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THAT 'WILL FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT'

A SPEAKER before a local civic club gave voice this week to an attitude that has been espoused many times before...

Yes, these things spawned a powerful and prosperous America; but if they had been present in Indo-China, Guatemala or the Belgian Congo or Iran—would not an equal will for accomplishment have been bred in those far-flung lands?

Too often this very "American will for accomplishment" has been misapplied to the achievement of International Communism as "the American will for dominance."

It is part of the "American will for accomplishment" to stockpile our food and bury our gold while millions starve? Not "will for accomplishment" but "will for imperialism."

THE COST OF ILLEGITIMACY

THOUGH the facts and figures in our Mr. Young's story on Mecklenburg's burden of illegitimate children were depressing, they were not all bad. It is true that the cost—more than \$100 million out of a total annual expenditure of \$406,980 for aid to dependent children—is heavy.

Illegitimacy is to reduce the rate of illegitimacy. That is easier said than done. Illegitimacy is the product of ignorance and poverty, and the low moral standards that so often accompany ignorance and poverty.

It is not the fault of the child that he is illegitimate. It is the fault of the parents. Once the need has been clearly established, there must be no reservation about aiding the child.

WHO'S A RE-PUB-LI-CAN?

WHY, yes, we're come a long way in the old Southland. It would not be a generation or two ago that the very word Republican was an anathema to Southerners, a symbol for the Yankee carpetbagger and his Dixie deviationist, the scawlag.

publicans to defeat Mr. Truman's forces next year. But let Senator Mundt tell it: "I would not be embarrassed to work closely with Democratic Senators Hroy and Smith of North Carolina, Byrd of Virginia, and Russell of Georgia if such a coalition pact could be achieved."

"These men, although they are Democrats, favor the same type of government the Republican Party is interested in."

THE PERILS OF THE HUNT

NOT having the gambling instinct, we are unaccustomed to the figure odds. But we suspect that U. S. hunters, 400 of whom were killed in hunting accidents last year, faced no graver dangers in the woods than they would have faced driving on the highway.

eighteen slain hunters were wearing red in varying amounts. The sportsman's conclusion was that "About all the study proves is that if some trigger-happy guy is talking to you about anything he sees or hears in the woods, it wouldn't matter if you were wearing red neon signs from his feet. He'd shoot and look afterwards, just like he does now."

HERE'S TO 'BALDY'

WHEN we read about what seems to be an increasing willingness of Americans to sponge on the government or milk it, when we read about persons who will not support their aged parents but prefer to take the government to the cleaners...

the Welfare Department. He sweeps not only to justify his position on the relief rolls, but to express his rebellion against city dirt. Local sanitation men call him "the extra man" or "Baldy." One said: "He shaves his head like a cucumber to save haircut money. He does some job. He keeps the streets immaculate. If somebody as much as throws a cigar butt, he blows his cork. People take advantage of him, throw their stuff out of windows, heckling him. He'll pick up every tiny scrap and lug a heavy sofa or old refrigerator all the way to the can station."

But just now we have been reading about "Baldy" and it makes us feel better. He is described in the New York Herald Tribune as follows: "There is a man in Morningside Heights who labors from dusk till dawn, every day of the year, sweeping refuse from the streets. He covers 60 block fronts each night, but he is paid by no one to do this. He subsists on a \$13 weekly allotment from

'Uh We Can't Purge Them, Boss — They've Left'



People's Platform

Monroe Negro Needs Listed

MONROE Negro policemen to patrol the Negro area, these requests, however, seem to have met the same fate as the seeds sown on rocky ground and yet scores of cities in the South, including nearby Charlotte, beseech the Negro section of the city for the health of a community is of primary importance and the removal of the trash pile, located in the midst of a Negro residential area or the building of a modern incinerator would eliminate the breeding place of disease germs.

- (1) Appointment of a full-time nurse. (2) Acquisition of the former U. S. Club as a community center. (3) Street improvements in certain sections and the installation of a street light in the rear of the high school building.

The more recent increase in the crime wave in Monroe, particularly among Negroes, and the non-apprehension of persons engaged in thievery bear evidence of the need of additional police protection, particularly in the Negro section. Any approach to this problem goes back to the days of World War II when several persistent requests were made for the employment of one or more

The West Can Now Dicker Without Loss Of Dignity

(An Editorial from The Durham Herald)

THE aim of Western policy over the last two years has been to achieve something approximating a balance of power in the world. With this basic aim, few Americans disagree. The "great national debate" has been about means, not ends. Few Americans want war. They feel with Pope Pius that "nothing is lost with peace, all may be lost with war. Peace best serves our interests in that matter, Russia."

The desired parity with Russia may be attained in two ways. One is by building up the West's strength—military, economic, spiritual. The other is by weakening Russian hegemony. Measurable progress has been made along both lines.

In the West, Eisenhower has magically recalled the perimeter countries, the Atlantic pact has emerged from its recent trials stronger than ever; despite the gross economic readjustment, the world is far from lost to the Western cause; and Tito grows stouter by the hour.

And all the while America's reasonably well disposed, despite distasteful squabbling details behind the Administration's program.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(ED. NOTE: Drew Pearson is on a flying tour of Europe and the Middle East, surveying the world situation.)

