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RULE BRITANNIA, O'ER THE CHANNEL

"Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves. Britons never shall be slaves."

TIMES are much changed since those lines were penned in 1740. British slaves, no, but Britannia's ocean realm has shrunk and shrunk. This week it was pushed back virtually into the Thames Estuary.

Now Britain is reported ready to agree to appointment of an American commander in the Atlantic. British concurrence is made possible by a maneuver in the usual tradition of bureaucracy—a new command has been created, that of the English Channel, and Britain will head it.

THE LONG RANGE DANGER

ONE frequently overlooked aspect of the continuing revelation of income tax scandals—an aspect that may well be the most important all—is the probability of irreparable damage to the basic tax-paying psychology of the American people.

Already the high level of individual and corporate income taxes encourages tax evasion. A dollar of unreported income is worth many times a dollar of reported income to the large wage earner, and the temptation upon him to hide his earnings or to buy off tax-collecting officials is tremendous.

If this dormant incentive for evasion is coupled with a widespread impression that the rich boys and the smart boys and the boys with political pull get off light, then everyone is likely to say that the heck and go on a tax strike. If all the American people decide at one time to start dodging taxes, no Federal bureau, however large, could catch up with them.

Unless something is done to restore public confidence in the Federal Government's tax collecting system, it is quite likely that we will wind up with the same philosophy

ATROCITIES

CONFUSION still clouds details of the American U. S. prisoners in Korea. General Ridgway made no confirmed the number of 385 Americans and reported "considerable evidence" that about 6,000 Americans have been the victims of atrocity killing.

General Ridgway made it clear that the atrocity charges are based on the number of known dead. All known deaths, he said, had been disclosed to next of kin and he regretted the needless anxiety caused relatives of missing men by the report released from Korea by Colonel Hanley last week.

Presumably, although it is not yet clear, the number of dead listed in the Hanley figure included soldiers whose murder had been reported previously in the press. The fact that this is true, then the Hanley release was doubly unfortunate in that it left the impression on many minds that the Hanley release dealt with previously unreported atrocities. The anguish and anger of Americans is a component of the confusion over the true facts of the case.

This rightful anger may serve to make Americans more resolute in this vast, global struggle. At the same time, we hope the "murders" being to the American people a fuller understanding of atrocities. Achievement of such understanding is not too evident from the recent statements of many Congressmen. They, as well as the President himself, have presumably attempted to rescue their interpretation of public opinion, rather than to lead and assess the situation.

The President said the atrocity report, if true, is the most unconvicted thing that has happened in the last century. That is of course untrue, as any millions of European Jews, as any of the thousands of Polish officers killed in Katyn Forest could tell you if they could speak from their graves. The tens of thousands of women and children killed in the A-bomb or its stragglers in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, or burned alive by fire bombs in Germany or Japan, could convincingly

ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO

THE voluntary abolition of a program by a government agency is rare enough to deserve special mention. The Federal Security Agency has just announced, with justifiable pride, that it is relaxing inspection, quarantine and shipping rules for ferrets on the grounds that peltacosis-parvot ferrets, or mink, is a major public health problem in this country. Besides, they say, ferrets aren't the principal carriers, anyway.

FBA plans, however, to continue with its study of why Navajo Indians customarily

keeping with the philosophy behind Atlantic defense. Logic, it seems in our admittedly unaccustomed mind, would have suggested a British commander in the Mediterranean, which contains the great British naval bases of Gibraltar and Cyprus, and an American in the Atlantic. Now Americans command both areas and we do not imagine British pride is salved by being assigned responsibility for its own east coast, within yet a new command.

Creation of more boards or committees, as NATO seems to favor, doesn't solve the Atlantic problems. If nationalism replaces the Atlantic community effort, then the Norwegians, along with an illustrious seafaring history, may rightfully ask for a Slaggerak command headed by a Norwegian, the French their own admiral supervising a Bay of Biscay Command. And pretty soon we'd be right back where we started before the Atlantic peoples realized they could better strengthen their forces by pooling them.

NATO needs a little more of the spirit expressed by General Eisenhower who, upon taking his job as commander of SHAPE, said he was now 1/12th British, 1/12th French, 1/12th American. Probably the admirals who are the American who have now taken their case, need this philosophy as much as anyone.

now the vogue in some European countries. Those countries have high taxes, but they produce little revenue because no one bothers to pay taxes.

Since this scandal has developed under the Truman Administration, it is imperative that President Truman move promptly and decisively to clean house. He ought, first of all, to order Attorney-General McGrath to open up Justice Department files to Congressional investigators. Then he ought to appoint a special commission to review the Bureau and arbitrary powers of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and to re-examine the Bureau's strict secrecy rules. Finally, he ought to fire outright any official in either the Bureau or the Justice Department who has been guilty of violating the law or permitting taxpayers to violate the law.

