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ERUPTION IN IRAN

WHITING in The New Republic this week, Supreme Court Associate Justice William O. Douglas pointed out that there are revolutions brewing among the peasants of Asia and the Middle East.

"I have not seen a village between the Mediterranean and the Pacific that is not stirring uneasily," he wrote.

In Iran Wednesday the boiling pot bubbled over. Ali Razmara, Premier of Iran and former American-oriented chief of staff of the Iranian Army, was assassinated. It was Razmara, more than anyone else, who knit together the disintegrating Iranian government last year. While he was of the man-of-horseback school, Razmara was interested in doing something to make life better for the incredible poor Iranians.

Justice Douglas singled out Razmara as the leader of a government with "the highest degree of competence and the most liberal viewpoint in recent Persian history."

It would be an understatement to say that Razmara will be missed in Iran. It would be more proper to admit that he was the near-indispensable man in that nation.

Even with Razmara running things, the political status of Iran was far from tranquil. There had been indications of closer governmental contact with Russians. The Iranian government shut off Voice of America broadcasts into that nation. The U. S. State Department announced a \$25,000,000 loan to Iran. The Parliament was sniping at Razmara.

THAT 'MORAL VICTORY'

THE slender numerical majority in favor of removing a statewide liquor referendum bill from the House's unfavorable calendar has been labeled "a moral victory" for the Drys.

In a sense that is true, if one defines a moral victory as a "gallant attempt ending in failure." For the Drys fell far short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

Actually, the vote is misleading, and North Carolinians should not be fooled by it. The 38 to 51 vote in favor of taking the bill from the unfavorable calendar is a blemish on the record of the House would vote for a statewide liquor referendum if it came to a test.

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PITY THE POOR BUTLER

IT'S ABOUT TIME someone brought to justice an assortment of characters who have been getting away with murder. We must turn to the authors of the butler-killer mysteries.

The murder is always done in the fashionable way—by shooting, stabbing, or poisoning, and all very brutal and cold-blooded. The master of the household is the victim. He is found lying in his study. All members of the household, except the butler, have reasonable motives and undisputed opportunities—and, in addition, have far more to gain by the death of the old miser than the butler.

But a motive is tacked onto the butler's faultless conduct, and his very occupation is presumed to have given him the opportunity. Therefore, it follows quite illogically, that he must be the murderer. The question arises as to his motive, but the

A BLAST FROM ATLANTA

FROM Atlanta comes the echo of a mighty reverberating blast must be the Fulton County (Ga.) grand jury against what it calls widespread malpractices in the insurance and use of county and city liquor licenses.

In Georgia, legal whisky is sold under the free enterprise system, subject to certain qualifications. The jury's complaint is that some dealers are much too free in their enterprise.

The report added up to 22 pages, backed by 223 pages of sworn testimony, and it hit hard not only at the dealers, but also at the dubious relationship between the dealers and the Police Department and County Board of Commissioners. It listed numerous violations of the licensing law. It demanded that all city and county liquor licenses be canceled, and recommended that the succeeding jury take action to see that

From The Greensboro Daily News

IN RE: HOME WORK

THE 1951 General Assembly of North Carolina, we had all the while assumed, has all the problems it can handle and then some right here at home without embracing the nation or the world in its broad scope.

But one would hardly judge that to be the case in view of several matters which have already been projected at Raleigh and are now pending action.

In the national realm there are the proposal to let Congress what to do in the event of invasion, the proposal to let Congress what to do in the event of invasion, the proposal to let Congress what to do in the event of invasion.

The immediate effect of the assassination of Razmara will, of course, be an increase in the political turmoil. At best it will probably result in more violence. At worst it could precipitate a Soviet-inspired "revolution" beginning in Azerbaijan and spreading over the nation.

That no immediate reaction was forthcoming in Iran this week was due probably to the apparently spontaneous nature of the assassination. The Iranian government was quick to point out that there was no evidence that the killing was inspired by the Communists, but that, instead, it was the work of a religious fanatic.

Nonetheless, the Tudeh (Communist) Party—ten of whose members recently "escaped" from jail—can be expected to take advantage of the resulting instability in the government.

