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WISHFUL THINKING IN CONGRESS

WHAT the Richmond Times-Dispatch has aptly described as "hand-to-mouth thinking" appears to be the current Congressional approach to an extension of the Defense Production Act's many controls over

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Congress seems to be caught between the fear of inflational controls are an extension of the control program is permitted to alide.

This newspaper did not join the hue and cry for full controls immediately after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. We did not do so for a reason that does not rest comfortably on our mind or conscience—a rather cynical conviction that the American people are not politically mature enough to discipance on the control of the contr

pline themselves and forego the "butter" of their existence short of a full scale world war that would force full concentration on "guns". We anticipated that the control pro-gram would soon become the target of at-tack by every group in the economy affected adversely thereby. That expectation has been became out

suversey thereby. That expectation has been borne qut. The developing world situation, however, has made some kind of control program utterly imperative. We must, as the Timez-Dispatch points out, arm spaints Communism folly to think that we can handle a 70 billion budget on a pay-as-wego basis without the most rigid self-denial and sacrifice. No one likes controls, but the Congress has no choice at the moment except to extend the Defense Production Act and make it as rigid and as equitable as is humanly possible.

NEHRU NODS

WE ARE convinced that a triumvirate of Sam Spide, Sherlock Holmes and The Shadow could trail India's Javaharlal Nehru for a decade without catching that admirable disciple of Gandhi in an important unethical action. He has served as Prime Minister of action. He has served as Frime Minister or India for the past four years and kept his honor—no small accomplishment in this day of backroom statesmanship.

But we fear now that the Pandit has bumbled into a situation from which she can only emerge with scars—unless he back-tracks quickly. He has asked his Parliament for a constitutional amendment that would place limits on the existing freedom of speech and the press in India.

Objective observers agree that India's press is often irresponsible, if not downright inflammatory at times. Robert Trumbull of The New York Times says:

"In certain instances where papers have oused religious feeling to a dangerous

STREETS AND POLITICS

THE proposed method for getting four main thoroughfares widened and paved, tentatively adopted by the City Council this week, makes a good deal more sense than some of the schemes advanced previously. The new proposal makes a clear distinction between street work that is the legal responsibility of the State Highway Comord of city businesseed that fall into the class of city businesseed that fall into the class

mission and project that fall into the class of city business. Plaza Road and Central Avenue (from the Plaza to the City Limits) are parts of that State Highway Syslim, seweding to the laterpretation of Planning Board Community Basil Boyd. Under the provisions of the Powell bill adopted by the 1901 General Assembly; it is the responsibility of the State to maintain city streets that are a part of the State highway network. Hence, it was decided to make a preliminary survey of the traffic volume on these two streets, estimate the probable engineering cost, and then pertition the Highway Commission to do the work as soon as possible.

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The other two projects — 36th Street from Plaza Road to North Tryon, and Selwyn Avenue from Westfield Road to Park Road — are not a part of the State Highway system, and it thus becomes the responsibility of the City to the State Plane Road — the Road — the Road Plane Road

and it thus becomes the responsibility of the City to find local revenue to pay for them. It is the hope of the Council to use funds from the Powell bill's allocation to city governments for this work.

The Countil's decision to proceed with traffic counts and engineering estimates was clearly a tentative one, pending publication of the Planning Board's new report now in the hands of the printers. Even so, it is not too early to express these reservations:

degree, it can be asserted validly that the publications in question have blood on their hands. Certain newspapers nutrue the kind of feeling that resulted in the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi. Others—the Communist press—encourage a manner of thinking that has produced the substage of trains, several times resulting control of the control of t

cent persons."

Yet they are only a portion of the Indian press. While it is probable that Gandhi would use the new amendment only for the purpose of silencing these dangerous papers, all other newapapers would live under a sort of Damocletian sword so long as the amendment stood.

And since Nehru cannot live forever, what guarantee have the newapapers of India that this successor will not use the powers of restriction to silence any opposition to the government?

Nehru must learn that there is no such

will the present dangerous grade crossing be perpetuated, and made worse?

What has happened to the old plan to widen Caldwell Street, extend it through the general North Charlotte area, and connect it by an underpass or overpass with North Tryon extension?

Tryon extension?

3. Admittedly these four projects are all desirable. But are they more desirable than, asy, widening Providence Road or Thrift Road or the Mount Holly Road from the five-point intersection on West Trade through Chadwick-Hoskins?

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There has been strong agitation from politically-conscious North Charlotte for the Plaza Road and 38th Street projects, and members of the Council who got strong support in that section are understandably interested in completing them. However, the needs of the whole community rather than the political claims of any one section should the pointcal claims of any one section snowling the bette guiding rule for spending Powell bill money. The people will expect the Council to abide by traffic count and good engineering standards in spending these or any other street funds.

WOMEN

WE LEARN from an Australian source in that some bug about research compiled statistics on the women in that far away land. Here is what he found:

The average Australian women marries at 24 years of age; has a baby weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces; quarries with her husband at least twice a month; wishes occasionally she's married to someone else; stands 5 feet, 3 inches tall; weighs 128 pounds; and in her lifetime buys 350 hats and 450 dresses. Small world, isn't it?

