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THAT 'WILL FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT'

A SPEAKER before a local civic club gave been espoused many times before, an attitude that has been espoused many times before, an attitude, we fear, that is far too prevalent. The speaker, a visiting "columnist-economist", opposed the "Point Four" program of aid to underdeveloped nations because, the said, these nations have done nothing to help

The speaker said she is not sorry for the ple of these underdeveloped nations ause they have not shown "the American will for accomplishment".

This attitude is not uncommon. Its pro-onents put the label of realism on it, but is the rankest chauvinism and is based on indness or ignorance and bolstered with

selfishness.—
What, after all, was "The American will for accomplishment" but aggressiveness in taking advantage of the vast natural resources the original colonists found on these shores' in pursuing the ever-expanding American frontier? in putting to use the political maturity and inventiveness that the streams of refugees from European oppresstreams of refugees from European oppression brought to these shores? In pushing back
the American Indian and finally cooping
him up on reservations? in bringing to
America thousands of slaves upon whose
backs their insaters could vault to wealth
and prominence, and then denying the slaves
and their children the opportunity to exercise that same "will for accomplishment"?

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

Too often this very "American will for accomplishment" can be re-phrased to the advantage of International Communism as "the American will for dominance." Too often accomplishment means control of all the power, all the money, all the resources.

The speaker was not sorry for the people of underdeveloped lands, she was sorry for the American taxpayer "who was being bled to pay for the sentimentalism of those who would spend our austance helping those who do not want to achieve what we have and do not deserve our help". Is it sentimentalism to be concerned over the lack of educational facilities in Indo-China't the lack of medicine and hospitals in Indo-China't the lack of medicine and hospitals in

China? the lack of medicine and hospitals in Guatemala? the lack of food in India? Not sentimentalism, but Christian humanitarian

Is it part of "the American will for accom-plishment" to stockpile our food and bury our gold while millions starve? Not "will for accomplishment" but sadistic selfishness. From a moral viewpoint, such an attitude is reprehensible. And if the exponents of "the will for accomplishment" want realism—how better to bolster the nations of the world against Communism than to remove the things that breed Communism?"

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 are not all bad. It is true that the cost ore than \$100,000 out of a total annual expenditure of \$406,980 for aid to dependent children—is heavy. But the rate of illegitimacy among Negroes, the worst offenders, macy among Negroes, the worst offenders, has shown an encouraging decrease—from 37.19 per cent in 1938 to 17.3 per cent in 1931. If that trend continues, the cost of the program may be expected to decrease accordingly.

In times like these, it is natural to think In times like these, it is natural to think in terms of the tax burden, and many read-ers of THE NEWS probably had misgivings about this \$100,000 a year when they read the story, Nonetheless, we should remember that the monetary cost is not the big problem. But rather the manifestation of the big problem. That big problem is illegitimacy. And the proper way to reduce the cost of illegitimacy is to reduce the rate of illegit-

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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. The long range solution lies in improving the educational, moral and economic standards of the lowest denominator of our common society.

That's a long process, and a slow process, but it can be speeded along by energetic work at the local level by public and private agencies, especially churches. Mr. Young's story pointed out that large numbers of Negro teenage girls have illegitimate children, and then move on elsewhere, leaving the property of the prop Negro teen-age girls have illegitimate chii-dren, and then move on elsewhere, leaving the youngsters with relatives. There is a tremendous opportunity or constructive work

in that age group alone.

It is not the fault of the child that he is It is not the rault 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?

AH. yes, we've come a long way in the old Southland.

An old Southland.

Why it want more than a generation or two ago that the very word Republican was an anathem to Southerners, a symbol for the Vankee carpetbageer and his Disie deviationist, the scalibuga. Republicans were created for the scorners and sneerers, and no bonafide Democrat would be caught conversing with one, much less agreeing with

one.

But Time and Harry Truman have changed many things, and now we have Senator Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, a Re-glub-lican to the very marrow, coming among us to urge a coalition of Southern Democrats and Re-

publicans to defeat Mr. Truman's forces next

But let Senator Mundt tell it:

"I would not be embarrassed to work closely with Democratic Senators Hoey and Smith of North Carolina, Byrd of Virginia, and Russell of Georgia if such a coalition can be achieved." These men, although they, are Democrats, favor the same type of government the Republican Party is interested in."

We wonder where those chuckles are com ing from. Could it be from the hills and ravines of Avery and Mitchell Counties where the supposedly-gerrymandered Republicans are getting the last laugh?

THE PERILS OF THE HUNT

NOT having the gambling instinct, we are unaccustomed to figuring 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 highways.

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Some 12,000,000 licensed hunters, plus an unknown number of unlicensed hunters, were out during the past season. The 400 deaths figure out to about one chance in 30,000 of being killed. In our book, those are long odds, worth taking a chance on if you like to tramp through the fields in search of

Many safety devices have been tried, but they don't always work. A Michigan sports-man sought to find out if wearing red pro-vided any protection to deer hunters in his state. Apparently not, for seventeen out of

"About all the study proves is that if some trigger-happy guy is going to shoot at anything her-sees or hears in the woods, it wouldn't matter if you were wearing red neon signs from head to foot. He'd shoot and look afterwards, just like he does now."