For months now political observers have pointed out that oil-rich Iran, where U. S. and English interests have long controlled the oil fields, might well become "The Next Korea." Some military men have been reluctant to believe that Russia would set off an Iranian revolution because of the probability that Russian troops would have to be used.

The events of this week, however, may force Moscow to show its true intentions for revolution in Iran are ripe; if the Russians plan aggression there, it should come soon.

stutents. They know in advance that the move will not get the two-thirds majority, so they vote in the affirmative. Then they can go back home and tell their constituents that they tried their hardest to get the bill off the unfavorable calendar and on to the floor.

If one of these referendum bills should ever get off the unfavorable calendar, there'd be a lot of switching. For it's one thing to put oneself on record as favoring a House vote on a state referendum, and quite another thing to vote for the referendum bill itself.

This North Carolina General Assembly, like its immediate predecessors, feels that the county option system of alcohol control is doing well, and that in the most democratic method of settling the question. We concur in that judgment.

persistent hounds of the law soon surmount that barrier, and sure enough the butler is found guilty.

It has come to the point that the presence of a butler in the cast of characters almost insures the outcome. Why can't one butler be murdered by one grouchy old master for some strange and unfathomable, until the last chapter, reason? As a matter of fact, the reason doesn't need to be so strange and unfathomable. A brief flirtation with the master's wife would serve the purpose, and would also be rather diverting for the readers.

A minor critic of our acquaintance once began his review of an opera with this opinion: "Something's got to be done about Faust!" Begging his pardon, we'd say that something's got to be done about these mystery writers who always pick on the poor butler. Burning at the stake is too kind a fate for them.

those who have violated the law be punished.

There is more than 250 miles from Charlotte, but the grand jury business in the Fulton grand jury business:

1. State monopoly of the liquor business is much to be preferred over the issuing of private licenses. At no time since the North Carolina 'ABC' system was created has there been any weakening of the integrity of local government officials.

2. The grand jury can be a potent instrument for the public weal, if it so desires. All too often grand juries make perfunctory, superficial examinations of government facilities, and recommend that dirty walls be repainted or leaking faucets repaired. What they ought to do is dig beneath the surface, as the Fulton County jury did, and tell the people in plain language what they find there.

lature's world government recommendation. On the international level there is the proposal to advise the United Nations on how to open its sessions.

Posing as experts or even advisers on these outside matters, while it has so many of its very own problems that it is experiencing difficulty to say the least in handling, our Tar Heel honorables appear to be about as qualified as Wherry, Taft, Hoover and some of the grand juries make perfunctory, superficial examinations of government facilities, and recommend that dirty walls be repainted or leaking faucets repaired.

Sticking to one's knitting is a mighty good idea for busybodies, whether public or private.

'Just A Minute! I'll Hold That Ladder For You'



People's Platform

Plight of The 'Real Americans'

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News: I HAVE read and thought about Henry Pearson's letter on the Negro and how he is treated. There is an old saying about "someone is always worse off."

Looking at the overall picture, neither the Negro nor the white man is very bad off when you consider that this America at one time did belong to neither of us. Of course, it did belong to someone, but we whites came in and by cheating, robbery, armed force took this land and then brought the Negro here. That's not a pretty picture, but a true one.

These people to whom this land belonged now live on the poorest land we could possibly give them. Having recently returned from the West where I viewed the housing situation of these people, and then having gone around Charlotte to see the new Negro housing, I wonder why the Negro has such a complaint? He ought to tour the West and look at the tumbled-down conditions the American Indian, what there are, are terribly under-staffed and over-crowded. Their colleges I believe could be counted on one hand. Half of all Navajo children die of starvation and TB before the age of 6.

And yet, they are the only real Americans. The people who intruded and took their country from them and the offspring of the African slave is forever gripping about conditions under which they must live.

The old saying is true. No matter how bad off you are, others are worse off. And yet, constantly an effort is being made to better things for the Negro.

Who is interested that here in this land of plenty people are starving, babies are dying? If these were Negro babies, there'd be a big move to correct the situation. But they are only real Americans who are starving and dying. They, too, fought and earned their rights, though they never go around bragging about it.

