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HOEY'S VIEWS ON FEPA

IN ANY discussion of pending Fair Employment Practices legislation, the principle should be made between the specific bill before the employment and the principle of fair employment and the principle of fair employment and the principle of fair employment...

There are many reasonable persons in this nation who believe that it is wrong for an individual to be denied equal opportunity for gainful employment because of race, creed or color, but who do not believe that compulsory Federal legislation is the way to abolish long standing customs and traditions of private enterprise.

Some of them would accept a Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission, composed of lay and merely consultative and advisory powers. But they stand firmly against the bill which Senate Majority Leader Scott Latta has placed at the top of the Civil Rights agenda for the next session of the 81st Congress.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey filed a point-by-point broadside at the bill in the current issue of the Tertile Bulletin. Said he:

"I would not vote for any bill which would require Congress to legislate the right to work for another man against his will. Therefore, I would not vote for any bill which would require another man to work for him against his will."

Then the Senator listed six provisions of the measure which he found objectionable:

- 1. It would deny freedom of contract.
2. It would deny the employer the right of selective hiring in procuring his employees.
3. It would deny to labor unions the right of selecting their associates.
4. It would deny to labor unions the right to determine their membership or regulate their own affairs.

THE NAVY'S MAIN JOB

"We have twice entered our war undervaluing the power of the submarine, and twice the outcome has been in doubt. We must not do it again."

—Dr. Vannevar Bush in "Modern Arms and Free Men"

RUSSIA has the largest submarine Navy in the world. With 132 submarines Germany almost equaled the U. S. and Britain in the early days of World War II. Russia has at least 300 submarines—and these 300 make up of every submarine design proposed by the Germans and possibly a few of their own.

How can the submarine be dangerous to us? It presents an immediate danger to all merchant ships and could surface 50 miles offshore from, for instance, Washington and do considerable damage with rockets.

It is safe to assume that they will be ready to use atomic explosives in their rockets. A well-timed barrage of atomic rockets into the important cities of the East Coast could cost us the war.

That is the immediate danger. A long-range program by a Russian submarine fleet could cut America off from Europe, making the flow of supplies and troops extremely dangerous.

That, in the event of war, would be the more likely Russian plan.

There is, of course, a school of thought which holds that the submarine, and practically all our non-atomic weapons, is obsolete, that its use is wiser, some boys.

SHRINKING COAL MARKET

BENEATH the surface dislocations in the coal industry lies a serious problem that deserves far more consideration than either the producers or the United Mine Workers appear to be giving it.

That problem is simply a steadily decreasing market for coal, at a time when the population and industrialization of the nation are growing rapidly. The market is shrinking because consumers are turning to oil and natural gas. They are turning to oil and natural gas because of the increasing costs of coal and the frequent stoppages of production.

Recently, the Christian Science Monitor gave some interesting statistics on the coal market. They revealed that the market had decreased some 100,000,000 tons in the past year—a 30 per cent decline. The biggest losses were registered in three categories:

- 1. Exports have fallen from 68 million tons in 1947 to 46 million tons in 1948 and to 38 million tons this year.
2. The railroads, rapidly converting to oil and Diesel engines, are buying less coal. In 1946 the railroads used 123 million tons. This year they will use about 75 million tons.
3. Twenty-five thousand miles of natural gas pipelines have been installed since 1942. This efficient, convenient fuel is capturing many residential and industrial consumers.

This decreasing market is not solely the coal industry's problem. It is also a national problem.

The coal industry has an estimated 90 per cent of the nation's raw fuel reserves. Yet it is losing out to gas and oil which produce only four per cent of our reserves. At present consumption rates, our gas and oil supplies may be exhausted within 10 years, but the reserves of coal happened to the coal industry, and to the

People's Platform

Traffic System For E. 4th St.

CHARLOTTE

Through the medium of your newspaper the public learns of our facilities and services, and by ever increasing numbers our offerings are being enjoyed. This service that 'The News' renders, in the public interest, deserves credit.

Particular thanks are due to Mr. Mack Bell and Mr. Bob Sabin, of The News staff. These two persons have been the Museum's primary contacts through which our press releases have been published. Thanks are also due to Mr. Jean Hunter and Mr. Don Martin, News staff photographers of the Tom Franklin Studio, whose photographs have been reproduced to illustrate and make more attractive our news stories.

Thanks for your co-operation.

