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ORDER IN THE HOUSE

A BEST we can remember, no previous Administration has had so much trouble persuading members of the official family to leave foreign policy to the Secretary of State and the President.

General MacArthur has been the worst thorn in the harassed chief executive's side. MacArthur's actions in the field of diplomacy have caused more than a little confusion in the rest of the world, and have made it easier for the Soviet propagandists to charge aggressive U. S. intentions in the Far East.

But even more damaging to our efforts to line up the rest of the free world under the banner of peace was Navy Secretary Matthews' suggestion last week of aggression against Russia—a suggestion that was launched as a preventive measure.

Americans do not consider the Secretary of the Navy to be a policy-making official; but the title is given great

weight in the international arena. To understand the impact of the Matthews statement, reverse the situation. Imagine U. S. reaction if the titular head of the Russian navy should advocate an immediate "preventive" attack on the United States.

President Truman acted wisely when he promptly rebuffed both MacArthur and Matthews. A good deal of damage had already been done, however, and the Truman statement of our policy will not completely allay the confusion.

Foreign policy is an appropriate subject for calm, reasoned national debate, even in a time of crisis such as this. It is imperative, nonetheless, that the members of the President's official family and the heads of the armed forces restrain themselves from publicly expressing views diametrically opposed to our foreign policy. Otherwise, utter chaos will result.

TEST FOR GOVERNOR THURMOND

BECAUSE investigating officers have been "pluriant" to discuss details, the complete facts about a Klan-Negro shooting escape near Myrtle Beach Saturday night are not yet known. It is impossible to assay the evidence and fix the blame until the policy is known.

What concerns us is the chance that they will never be known unless Governor Strom Thurmond shows more interest than he has done heretofore.

The beach affray posed a sharp challenge to Governor Thurmond. As chief executive of South Carolina, it is his duty to preserve order when local law enforcement officials fall down on the job. If the facts about the affray are established, it is the utter breakdown of local law enforcement. Proof was afforded by the discovery—hushed up at first—that a slain Klansman wore the uniform of a Conway policeman. He had just finished his tour of duty shortly before the parade formed.

Because of local influences and circumstances, it is doubtful that a vigorous investigation can be obtained except by the intervention of outside authority.

Governor Thurmond is the nation's No. 1 apostle of States' Rights. He knows—or should know—that the Federal Government's Rights is States' Responsibilities. It is the responsibility of the State of South Carolina to protect its citizens, white and Negro, from acts of violence inflicted by the Klan or by a band of hooded citizens.

It is the responsibility of the State of South Carolina to keep enforcement of the law in the hands of duly appointed officials.

And it is the responsibility of Governor Thurmond, as elected chief executive, to see that South Carolina's obligations in the matter are fulfilled.

The rest the South will watch with interest and some anxiety to see how he measures up to the test.

RESTATEMENT OF POLICY

THE other day President Truman sent Mr. U. S. Ambassador Warren Austin a letter restating U. S. policy toward Formosa. Yesterday he sent a copy to General Douglas MacArthur so that eminent gentleman might get straight once and for all the President's ideas about Korea.

expressly stated to be without prejudice to the United States' attitude of the status of the island. The actual status of the island is that it is territory taken from Japan by the United States—just as the Philippines, like such other territories, its legal status is that it is territory taken from Japan by the United States.

In view of the confusion created by MacArthur's message to the VFW campmeeting and the resulting political charges by some members of the Congress, *The News* today prints the point-by-point statement so that its readers may understand fully the difference between the actual policy and the MacArthur approach.

"1. The United States has not encroached on the territory of China, nor has the United States taken aggressive action against China. The action of the United States in regard to Formosa was taken at a time when that island was the scene of conflict with Communist forces. Since then, the United States has been threatened by the public declaration of the Chinese Communist authorities. Such conduct has been a direct challenge to the United Nations force operating in Korea. The United States has been forced to attack, has been forced to defend, and has been forced to extend the conflict through the Pacific area.

"2. The action of the United States was an impartial neutralizing action addressed both to the forces on Formosa and to those on the mainland. It was an action designed to keep the peace and was, therefore, in full accord with the spirit of the United Nations Charter. As President Truman has solemnly declared, we have no designs on Formosa, and our aim was not to interfere with any desire to acquire a special position for the United States.

