TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1949

#### COMMUNISTS ON TRIAL

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The twelve men are not being tried for being Communists. They admit as much. They are among the top leaders of the Communist Party in the United States. Communist Party in the United States. And all of their tortuous defensive sparring so far has been in the best Communist tradition...pickets parading up and down the streets suited the courtroom...cries of discrimination and unfairness...references to "another Scotisboro case"...and

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THE rest of the world must be watching with some degree of amusement the appectacle of the giant, powerful United States moving so slowly, and with such laborious caution, to try twelve men on a charge of compating to overthrow the Government. Until it does so, that of the size of compating to overthrow the Government. Until it does so, that of the size of compating to overthrow the Government. Until it does so, that of the size of compating to overthrow the size of the size of compating to overthrow the size of the The argument has been raging back and forth over our great nation for many years. On the one side are those staunch defenders of individual liberty who uphold the right of a Communist to believe and teach anything he wishes short of hinderings or asbotaging the nation in time of war. On the other side are those who constend just as vigorously that the Constitution was never designed to cloak with legal immunity individuals and groups who would resort to force and violence instead of the ballot to change our form of government.

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The Smith Act, passed by Congress in 1990, is in reality a peacetime sedition law, the first this nation has had since 1798, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. It was tested in 1914 during the "Trotakyita" trials in Minnespolis. The Supreme Court thrice refused to hear the appeal of the convicted defendants. It was the state of the Next Irisle to Next Irisle. was tested again during the Nazi trails in Washington in 1942 and 1943, but never came before the Supreme Court because the cases were dropped.

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Few people are Jukewarm about the question. Opinions are violent on either side, and the New York trial will doubtless develop a great deal of heat before it is over. But out of it all may some a legal definition which will either underscore the weldwider U. S. battle against Communication of the limb. For how can we object to Communism in other countries if we permit it to thrive and flourish in our nation?

### GROWING POWER IN ASIA

AMD the more pressing problems of our A domestic affairs and our cold war with Russia, it is easy to overlook and underestimate the significance of a meeting held last week in New Delhi to consider the Dutch action against Indonesia.

last week in New Delhl to consider the Dutch action gainst Indonesia. Representatives of nineteen Asian and African nations assembled together and African nations assembled together and unanimously adopted a set of resolutions which call upon the United Nations Security Council to order the Dutch to: (1) release all arrested Indonesian officials and evacuate Jogiakarta, Republican capital, immediately; (2) withdraw all forces from Indonesian territory and permit the establishment of an interim government by March 15 of this year; (3) lift trade restrictions and arrange for an election of an Indonesian constituent assembly by October 1, 1982.

The action follows closely, and implaments, a resolution submitted to the Section 1, 1962. Child hast week by the United States, Child hast a United States of Indonesian spaniation of a United States of Indonesian spaniation of a United States of Indonesian Sp July 1, 1980.

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the Dutch of course. Dr. Dirk U. Stikker,
Foreign Minister, complained that chace
would result. Thecause of a lack of confidence, a lack of faith in the spiritual
forces and values of the West, a basic mistrust of our proclaimed intentions, of our
most formal piedges."

Dr. Stikker summed it up very nicely, What he failed to say was that the Dutch, like it or not, are caught in a powerful tide of swents, and are stubbornly 'trying to swim against it. The day of colonialism has passed, and civilized people everywhere oppose any attempt to bring it back.

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The New Delhi meeting is a reflection of a new feeling of power and of self contidenes among the teening millions of the East. There was no talk of an 'Astan bloc'.

On the contrary, leading spotesmen at the seasion emphasized that the East looks to the United Nations for justice, and will work within the framework of that body. But if justice is not forthcoming, if the U. N. fumbles away this opportunity as it has before, what then?

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has before, what then?
In all probability what has started out as a reasonable effort to aid Indonesia to regain its independence through the U. N. will develop into the very thing the East and the West do not want — an "alasi abloc" which will have as its spiritual rallying point the rape of Indonesia. And, through ahere vesuion with Western defended that the community of the community of the community of community.

to Communism.

Hence, the need for immediate, decisive action by the U. N. and, in the event of such action the necessity for the American people to go one step further and approve the abrupt cessation of all Marshall Plan aid to Holland until that nation is willing to stay within the law.