The President has a tremendous opportunity and an equally tremendous responsibility in this matter. The manner in which he seizes the opportunity and meets the responsibility will be a measure of his calibre as President.

PEACE VIA ATLANTIC UNION

LETTERS should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the editor. News reserves the right to condense.

PLEASE convey my regrets that duties here prevented my accepting an invitation to hear Senator Gillette in his challenging message on Atlantic Union.

Today friction is the mark of our age and Atlantic Union offers much toward the elimination of friction and our goal of peace. I strongly feel the future depends not so much upon what a few men in Europe and Asia may decide to do, as what a million men in America decide to be. To these ends I pledge my complete support.

—REP. CHARLES B. DEANE, N. C. 8th Congressional District.

GREETINGS FROM KOREA

WILL take great joy in dropping you a few lines today to let you know that it is wet and cold here in Korea, but it doesn't stop us G.I.s from thinking about home and the ones we love.

We can't get Christmas cards over here to send home so I was wondering if you would be so kind as to help us out by wishing one and all greetings from us over here. I know that my mother would be happy to know that her son remembers her.

We won't tell you what to say as our minds aren't working in that line, for you see we have just come off the line for a small rest.

—PFC DOUGLAS C. NELSON, U. S. 52028616, Co. L, 7th Inf. Br., Div. APO 468, Pm, San Francisco

POWER MAKES FOR PEACE

THE beliefs or ideas in regard to international affairs expressed in declarations made by our statesmen, orators, newspaper columnists, radio commentators and other people who influence public opinion, which have prevailed throughout the western hemisphere for many generations, were the cause which prevented America from making the required military preparations necessary to avoid two World Wars and the conflict we are facing with Communism today. If the people of America continue to hold such beliefs or ideas their countries will eventually suffer invasion and conquest by foreign enemies.

When a people have succeeded in isolating themselves, thereby no longer having threatening enemy activity on their frontiers, therefore, that is, that nothing disagreeable is going to happen, and order their lives accordingly, accepting willingly any



Herb took in on occasion. His cartoons will be resumed on his return.

People's Platform

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propaganda which favors this line of thought until awakened by the shock of the enemy attack. Of all the people inhabiting this planet, the people of America, from the first executives down to the common laborers, have the least consciousness of the nature of the natural laws which rule international political relations.

Established beliefs, the effect of religious and traditional teachings have such a paralyzing effect on mentalities that it is almost impossible to induce people to take under serious consideration any matter opposed to the line of beliefs, if circumstances do not compel them to do so. It is common knowledge that all important discoveries have been ridiculed at first, not only by the masses of the people, but also by the intellectual classes until events obliged them to recognize the truth of said discoveries.

When you hear a people and their statesmen clamor for peace, tremble for the future welfare of these people, because this clamor indicates that they are ignorant of the natural laws which govern international political relations. These laws are certain other than that which they have developed power to impose, and that this is the factor which decides the position each nation occupies throughout the term of its national life.

—A. E. KIELLY

Why Truman Axes 'Em

WHY Truman election starting him in the face. Harry Truman tries to put on a saintly, honest public face. Up until recently the Federal Government would not publicly disagree with Truman and resent what they considered wrong in the Federal family.

But, now since public pressure is being brought to bear, now evil that has been accumulating in our money-happy Square Deal family, Truman seems to be swinging his family ax of elimination at every one who permits himself to get caught in the sweep of a Federal house cleaning.

Truman very much reminds me of the man whose son was caught stealing chickens. After the son served six months on the chain gang and immediately on his return home his father grabbed him by the scruff of the neck and severely applied the leather strap. The son yelled murder and repeated "I would steal no more," chicken. His father yelled back at him and said: "Hush your mouth, boy, I said lickin' you fer stealin' chickens...I'm lickin' you fer gettin' caught."

So it is with Truman. It seems that he ain't axin' 'em fer doin' wrong; he's axin' 'em fer gettin' caught.

—P. C. BURKHOLDER

Merry-Go-Round Drew Go-Round Ike Parries Questions With Defense Talk

WASHINGTON. Note—Flying to Key West the other day, President Truman sat down in the compartment of the Presidential plane to discuss the Russian situation with General Eisenhower over his luncheon conversation with General Eisenhower. He repeated that at no time had they discussed politics.

