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THE TROUBLES OF MR. SNAVELY

LAST WEEK the sports editors of a national field day at the expense of Mr. Carl Snavely, the fox gentleman who coaches football at the University of North Carolina. Following the lead set by Mr. Chauncey Dunton of the Richmond Times Dispatch, the sports pages of the region blossomed forth with one story after another hinting and even predicting that the alumni would get Mr. Snavely's scalp because the Tar Heels have been unable to master their formidable 1951 grid schedule. The wire services joined in, and the "story" raced across the nation.

Today, after the stirring affair with North Carolina in which the Tar Heels acquitted themselves with honor, Mr. Snavely appears to be in solid once again. And if he manages to beat Duke on Saturday, the earlier part of the dismal season will be forgotten.

Normally we would leave such topics to the sports writers. After all, it is their business, not ours. In the case of the fire-Snavely campaign, however, it seems that a bigger issue is at stake, an issue that properly concerns the editor of the paper. That issue is the responsibility of the press.

We may be wrong, but it appears to us that all the talk about firing Snavely has come from the newspapers. Sure, there may have been some complaints from alumni. And there may have been a few from disgruntled members of the team. So far as we have been able to find out, however, the responsible authorities at Chapel Hill, the more substantial alumni contributors, and the majority of the team have been in agreement that Snavely is the same man who led the Tar Heels through several spectacular seasons, and that he just as competent a coach today as he ever was.

What is the responsibility of the newspapers in such a situation? Is it to put together a few alumni complaints and deduce that Snavely is to be fired? Or to collect such rumors as may be floating around and give them credence in "speculative" stories? Is it to sound a man because his football team has not won all the games on its schedule, to sound a man because of a man's professional reputation, and his opportunity for future earnings, or to write stories that may well have originated in the minds of the writers?

In brief, is not this rash of anti-Snavely rumors a form of journalistic McCarthyism? We hold no brief for Carl Snavely or for any other coach in the business. And we confess, somewhat sadly, that it has become an old American custom to fire the coach when the team is not winning. But what concerns us is the overwhelming evidence that the newspapers, not the alumni, have been at the bottom of the campaign to "get" Snavely, and thereby have done the man a grievous wrong.

As Ed Bilpuch, star of last year's Tar Heel team, wrote in the Sportsman, "It is not in keeping with sportsmanship, either on or off the field, to kick a man when he is down."

RIDGWAY'S DUCK HUNTING

IT IS REPORTED that when the startling report of atrocities in Korea reached General Ridgway's headquarters he was out hunting ducks.

We've not seen it yet but are sure some Congressman or editor will jump on the General because he was engaged in such light diversion.

The dread of having pleasant pastimes interrupted by a serious spot development probably plagues most leaders. It makes for a bad press; the public wants to know why so-and-so wasn't tending his business. For example, if the President had been enjoying a friendly game of stud poker with Boss and branch warden, instead of respectfully visiting his home town when the Korean War broke out, he probably would have been accused of dereliction of duty.

We do not choose to pass judgment on Presidential pastimes. But we will defend unto death the right of General Ridgway to hunt ducks on company time.

Everyone, no matter what his station, is entitled to leisure. The soldiers overseas use their spare moments writing letters to loved ones. As Mrs. Ridgway is living with the General in Japan it would be silly for him to write her a letter, and she can handle the military correspondence. The most husbands maybe he likes to get away

GENERALS EISENHOWER AND WASHINGTON

NEWS COLUMNIST Drew Pearson recently drew an analogy between General Eisenhower and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He said that since the latter was established the Revolutionary Army, Eisenhower has twelve, and will have two more as soon as Greece and Turkey are formally associated with the Atlantic Pact.

The Continental Congress (Allied High Command in 1943) was not without direction in its actions. Its members regarded themselves as ambassadors from their states, and looked to their home states for instructions as to how they should proceed on any important matter. The states were as important as the national government (SHAEP) a mere clearing-house for state opinions.