#### STATE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

ONE of the major points of Governor Scott's inaugural address was a rec-ommendation that a personnel department for State employees be established. The

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personnel management, and should remedy
this condition immediately. This (personnel) department should proceed without deman department abound proceed without deployment and to make revisions and the inployment and to make revisions and the inployment and to make revisions.
This, office, too, must always be open to any
State employee for hearing and investigation
of any complaint regarding terms of conditions of employment.

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measure which would creat a department of personnel, divorce it from the office of the Assistant Director of the Budget and place it under a director to be appointed by the Governor. The office would establish pay scales, fix hours, and adopt rules of the state of

#### PRELIMINARY SKIRMISHING

THE three-bour battle in the Senate over The exemption of lanagural tickets from Federal tax was, of itself, inconsequential. No one could blame the Repub-licans for wanting to get in a little spite work. for they had been in the unhappy position of watching the Democrate enjoy an elaborate splurge the 80th Congress had approved in the belief that a Republican President would be taking the oath. President would be taking the oath. In an ancially able to at in the parade grand-stand and attend the inaugural ball and gala musical extrawaganas could certainly

gala musical extravaganza could certainly chip in the few extra cents to pay the tax

without being pinched.

But the fact that a combination of Republicans and conservative Democrats managed to beat the tax exemption bill by a vote of 47 to 45 points to the distinct possibility that the Administration, having possibility that the Administration, having lost this preliminary picayunish akirmish, lost this preliminary picayunish akirmish, may have a good deal of trouble pushing the Fair Deal through the Sense and Senste voted to Relax, lady, he knows why.—Little Rock exempt the inaugural tickets from Federal

tax. They shouldn't have done so, for those persons who attend inaugurations are no more privileged than we who go to picture shows and football games. But having established the precedent which held in 1944, the Democrats assumed it would have easy

the Democrats section which seek in 1844, the Democrats section will have easy salling this year. It did, in the House. But the Administration reckoned without that stubborn Senate combination of conservative Democrats and Republicans which stymied President Roosevelt in his later years and worried Harry Truman during his first term. It is undoubtedly true that the Administration would have carried the day had not perfectly clear that President Trum an must find a way to keep his majority bloc logether, and have them all on the Senate floor, if the hopes to get the major issues in his program approved in future months.



Bitter Tea

### People's Platform

# A Plea For Polio Dollar Day

Editors. The News:

"PURIS 18 the final week of the March of Dimes Campara, we are entering this week as failures in meeting our debt to the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. We have until Jan. 31 to pay this honorable people or as ... welcher, deadbests, parasites, the names given to those who fail or refuse to pay their just debts.

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congation.

Way I suggest the following as a possible means of our being paid in full on Jan. 31:

Let Jan. 30 be set aside as "POLIO DOLLAR DAY". On this day let every citizen, every man, woman and child contribute at least a dollar to the March of Dime.

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Between now and then let mother save her kitchen fat and sell it if necessary to raise her dollar.

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Let that line in the ABC stores buy one less pint. Let that line in the ABC stores buy one less pint. Let the children collect of newspapers, magazines and rays to sell to the junk men. Too, they can sell to the junk men. Too, they can care the children considered to the children children considered to the children considered to the children children considered to the children childr

broadcasts.

Let every minister and clergyman prove his leadership by getting on the phone and moving his congregation into preparing to pay their debt to polio on Polio Bollar Day.

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BURG COUNTY PAID OUR DEBT!

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#### Encouraging Sign

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Editors, The News:

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#### Publicity Man Grateful

Editors, The News:

MY SINCERE thanks for the fine job Mrs. London did on the recent visit of the Quiz Kids to Char-

I assure you that I shall frame the picture of Clyde and myself as a memento of several very pleasant days,

-JACK CALLAGHAN, Wade Advertising Agency.

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foreign relations are the main preoccupation.

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#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# People Didn't Shake Hands With Truman

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the press and lesser-lights. He looked as ill-st-case as the Later that afternon, 3000 people plus milds around in the Mellon Art Gallery waiting to shake hands with President Truman. They had received engraved invitations to come from Cores. The control of the property of the control of th

with Truman, but now I can tell 'em this invitation insant what it shid,' opined another.

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#### Parnell Thomas Draws Pay

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