There was a suggestive angle in the Associated Press round-up on hunting accidents. Connecticut came through the season with no fatal shooting accidents despite the fact that more than 40,000 licensed hunters were in the field. Could it be that New Englanders are so thoroughly imbused with the spirit of William Prescott's famed Bunker Will code to the three seathers. Hill order that they really don't shoot until they can see the whites of the eyes?

From The Greensboro Daily News

HERE'S TO 'BALDY'

WHEN we read about what seems to be Wilen 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 let the government do it; when we read about minks and skunks in the RFC and other schemes of the get-rich-quick boys to relieve tarpayers of money by way of Washington, we are inclined to think that the pessimists who say, the country is going to the dogs may have something.

But just now we have been reading about "Baldy" and it makes us feel better. He is described in the New York Heraid Tribuse as follows:

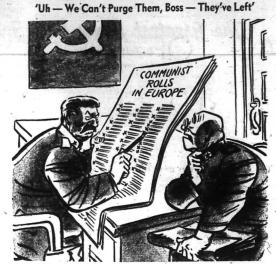
There is a man in Morningside Heights who labors from dusk till dawn, every day of the year, sweeping refuse from the streets. He covers 60 block fronts each night, but he is paid by no one to do this. He subsists on a \$13 weekly allotment from

the Welfare Department. He sweeps not only to justify his position on the relief rolls, but to express his rebellion against city dirt.

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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 ejgar 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.

the can station. Maybe his unts, we don't know. And then maybe it's not as cray to think you ought to give the Government value for value as to think you can say it and corrupt it and sat to think you can say it and corrupt it and still count on it to protect and defend you. Maybe it's more blessed to give than to receive even where the Government is concerned. Anyway, here's to "Baldy".



People's Platform

Monroe Negro Needs Listed

Editors. The News:

CIVIC-MINDED Negro citizens of Monroe and
Union county, N. C.; in the midst of the war
preparedness effort, are ever mindful of conditions existing in the local community and to this
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Recently the City Fathers and governing heads of the county have enacted certain measures to improve conditions, particularly in the City of Monroe proper. These measures may be stated briefly as follows:

(1) Appointment of a full-time nurse. (2) Acquisition of the former U. S. O. Club as a

community center.

(3) Street improvements in certain sections and the installment of a street light in the rear of the high school building.

While these improvements may be listed as assets in terms of community development there are other much needed and long sought after improvements which tend to weigh heavily on the liability side.

side.

The more recent increase in the crime wave in Monroe, particularly among Negroes, and the non-perchension of persons engaged in thievery bear tion, particularly in the Negro section. The 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 or more more considerable.

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 seems of the same fate as the seeds sown on rocky ground and yet seems of the seems of

people.

—UNION COUNTY CITIZENS LEAGUE.

Booker T. Perry, Secretary.

The West Can Now Dicker Without Loss Of Dignity

(An Editorial from The Durham Herald)

THE alm 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 sold means, rather than ends.

The desired party with Russia may be attained serves our interests—and for that matter, Russia's.

The desired party 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.

Messurable progress has been made along both lines.

both lines.

In the East, the situation has again turned in our favor: Gen. Ridgway's "minicing machine" tacties—comparable to Joffre's at Verdun—steadily trim away the hard crust of the Chinese armics, so that Red China's pressure is everywhere eased. Chiang's threat (which as all chess players know may be stronger in being than in execution) gains new weight, the defenders of finds China lake heart, and John Poster Dulles' mission to Japan is brid-and John Poster Dulles' mission to Japan is brid-

new weight; the detenuers on most one Japan is britished and John Foster Dulles' mission to Japan is britished. In the West, Eisenhower has magically-ralled be permister countries, the Allantic part has emerged from its recent trials stronger than efer; despite the grouns of our many Cassandras, Germany is far from lost to the Western cause; and And all the while America's rearmament, despite distasteful squabbling over details, proceeds agae, while public opinion solidifies behind the Administration's program.

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The Durham Herald)
acutely perceptive book of last year. The Curtain Inn'i Iron Russia, too, has her troubles, graver ones to the control of the control of

Faris.

It goes without saying that we must be watch-ful leat the Russians lead us down the garden path. Their protestations of peacefuls intentions are per at the protestation of peacefuls intention are per at the words. In Germany, particularly, we must be careful not to let Moscow achieve a "political vacuum" that a skillful propaganda campaign may fill, to our detriment.

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sale."

From its new position of strength, the West can dicker without loss of dignity. But if it makes up its mind ahead of time to entertain no Russian proposafs, the cause of peace is lost.