And yet, in the emergency (World War II) they went ahead and acted, as they were sure their states would favor. They raised an army, and set officers over it. They asserted the states for their own sake. It was the strain of the national emergency that permitted all this, and insured prompt approval of the states for the Continental (Atlantic) union was inevitable. Accordingly, a committee of thirteen (twelve) delegates was chosen to prepare Articles of Confederation (the Atlantic Pact). These were ultimately submitted—and they were accepted—all of the states (nations) and were

The Articles of Confederation (Atlantic Pact) was a definite first step toward the final step, a compact and a political union. But it was at most one-third of a government—a legislature; lacking both an executive and a judiciary. It was a government in name only. It was a government in name only. It was a government in name only.

of the wife when he's pleasure-dive, although if Mrs. Ridgway is as charming as her pictures suggest he should be ashamed for the thought of duck hunting. It is like most men, domestic game like chess, badminton and ping-pong are ruled out.

That leaves, in Japan, little available recreation except baseball (out of season), geisha and the Navy's anti-aircraft gunners. But duck hunting will not only rest Ridgway's nerves. It will help him learn the problems of his men.

Long hours in a duck blind, sloshing through the morning drizzle, will deepen his appreciation of the infantry, of which he already has considerable knowledge. Shooting a rising bird from a rocking boat will further his understanding of the problems which face the Navy's anti-aircraft gunners. By imagining that instead of rocking in a boat he's piloting a plane near sound's speed he will rapidly see why the Air Force men don't always return in victory rolls and point another red star on the fuselage.

Of course, the analogy is entirely correct, because the General's ducks can't shoot back. But if nearby hunters are as careless as those here in the States, he may return from the hunt convinced that he's been on a duck blind for nothing, eager and better-prepared to direct the war.

maintaining its financial credit at home and abroad, of keeping order at home, of securing national friendships abroad. All of these took money, and no means of securing money had been furnished. Colonial (national) loyalty of certain individuals had been largely responsible for this crippling of the new government they set up. They had carried this too far, their government, under a president, national courts to punish offenders against national laws, an efficient army, an efficient navy, a machinery of taxation, a control of commerce, a check on such state activities as indiscriminate importation of goods, sometimes more useful as a village (international) debating society.

As a result, government inevitably breeds anarchy. In the glow and fervor of the common struggle for independence (liberation), the colonies had been content to look to their own states for help. They were Virginians or Pennsylvanians (or Americans, Britons or Frenchmen). Now that the outside pressure was removed, they resumed their selfish state labels, and fought to preserve and increase the individuality of each state. After all, their interests differed materially, in religion, in social standings and customs, in their character as primarily agricultural or commercial or industrial.

"Washington shrewdly diagnosed the weakness of the central authority, the Congress (NAACP), and insisted on a compact with the governors of the several states, which stated:

"There should be lodged somewhere a power to regulate the general concerns of the Confederated Republic (Atlantic community), without which this compact could be less durable."

The lesson of history is clear. The question is: Will we apply that lesson in time?

If the race is to be between Truman and Taft, the voters will have a choice between a man who has a lot of people like but few like him, and a man whom many admire, but few like. Now you decide which is which to suit yourself—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times-News.

A prominent national magazine suggests you make your leaders easier to carry by painting a permanent mark at the balance point on the side rails. If you have been losing lots of sleep on the problem of carrying leaders easily this should fix you up—Joplin (Mo.) Globe.

Dynamite's tame compared with a bit of lipstick in the wrong place—Dallas (Tex.) Morning News.

Naval Report

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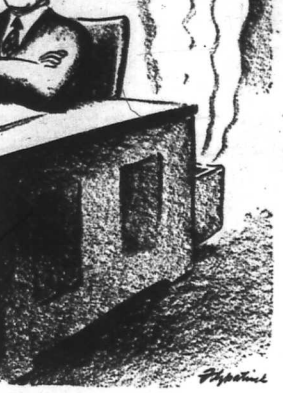
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TOPS: S. Middle East Policy Aims Its Direction May Change Soon

WASHINGTON AFTER A remarkable display of feebleness and folly, the State Department has apparently decided to enter a declaration of bankruptcy for its Middle Eastern policy. According to reports, Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee, who has been presiding over the vital branch of our affairs, is said to be transferred to the comparative safety of our Embassy in Turkey.

