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STRANGE NOTE OF HARMONY

THE old adage, "Politics makes strange bedfellows," can now be given a new twist—tariffs make strange bedfellows. In the same batch roll this week were "handouts" from the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, and the Textile Information Service of Atlanta, Ga. Subject for both: tariff reductions in Washington.

Emil W. Rieve is the gruff, blistering boss of the Textile Workers Union. From time to time in the past he has leveled broadsides at the textile industry which were hardly calculated to endear him to management. This time he was singing in harmony.

"An expansion of textile imports would have a highly unfortunate effect upon the workers in the industry who will be faced with the double impact of a high rate of technological change and intense competition among different fibers, processes and products."

In other words, Mr. Rieve is strongly opposed to any reduction in the tariff on foreign textiles.

The Textile Information Service speaks for management. Its bulletin quoting a brief to be filed at the tariff hearing by the industry.

A foreign export gains a foothold in the American market on an item through the device of lower price. The restriction of the tariff will be limited only by his production capacity. The American mills will have no choice but to meet him, and the result will be that the mills are dead ducks—a valuable capital investment has been destroyed and another "segment of unemployment" on the march.

Hence, Mr. Rieve and the textile industry, so often at odds, stand together in opposing any further tariff reductions. Ordinarily that would clinch the argument. In this instance, it is not so simple.

We have cause to be proud of the fact that Mr. Rieve and the Textile Workers Union. Most everyone who has given the subject serious study admits that tariff barriers are indeed necessary in many instances, and tariff readjustments downward, when made, should be made with due consideration for U. S. management and labor.

But we should not be unduly disturbed by the gloomy predictions of Mr. Rieve and the textile industry. Every industry affected by tariff changes can put up a powerful array of facts and figures to prove convincingly it is threatened with wholesale ruin.

If we are to bring our foreign trade into balance, we simply must import more from abroad. The only alternative is to continue handing out money to foreign countries in the form of loans and grants. In an era when the American dollar is the lifeblood of international trade, it is better to get at the cause of the malady than to continue giving transfusions.

DAVIDSON DOES IT

BECAUSE the \$2,500,000 Davidson College development program was launched in Charlotte in February, 1949, the entire city, we believe, has had quite an interest in the fund-raising campaign and was, therefore, gratified to learn yesterday that the goal has been reached and surpassed.

We never for a minute doubted that Davidson alumni and friends would contribute as much as was needed to pay for the improvements in buildings and campus at the North Mecklenburg Presbyterian school and to set up an added \$1,000,000 endowment.

We were sure that supporters of the school would contribute because they had been made aware that the continued functioning of the school depended on other contributions or a much higher tuition. If the tuition had been raised to the point necessary to cope with higher building costs, higher wages and all the other added expenses of this inflated decade, none but the very rich could attend the school.

While Davidson is a private school, it is not a rich boys' school. Its tuition fees are modest, though necessarily slightly above that of state-supported institutions.

We feel, as the alumni and friends must have felt to contribute so generously, that there is a place in North Carolina or any state for both private and publicly-supported schools. And Davidson, we believe, is an excellent example of the valuable private school.

With the funds made available through the successful development program—a new gym, church, student center, dorm and liberal arts quadrangle are planned—the school will be enabled to do an even better job.

INTRODUCING DAN DOWLING

TODAY we introduce a newcomer to the editorial page of THE NEWS. Cartoonist Dan Dowling, whose first contribution will be found in the customary spot on this page.

Dowling is not replacing Herblock. Rather, he will complement Herblock.

Herblock is bold, incisive, frequently angry. He draws with a minimum of detail and his message jumps right out at you. Dowling is gentler, a little more tolerant and amused by human shortcomings. His cartoons carry a great deal more detail, and require a few seconds longer to savor their full content.

An excellent study in contrast came in yesterday's mail. At the top of the page is the Dowling treatment of the late Margaret Chase Smith's denunciation of McCarthyism. The GOP elephant and the Democratic donkey, snarling at each other in the center of the playing field, have cast aside "war-meat" Mrs. Smith yells for them to "spare."

The small Herblock cartoon, accompanying this editorial, treats the subject in an entirely different fashion. Herblock has been highly indignant throughout the McCarthy episode, and his leathery, old-manslike countenance shows the forlorn and miserable countenance of the mud-spattered elephant as it gets a scolding from Mrs. Smith.

We think you will like Dowling. We believe that you will find his art and good humor refreshing at a time when so many editorial writers and cartoonists are either glum or indignant.

We will have no set schedule for Herblock and Dowling. Both will arrive daily, and we'll pick them up as we see them.

FROM THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT

PRESTIGE LOST

IF THERE was any appearance of impartiality in the Council of Economic Advisors left after President Truman elevated Leon Keyserling to its chairmanship, Keyserling dumped it overboard at the recent Chicago Democratic rally.

Keyserling, now the head of a group supposed to give the President and the nation unbiased economic guidance, said in reviewing the Administration's record: "We can stand on this record. We need not yield an inch to those who would blame waste and bankruptcy and socialism, despite the greatest peace-time prosperity ever enjoyed anywhere."

Does this sound like the realm of the pure scientist, the realm of the calm reasoner who seeks only after the truth wherever it may lie? Or is it the voice of a paid cheer-leader or a disinterested but the greatest peace-time prosperity ever enjoyed anywhere?"

One accomplishment of the Democratic Administration of the past two decades is to increase the belief in Santa Claus—Gowensville S. C. Piedmont.

The surest way we know for getting a new sewer, water or gas project on your street promptly is to get a new pavement on the street first.—Nashville Banner.

Youngsters tone down twelve signs on Long Island that read "Drive slowly, children at play." Apparently they play the same outdoors as indoors.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

SECRETARY of State Acheson and able Senator Brewster McMahon, both from the State of Connecticut, have a peculiar relationship. Neither is a fond of the other, yet McMahon has been one of Acheson's staunchest defenders.

Acheson, who has a peculiar facility for saying the wrong thing to Senators at the wrong time, was standing in the

receiving line of a diplomatic reception, when the Connecticut Senator and his beautiful wife, Rosemary, approached.

As he shook hands, the Secretary of State remarked to his wife: "Alice, here is an acre whom I would like to knock over the head, accompanied by the most beautiful woman in the State."

Acheson understood what he said it. Nevertheless, the remark was not particularly appreciated.

The personal friction between Acheson and McMahon probably dates back to the days when Acheson's father, the Republican bishop of Connecticut, refused to perform the marriage ceremony for McMahon's close friend and law associate, Homer Cummings, first attorney general of the State.

More recently, however, has been detected a sense of resentment against McMahon on the part of Acheson.

NOTE—McMahon is torn between two advisers—New York Times Correspondent Arthur Krock, who arranged for the historic Truman dinner being dining with McMahon and columnist Max Baucus. When the Senator from Connecticut goes liberal, Baucus is not averse to claiming credit for it.

Two Connecticut Frigids

Taft's Friend

IT NEVER leaked out during Senator Taft's battle against the National Labor Relations Board that Taft's friend, NLRB counsel, Robert Denham, whom Taft defended, has gone to extreme lengths to show his bitterness toward labor.

Denham is not Taft's friend, but he has actually refused to take any case in the Court of Appeals where unions complain against employers—except in one instance.

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