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GROWTH OF LOBBYING

The plain American citizen-taxpayer, reading the reports of heavy spending by lobbyists and pressure groups to influence Federal legislation, must wonder how much of a voice he—she has in Washington hubbub.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Number of Groups, Amount Spent, and Average per Group. Data for 1947-1950.

A STRONG VOICE IS NEEDED

The United States finds itself in the awkward position of being at war, but not in the way. And we find men making speeches about the prospects for peace while Americans die in battle.

HOME HAZARDS

The new accident reporting service of the local Red Cross chapter is not one of its major functions, but it promises to be of great help in focusing the attention of the community upon accident hazards in the home.

From The Asheville Citizen

NORTH CAROLINA'S SCHOOL REVOLUTION

SOME call it "an experiment unique in America." Whatever it is called, North Carolina's massive school building program will change the face of the State as it has changed some of its attitudes.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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With America Rests Hope Of Christian World's Survival

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

CHRISTMAS IS a good time to think about the American responsibility for the more than nine million and a half centuries ago, a light was kindled in a humble cottage that still shines over the whole world, calling all men to mercyfulness in our own time, almost the whole duty of preventing that light from being snuffed out here reads upon the people of these United States.

If we do not acquit ourselves bravely and well, the new god-state will triumph in the world. This a duty sacred as any that served by a grim priesthood, but treated on a bleak theology, looting no competing thought or worship to distract the minds of men from their duty to their state-slaves. Even today, the final crisis in the vast struggle between the West and the East, the great part of the world is rushing down upon us with gathering speed.

It is a curious reflection that if we in America fail now, the generation that has seen the last of the last trained in the Christian ethic, knowing the Christmas story, to remain faithful in its own obligation, if we now fail, the last dim precious memory will be fading from the minds of men who were just two millennia after Herod was troubled, and the shepherds saw the star and the three kings of the East made their hard, cold journey. After 2,000 years, all will be left of the Christmas story, the soul, and the silence broken only by the stars.

Such is the future that menaces our children, and our children's children. One has seen that future already, in the chilly glare of fear in the eye of a man, once brave, once a leader, once a prophet, once the children waiting to prostitute themselves for some synthetic, materialistic, and false belief, outside the lawfully founded, for party members in leading, in the naked terror of the broken-bodied, half-crazed wretch who escaped from the East and the West. Those who have seen and understood that future all answer: "America cannot!"

Old War Pals Worried As New Conflagration Looms

By ROBERT C. URK

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The old war pals were worried as the new conflagration loomed. The old war pals were worried as the new conflagration loomed.

Back At Sea

THE chief was typical of most of the men who were scared as they were as anybody, but he stood by below where he belonged. There was a man in the cockpit, and he was laughing and took a drink, at four shillings in his civilian store-bought clothes.

Defense Dept. Plans Auto, TV Cutback

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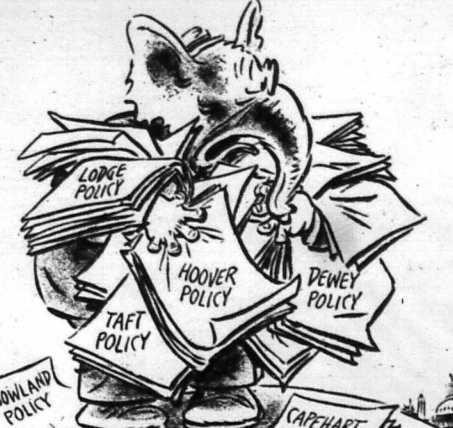
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Who Says I Haven't Got A Foreign Policy?



HERLOCK... I had the pleasure of being in your city last week and I feel impelled to write a few lines in praise of your beautifully-decorated streets and stores.

People's Platform

Editor, The News: It was with great interest that I read your editorial entitled 'Hoover's Plan For America'.

Comment On Hoover Editorial

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Outstanding Editorial

Editor, The News: I have given your readers an outstanding editorial of Mr. Hoover's recent broadcast with reference to world conditions.

Rare Degree Of Courtesy

Editor, The News: The good things in this world are too often forgotten and I am quite sure I have been no one of the offenders.

Lives vs. Factories

IT is almost unbelievable that a Congressman would consider factories more important than human lives. Yet that is what Congressman Hoffman did.

Washington Pipeline

JAMBUCK Sen. Elbert Thomas, Utah Democrat, sent his constituents to buy a stamp the other day.

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