

THOMAS L. ROBINSON... J. B. DOWD... R. B. GRIFFITH

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1949

It's A Free Country, Ain't It?'

Stewart Also

Bold New Program

WASHINGTON There has been a great deal of speculation about Point Four...

world, and a statement of strong support for the European Recovery Program...

LIBERTY AND SECURITY

MOST of our principles about individual liberties, academic freedom and the like are the products of tradition...

It is also very basic in the U. S. system that certain liberties cherished by individuals and groups in time of peace may be suspended by the Government in time of war.

We have, however, no definite backlog of experience and tradition on which we can rely at a time when the United States is in a twilight zone between war and peace...

Take, for example, the discharge of three University of Washington professors on the grounds that they are members of the Communist Party...

Or the present trial of Communist Party members in New York on a charge of conspiring to overthrow the Government by force...

A SHIFT IN STRATEGY

HOPES that the more enlightened leaders of the dairy industry might bring in their efforts to halt the battle against oleomargarine...

The traditional argument by the dairy industry in behalf of taxes on oleo has been that it is a substitute product...

Now, it seems, the industry is ready to abandon that position and agree to removing all taxes against oleo...

Why? Because people might think they were getting butter when they were getting oleo.

JUDGES AND THE PAROLE SYSTEM

FOR the second time in recent weeks the Supreme Court judge has been criticized in the N. C. parole system...

It was just two weeks ago that Judge Frank Armstrong charged in Mecklenburg Superior Court that hardened criminals are being freed in wholesale lots.

The implication of these two statements is that paroles are handed out too liberally and without adequate justification...

Mr. Dunn, discussing the mechanics of handling paroles, pointed out that the law provides that all save very short term prisoners automatically qualify for parole consideration...

ANOTHER MAGISTRATE CASE

ONE Surry County magistrate is under indictment as Superior Court Judge Hoyle Sisk has ordered the audit of the accounts of some twenty other justices of the peace in that county.

The Surry incident is only one of a long series covering a period of several years wherein one magistrate after another in various counties of North Carolina has been charged with abusing the prerogatives of his office.

leaders for being party leaders until last year. Or the appearance of John Gates, editor of The Daily Worker, at the University of North Carolina recently...

These are just three examples of this fever which has inflamed the American mind and made compromise with aggressive principles there have been many others.

We would not say that this is a good trend; neither is it entirely bad. As a matter of abstract principle, it is certainly alarming. Never before has the U. S. been so fearful that its democracy is not strong enough to stand against anyone who would destroy it from within.

To explain the trend is not to justify it; to seek to understand it the excesses of our society and the few people here, somehow, gained the impression that the 'March of Dimers' was degraded into a vicious 'tracket' used by some 'promoters' to feather their own nests.

Until such a time as the Supreme Court can decide whether constitutional immunity belongs to those who advocate the overthrowing of this Government by force, until we pass from the cold war to a stable peace or a shooting war, we will continue to look on the danger to our individual liberty against our national security.

The American Milk Review recently advised the industry:

A friend of ours buys four pounds of unadorned oleo to get a whole lot of butter he bought oleo instead of butter. 'In the first place, it's cheaper,' he said, 'in the second place, it's got a better taste. I can't tell it from butter. And in the third place it is just as good nutritionally as butter.'

What we are getting at is simply this: The public wants a yellow fat spread for its bread. It has had access to it since 1911 because it is markedly cheaper, a large portion of the buying public is using oleo. They are not interested in getting oleo colored yellow as it infringes on something that logically belongs to butter.

And the public is rapidly becoming irritated at having to (1) pay extra for colored oleo, or (2) to the bother of coloring it at home. The dairy industry will never win back its lost butter customers through this purely color campaign which, by its very nature, is a confession of weakness.

stated length of time, the opinions of the trial judge and the trial solicitor are obtained as well as a welfare department investigation of the prisoner's home and job conditions and a full report on his behavior and attitude from prison officials.

Mr. Dunn says that every possible source of information is used before the Commission recommends to the Governor the parole of any prisoner.

If Superior Court judges are concerned over what they see in the trial solicitor as it is up to them to consider with utmost care each request for recommendation sent them by the parole office.