It's high time we "hybrid people" took some notice of the people from whom we sprung. This country. But we like to hush-hush it because the record isn't pretty. But the fact remains, babies are starving in our land of plenty. But we are so busy with Negro housing and bettering their conditions that we are deaf to the tiny pitiful wail cry of a little Indian baby! Aren't we a proud people!

—MRS. E. RICHEY.

Many Want To Hear Taft

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News: EIGHT thousand votes plus were cast in the Congressional elections in Mecklenburg County in the years 1948 and 1950 for Republican candidates, Harmon in 1948 and Rogers in 1950.

A careful, cold-blooded dissection of Russian strategy in the past shows that definitely that they expected the United States to fall apart at the seams economically after V-J Day in 1946. The depression which even some American economists expected after the war was banked on by Moscow to start unemployment, unrest and riots and either bring the United States into the Communist orbit without war or else make a victory easier for the Russians. Certainly the expected depression, Moscow figured, would bring Communism to Western Europe.

And there was a time, late in 1947, when this strategy almost succeeded. Europe. This was when droughts, plus a Communist-inspired strike of Italian harvest hands, plus French railroad and shipping strikes, plus riots and general war discouragement had certain European democracies near the tipping point. It was at this crucial time that such American aid as the Friendship Program, followed by a special session of Congress which voted food for hungry Europeans followed by the Marshall Plan broke the back of the Communist drive to take over Europe.

Since then the pro-American democracies in Europe have been getting stronger while the Communist movement is getting weaker. Moscow definitely missed the boat

Now, we are to have here on March 16 Mr. Republican, Robert Taft of Ohio, one of the most prominent exponents of Republicanism in the nation, and a very strong candidate for President of the United States.

Besides an interested citizenship, there are more than 8,000 potential supporters of Mr. Taft in this county who would like to see and hear him. In the old days, candidates for public office spoke to the people. Should Mr. Taft speak in some public place it would stimulate popular support for him and be of benefit to the Republican Party in the county—and in the district.

However, it has been announced in the press that Mr. Taft will address a group of his active admirers in the dining room of a local hotel at a charge of seven dollars and a half (\$7.50) per person, and the number could not be greater than one per cent of his prospective voting support in the county. With the acrid atmosphere which Republicans expect, it would be much less.

The above arrangement is made, it is stated in the press, under the guidance of the so-called Young Republicans.

—S. M. BAGGETT, Republican Candidate for Legislature, 1950.

Think On These Things

GREENVILLE, S. C.

WILL ROGERS said: "There ain't any folks on earth who know as much as the American people." Old Abe Martin said: "It ain't what you know that makes a fool of you, it's what you know that ain't."

When the North Carolina Citizens' Council tells us that Prohibition can't be made to work, that Control Laws can be and are now working, it sounds like the voice of the people (judging purely by the name of the organization). But some very evil propaganda groups nowadays have such pretty names, that one feels he should like to know something of the personnel of this group which seems to have the public's best interests at heart. The front row of names, nor yet the second or third row, but the real people in the background. Come here be anyone who has a personal interest—say in selling or in dividends?

Even when the flow of liquor was a mere trickle, it has never been controlled anywhere, by any law which could be devised by the mind of man. Doesn't it sound highly improbable that it can be now that the flood gates are open to a mad rushing torrent such as has never been let loose anywhere else on earth? We've been trying out all sorts of laws for nearly two decades of repeal, and it's all worse all the time. What sort of a place are we building for our children and grandchildren?

"Think on these things!"

—NELLIE M. WAITE.

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.)

BELGRADE — If Russia follows the doctrine of the famous German war strategist Count Karl von Clausewitz as it has in the past, it would seem likely that Moscow would have an attack on Yugoslavia sometime this Spring. For Clausewitz taught that the time to make war is when you are strongest and your potential enemy is weakest. The moment your enemy begins gaining strength, according to the war theory, the time to make war is when you are strongest and your potential enemy is weakest. The moment your enemy begins gaining strength, according to the war theory, the time to make war is when you are strongest and your potential enemy is weakest.