The event is comparable, or at any rate one hopes it is comparable, to the declaration of bankruptcy entered for the old Far Eastern policy in 1949. At that time, W. Wallace Butterworth, then in charge of the Embassy in Stockholm, and the able and hard-headed Dean Rusk replaced him at the head of the State Department's Far Eastern Division. If a comparable improvement can be made in our Middle Eastern leadership, it is barely conceivable that a full scale Middle Eastern disaster can still be averted.

This reporter's partner is now in the Middle East, assessing the situation there on the spot. He has not been competitive with his work, however, to note certain repeating errors which marked the handling of the Far Eastern crisis and have now cropped up anew in the crisis in the Middle East. SPECIALISTS 1. The specialist groupings in the State Department, like the Middle Eastern and Far Eastern divisions, were recently formed to separate careers within the larger career of the Foreign Service. Thus specialists tended, at it were, to take out foreign citizenships in the regions of their specialties. The Far Eastern and Middle Eastern became obscure to them. They grew indignant, as Chinese might be indignant, about the corruption of the Chiang Kai-shek regime; or they worried about Iranian public opinion as an Iranian politician might worry.

In the Middle Eastern division, as managed by McGhee, this tendency expressed itself in a strange banking to enter a sort of Middle Eastern popularity contest. He was not competitive with his work, however, to note certain repeating errors which marked the handling of the Far Eastern crisis and have now cropped up anew in the crisis in the Middle East. SPECIALISTS 2. In the Middle East, as in the Far East, the rule was never rec-

Luchow's Unhurried Hugo A Peculiar Man -- He Is Happy

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

EVERY TIME some surly waiter spills the soup onto the tablecloth and makes a frantic request for the fork he forgot or the water he didn't bring, every time a waiter drops a hot plate of service looks the other way or conducts a loud argument over whose station it really belongs to, I feel like I've stepped into this unhippy incompetent with the bus boy -- then I mutter: "Who's the fellow who's your friend Hugo Sebekne." Then my head goes uncommitted. Then the blood pressure comes back to normal.

Once in a while, when the pressure of living too fast in New York seems likely to take its toll, the old downtown to Luchow's, the ample restaurant that still displays the past in its grace and quiet courtesy, the past of Victor Herbert and the young girl who, I never know, was an amateur singer in Luchow's, since I speak no German and take what they suggest to me, I go there to stretch the nerves, and perchance, to listen to jazz.

Hugo is a peculiar man for these times. He is happy. He has been a waiter at Luchow's since 1905. He is pushing the government to his work. He likes people. Hugo once was in love with a waitress, and he still has an eye for the well-turmed ankle. Hugo was rich, once, too, when everybody was rich during the 20's boom. He lost it, of course.

"But I never cared when I lost it," Hugo says. "I never lived out of my station, as when I lost it I did. I never knew what I lost, what you never really had?" The meal that Hugo brings you is a little different from the others. He would order that day, if he were sitting at the table with a lovely lady, just prior to a spin down the avenue while the government is in the way in which he brings it to you is indicative of the fact that he is a waiter, and that you are made happy. Hugo's gentle, white-haired countenance is mildly sad when he contemplates the rush of the fevered pace of living today. He is the merest touch impatient with the government's push off in no particular direction. He is intolerant of his younger associates in the service who are "not so gracious," he says. "They are just in a hurry, and crazy for tips. They don't know the difference."

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Two Wrongs Equal One Right AFTER the Harvey record was published, NAPA proceeded to award the aluminum contract in Montana to both Harvey and Anacosta Copper. The award to the two wrongs make a right. For Anacosta Wire and Copper had a far worse war record than Harvey.

Furthermore, Olin Industries, also under consideration for the aluminum contract, likewise had a worse record than Harvey. Anacosta Record--Anacosta Wire & Cable, one of the firms that was submitted for the contract, was convicted for war frauds and sabotage in selling faulty wire to the Army. Navy and Air Force. Alexander Campbell, U. S. attorney who prosecuted Anacosta at Ft. Wayne, Ind., states that Anacosta's inspectors had pretended to test wire and passed it on to Army and Navy inspectors with an O. K. tag on it--though actually it was not inspected.