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LONG STEP FORWARD

THE Atlantic Pact; President Truman emphasized in his message to the Senate yesterday, in just one step toward peace...

With so much common sense and logic backing it up, the treaty should have smooth sailing in the Senate, where a two-thirds majority is necessary for ratification...

THE CURE IS SLOW

THE distressing conditions at Dix Hill in Raleigh revealed in a recent Wake County Grand Jury report do not mean that North Carolina has been guilty of gross neglect in appropriating money for that and other institutions...

Table with columns: Year, Total, Expenditures, Balance. Rows for years 1939-1951.

A SHRINE IS LEVELED

THE house where Frank Merrill, Buffalo Bill and Horatio Alger's ad-rite fiddle - player - who - became - a - utilitarian - were born is being torn down as if a national shrine to literary mediocrity were being leveled.

Street & Smith Publications, Inc. is attending its "pulp" presses and taking off the newsworthy magazines and the comic books.

Come, never to be read again, are these "pulp": Detective Story, Western Story, Dog Sausage and The Shadow; also relegated to whatever limbo exists for "comic books" are Buffalo Bill, Picture Stories, Top Secret, Superhero, True Story and The Shadow (the pictorial Shadow, that is).

Of course it was a long time ago, back at the turn of the century, that the Street & Smith stable included Merrill, Fate, Buffalo Bill (and his law-enforcing, Win-

cal myopic miserliness, they have tried repeatedly and insistently to whitewash away from the Marshall Plan budget, have filled the air with their thuggish, thymic, thymic words and turned them against the Atlantic Pact, charging that it is leading us toward war, that it is wrecking the United Nations.

If the U.S. needed a fresh reminder that the Atlantic Pact came into being because Russia's obstructionism has paralyzed the U. N. and made it utterly powerless to bring about the conditions necessary for peace, they got it this week. Russia used its veto for the 30th time to block the admittance of the republic of Korea to the U. N., and thus derailed for the whole world the basic reason for the Pact.

The ugly spectre of isolationism is rising again, and the longer the Senate delays its full-dress, open debate on the Atlantic Pact, the more widespread will be aown the seeds of Senate bunting and confusion.

Nothing has been changed - within Russia or without - to make any less urgent the need for building up our collective might... the only way yet proposed which offers any hope at all that the world may remain free from the clutches of Communist totalitarianism.

People's Platform

Open Letter To A Candidate

THE following is an open letter to Victor Shaw, candidate for Mayor of the City of Charlotte:

Dear Mr. Shaw: After reading the newspapers the past few days I am more convinced than ever that a home built in a day; for now we have finally opened that great big ole race track (double line) right through the heart of our beautiful city...

There are several reasons why the appropriation of more money has not yet cured the long-standing ills of the State's institutions. It was virtually impossible to do any building during the war, and for a period thereafter. The program is well under way now, and within a year or two, will begin to show a considerable improvement.

It has been - and still is - difficult to obtain well qualified psychiatrists, nurses, and attendants for these institutions. They suffer from a personnel shortage just as many private institutions do.

Nevertheless, we must not palliate our shortcomings by explanations and excuses. We have not yet kept faith with our ill and afflicted people, and we must not let anything stand in the way of our doing so.

chester) and Alger's pluck, grit and stick-to-itiveness laid. Since then things have happened to S&S. More topical (and less topical) news characters have taken over the gray, fuzzy pages of S&S publications and wordshades - always convenient for hiding the penny dreadfuls - have almost disappeared.

Books, with such a mellow past, Street & Smith's "pulp" media is bound to evince a nostalgic twinge in the hearts of a number of men - now in the here, and some yellow - who cut their teeth on old-style pulps.

Street & Smith spokesmen say the "pulp" are being discarded so that the company can spend more time and money on its "slick" magazines. The more intelligent women's favorites, Mademoiselle, Mademoiselle's Living and Charm.

Hear that muted rustle? That's Frank, Bill and the little fiddler shifting in their badly tended grave.