—N. E. COFFIN, Director

JOSEPH S. HUTCHISON, Director

Help Acknowledged

CHARLOTTE

IN THE life of each of us there is a well of gratitude to be paid to each person we meet for some contribution to our development—personal, social, economic, or spiritual. We become part of each person we meet, through his influence on us. Some effects are great and obvious and make news. Others are less ostentatious but still significant and are felt with the heart that conceals its action.

It is with the heart that we acknowledge publicly the helpfulness of those who assisted in establishing an office for the Heart Association, Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Generous consideration was given by Hotel Charlotte in the office procedure at 109 South Poplar. Furnishings and supplies were made available through Priddy & Moore Co., Charlotte Office Furniture, Priddy Insurance Co., Mutual Benefit Insurance Co., The Orlin Group, Crabhorn Hosiery Mills, J. H. Cotter Co., and the Spear Specialty Co.

Personal interest and support are essential in the success of any service organization such as the Heart Association, and the assistance of the above concerns is greatly appreciated.

—E. E. ANDERSON, Executive Secretary

Thank You, Ma'am

BLACKSBURG, S. C.

Editors, 'The News': Here's wishing you all the joys of this blessed season and a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

—MRS. D. A. THOMPSON.

Note Of Appreciation

CHARLOTTE

ON behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Mint and the American Numismatic Society, I wish to express my appreciation to the Charlotte News for the excellent coverage of the 1949-50 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition.

The Mint Museum of Art exists to serve the educational, cultural, and recreational life of this community. It is believed that by providing a free, interesting and informative museum, we contribute a needed enrichment factor to civic life.

—E. B. JONES.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

SOME people are scornful of the "little man with the big voice" who has become a household name. They regard him as a mere showman, a man who has made his name by election last September as president of the UN General Assembly and by leading Britain's debate recently described as the finest in the history of the United Nations.

But Roosevelt has got his teeth into a project for peace—and he has got the people of the world behind him. He is the big power in playing with apocalyptic fire. And he has a plan of his own for putting an end to that race-armed armaments race which has become a world-wide epidemic. He is the man who has the power to give the world more time to work out a permanent plan.

Good will win out—because there is no room for agreement on control of the weapon which could blow both sides to bits.

But this is a time when at least the U. S. Government and people should set their own house in order and be ready to face the world in a spirit of peace and good will.

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Revising U. S. Atom Plan

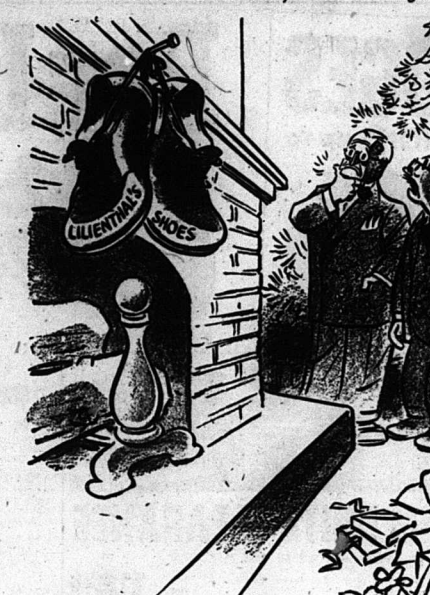
WASHINGTON

WE SHOULD be sure that our own plan for atomic control is one we want to live by. If it isn't, we ought to on a new plan, a revision which might bring us nearer to the peace we all desire. The Soviet Union, who are already working to admit to international inspection of their atomic energy, is a good example of this.

The United States, when President Truman spoke at the conference last year of the United Nations, repeating that the United States has a plan for controlling the atomic bomb, a lot of people have been asking if the United States would actually accept its own plan.

This plan calls for the surrender of atomic weapons and

'Guess Santa Only Fills Stockings'



Tories Doubt They Can Bring Back The Century Of Dickens

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON: NO WRITER ever has equaled Charles Dickens in the description of the grimy, squalid life of the poor which came on after it. To one recently in stature, post-war Britain has a similar, and an incredible sound, it is sometimes hard to realize that England and Scotland were once a land of that was comfortable and opulent and proud.

There are those wonderful passages in Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" which have become a part of our lives. "There were ruddy, brown-faced, broad-chested navvies, their faces shining in the fatness of their work like Spanish grins and winking from the great, dim, watery eyes of the navvies as they went by, and above all, the small, fragrant and sooty of the fully old gentlemen, basking at the doors and lumbering into the street in their apologetic apologetic."

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