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AN INEVITABLE DECISION

It forces the land, to hastening its a prey;
Where the sun's rays descend,
Goldsmith, The Deserted Village

THE State Department's sensational White Paper on the debate in China and Secretary Acheson's letter to President Truman confirm what many observers have been saying all along: that China was lost to the Communists because there was no will to fight, not because of any dearth of American assistance.

As Acheson said, with unaccompanied brevity, it was "a decision by default." It was a "decision by default" because the seeming millions of innocent Chinese people the victims of a vicious struggle for power between a corrupt Nationalist Government and a deceptive Communist Party, neither of which had the welfare of the people and the nation at heart.

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The Government had lost the loyalty and support of the people because it was "a one-party government, a democratic government in the Western sense. Its advisers recognized quickly that the Government could not successfully combat the rising tide of Communism unless it was able to make itself a more progressive and more representative instrument of popular will, and urged Chiang to do so. Chiang repeatedly promised to comply, but the little he did was an ineffective effort to correct it and tended to shut himself out from Chinese officials who gave unpalatable advice."

There followed several high-level efforts by the U. S. Government to strengthen Chiang's government, patrick as well as military. First Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley was sent to China, and then Gen. George C. Marshall. Both were given access to get Chiang to eliminate the waste, inefficiency, and corruption from his government.

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ency, and corruption from his government. Chiang further ignored the military assistance of Gen. Marshall, and soon found himself "with extended lines of communication, limited rolling stock, and insufficient forces to take over the areas being vacated as time to prevent the entry of Chinese Communist forces who were already in occupation of the countryside."

Finally Premier Truman sent Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer to China to survey the situation. Wedemeyer recommended continuing and expanding aid to China but on certain conditions, one of which was that "China should utilize her own resources to reform her finances, her government and her armies, and accept American advisers in the military and economic fields."

Wedemeyer reported that the Nationalist army did not lose a single battle during the crucial year of 1948 through lack of arms or ammunition. The fact was that the decay which our observers had detected in Chungking early in the war had finally reached the point of resistance of the Kuomintang. Its leaders had proved incapable of meeting the crisis confronting them. Its troops had lost the will to fight, and its Government had lost popular support. Its military and economic aid had to be defeated, they disintegrated."

AFTER marking China off as definitely lost, the State Department set up the preliminary framework of a new Chinese policy.

The Communist forces have developed the people of China because they have been "masked behind the facade of a vast crusading movement which apparently has seemed to many Chinese to be a 'holy' indigenous and national." But, in reality, the Communists have publicly announced their subservience to Russia.

U. S. policy, said Acheson, will depend on "the attitude of the Chinese people. It is our policy to recognize that the Communist regime serves not its interests but those of Soviet Russia and the manner in which, having become aware of the facts, they react to this realistic domestic situation. We pressed confidence that the Chinese people will ultimately throw off the foreign yoke, and said American policy should be shaped to help them do so."

Then he cited another danger: If the Chinese Communist movement extends itself southward, "we and the other members of the United Nations would be confronted by a situation violating of the principles of the United Nations Charter and threatening international peace and security. He did not say what this would mean, but the implications are disturbing.

Chiang Kai-Shek has many staunch friends in this nation, many of them in high places in the Congress and in the Administration. There will be those who will be taking the floor of the House of Representatives, the State Department, and insist that we renew our program of military and financial aid to the Nationalists.

But the Acheson appraisal of the true situation is realistic and appears to propose the only possible course for this nation in the coming months and years.

It is a hard decision to make, but it is inevitable.

Opponents of the ordinance have made out quite an impressive case against the ordinance. It is a violation of American liberty, they say. It is a violation of the Constitution. The News does not consider it as such, nor would we endorse any deliberate effort to hamstring an legitimate charitable enterprise.

But we believe that most people in Charlotte would like to see a little more order restored in the field of public campaigning. Charity is becoming increasingly professionalized and impersonal. The person who is asked to donate to this cause or that cause frequently has nothing except a campaign promotional material on which to base his decision. It is not, we believe, consider it a public service if some impartial commission could place its endorsement on each case which is brought to his doorstep.

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People's Platform Solicitation Ordinance Illegal?

HERBERT BAXTER is a fine business man and an excellent public servant, but he is no match for the Solicitation Ordinance...

The surprising thing about the matter is that the City Attorney has not already advised the City Council that the proposed "regulation" is both impertinent and illegal.

We in Virginia can run our own politics without criticism from North Carolina. After nine years of being in this state I can recommend that you strive to come up to Virginia standards and you will greatly improve your state.

We have no bond issue of \$200 million to pay off, no sales tax, and our income tax is not the highest rate of the country. That honor belongs to North Carolina, nor did we just raise the gas tax.

EDGAR H. B. PARRIN. The purpose of my letter is to point out that Mr. Bolen's attack is a gross distortion of the facts and further he distorts his statements to reflect on an industry that is indispensable to American economy.

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'Guess Where I Am Now' Alfred Cheval Banker In Banker's Job

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. ROBERT M. HANES, Economic Co-operation Administration chief mission for Belgium and Luxembourg, is a banker in a banker's job.

The Belgio-Luxembourg Economic Union is not a new thing. It is a continuation of a tradition that dates back to 1830 when Belgium and Luxembourg were united in a single state.

Belgium and Luxembourg meet expert-possibilities, and these are protected by the fact that the two countries need European neighbors with economic stability. It has been here.

Belgium's problem is a financial one—the job of Hanes, as the president of the Washington Bank Trust Co. in Winston-Salem, N. C. is a banker's job.

When he worked in Rotterdam Hanes was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank, Brussels. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank, Brussels.

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RIGHT OF APPEAL

THE inclusion of a new clause providing the right of appeal to the City Council from rulings of the proposed Commission should satisfy some of the opponents of the ordinance who have expressed the fear that worthwhile charity would be "resiminated" if the ordinance is adopted.

The appeal provision was first suggested by Councilman J. H. Daugherty at a July 27 Council meeting, and found immediate favor among both Councilmen and the proponents of the ordinance.

Its inclusion will mean that any solicitations group which feels the commission has erred can take the matter to the City Council for a public hearing. And it is hardily likely that the City Council, sensitive as it is to public opinion, will try to "resiminate" any bad, but worthwhile organization or solicitation effort.

SOME NOISES IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

A WOMAN in Charlotte complained to the police that railroad locomotives were blowing their whistles, needlessly when they passed near her home. A warrant was issued for the arrest of an engineer, but the warrant had not yet been served because apparently there has been a row-down of an harmonious nature between Charlotte's City officials and representatives of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

It was pointed out by the railroad people that the train was blowing only for crossings. But the engineers will be instructed to refrain from all unnecessary blowing in the future.

Virginian Answers

YOUR editorial "Minority Candidate" was to say the least in poor taste and very objectionable to Virginians. The fact that we do not have a run-off procedure, not the business of the State.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Congressman Barden And The Pope

CONGRESSMAN GRAHAM BARDEN of North Carolina, lately attacked by Cardinal Spellman over his aid in the House of Representatives have quietly gone to the aid of the Pope. The Congressman was dropped. Congressman Barden and Democratic leaders are planning to pass this plea on to the Justice Dept.

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Red Tape Vanishes

LOBBYIST Hunt, the reputed master of Vaughan's friend, is able to accomplish anything with the Army. Hunt signed a contract with Bender April 13, 1947, by which he transferred to the Army transfer for this transfer was to be \$125,000.

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