Golden GOP Opportunity

THE following situation in North Carolina at the present time is interesting. The appointment of Graham will divide the Democratic Party, for while machine Democratic leaders are Democrats because

of the voters, want a mayor that won't spend half the time running out to the airport, just to shake hands with voters who are well-known person that pass through Charlotte on a plane, or have his pictures published in the papers almost every day.

Mr. Shaw believes that you are that man. You are our man to lead Charlotte to a bigger and better city in which to dwell. You are one of at least 100 per cent of the voters of Charlotte as a local city leader who loves his home town. You are known to us, and know so many of our fathers and they were proud to say that Victor Shaw is a man to trust a man to lead for the good of our people, for his word is his bond.

Mr. Shaw is a member of Charlotte, will put our city government troubles into your hands in the very near future and we know that you will handle them to the best of all our interests.

The people of Charlotte will be ready to give you their support if you will only explain to them the mess that things have gotten into in the past few years.

W. W. JENNINGS

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ONE inside reason why dynamic Louis Johnson was elected to have dynamic Steve Early as Undersecretary of National Defense has now leaked out. While we don't know how much of this expert, was not Johnson's first choice. He first tried to persuade Truman to appoint John M. Franklin, head of the United States Bureau of Mines. But it hadn't been thumbs down, because Franklin was a vigorous Dewey supporter.

Johnson also wanted Truman to take John J. McCloy, Secretary of the World Bank, and former Assistant Secretary of War. Johnson happened to know the few men in Washington who know just how much respect Johnson has for Earl's judgment. In fact, if it hadn't been for Earl, Johnson might never have been Secretary of Defense today.

Marquis Childs Poor Substitute



THE birthing of the Atlantic Pact in an atmosphere of surgical precision and lightning speed... But how will it be? That question is particularly pertinent in the present atmosphere of Washington, which is anything but peaceful, haggling, mean, suspicious. Fractiously even, several members of the cabinet with how much bumpy can be traded for how many guns.

That is the tone of the present mood, where the marines and snappers remind the spectator of nothing so much as the sea at low tide. Too often, from the down and out of the cabinet, the pact has been analyzed in lower terms of what provision X and provision Y mean or, more often, do not mean.

A remarkable letter has come to me from L. B. Brown, president of a company in Pittsburgh. He talks about the rigging, haggling and, incidentally, he blames communists and commentators for contributing to the economic despair and confusion. I'm afraid that at times we must plead guilty to it.

But the important point Vernon makes is that the Republican Party want something to cheer about, something that will give them hope and contribute to the economic revival in the American character. To promise that the Republican Party butter is not enough.

If appealed to, Americans will make a little effort. The expenditures for European aid today are a heavy burden in many ways. It is not to look forward to a prospect of hopeful change.

There is such a prospect, this Pittsburgh manufacturer says, and he is not alone. Logically, voters who support Scott will support Graham and the Atlantic Union Committee. The Roberts committee advocates a more political federalism for the nations comprising the Atlantic Union. The Atlantic pact would be merely a first step.

It is too startling, too daring, too unpalatable to market as "democracy" Vernon writes. "Do not let the customers decide that? Why not you imagine the public believe the

traditionally that is the way to get elected in this state, they, as well as Sen. Clyde B. Hoey, do not fully and always support the Administration at Washington, and Sen. Hoey has voted against it.

It is a political history that Scott is against the machine. His appointment of Graham is simple proof that he was sincere. Not only is Graham above the run of the mine Democratic machine politician in this state but his appointment raises Scott above the common caliber. Logically, voters who support Scott will support Graham and the other way around.

It will be interesting to note the attitude and position of Hoey when he and Graham run for re-election. Hoey has an opportunity to show courage and besides that being a non-administration man, and desiring his election above every other candidate, he will be forced into that position. It will be a fight between the reactionary forces within the Democratic Party in the state (the machine) and the straight Scott, Graham, Truman forces. And here will be the opportunity to add to his renown as a political rope walker.

