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SILENT AMERICANS

THE American Medical Association is right in one respect and forest lawless in another... They do not ask export controls. They do not demand minimum wages and hours or closed shops.

our society, asking no favors but making their living by a combination of intelligence and energy... They are not organized, and so they do not complain in a loud voice.

BLUEPRINT FOR AGRICULTURE

THE blueprint for North Carolina agriculture laid out before N. C. Soil Conservation supervisors this week holds great promise for a richer and fuller existence for the state's 280,000 farm families and industry for all of us, if it can be carried out.

of closed drains. Also needed are 9,000 miles of diversion ditches, 200,000 miles of farm ponds, 40,000 additional fish ponds... There is much to be done in forestry, with permanent management needed on 7,500,000 acres, new plantings of 744,000 additional acres.

The statistics are impressive. The supervisors found that our land could be used much more wisely, that crop rotations are needed for more than 6,000,000 acres, covering on 4,750,000 acres, and contour farming on 4,000,000 acres.

At the moment the report is no more than a blueprint, and the fulfillment will be a long and difficult process... Having seen it work on their own farms, and having watched the grand-scale miracle working on the Kelly farm in North Mecklenburg last October, they should be of a mind to take this blueprint and get to work on the job.

FRUITS OF COMPETITION

THERE is, we'll admit, for the sake of argument, considerable room for improvement in the phonograph recording business. The standard discs which have been made for many years have certain inherent shortcomings: they're breakable, their range of fidelity is limited, and the combination of wax-acetate-shellac provides a generous helping of needle scratches along with the harmonics and overtones.

The long-playing 10-inch record lasts up to 27 minutes, and a 12-inch LP disc will run for 45 minutes. But to play them you need a slower speed turntable, and a smaller needle. Now Columbia has announced a new 7-inch record, also to turn at 33 1/3 rpm, which won't fit any automatic changer on the market today.

And there certainly is something rare and refreshing in competition between industrial giants in this day of merger and monopoly. It restores our faith in the American system of free enterprise... The record buyer is properly confused and dismayed at the goings-on in the recording industry. The two biggest outfits in the field have decided it's time to drop the record that will give you as good about it in radically different ways.

Each company claims its method will produce superior music. Each company deplores the "war" which threatens to develop, and insists it has offered blueprints for the records and record changers to all opposition companies, royalty free. But so far, there is no indication that they will get along.

ACHESON AND HISS

THE STATEMENT by Dean Acheson concerning his friendship with Alger Hiss was a courageous thing to do, and Acheson's attitude toward Hiss was considerably because of it... What matters is Acheson's loyalty to his country.

It used to be "a photograph in every home." Unless someone can bring order to the troubled industry, it threatens to be a Frankenstein monster... Ah, Competition!

And it is of no concern to the nation whether Acheson is loyal to his friends or not... What matters is Acheson's loyalty to his country. His record is good. At one time like Franklin D. Roosevelt, he thought there was a chance that Russia could be appeased by other Americans, in and out of the Government, thought so too. Later, he has been the first to advocate a "get-tough" policy, and he has since been consistent. There is no questioning his intelligence and his ability.



'Pst!'

Marquis Childs

Forrestal Speaks

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the key officials in President Truman's foreign policy is the most discussed figure, Secretary of Defense Forrestal... Marquis Childs, veteran Washington correspondent, Secretary Forrestal's close friend, has written an article for the first time his position on several controversial issues.

WASHINGTON MORE than any other figure in Truman's foreign policy, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal has been the target of criticism and attack since his re-election. Punch after punch has been aimed at the man who has the tough, laud look of a veteran life fighter... The attacks he is represented as the spokesman of a business-until his resignation in 1945 he was president of the powerful financial firm of Dillon, Read & Co.—seeking to restore private ownership and the old cartel system in Germany.

FORRESTAL'S ANSWERS During this period Secretary Forrestal has said nothing. Because it seemed inappropriate to get some idea of his views... The questions and answers by Secretary Forrestal follow... Question: In your opinion would you have accepted the position of Secretary of Defense?

People's Platform

Are Lynchings Ever Justifiable?

MOUNT HOLLY EDITORS: The News: It seems to me you overplayed your hand in your editorial last week on the "Randolph County Mob Action"...

for the governors. Such a traffic in crime encouragement has no place in a democracy nor have our politicians any right to use their influence to nullify the law... There are of course isolated cases where a pardon is justified. No person with a human heart disputes that fact.

Bevin and His Clique

EDITOR'S NOTE: YOUR editorial in yesterday's paper (p. 11) on the subject of the Israeli-Britain "incident" had enough endeavoring to be obviously detached, was, however, a bit of an overstatement of the facts... Bevin and his clique are surprised and alarmed that this young nation has stepped in to create the latest incident to provide a new excuse for their formation of Israel.

MORANTON EDITORS: The News: The truth is apparent to those who will see... Bevin and his clique are surprised and alarmed that this young nation has stepped in to create the latest incident to provide a new excuse for their formation of Israel.

Parole System Criticized

ASHEVILLE EDITORS: The News: "I'M glad there is at least one judge in North Carolina who is not afraid to come out openly and state his opinion on the parole system... As a nation we pride ourselves on our peacefulness and we glory in our educational standards.

Quote, Unquote Well, we've about seen everything now. A friend of mine who is a lawyer and who has been in the news... They looked more like blinders, and we understand that when put over a hen's eyes her vision is obscured.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THIS new House of Representatives has now been shaken up and is about to start a new office, and one should take a look at each other... The results have not been what you would expect to see in a new office.

CONGRESS HAS PROMISING REVERENDS The new Republican elected in the South, Pennsylvania Democrat—friendly, small-town insurance agent who has been defeated in local and state elections... The old Republican East: Foster Pirollo, Mass. Democrat—came up the hard way, washing dishes and waiting on table.

James Marlow

The Fight Continues

WASHINGTON HERE'S AN ABC on the fight over the Air Force... The goal of 70 groups couldn't be met. And Mr. Truman wanted to cut the Air Force budget by 10 percent.

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