Interior Secretary Catches

Criticism From Both Sides

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Mothballed Tanks Indicate Extent Of Red Preparations

By JOSEPH ALSOP

THIS strange city is an island of a freedom amid the surrounding slavery of the Soviet zone of Germany. It is a place where milions of simple people bravely carry on in the ever-present shadow of danger. It has several other personalities and aspects. But for a chink in the Iron Curfain, through which much can be seen that is not visible from Washington or Paris or London.

turn attracted a whole new indus-trial complex. The second was a con-tine that rapidly growing area shocks was McManus' ruling as a block was McManus' ruling as a block of the second was a second con-dependent of the second was a foregon, a Republican, and Sena-tor Magnuson of Washington, a Democrat, came charging down to Chapman's office. So did Rep. Henry Jackson of Washington, a

that is not visible lenter washing-tion or Paris or London.

Perhaps the best symbol of the lirst thing one sees through this chink is a mothballed lank. Un-tion of Western intelligence ef-ification of Western intelligence ef-ficers had been encouraged by the belief that the Soviets possessed no reserve armor west of the Vis-lata. True, there were at least twelve Soviet armored divisions. Constantly, the search visions, constantly internal of a maneuvers, did not seem ready for a drive across Western Europe.

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Then one fine morning reports began to come in of tanks moth-bailed, in garages and warehouses, in the same way that we mothbail our reserve fleet. The size of this newly discovered reserve of Soviet armor has not yet been determined of the Soviet armored divisions have already been anxiously revised.

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Besides a end in g in reserve tanks, the Soviet planners have taken many other steps to prare their war machine. Whereas their air and mechanized forces were formerly provided with fuel on a hand-to-mouth basis, a large premanent feel stock has now been been been a band-to-mouth basis, a large permanent feel stock has now been built up. Underground tankage is being constructed at the

BERLIN airfields so that this stock can be island of further increased.

In the same way, stocks of ammunition, of spare parts of all kinds for the air and ground forces, and of all other similar necessities of war have been substantially increased.

Crated air engines and even air frames have been brought in, so far as can be judged in far larger numbers than would be needed to East Germany.
METHODICAL PREPARATION

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The general picture is one of methodical war preparation, so, one of methodical war preparation, so, on a foundation already so men-scingly strong, that very few people have taken alarm. To be sure, there are still some gaps. The transport facilities available to the transport facilities available to the transport facilities available to the content of the property of the

pean standards of transport.

All these different tolisomely collected facts about what the soviets have done and have not done in the last year for their European forces, form a pattern authorized the subsequent report. It is enough to say here that what has been done vastly outweighs what has not been done. If we had done one-half as much, the Kremlin would lowing that the American warmongers are preparing an aggression.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round ECA Money Balances Italian Budget

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

The most important thing the very American is entitled to know about Marshall Plan aid to Europe is whether it is a temporary shotin-arm which will have to be recited to know about Marshall Plan aid to Europe is whether it is a temporary shotin-arm which will have to be recited to the property of the

Few Income Taxes

WHAT mot Americans don't realize is that few European countries except England and the Scandinavian countries except England and the Scandinavian countries with the proposed of the Countries with the proposed of the Countries simply have been balancing their budgets with Marshall Plan funds and other forms of American sid. This chiefly benefits the aristocracy of Italy and 500 families of France who for years have paid almost no taxes.

Italian taxes, for instance, are geared to hit the small farmer and the worker—not the big landowner or the big industrialist. When the Italian farmer transports eggs into the Rome market, he's stopped on the outstead of the 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.

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THIS same society of duchesses and countesses which so
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milking was both pleasant and profitable. But soon American
officials and the Italian people woke up and found
that Marshall money was being spent to build bathrooms
for Senators, to rebuild the Fascist headquarters at the
club in all Rome, the Open Gate Club.

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 controvery between ECA Administrator Dayton
and Ambassador Jimmie Dunn. Dayton, who inherited
ex-Red Cross worker who at first was trearried as a push
over for Italian bureaucrats and these laddes, who make
monkeys out of most Americans. But, fortunately, they
were sadly disappointed.

Dayton Vs. De Gasperi

SUDDENLY Dayton began telling the Italian government

S that it had to do something about housing land reform and even about taxes. He also pulled American
money, out of the Open Gate Club, the Paccist headquarters and Rome's swank new railroad station. At first Italian officials ddin't believe him. They began to change

their minds, however, when Dayton made a public speech warning that Italy had better spend less money importing that Italy had better spend less money importing things the people needed such as housing. He even indicated that any government which neglected these basic social reforms might find itself strung up from a lampost as was Mussolini.

This caused an upublicized but important crisis. De Gasperi summoned Ambassador Dunn and demanded an apology. Dunn called in Dayton. Dayton wrote an apology, on the second page he wrote a reaffirmation of the rout on the second page he wrote a reaffirmation of the rout on the second page he wrote a reaffirmation of the rout on the second page he wrote a reaffirmation of the rout on the second page he wrote a reaffirmation of the rout of the route o

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HOWEVER, the basic fact remains that the United States can continue pouring money into Italy and other European countries until the cows come home and it will do cause Commonism 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. However, the above controversies had important after, maths. Housing and land reform are now being undertaken jointly by the ECA and the Italian government on a limited scale. Italy has also just adopted a new tax bill which, for the first time in hundreds of years, mildly aphabetic than the scale of the sca