Two Presidents. HERE is the inside story as to why President Truman coldly brushed aside French President Auriol's proposal that he should visit the United States after receiving an urgent cable from Secretary of State Acheson in Paris, stating that President Auriol had received Big Four proposal without the approval of French Foreign Minister Schuman or of the French Cabinet.

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Defensive Tank Turrets. LAST month the Army refused to accept a single medium (M-47) tank from its own Detroit Arsenal. The arsenal produced more than a hundred of the new tanks but the Army was so strict with its own arsenal that not a single one passed inspection. In fact, the Army complained that the turrets on the tanks failed to meet specifications. Requirements for the tank demand that the tank cannot be able to swing onto a target within

Despite Arab Wishes, Vigorous, Subsidized Israel Here To Stay

By STEWART ALSOP

IF ORTHODOX economic logic, the devastation of the Arab enemies of the state of Israel seems to have been realized. This with it, of course, the economic collapse and subsequent disintegration of the Israel state. For, by any reasonable definition, Israel is flat broke and getting broke all the time.

It is a platoon of brilliant economists flood the inquiring visitor in statistics. But one very simple fact will serve to illustrate the real nature of Israel's situation. This country is now importing at least five times the value of its exports, which is like a family spending its income several times over.

If this yawning gap were not somehow made up, Israel's standard of living would, in the words of one high official here, "sink low, and probably below, the general Middle Eastern standard of living." In other words, Israel's population, predominantly of European origin, would be forced to live at the level, say, of Egypt's miserable fellahs.

As things stand, it is little short of miraculous that the economy of the state of Israel, an artificial hydroponic garden, continues to function at all. Israel is a country of one million people, of whom 600,000 live in the cities, but with a much smaller arable land area. On this area it must somehow support three crowded cities, many large towns and a population accustomed generally to a high living standard. It is a country that has doubled its population in the last four years, and which must still absorb some 10,000 or so new immigrants every month.

The situation to absorb some 700,000 immigrants into a new and tiny country has, of course, so far, as well as economic consequences. Most of the new immigrants come from the Arab states, and aside from a mixed and distinct racial origin these people have little more in common with European Jews than, say, Patagonians have with Argentinians. The Israeli leaders, admitting the existence of severe social tensions within the new society, put their trust in the second generation.

Yet when this is said, something else must also be said. American policy in this area has been influenced by twin illusions. One is the illusion that Arab hostility to Israel is wholly irrational and without depth. The other is the illusion that the Moslems precisely balances in strategic importance the whole vast wild land-mass of the Arab and Moslem worlds. The inflated and irrational Middle East, as everywhere else, the precondition of a rational policy is the getting right of illusions.

Artificiality Of Today's Living Evidenced By Pills, Pills, Pills

By ROBERT C. RUARK

IT SEEMS to me I am sick almost these days that I used to be, and it also seems that the sickness is not only in the pills, but in the people. We have too many remedies for too many ills — too many specialties for the old-time common ordinary aches.

Everybody I know takes pills. They take all the vitamins — green, pink, blue, yellow, red. They take pills to go to sleep, pills to get up from the slumber that has been induced by other pills. They take pills to clear up their digestive tracts, and by gosh, the pillbox is more rife today than that snuffbox of obscenity.

For some obscure reason I got along for donkey's years on food alone. Didn't need the triple vitamin. Didn't need the complex X. Didn't need the E. Didn't need the A. I took for a really desperate head. Once in a while you demanded a brief touch of calm, and I took a light dose of Lydia Pinkham's to clear up the complexion. But never the heavy dosage of pills, pills, pills.

Just as I was getting used to it, the artificiality of living today is manifest in many a medium, but the pill thing tells me that we are really getting on a reverse from you get to thinking that Sir Francis Drake sank, or sunk, the Armada, and that the Russians had never died it by benefit of capsule D. Boone never needed a short methadine to bang that bear out of the woods. I know that gold was discovered at Mister Sutter's place without artificial assistance.

My wishes says that I got all sorts of deficiencies. I got a loose liver, and a frame on the overstraw, and for all these deficiencies and encouraged the viruses.

The latest bulletin from the medical is that all the wonder drugs that have been coming out of the microrobes are getting longer and a stronger, and are thumbing their noses at the bacteria. I know this to be true; I got germs today that would have slaughtered me for the next generation if not for the other people that own a franchise on hypochondria. I just guess that the pills and the injections have weakened them and encouraged the viruses.

Washington Pipeline

PRICE BOSS Mike DiSalle will soon announce higher ceiling prices for practically all clothing. The new price ceiling will be based on the cost of the raw materials and the cost of doing business. The new price ceiling will be based on the cost of the raw materials and the cost of doing business.

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