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## COLD WAR ABROAD AND AT HOME

THAT the cold war has taken a new turn, with Russia assuming the offensive, is the time being, is evidenced by several important events of recent days.

The turn of events started with President Truman's revelation of an atomic explosion somewhere in Soviet territory. Although such a development had been anticipated within another year or two, it nevertheless strengthened the Poliburo's hand, especially in Europe, and gave a sense of the mutual trust in the defense program undertaken by the Atlantic nations.

Stalin apparently anxious to capitalize on this opportunity, moving up the timetable for three more moves:

1. Russia abrogated a friendship with Yugoslavia. Satellite nations followed suit quickly. The struggle between Tito and Moscow was more embittered, with reports of troop movements near the Yugoslav borders.

2. Long trilateral plans for a separate government in Western Germany, Russia last week formally accepted the United States, Britain, and France of violating the Potsdam agreements and the decisions of the Council of Foreign Ministers. The charge was calculated to create doubt with the Bonn government, and may have set the stage for further Russian pressure to persuade the Allies to give up Berlin.

3. The new Communist government in China was speedily recognized by Moscow, and diplomatic relations with the Nationalist Government broken. By this step, Russia laid the groundwork for a defense before the United Nations against charges that she backed the Chinese Reds against the Nationalists.

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## FARM PRICE MUDDLE

ALL of the various and sundry proposals for farm price supports advanced this week have the same two basic features:

1. They are based on a permanent subsidy of agriculture at the public expense;
2. They do not attempt to fix a minimum level of prices, but rather a medium which will assure farmers prosperity instead of insuring them against disaster.

The various plans have differed in detail, but all embrace the farmer as a favored group and provide for his financial well-being at the expense of the nation.

This week the Senate tackled the problem. It will have before it three plans:

1. The Anderson compromise version, approved by a subcommittee of the Senate Agriculture Committee, which would set the floor price at \$1.00 per bushel.
2. The widely-argued Brannan Plan, which would change the parity formula, continue the present storage method for non-perishable farm products, and permit marketable surplus to be sold at a price above the floor price.
3. The present support price, which would be guaranteed, we cannot afford unlimited production.

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## DUAL PURPOSE EXPOSITION

THE accomplishments of Dr. J. S. Dorton, the genial whirlwind who masterminded North Carolina's three most popular fairs, are numerous and well-known.

But, for the record, we would like to call attention to the fair which is the general manager and president of the Southern States Exposition Inc. excels: balance.

At the Cleveland County Fair, at the State Fair in Raleigh and at the Southern States Fair in Greensboro, Dr. Dorton has achieved a high-perfect balance between entertainment and education.

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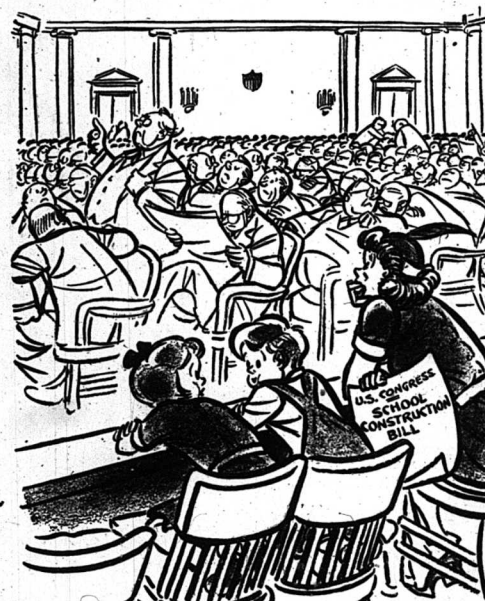
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## Robert C. Ruark

## It Only Seems So

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In the midst of all the turmoil of arms to the world, money to Britain and the fact of the atomic bomb possession, I find this fellow countryman. I am sure he will be oblivious of the squawking taxi, the upturn streets and stomach ulcers which abound in the mile-high skyscrapers of the world.

In the mood of general philosophy we reached the doctor. That people cannot be educated or loved was the chief theme of his lecture. He said that he had seen a man who was 6000 years old. He was a man who was 6000 years old. He was a man who was 6000 years old. He was a man who was 6000 years old.

Somehow, the holes in the heads gave us a curious comfort. It made us feel that, really, we haven't done a great deal of good. It made us feel that, really, we haven't done a great deal of good. It made us feel that, really, we haven't done a great deal of good.

It was also nice to think that our old boy probably had all the things we had. He had a car, a house, a wife, a family. He had a car, a house, a wife, a family. He had a car, a house, a wife, a family. He had a car, a house, a wife, a family.

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