"3. The action of the United States was

in the final analysis, the American people will have to pass judgment on the nation's Far Eastern policy. That part of the policy applying to Formosa is highly controversial. Hence, it is doubly important that every American keep the President's seven-point statement in mind as the great debate rages.

MISSING DENOMINATOR

WE'VE been looking a lot of sleep over a couple of little news items we ran across recently.

One, detained London, reports that the British register-general's office, in a survey of England and Wales, came up with a count of 10,920,000 married men and only 10,800,000 married women.

The other, from Canberra, Australia, states government statistics in 1947, 48 manufacturers turned out 159,200 dozen pairs of pajamas for men, but only 90,619 dozen pajamas and nighties for women.

We're sure there's a connection between those two sets of figures. A common denominator, as it were. And we're sure that, if we could just figure it out, we'd have our finger on a great truth about men and women, a truth important enough to win us a chair of anthropology at some big university.

But for the life of us, we can't find it. If any reader can, he'll do us a big favor by letting us know about it. We need our shut-eye.

From The Rock Hill Evening Herald

AHEAD

WE THINK that now, as at times in the past, settlement in the country is ahead of Washington.

Watch carefully the reports from Washington and you can pick out again and again the same idea: the country is ahead. Taxation will be heavier "after Jan. 1, 1951." Controls may be put on "after the November election." Drafting of men into military service may be stepped up "next year."

And the different things which may cramp the lives of individual Americans and of their families are being put off into the future as far as possible. It seems. What is done now is done by little steps, measures. Credit controls and limitations, for instance.

The key date on the calendar, as you probably realize, is the date of the general election early in November. Many members of Congress are nervous about what will happen to their personal political fortunes on that date; the White House groups are nervous about what may happen because of its effect on the next two years, followed by the effect on the presidential election in 1952.

The people around the country, we think are willing to do what needs to be done, without putting it off several months.

If some Washington reports can be believed, the Korean war is No. 2 on the Defense Department's priority list, the State Department being No. 1.

Matthews Urges Fight When U.S. West Are Defenseless

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON—Two speeches made over the week-end, that illustrated on the one hand, the fantastic folly of the official materials released by the State Department, and on the other, the bold wisdom in our time. Any semblance between Winston Churchill and Secretary Matthews is due to the purely coincidental fact that they are both in public life.

Churchill in a political speech that urged the Western world to use whatever weapons remain to try to prepare the defenses of the West. The other was by a man who said that time is the most precious commodity we have.

Matthews' speech was a melancholy echo of what Churchill has been saying for the past four years. His theme repeated again and again and again was that the United States is in the West in a continuation of the drift that ignores the realities both of the present and of the future.

Largely for reasons of politics, Matthews, a successful lawyer in Omaha, Neb., was named Secretary of the Navy. Under the domination of Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense, he has been a pretty empty office.

Matthews steps out of the obscurity into which he had lapsed after his appointment to recommend a speech to the House of Representatives. When a storm of protest was kicked up with the disclosure that the speech had not apparently been cleared by any agency of government, Matthews said he was speaking solely for himself.

But, in his opinion, of course, that is impossible. If he had spoken in Omaha, as a respected citizen in the community, his words would hardly have been heard across the Missouri River.

Johnson, he reported that Democratic Senators were deeply concerned over the continuing confusion in the White House. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, a controversy which had delayed the taking of action on the reorganization of military and diplomatic

Matthews' own department as pared down on the orders of his chief, the Secretary of Defense. It would include the fearful deficiencies in the official materials released by the State Department, and on the other, the bold wisdom in our time. Any semblance between Winston Churchill and Secretary Matthews is due to the purely coincidental fact that they are both in public life.

In the past the bluffs for a preventive war have come from the more doctrinaire Air Force generals. This has been on the thesis that the United States must carry atomic bombs to a number of Russian cities and thereby destroy the Soviet Union.

One thing this has done is to encourage the belief in a quick and easy war. It has tended to spread the illusion that another war can be won by a kind of magic performed by a few highly trained technicians and with quick victory leaving us free to go back again to the pursuits of peace.

