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THE CHANGE IN A MAN

THERE was a day when Dr. Frank Graham would speak out forcefully and frankly on any topic a newspaperman brought up, without worrying too much about the accuracy of the reporter's notes or the possible public reaction to his utterances.

As a candidate for election to the U. S. Senate, Dr. Graham is displaying much more caution. Last week, interviewed in Charlotte, he phrased his answers with great care, and asked the reporter several times to read his notes back.

Such is politics. Last March, when Dr. Graham was appointed to the Senate, Dr. News expressed the belief that he would be forced to temper his usual forthrightness with the bell that the rattled, intellectual atmosphere of a university campus and entered the arena of practical politics. That prediction appears to have borne out.

Senator Graham is cautious these days for very good reason. He will have a real fight on his hands if William Unstead of Durham decides to compete for his job, and he can not afford to make any major mistakes.

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In between, the two extremes is a great body of North Carolinians who are neither faithful followers nor embittered enemies of the friendly Chapel Hillian. By and large, they were willing to grant Dr. Graham complete freedom of thought and action as president of their state university. But they do not grant the same degree of independence to their elected representatives in the halls of Congress.

This is not to suggest that Dr. Graham has, or will be, out of step with the people back home. No one knows exactly how the majority of North Carolinians feel about public power or the Taft-Hartley law or any of the other big issues in which the liberal vs. conservative line can be drawn.

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Having recommended that the proposed Federal law ... low income tenants, the Council could hardly, in good conscience, reject an opportunity to provide additional public housing for some of the real hardship cases that are certain to develop.

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It's A Pleasure To Congratulate Another Elephant



Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Little Man, What Now?

WASHINGTON IT IS, fortunately, not possible to peer into men's minds. If it were, it would be an interesting, if perhaps a rather harrowing experience, to peer into the mind of Czech Foreign Minister Vlado Klementis, who some days ago took ship for New York, bound for Prague.

Klementis has been attending the United Nations meeting in New York, where he was pictured, wreathed in a high, walking arm ... Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishniakov. Even when this picture was taken, Klementis had received friendly warnings from Prague.

As this is written, Klementis has reached Paris on his way home. It is impossible to imagine what thoughts are behind the bland exterior he presents to the world. Yet it seems highly probable that some thought has occurred to him as occurred some time ago to his former second in command, Arnold Heydrich, secretary general of the Czech Foreign Office.

NOT LONG after the Communists had seized full power in Prague, one of these correspondents interviewed Heydrich at the Czech Foreign Office. Heydrich was surprisingly affable and outspoken for a high official in a Communist state toward the end of the interview, he suddenly asked his interviewer what the chances were of war in the near future between the Soviet Union and the United States.

"Alas," Heydrich blurted out, "in that case there is nothing left to do but escape." This extraordinary remark was made as though Under Secretary of State James Webb had told a strange tale corresponding that with the Soviet Union was his only hope of liberation—can only now be reported because Heydrich was as good as his word. Some months ago, he fled to the Czech borders, and he is now in the United States.

anti-fascist by calling in his broadcasts for maximum resistance to the Nazis, fully contradicting the Soviet Communist line ... Klementis' deviations ended, and he was apparently accepted back into the Kremlin's good graces. He was a part, public secretary of the Marshall aid partnership should be a first atomic war ... equally important, he decided the atomic weapons program for America's future.

It is just possible that Klementis may yet accept Marshall Tito's offer of asylum to Communists in his position, and end up in Belgrade instead of Prague, patently as it is accompanied by his wife. Yet his former subordinate, Heydrich, who has known him well, does not believe this likely.

Quote, Unquote It is suggested that science may give us a new relation. But most of the relations we already possess have been used to little effect, as are good as new. Butler (G. H. Herd), of the New York Times.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Truman Broods Over Failure on Olden

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Security Is Too Important To Trust Entirely To The Military

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON THERE OLD SAYING to entrust to the generals goes also for the military. How Sen. Howard W. Henshaw's committee charge after charge repudiated by a majority of the House of Representatives.

Of course, the committee was saying more than that. They were saying that even though it cost billions to spend billions of dollars for military security, the basic ideas of military security must not be lost sight of. Above all, two fundamentals:

1. Civilians must exercise the final control over the military. 2. The people must be kept informed lest barriers of military secrecy change program for America's future.

In the first closed meeting in the House, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took over for less than the same partnership with the British. SQUEEZE APPLIED

Last vestige of 'Front Page' Goes With Press Room Ladies By FREDERICK C. OTTMANN

While Robert C. Mack is on vacation, Frederick C. Ottmann of the New York Times writes that the charwomen refused to sweep it out. This did not bother the press room for the most part. The press room was the play, "The Front Page."

Secretary of Defense Louis A. Snyder at last has won the good fight. The skirted ladies have been replaced by men. It is not a pleasant sight. It is not a pleasant sight. It is not a pleasant sight.

No Emergency Now DURING the war, competitive bidding was abandoned on the excuse that speed was necessary. Huge contracts were let over night and the government had to pay for them. It is a fact that the military has managed to keep the Pentagon afloat.

Nevertheless, it remains a fact that the big companies still have the most of the business. This way is done is by hiring top Army-Navy executives to work for the big companies. Having been close to procurement while in the armed services, they know where the contracts are now let by private negotiation with the big companies.