THE most important thing that every American is entitled to know about Marshall Plan aid to Europe is whether it is a temporary stop-in-arm which will have to be repeated ever so often to keep the patient alive or whether it really puts the patient back on his feet. He'd be questioned will Communism take over shortly after we pull the Marshall Plan props out from under Europe?

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Many times Americans don't realize it is few European countries except England and the Scandinavian countries ever impose anything approaching our income tax on their people. Since the war most European countries simply have been balancing their books by printing money and other forms of American aid. This chiefly benefits the aristocracy of Italy and 300 families of France who for years have paid almost no taxes.

Interior Secretary Catches Criticism From Both Sides

By MARCUS CHILDS

WASHINGTON IT RECEIVED a public rebuke, a controversy is going on within the defense organization which has the honor of New York State interests that marked the private out by organized labor from the putative claims of public power as against private power in the face of shortages of vital

The political potentialities are explosive, since lined up on the public side are the labor unions, electrical co-ops. They have important political friends on Capitol Hill, including influential Southern Democrats who have already begun to put the heat on Secretary of Interior C. Charles Chapman.

Chapman felt obligated to name a private power man to head up his defense power because the case pointed out to him that about fourteen billion dollars is invested in the private power program of the United States. He named as administrator Clifford B. McManus, former president of the Georgia Electric Co. and since 1949 of the Southern Power Co. serving areas in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Florida.

These but more suggestions that there was a power shortage in the Pacific Northwest and the consequent need for more defense industries could be located in that region. In the Northwest, the public power developments, Grand Coulee and Bonneville, have provided cheap power which has in turn attracted a whole new industrial complex.

In that rapidly growing area of the West, McManus is expected to block to any further public power development. Senator Morse of Oregon, a Republican, and Senator Magnuson, a Democrat, are charging down Chapman's office. So did Rep. Henry Jackson of Washington, a

airfields so that this stock can be further increased. In the same way, stocks of ammunition are being sold in all kinds for the air and ground forces, and of all other similar necessities of war have been substantially increased.

Mothballed Tanks Indicate Extent Of Red Preparations

By JOSEPH ALSOP

BERLIN freedom amid the surrounding situation in the Iron Curtain. Germany. It is a place where millions of simple people bravely carry on their lives in the face of danger. It has several other personalities and aspects. But for the traveler, Berlin is, above all, a city in the Iron Curtain, through which much can be seen that is not visible from Washington or Paris or London.

Perhaps the best symbol of the first thing one sees through this chink is a mothballed tank. Unlike other recent military developments, Western intelligence officers had been encouraged by the belief that the Soviets possessed no reserve armor. To be sure, there are still some gaps. The transport facilities available to the Soviet armies would be thought inadequate for any American European commander, partly because of the poor quality of steel rails supplied from East Germany for railroad improvement. But Russian commanders, who get their tanks from the Russian rail system, are unfortunately likely to use American or European standards of transport.

Then one fine morning reports began to come in of tanks mothballed, in garages and warehouses, in the west of the Red. The size of this newly discovered reserve of Soviet armor is not yet definitely determined, but the estimates of the readiness of the Soviet armored divisions have already been anxiously awaited.

Besides sending in reserve tanks, the Soviet planners have taken many other steps to prepare their armor for a possible use. Their air and mechanized forces were formerly provided with fuel oil and had to be supplied with permanent fuel stock has now been built up. Underground tankage is being constructed at the

ECA Money Balances Italian Budget

Italian taxes, for instance, are geared to hit the small farmer and the big landowner or the big industrialist. When the Italian farmer transports eggs into the Rome market, he's stopped on the outskirts of the city and forced to pay a tax of about 20 per cent on his produce. When he carries his wine or his olive oil or anything else into the city or across the county line he pays a tax.

Rich Milk Marshall Aid THIS same society of duchesses and countesses which so long has basked in the favor of the American embassy in Rome, is now being milked by the Marshall Plan. The milk is to be milked for their own special benefit. The milking was both pleasant and profitable. But soon America's milk supply will be cut off. The Marshall Plan is to be milked for the benefit of the Italian people.

All this, plus ECA's failure to do much about vitally needed housing, continued to be duck-soup material for the Communists to exploit. This also was the subject of a vigorous controversy between ECA Administrator Dayton and Ambassador James D. Dorn. Dayton, who inherited Zellerbach's administrative job in Italy, is a quiet-spoken ex-Red Cross worker who at first was regarded as a hero for Italian bureaucrats and these ladies, who make monkeys out of most Americans. But, fortunately, they were sadly disappointed.

Europe Must Tax

HOWEVER, the basic fact remains that the United States can continue pouring money into Italy and other European countries, but it is no good unless these countries remove the evils which cause Communism and unless they learn to tax. What is happening now is that the American taxpayer steps up with his tax dollar four times yearly and pays through the nose while the big bracket Europeans laugh at us. The little taxpayer in Europe is about the only man who has to pay for his own government. However, the above controversies had important after-effects. Housing and land reform are now being undertaken in Italy. The Italian government has set up a limited scale. Italy has also just adopted a new tax bill which, for the first time in hundreds of years, mildly upped the tax on the wealthy. The new law has a long way to go before it is anywhere near as good as ours. It provides no penalties and no effective means for detecting earnings and there is no way to detect big violations. It already has a long way to go before it looks as though Italy will have the largest revenue in its history next year.