Secretary Matthews has any thesis to recommend a preventive war other than this magic removal of the United States from the world? He did not tell us what it was. Responsible military leaders have said from time to time in the recent past that a global war with Soviet Russia might be won in 20 years. The country were fortunate enough to avoid being seriously thrown off balance by an attack on the mainland.

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CABINET CONTROVERSY

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Johnson replied that he had never spoken except in a kindly way to the public. He was not speaking, he said, in a world that leaders on the lips.

Robeson Bridges Run Rights Of Constitution into Ground

By ROBERT RUARK

IF the court please, I would like to dissent the recent request of the Government to strip Paul Robeson from his passport, and in the breath of the falling of Harry Bridges.

Robeson, or the record, is a rapid hater of the United States as it is today. He is a fervent admirer of the Russian Communist regime. He is a member of the CIO and has been in the United States since 1945. He is a Communist when he was up for citizenship in 1945.

place, no matter how vicious or noisy. We therefore deprive Robeson of a civil liberty in curtailing his freedom of movement. He is, freely to pass frontiers abroad.

Bridges does not count, especially in a country which would be ruined by his action. He is a member of the CIO and has been in the United States since 1945. He is a Communist when he was up for citizenship in 1945.

TECHNICAL CONVICTION

The perjury conviction is the only reason we have today to convict Robeson. He is a member of the CIO and has been in the United States since 1945. He is a Communist when he was up for citizenship in 1945.

Robeson, a Negro who has been endowed with more artistic and physical gifts than the average living man, has been a member of the CIO and has been in the United States since 1945. He is a Communist when he was up for citizenship in 1945.

In clapping Bridges in jail the U. S. is out on a limb now after an appeal. The judge said he considered him a menace to the nation in a time of crisis. The same reasoning is applied to the case of Robeson.

Wallace, an unwitting dupe of the Reds, was promoting two chickens in every automobile—and other things. He was promoting two chickens in every automobile—and other things.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

A TIP to SENATOR PEEPER ON WIRE-TAPPING—A tip to Senator Peeper on wire-tapping. A tip to Senator Peeper on wire-tapping. A tip to Senator Peeper on wire-tapping.

Chapman's Prosecuted' By Friends

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The Red Appeal—II

Rebellious Young College Students Sang Wallace's Praises In 1948

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(Second of a Series)

IT was here, in a quiet, late-August night of 1948 that I sat in a large University of North Carolina classroom—confidentially borrowed—with some 20 or more students and visitors, and heard the praises of Henry Wallace.

Wallace was our leader. We sat still in the front classroom at a motion picture projector whirled and the smiling face of Paul Robeson filled the big screen. His sad, baritone voice

lived out my life among screaming men. I might have died, unknown, a failure. Now we are a failure. This is our career and our triumph. Never in our full life can we hope to do such work for balance, for justice, for mankind's understanding of man, as now we do by accident. Our words—our lives—our pains—nothing. The labor of our lives lives of a good shoemaker and a poor fish-peddler—all the moment that you think of belongs to us—that last agony is our triumph.

OUR radicalism was born not of reason but of passion, for a radical is not made by reason—he is born.

It was—and is—the genius of the Communists that they could through Marxism capture and channel this inner, passionate radicalism. To the radical the status quo is abhorrent; the only way to get rid of the status quo is, was through devotion to the Communist cause. It was the only existing machinery.

People's Platform

Complaint Dept.

Editor: The News

I HAVE been a subscriber to your valuable paper for some time. I am a member of the People's Platform. I am a member of the People's Platform.

Johnson's Special Agent

But he isn't my representative. I never authorized him to go to Europe for me.

No wages or salary is received over the way Cain poses as his "special agent."

The Senator from Washington, dressed in the uniform of a private, recently lined up a group of German agents and U. S. diplomats in Germany. And waving a finger under the nose of the two-star General he demanded, "Don't you guys?"

The General's eyes popped out. Not wanting to be discouraged he mumbled something about lack of adequate reserves.

"Write me a memo," snorted Cain. "I'll take care of it."

As the astounded officers dispersed, one General inquired of the other, "What's the story?"

NOTE: The Senator from Washington is not crazy, though his twin brother has been locked up in the booby-beth.