Now, if the Republican Party in the state had able and disinterested leadership, this would be their opportunity to make gains in strength and prestige. Hoey, with his Federal office-seeking leadership, there is poor encouragement for the thousands of honest Republican voters.

If there is to be a better future for the Republican Party in this state the archaic convention and committee system, which breed faction and clique, must go. It is imperative that the Republican Party fight for something other than the machine in the precincts, in the townships, in the counties, and in the state at large. If a political party in this state is to be a party, it will carry the country. If it carries the counties, it will carry the state. Where the Republicans do not have an honest and strong leadership, let them endorse a good anti-machine Democrat. Let the best win. So it is.

HOTT H. EAVEY

Hits Herlock Cartoon

EDITORS: THE NEWS: I WONDER what was your reason for reprinting a cartoon like the one about General Franco in your paper on April 10th?

One expects to see such a display of ignorance, unintelligence and stupidity in the pages of the Moscow newspapers, but not in one of the leading newspapers of this country.

It is a pity that a cartoon which has butchered thousands of people before Franco put a stop to it.

I think a majority of Americans would do exactly the same thing which Franco and his followers did to the Spanish people. It is a pity that an overnight revolutionary overthrow of their government - the Communist Party - would do this.

Many persons will eat their words when the Spanish soil will be the only one left to establish a republic. I will return to the United States. I am sure Gen. Franco will gladly give them to us.

I do not know who drew that cartoon, but I am sure it is a German. I am sure it is a German. I am sure it is a German. I am sure it is a German.

STANISLAV CZETWYRSKI

Air Vs. Navy

A TABLE-BEATING word-slanging row that rattled the windows pane of the House Appropriations Committee took place last week over squeezing money out of the Navy and Air Force budgets.

The uproar started when Chairman Clarence Cannon of Missouri called his subcommittee for giving the Navy a billion dollars more than President Truman asked for.

"This is the worst bill that has come from a subcommittee this session," thundered Chairman Cannon. "It's a terrible and unjust bill."

"At least \$100,000,000 of this spending should be cut out of the bill," it was proposed to give the Navy all the money he asked for, and the Air Force, and the Spanish-American war can build outdated warships at a time when air power is all-important.

This brought a hot report from chummy subcommittee member Albert Engel, Republican of Michigan. "I represent the Air Force," he said. "The Air Force has been a strong air-power man and this bill does not discriminate against the Air Force."

"Well, I won't take the responsibility for cutting the Air Force out of the bill," Engel said. "I am standing by my subcommittee. If I didn't think it was doing a good job I would resign."

irreconcilable it faces are ever going to be reconciled without something daring? I am only speaking for my own personal contact with Americans who are patriotic - but I don't believe that Americans are any more willing to nationalism as to prefer it to their economic well-being, to say nothing of their freedom.

"The idea of integrating the economies of America and the free nations of Western Europe with a single currency in a common free-trade area strikes all business men I have talked to as nothing but a common-sense adjustment to the present economic situation and economic stability here and in Europe.

"What is there any sound basis in America's trying to bolster up an old right-shattered, rival European monetary system and perpetuating the costly, unnecessary nuisance of Europe's trade dollar shortage?"

"Under a common currency system, the United States would be enriched, in effect, by the loss of a nickel to the USA - in fact, nothing but a great economic boon to the United States."

If you put this up to the most well-intentioned men in the Senate, you would find them would consider at such naked idealism. As for the Jaspers and the Capaherts, they would react with rage and violence if they would explode with rage and violence.

There are signs, like the first circus in the Spring, that changes are afoot in the Western Hemisphere. France, Britain and the U. S. have managed to agree upon a common currency system. A settlement for Germany, Italy and France is being worked out. A common union that will remove many of the antiquated nationalist barriers that have stood in the way of progress.

But the push the lift, from this country is giving money for economic development to Europe. Money will shortly be asked to appropriate money for arms. Even if all this is done, it may not be enough. Guns and bullets are not a substitute for the living, breathing, and thinking people of the future.

