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A REAL DEFENSIVE FRONT

It is probable that the first U. S. reaction to Winston Churchill's proposal that a unified European army to hold off Russian invasion be created immediately was: 'Of course.'

There can be no doubting that the prime need of Europe now is the creation of what Churchill called "a real defensive front." No one will question the validity of Churchill's statement that the whole west is in "great danger" from the "freedom and civilization of Western Europe under the shadow of Soviet aggression."

We have sent military supplies to England and France, to be sure, but not in the amount required to stop Russia when it decides to roll. Indeed, more will be required of us than mere supplies; we must strengthen our troops in Germany and send others to European and Middle Eastern trouble spots.

The Associated Press report on Churchill's proposal...

THE HOME FRONT MOVES TO A WAR BASIS

IN A REALISTIC approach to the grave international situation the House this week moved to place the Nation on a war footing on the home front.

Going far beyond the powers requested by President Truman, legislation enacted by the House grants him sweeping powers to impose price, wage and rationing controls when he considers such action necessary.

Speedy action by the House was spurred, no doubt, by the nation-wide buying spree that developed as our military forces went into action in Korea. Widespread reports of hoarding moved the Congressmen to include a penalty of a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine for those convicted of having more than a normal stock of necessities.

The powers given the President are on a stand-by basis. He can invoke them when he is convinced that such action is necessary. And the thumping 383 to 12 vote by which the measure was enacted indicates that the House remembers what has happened in previous wars and moved in an effort to block inflation, hoarding and the attendant evils.

EDITORIALS

Sam Goldwyn of the movies proposes that we spend \$100,000,000 a year on propaganda. We are sure that money spent to tell the world our story is money well spent. But we think Sam's figure is mighty small. A billion dollars will scarcely suffice to undo the damage Hollywood films have done abroad.

According to the Weather Bureau, August will be "hotter than normal" almost everywhere along the Atlantic Coast. Shall we gather at the river?

Al Johnson is the first entertainer to apply for permission to appear for troops in Korea. We laud his enterprise and patriotism. But we imagine the weary draftees had much rather hear the North Koreans cry "Mammy."

With the Siriono Indians of Bolivia, we learn, that the former changes his name to that given his Benetton suit, merely adding the suffix meaning "fat or stout." The changes are going here in America, bridegrooms shortly will be adopting the names of their brides, with the qualification "husband of...". That's the way most of us poor fish are identified already, anyway.

From The Asheville Citizen-Times

REFORMING LAW CODES SLOW PROCESS

THE recent survey of State prisons, prison camps and penal discipline is a reminder that the subject is not new in North Carolina. For more than a century, the history books show, there has been periodic revision of reform in criminal codes and in the everyday treatment of prisoners.

In the preface to her social history, Ante-Bellum North Carolina, Mrs. Gulon Griffin Johnson says that in 1817, the death penalty was applied to acts of very different degrees of turpitude. Judge Taylor recommended abatement of the code's severity.

The bloody code, in 1817, still prescribed death, without benefit of clergy, for at least 28 offenses. Mrs. Johnson found in her study of the laws. The extreme penalty was not surprising for the felonies of murder, arson, treason, burglary in extreme cases. But life could be forfeited for big-

liff's proposal (made at a meeting of the European Consultative Assembly in Strasbourg) did not make it clear what degree of unity Churchill had in mind for the army. It is probable, however, that he envisions an organization similar to that growing in Korea now: a U. N. army.

The creation of such an army for Europe will not, however, be without difficulties. Although it is obvious that Europe can best be defended by a unified army, there are dangers of obtaining the way, both technical and psychological.

While it is clear that the nations of Europe—and the United States, as well—must learn that the common enemy is strong and intent on world domination, we are prone to hope that he will not do what he has shown every evidence of doing.

In the light of Russia's indication that force will be used to create the Communist world, Churchill's plan for a unified European army is more than desirable; it is essential.

A Report From Washington

N. C. Guard Units May Be Called Soon

By TOM SCHELENGER
Charlotte News Special Writer
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McCarthy Gets told Off For Saying The Alsops Are Reds

By STEWART ALSP

SENATOR JOE MCCARTHY has now discovered by a number of potential traitors. The identity of the inhabitants of this Nevada city is being kept secret from the most casual readers of the press. For the newly discovered servants of the Kremlin are none other than the reporter and his publisher.

This startling revelation was contained in a letter to the editors of "The Daily Worker" in which Senator McCarthy read on the floor of the Senate referring to a recent "Post" article by these reporters. McCarthy's article was the subject of a 100 per cent in line with the official instructions issued to all members of the press by Gus Hall, National Secretary of the Communist Party.

LIASON WITH HALL
No doubt a full confession might as well be made before the indicted McCarthy spotted the connection between the Alsops and this column and Mr. Hall had seemed well - embarrassed. Mr. Hall's favorite newspaper, "The Daily Worker," had co-operated in the investigation. The reporters are regularly referred to as "Pasciat, w a r m o n g e r s."

Even the active co-operation of the highest Kremlin circles was not apparently sufficient to prevent Senator McCarthy from being exposed. When Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov had been in the city for a few months ago, to describe these reporters in a most unkindly fashion, yet supply the impetus needed for this so-called security effort.

The fact is that in other times—say in the mid-twenties—Senator McCarthy would have been exposed long ago. He is constantly falling flat on his face, might have supplied some weapons, and so on. But because of the times, and the fact that he is a member of the "Post," he is not even today.

In the letter which he read on the Senate floor, for example, Senator McCarthy wanted indignantly at the Soviet Government for not following the instructions of Mr. Hall but also for deserting as well.

McCarthy still has his importance. These reports are as it happens, peculiarly invulnerable to the McCarthy's own attacks, partly because of the public nature of their record on political issues, and partly because of the fact that he is at hand to answer McCarthy's "non-sensical" attacks. It is true of very few, even in the "Post," that he is a member of the "Post," that he is a member of the "Post," that he is a member of the "Post."

Ruark Considers Inventive Podiatrist Arch Criminal

By ROBERT C. RUARK

IF YOU WILL pardon the intrusion of a personal physiological note, I own a rather so high a regard for the inventor of the rubber shoe which duplicates the terrain on which the American Indians played a game of foot ball. It is a means of preventing flat feet and weak feet in infancy.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, his column is being written by members of his staff, including Sam Henshaw and Fred Bismuthal de la Sierra today.)

STORY behind the President's announcement that he was considering sending a diplomatic mission to the Vatican is that it took him three weeks to make up his mind. He was worried by the fact that he was being advised by Catholic leaders close to him.

One top Congressional leader, a devout Catholic strongly urged that the former colleague of the Italian government with Rome. It would be better to do so informally, by naming a successor to Myron Taylor, former White House representative at the Vatican.

This would require Senate confirmation, since Taylor was a personal representative of the President. In other words, the equipment of permanent diplomatic relations with Rome, you may touch off a religious debate in the Senate that would do more harm to the President's reputation than any war.

The President replied that he didn't contemplate a religious row in the Senate, but added that he wouldn't back away from one. However, he didn't say whether he would rest his former colleague of the Italian government before or after the November elections.

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