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War, If It Comes, Is Due In Spring

in those immediate postwar years and now is faced with the quandary of whether it may miss the boat again or whether it should cold-bloodedly precipitate a war, for the beginning of the end of the world as we know it. General Eisenhower means that the military advantage now enjoyed by Moscow must pass from its hands. Unpleasant as it may seem, the time has come when the West must take action. The time has come when the West must take action. The time has come when the West must take action.

—YUGOSLAVIA.

Tito Knows Russian Traits

WHEN talking privately, the man who now bosses the Yugoslavians is extremely frank about the danger of an attack on his country this Spring. Tito, originally named Josip Broz, a former Croatian militiaman, fought in the Austro-Hungarian army in 1914, deserted to the Serbs, and then fought under the red flag of the Bolshevik army in 1917. So he knows what the Russians are like. If the Russian attack, he told a friend recently, they will know what it is to fight. They will know what it is to fight. They will know what it is to fight.

Stories Of Taft-McCarthy Alliance Continue To Grow

By MARQUIS CHILDS

TO STOP the RFC investigation about bringing out all the facts on how pressure was applied to get loans will be unfair to a great many people and above all to the public. Only a complete investigation can be really effective if the intention is to cure the evils in government "finance by favoring."

This applies with special force to pressure from Senators and Representatives. To single out one or two examples where it is well known that the files are full of Congressional letters is to show partisanship of a narrow kind.

The game on Capitol Hill these days is for the pot to call the kettle black and vice versa. Thus the Republicans in the Senate are crying out about the RFC money which they belittle and denounce the effort of the Democrats to expose the unsavory shenanigans of Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin and the Chicago Tribune to designate Senator Tydings in Maryland last November.

The real question is where the responsibility lies and that brings up the position of Senator Taft of Ohio. A number of writers in the Hall of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Mrs. Roosevelt, Doris Fleeson, Stewart Alsop and others are varying degrees of positiveness that an alliance exists between Taft and McCarthy.

ATTORNEY GENERAL In the rumormongering and the rumors are certainly being helped along by Taft's enemies, this goes even further. It is reported that in a Taft Cabinet McCarthy would be Attorney General.

As proof of the alliance McCarthyism in business circles, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine of an important Senate investigating committee is cited. It was Mrs. Smith who last June issued a resolution of conscience pointing to the tragic lack of leadership in the Legislative and Executive branches of Government and protesting the technique of the smear campaign. It was signed by six other Republican Senators.

NEW YORK

THE BULLETIN comes from Mexico that the health of the President is feeling pretty poorly, what with the bronchitis and all, and hence won't be able to fly up to testify before the Senate commission, which convenes here next week.

Our sympathies are all with Mr. O'Dwyer. Everybody has been feeling lousy, lately, especially people with testifying to do. Heart flutters are rampant all over the land, as Senator Kefauver barnstorms, and the wracking cough is endemic, as is the rosy nose and seeping eyes. The nation's resistance is lowered, due to mental depression, taxes, and general suspicion. The nation is in a state of one horrid malady or another.

It is just terrible that Mr. O'Dwyer can't make it, to answer a few questions about corruption under his regime, because people are generally unsympathetic to the ills of others, and suspicious, too, since the wave of corruption has ravaged the ranks of Kefauver committee testifiers. It is getting so people are afraid to testify before they call for the mouthpiece.

SO HE'S SICK

In common humanity there is no real sympathy for a man who can't ain't sick; no physical check up to determine the true extent of illness. A man who believes himself to be a sick man, and who says he is sick cannot be proven to be well. Not legally.

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Tough, Well-Trained Troops

PERHAPS the most important fact about present American troops in Mexico is that they are buying the support of 32 Yugoslav divisions. This brings up the all-important question: will those divisions fight, are they prepared, and will they last longer than the Yugoslav army in 1941, which was in almost overnight before Hitler's blitzkrieg?

The answers are obviously difficult. However, American troops in Mexico are not only well trained, but they are also well equipped. The present Yugoslav leaders went through the most difficult fighting in the world when Tito's partisan bands held out against the Germans in the mountains of Herzegovina for two long years. They know what it is to fight. They know what it is to fight. They know what it is to fight.