Excuse me if I don't dance in the streets every time there's news of a great event. A little man who has been in the news for a long time always taps me on the skull and says: "James, Jack, let's wait before you cheer."

I remember how it was in San Francisco in 1914. The news of the signing of the armistice and the diplomats smiling and shaking hands like brothers while the hummer, vireo and tanager and ohama came together in the United Nations charter.

Excuse me, a wonderful time, everybody happy, and all the prophets saying the U. N. would keep.

And then I saw the big powers slip into the charter the day after the signing of the armistice. They called it the veto.

I went off to a concert and sat next to a man who became the little man who got busy with his tapping in my skull. He said: "The veto is one of the big ones. It can check in the veto, and it can check in the U. N. goodbye, my boy."

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From The Greensboro Daily News

CHEWING GUM

CHEWING GUM can be better talked than written about because whatever you say will have to be a mouthful.

While we don't know how much of this sweetening are mixed so as to make chewing gum, we do know that they are separated by jawpower, with the sweetening going out long before the jaw is done.

The shame that chewing gum is in is really nothing to be ashamed of. While it starts out as a stick, a ball, a square, or a pellet it invariably winds up as a wad.

If we are so concerned, we frankly admit that we like chewing gum better if it did not permit people's tongues and jaws to work at the same time. Mostly, however, they seem to be in some sort of effort to see which can go fastest.

It used to be that chewing gum was content to stay under its own mouth's roof, but that was back in the days before chewers started stringing it along from hand to mouth, seeing how loudly they could pop it or in their latest outbreak of enthusiasm, simply letting it bubble over in its between-the-tips service.

Just who invented chewing gum or why, nobody seems to know, but our idea is that somebody somehow simply found him- or herself stuck with something and managed to find a profitable way of getting rid of it.

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has been chewed remains the big problem.

As a result many teeth are get under-handed treatment which may relieve some body else's mouth but doesn't add to your sanitation or their appearance. As for simply throwing chewing gum away, any old shoe knows that the practice isn't good for you.

Of course an attempt to put your foot down only tends to make matters worse. And chewing gum itself isn't the least disturbed by what you do or say about it; the more vigorously you try to scrape it out of acquaintance, the more inclined it is to resist your efforts at separation with a self-assertive "goody on you."

Discarded chewing gum simply won't watch over its own going. It would apparently rather do a take-off on a nice new rug than anywhere else.

While some claim that chewing gum is an aid to indigestion, our candid opinion is that about the only aid which anybody really gets from chewing gum is the financial, ditto which accrues to its manufacturers and dispensers.

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Need For Submarines

YOUNG Bob Sikes of Delaware, chimed in with a proposal to increase the expense of safety, in an effort to achieve economy in this measure. I even proposed cuts to you yourself voted, Mr. Chairman.

While we don't know how much of this transport all the men and tonnage we need in time of war is at hand, there isn't enough in the Air Force. The Air Force that have been taken. That takes ground troops, fighting in the air.

"Also, the Air Force cannot carry on effective anti-submarine warfare. That takes ships." Cannon re-entered the argument with a charge that the subcommittee had been spending the money on the three services to prevent overlapping expenses.

"We supposedly united the three services for greater efficiency and economy," he snapped sarcastically. "We were going to save the taxpayers' money. This bill doesn't look like it will do it. To read it, you'd never know there was a unification program."

"That's a minute - just a minute," shouted Democratic Harry Stinson of California. "You're in a mighty poor position to be making these accusations. You've got your own position during the markup of the bill and voted on it. Why did you vote against it? It seems mighty strange to me."

Cannon finally agreed to withhold his threatened motion to recommit the bill and called for a vote to report it. "There's nothing else I can do at this stage," he explained. "I still don't like the bill."

"I've got a question," Congressman agree with Rep. Cannon that a lot of water can be cut from the Armed Forces budget. The Air Force is to be cut. The Army is to be cut. The Navy is to be cut. The Air Force is to be cut. The Army is to be cut. The Navy is to be cut.

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