat." Perhaps "erof" is not so very accurate, but since the Dixiecrats apparently believe in a government by Dixie, for Dixie, and of Dixie, the tag is, not at all misplaced.

Anyway, they'll never rid themselves of the tag. There is one very headline writer in the North who, like Mr. Weisner, can't make States Rights Democrats fit into one-column head.

peaceful revolution in that sentence. Maybe so much progress in ten years is still not the talk the mass of Southern writers who talk of race relations only in terms of anger and repression. On both sides of this issue the South is plagued by loud angry talk. But under all the talk the mass of Southern writers are making progress for all the Southern people, white and Negro, which deserves the respect and (often the admiration of all men of good will in all parts of the United States.

The Bird That Got Into A Badminton Game



THE discovery of oil in Southern Oregon has created a new and extraordinary migration into this state. The Census Bureau estimates it is possible that it is being estimated that 40 per cent in the past seven or eight years. That is, more than 40 million people have come into Oregon in the past decade than during the previous 90 years.

This is a significant fact in connection with the centennial of the founding of Oregon Territory. The next seven or eight years will see an increase of at least another 40 per cent, according to perfectly rational observers.

But there are also to be jobs for these thousands of new workers, drastic changes must occur. Today, roughly 50 per cent of the economy is based on the forests and forest products. Lumber is bringing fabulous prices with a consequent increase in the demand.

The answer lies in the full and integrated use of the water resources of the Pacific Northwest. That means not merely more dams, in the opinion of serious students of the problem such as C. B. McNaughton, chairman of the first National Council on the Pacific Northwest. It means management of these water resources by an authority empowered to meet the problem.

Editors' Roundtable The Expulsion Of Lomakin

MANY editors fear that the incident of the fugitive Russian school teacher, resulting in American expulsion of Soviet Consul General Lomakin, may seriously increase Russo-American tension. And, oppositely, some feel that the incident is a diplomatic and a diplomatic in concentrating his fire on Lomakin as a possible scapegoat. Mrs. Kasenkina and Russia and help somewhat to clear the atmosphere.

Wilmington (Del.) Journal (Ind.): "Considering the new tension which its action is certain to create, the American State Department must have been extremely reluctant to take the unusual, though not unprecedented, step of demanding the recall of Soviet Consul General Lomakin. But in all self-respect it could have done no less. In the case involving the fugitive school teacher Mrs. Kasenkina and Mr. and Mrs. Samarin) the State Department found Mr. Lomakin guilty of 'gross abuse' of his consular authority."

Syracuse (N. Y.) Herald-Journal (Ind.): "Lomakin's work here has been so good that he has been given the honor of returning home. That was a deliberate act and he knew it was. It was he himself who was doing the holding, not the United States Government."

Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier-Express (Ind.): "The formal State Department note rejected all Soviet charges about the alleged expulsion of three Russian teachers who don't want to go back to Russia, but it asserted that the charges were based on misinformation — misinformation provided by Mr. Lomakin. ... Foreign Minister Molotov and Ambassador Panayukov now have the clear opportunity of getting out from under the somewhat embarrassing position they occupy by putting the blame entirely upon Mr. Lomakin. If they take this out, the atmosphere internationally is likely to be considerably clearer."

Chattanooga (Tenn.) Banner (Ind.): "America is facing today the fact that a grim danger was imminent when diplomatic relations were severed with the Soviet fifteen years ago. ... Admittedly the relationship is on the thinnest ice encountered in these fifteen years. ... We are making progress but it is not yet there. We are making progress but it is not yet there. We are making progress but it is not yet there."

New York Herald Tribune (Ind.-Dem.): "It is unlikely that the expulsion will have much effect on the negotiations over Germany. What is the fate of the teachers of the Kremlin may be not so sentimental as it is, outside of Voornhees' immediate official orbit, is virtually unknown. It is the characteristic of him. More than one of his accomplishments has been headline news, but he doesn't function that way. Grandstanding or limelight-trabbling is out of his ten. To Tracy Voorhees only one thing matters: Getting a job done as efficiently, expeditiously, and for the greatest good of all his ten. He started his early days of the war."

Then over 50 and a long partner of a highly successful New York law firm, of which he is chief justice. Her name had once been a member. Voorhees instantly dropped his large practice to respond to an urgent call from his old friend Bert Patterson, then Undersecretary of War. Patterson needed a hard-headed and driving trouble-shooter at the end of the world to straighten out critical Army snafus.

Marquis Childs Northwest Revolution

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DeWitt MacKenzie Break In Solidarity

That vitriolic Yugoslav-Romanian row is waning, as it may well be a gauge by which we can judge the state of the world. The warning of long-range Communist planning, harnessed to Russia's military might, is being reorganized in good time. The newspaper says it is more than ever, and the forces for growth inherent here.

Another point which we shouldn't overlook is that Moscow is handling the situation with a certain amount of skill. It struck first through the Cominform and now apparently has assumed the leadership of the world. It means that the world is being reorganized in good time. The newspaper says it is more than ever, and the forces for growth inherent here.

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The middle income of American families last year was \$2,829, the Federal Reserve Board reports. In addition other ways of getting polluted. —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

God made little girls beautiful so men would love them and dumb so they would love men. —Nashville Banner.

Nowadays when someone says it's dollars to doughnuts a candidate isn't elected, that means even money. —Arkansas Gazette.

What is home without a mother? That's the question of a bridge addict. —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

Under Patterson's prodding, Army medical brass had belatedly, in the Spring of 1945, started a program to improve artificial limbs. These devices were still in the experimental stage. They were cumbersome, crude and inefficient.

After Patterson became Secretary of War, he again asked Voorhees to undertake a difficult job in behalf of veterans who had lost limbs. With the war over, Voorhees had defied his own forecast. He had again proved himself a man of vision and foresight. He had again proved himself a man of vision and foresight.