It is important that parole officials be more tolerant of a man's offense several months or years after he has faced trial.

system, the number of justices elected or appointed evidently should be reduced, and the number allowed to function probably should be placed on a salary basis. The qualifications of justices should be raised to eliminate the appointment of persons who know little law and are unacquainted with the elementary techniques of handling public funds.



People's Platform

Giving Is Not A 'Must' - Yet

Editors: The News: "Anything goes" in your People's Platform was fully substantiated yesterday (Jan. 26), when you allowed an Ann Marlin to brand those who fail to contribute to the 'March of Dimers' as "welders, dead-beats and parasites."

Such language, as well as tactics, is uncalled for and out of place, and is bound to hurt, instead of help this worthy cause.

While everybody admits the worthiness of the cause, and many sincerely do, not everybody contributes liberally. Yet we have not yet reached the point where such obligation has reached the "must" point, regardless of circumstances.

I don't know about this, but I do know that some of the progress and straits used to raise money for such causes, are both sickening and disgusting.

World Federation

A RECENT contributor to these columns has taken occasion to raise the question as to why don't more Americans encourage Europe to become part of a World Federation, by taking more interest in this organization in this country?

First, it is not the American people's business to encourage or encourage to surrender any part of their national sovereignty, or persuade them to submit to the international scheme of world government.

Secondly, most of the world's population is still in the dark ages. World federation is impossible among divergent groups with Man is by hereditarily an individualist. He prides himself on his self reliance and prefers to go his own way.

This time, however, Kennan talked about an "economic agreement" with Russia to promote world peace through better trade relations.

Forested Calls Meeting THE meeting was called at the instance of Secretary Forrester. He had the session well organized. Doing little about himself, he called on various details, the most important being George Kennan, the State Dept.'s chief Russian expert.

Favors Electoral Reform

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: The News: There has been, and will be, agitation for the abolition of the old archaic electoral system used for the election of President and Vice President.

It will give the Republicans of the South a voice in the election of the President of the United States. It will make the South a power in the two great parties in the power.

It will be in full accord with democratic principles upon which our country was founded.

Millions For 'Poison'

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: The News: DOES it not sound fantastic that the people in a state will spend five million a month, or even a year, for a habit-forming poison?

It is not the people's business to encourage or encourage to surrender any part of their national sovereignty, or persuade them to submit to the international scheme of world government.

It is not the people's business to encourage or encourage to surrender any part of their national sovereignty, or persuade them to submit to the international scheme of world government.

Russia Unprepared for War THE State Dept. still is convinced that Russia is not prepared for an armed war against the United States. She is not ready now and will not be ready in the foreseeable future.

However, he stressed that war could break out in Europe, even though Russia is not planning on one.

There is a cross-section of the mail from a great many people regarding the idea that President Truman help the Infants Paralysis Fund and the memory of Mrs. M. Roosevelt by making recordings of his favorite piano pieces.

Marquis Childs

Soul-Searching Needed

OMAHA, Neb. WHAT is being bravely said in the dogmatic of the Republican Party must have life in it if it can stir the kind of feeling that has been so lacking in the weeks.

Week this has a certain validity, and it is at the same time a warning to any organization so torn by internal dissensions that it must either itself in a new and vigorous format.

After that close vote of 54 to 30 in the House of Representatives, the House of Representatives was a woman, Mrs. Connelo Ballou, of the national committee woman from Vermont.

Mrs. Ballou began with something like an apology. She said she had been a member only thirteen years and had had what all that time to spend her time on her own.

Yet none of the committee, steeped in ancient habit, weary and disillusioned, did not seem to recognize the significance of the occasion.

The last time I sat in the figure, which was some years ago, the average age of the members of the committee was well over 60 and it must have been the case that now.

LOGICAL SOLUTION There is no one proposed what was the only logical way out of the dead end in which the party has come.

It would be the only logical way out of the dead end in which the party has come.

It would be the only logical way out of the dead end in which the party has come.

It would be the only logical way out of the dead end in which the party has come.

It would be the only logical way out of the dead end in which the party has come.