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EYES ON EUROPE

THE news from Korea in these past months has been alternately exciting, frightening, depressing and encouraging. It has been stiff competition for news from Europe. Many of us seem to have forgotten that the Asia crisis might well be a divergency of movement by Russia, an attempt to draw war materiel to its borders and great quantities of U. S. materiel into the Orient so that the Russian objective of controlling all of Europe might be more easily accomplished.

One fact is strikingly clear: Western Europe, even more than Korea or Formosa, is the main concern of the United States. Defense of Europe is as necessary to us as defense of our own shores. A Russia firmly entrenched in Europe would be a menace to the United States. Industrial might would be almost unobtainable if not unbeatable certainly an enemy requiring the very last ounce of U. S. strength to push back.

What must we do to defend Western Europe? Today in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the foreign ministers of the United States, Great Britain and France are discussing that question. The meeting will be presented on Friday to the foreign ministers of the other nine Atlantic Pact nations.

It is impossible to know at this moment, what the foreign ministers are going to decide. But this much is certain: Secretary of State Acheson will present to Britain and France the promise of President Truman that the United States will "substantially increase" its military forces in Europe if the European nations will increase their military efforts.

Alone, the United States cannot defend Western Europe; alone, the countries of Western Europe certainly cannot defend themselves. Defense of Western Europe is going to require military and economic cooperation equal in scope to the tremendous program of World War II.

MEDICAL BILL BECOMES LAW

THE signing of President Truman's signature to the medical draft bill should solve the problem of obtaining an adequate number of doctors, dentists and allied specialists for our expanded military forces.

The bill sped through a busy Congress in record time. Its progress made easy by the present emergency conditions and the patent justice of the draft procedure.

The Army, Navy and Air Force have said they will need an extra 5,000 doctors and 2,000 dentists this year to meet the needs of an anticipated armed force of 2,500,000 men. The services are getting poor results with their appeals for volunteers. Congress apparently felt that the nation's responsibilities to its service men would not be met unless some better system was devised.

The new system is equitable. It removes the threat of additional service hanging over the heads of thousands of doctors and dentists who gave full service during World War II. Instead, the first men to be called up are the new recruits who will be the 5,000 doctors and 2,000 dentists who received all or most of their training at Government expense during World War II.

SECURITY AND LIBERTY

ELSEWHERE on this page today is the first of a series of three articles on Civil Rights. The articles, written by a North Carolinian who has lived many years abroad and hence has observed the Communist modus operandi in other nations, are pegged on the well-publicized trial case of a Durham doctor who opposed the circulation of the Stockholm peace petition. But they range beyond that specific issue over the much larger and more important question of the day: How can we preserve our liberties while jealously guarding our democratic liberties?

A good many important and influential people in this nation are searching their minds and hearts for a precise answer to that perplexing question. They are not happy in the answers that they would adopt totalitarian methods to deal with

This is the situation—and it is not a happy one. It is estimated that Russia has 170 fully-equipped army divisions on Soviet soil and 27 in East Germany.

Against that power, the U. S. and the Atlantic Pact nations have only eight divisions. The Rhine is the only barrier between the Iron Curtain and the Rhine. There are only a few French units, a Belgian detachment and some Dutch soldiers. Britain, in that short period, could offer little more than air strength.

What must be done if Western Europe is to be defended? Military experts have variously estimated the needed strength at between 30 and 40 divisions, each equipped with tank and plane support. Some strategists say 5,000 planes (cost \$8 billion); the minimum support for 40 divisions. The same strategists say 4,000 planes (cost \$4 billion) is minimum support for 40 divisions.

Europe can't afford to lay out that \$12 billion. It is doubtful that enough men can be recruited to provide those 40 divisions. We will have to provide most of the money and many of the men. West Germany, according to High Commissioner McCloy, can provide ten divisions—and, despite the protests and objections of Frenchmen and many other persons, common sense tells us we may have to accept those ten divisions.

Building 40 fully-equipped divisions for the defense of Western Europe, even with German help, is not going to be an overnight task. To contribute our part, the draft will have to be increased and taxes will become heavier; it is not an attractive prospect.

But neither is defeat by Russian an attractive prospect, and defeat by Russia will be nearer if we allow Europe to fall to Red soldiers.

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QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE KLANSMEN

ANY South Carolinian debating in his own mind about whether he should join a robed king might ask himself these questions: Are the men in the klan leaders in their own minds as they the high school principals, the superintendents of schools, the self-made businessmen, the successful and intelligent farmers, the civic club members, persons active in the chamber of commerce, the county agricultural agents, the representatives and foremen of shops, the men who started from scratch and developed the biggest grocery store or tobacco warehouse or cotton gin in town?

Or are they the loafers, the unsuccessful businessmen, the uneducated, the bad farmers, the failures, persons who take no active interest in civic affairs? To which group, if one were seeking help and advice, would one turn? Which group would really be interested in improving the welfare of the state and the community? Which group probably is on the right track, and which group probably is on the wrong track?

A Granville County mule that bit three men turned out to be suffering from rabies. So it wasn't just horain' round.



Retirement talk is a subject that is on the minds of many people. It is a subject that is often discussed in the homes of the elderly. It is a subject that is often discussed in the homes of the young. It is a subject that is often discussed in the homes of the middle-aged. It is a subject that is often discussed in the homes of the old.

Durham Test Case

of Civil Rights--I

This is the first of three articles on Civil Rights written by John P. McKnight, editor of the News and Observer.

By JOHN P. MCKNIGHT

"Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of press... or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

LAST month in Durham, a man named William Evans, a 26-year-old former student at Davidson, the University of North Carolina and Duke University, now an employee of a Durham soda shop, got himself into a sticky situation.

Deliberately, Evans approached three policemen and asked them to sign the petition. He was arrested for vagrancy that is strictly for having no means of support and so being likely to become a public burden.

Yet it is written in the record that the occasion of his arrest is his having sought signatures for the petition.

THIS is the issue in a case that will be tried in court and the courts at the lower level are permitted to decide on the merits of the case.

And this is the question he others yet larger: how shall we win the hearts of men to practical democracy? How shall we win the hearts of men to practical democracy?

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

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Mystery Wire-Tap Witness



State and National Politics

Monk of Culture Making Monkeys of Female Stylists

By ROBERT KURAK

THE MODISH maid this Fall will be wearing something called a strap jacket, and I think she deserves it.

Madame will wear earrings which she will wear with the same ear.

MONK OF CULTURE

The hat in the fashion circus right now would be a lad named Balenciaga, a mysterious dude called Balenciaga.

Apart from my resentment of the fact that I must subscribe an artist who is so uppity that he won't even talk to the people who he is supposed to be overjoyed at his insulation.

Paris will be worn — though strictly for the company. It is a necessary little accessory called a wig.

PHONOGRAPH-Needle Schoepfel

THE backstage decision to have Mayor Schoepfel as the secretary of the Interior.

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Grunevald has also been frequently seen in the company of War Assets Administrator Jesse Larson, and is so close to the Senator that he is treated as if he were a member of the office force.

Senator Brewster also seems solicitous about Grunevald. When a representative of this column called at Grunevald's Manhattan office, his occupant made the complete announcement that Grunevald had ever been in the office.

How Grunevald, an immigrant from Europe, made his money, remains unproven. It is reported to be

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That here, obedient to the law, we do it.

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Brave Men Of 1st Battalion Likened To Spartan Heroes

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