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The Impasse at Berlin

MAKES no mistake—the delivery to Soviet officials on midnight, Sunday, of a Russian ultimatum...

SOME three years ago the Second World War came to an end and two great powers—the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—emerged...

BECAUSE of Russian methods in Berlin, the Western Powers have referred the situation to the Security Council of the United Nations...

Take Another Look, Governor
SPEAKING before a "border-state" audience in Madisonville, Ky., South Carolina's Strom Thurmond admitted that he is aiming at bigger game than Harry S. Truman...

From The Christian Science Monitor
What Are They Up To?
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cession the Soviet could be persuaded to lift the blockade...

Toward this end on July 30 the Western Powers took the initiative in approaching the Soviet Government for discussion in Moscow looking toward adjustment.

On September 14 the Western Powers issued a virtual ultimatum demanding that the blockade be lifted.

The Western Powers' note, issued Sunday night, correctly sums up the situation: "The issue is that the Soviet Government has clearly shown by its actions that it is attempting by illegal and coercive means in disregard of its obligations to secure political objectives which it is not entitled and which it could not achieve by peaceful means."

There are reasons to believe that the Soviet Government would abide to a moral decision in favor of the Western Powers; no reason to believe that withdrawal of all four powers from Berlin, as the Berlin City Council suggested Monday, would cool the East-West dispute.

The only solution to the Berlin impasse is the realization by Russia that neither it nor the world can gain by, or perhaps even survive, in a "hot" war, but that the United States is prepared to risk that war no rather than to leave Western Europe to the tender mercies of the Soviet conquerors.

and said "the radicals, the subversives, and the Reds" are now in complete control. Furthermore, he charged that the Republican and Progressive Parties, also, were leading the nation on a detour to totalitarianism...

ment at present. It has been generally expected that American troops would be withdrawn from South Korea before long in conjunction with similar Russian action in the north.

The Handwriting



IF the states of Iowa and Minnesota are at all indicative, the Dewey-Dewey mystery is not so much about its step. There is little reason here to doubt that Governor Thomas E. Dewey...

The figures speak for themselves. Usually reliable polls show Dewey leading Truman in Iowa by a wide margin of 51 to 30. But the same polls show Dewey leading Truman by a wide margin of 51 to 30.

ASSETS AND HANDICAPS
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People's Platform

Mr. Truman's Campaign Language

Editors, The News:
MATTHEW 5:18, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Let's pause for a second: What about all the eight times in which the Communists try their President going to "Give 'Em Hell." When they ask their mothers and fathers about it, what will their reaction be toward voting for the man who is holding the highest office in this country and using such language to the public?

I once heard of an official who did not drink alcoholic drinks but who, when attending banquets, had glassfuls of wine in his cocktail glasses thereby pretending to partake. He reminds me of the Communist Party's "Give 'Em Hell" campaign.

FDR 'Shallow Politician'
Editors, The News:
MR. B. H. EDISON in his latest contribution to the "People's Platform" column is severely critical of this writer, presenting a mixture of amusement and contradiction of purpose that could only come from the brilliant, caustic, and razor-sharp mind of a man who has lived through the most avaricious and sickly infestation of cast-iron phrases and sly inferences intended to cast unfavorable reflection upon critics of New Dealism...

Merry-Go-Round Why Ferguson Dropped Thomas Inquiry
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1947 Forecast

Editors, The News:
IN VIEW of the current political situation I believe the following forecast published in The Greensboro Daily News on Oct. 30, 1947, would be of interest to our readers.

"Dunaway, who announced yesterday he would run for the GOP Congressional nomination next year, said the committee's plea to oust Dewey is an 'undesirable, unworkable, impractical proposal' arrived at by theorists with no practical knowledge of the situation."

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to manifest it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer. Libel and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise anything else each letter may be signed. Through no fault of our own, we cannot be held responsible for the loss of letters. We will withhold the writer's name—Editor, The News.

Quote, Unquote

The Joplin Fire Department was called to extinguish a burning steak in the home of the mother of a young girl who had been burned by a hot stove. An advertiser will make a fair settlement so a new steak is provided for the mother and child. The fire department will be called to extinguish a burning steak in the home of the mother of a young girl who had been burned by a hot stove.

Kiplinger's Prognostications
CHARLES veteran newsmen Bascom Timmons was guest of honor at a luncheon last week to announce publication of his new book, "Garner of Texas."

THOMAS' Commodities Cronies
DYKE CULLUM, who was caught tampering with the dried-pea market, is now speculating in grain. He was one of Oklahoma Senator Elmer Thomas's "business cronies" back in the heyday of the Senator's commodity speculations.

James Marlow

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