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ture Council sessions will be quite so order-ly, we note with pleasure the temporary burying of political hatchets and the appar-ent Council resolve to go about the City's business with a minimum of bickering. As we have said before, the agenda for the next two years is chockfull of issues of far greater importance than any possible con-posed to the council of the council of the council of now displaying the kind of co-operation that will be productive of tangible results if it is maintained during the coming months.

'Anybody Care To Hear A Civilian?'



Joseph Alsop

The Kremlin's New Gambit

now waiting.

It should be understood, moreover, that the master of the Kremin have labored with unusual statements for create this opportunity. For a year and a half, they have done all in their power to make the more irresponsible franian nationalists forget the Russian danger to the north, and to make the more the statement of the foreign and the first nationalization vote, the order was given for the Communist Tudeh party to lead strikes precipitated an internal crisis. The crisis, Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh. Mossadegh's triumph ended all hope of reasonable settlement of the old basador Sadchikov went to Mossadegh, to promise that the Russians would not move into northern Iran, even if the British landed troops in the south.

Iran, even if the British landed troops in use south. It was the subtle limit bouch, here disclosed for the first time. The much discussed 1921 treaty theoretically gives Moscow the right to send torses into Iran when any other power does so. The fear of a Russian invasion, touched off by a British landing, formerly haunted even Mossadegh. Saddhikova extraordinary assurance was previate the state of the s

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Only Feathers Are Unchanged In The Chicken Of Tomorrow

By HAL BOYLE

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I went to call on her at her holishes aid framly that her main between the state of gueensy task was to drumstick up interest in the National Chicken-of-Tomorrow Week being beld at the University of Arkanasa with the University of Arkanasa was the University of a long-range program to get hense eggs to grow into fair the chickens quicker than they used to the proposed of a Porce private ack and pulled out a wax model ascrawny thing, and she looked at it with hazel-eyed disdain.

"That is the chicken of six years ago," she said, "it doesn't he had to the thicken of two frozen chickens-chort of two frozen chickens of two frozen chickens-chort of two frozen chickens chicke

NEW YOUR enter twelve weeks old — it used to sumbassadors.

The prettiest that showed up this wrock was "Miss Chicken-Gromerrow." She is Joan Walters, an Orark las from Rogers, Ark, and the state of t

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Wheeler Case Shows How Reds Worked

JUST a year ago, an American citizm. George S. Wheeler, as a support of the control of the contr

Worked With KPD

TWIE CIVIL Service Commission first acted to fire Wheeler
A when he was chief of the denastication control branch
that Wheeler was a courier for the KPD, the German
Communist Party. This belief arose from the fact that
there wheeler had visited certain cities, the local branch
of the KPD would immediately begin agitating along the
latest Communist lines.

to date. Evidence relating directly to this matter is supported by other evidence that shows Mr. Wheeler's active participation and sympathetic interest in policies and programs directly and indirectly furthering the objectives of Communium."

"The position to which Mr. Wheeler was appointed in of such importance to the Government of the United States ... that great care must be exercised ... Mr. Wheeler has been rated incligible."

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However, David A, Morse, then a lieutenant colonel
and Wheeler's immediate superior, wrote a long letter, Oct.
1,945, stating, among other things:
"I am taking this opportunity now that I am back
in the States, to submit this letter in Mr. Wheeler's behalf
with my estimate of his high integrity and unquestioned
logality to America."

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Blocking The Communists

tion of the United States and much to Redding's disgust, they were seated as a member of the union. However, another meeting of the postal union was scheduled for May 21 at St. Gallen, Switzerland, and Redding immediately got busy. He notified the smit-Combined cattering the smith of the sm

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to the Defense Oept. this week regarding his problems of the property of the regarding his problems. The regarding his problems are the regarding his problems are the regarding his problems are the regarding his probproperty of the his problems and fight completely on
their own. General Ridgway, on the other hand, has
found that Korean troops fight well when closely integrated with U. S. troops but break and run when ofgrated with U. S. troops but break and run when ofgrated with U. S. troops but break and run when ofgrated with U. S. troops but break and run when ofgrated with U. S. troops but break and run when ofsale the South Koreans.

Therefore, General Ridgway saked the Defense Dept,
to help him straighten out this problem with elderly, cruly
Freident Rhee, who argues that if Korea is to defend
losed in the future, its troops must learn to flight indeSecretary Marshall immediately see is a sent the secretary marshall.

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Secretary Marshall immediately got in touch with the State Dept., secured its co-operation toward informing President Rhee that his troops must be integrated, at least most of the period of the period

HARMONY ON THE COUNCIL A FTER the fighting and feuding at last

AFTER the righting and feuding at least week's City Council session, this week's gathering had the harmonious overtones of a family reunion.

Helped along by a gracious opening statement by Mayor Shaw, in which he apologized for his statements in last Wednesday's intra-Council survible over the aponistrate of the second of for his statements in last Wednesday's intra-council squabble over the appointment of a new City Recorder, the Council session licked along smoothly, with smiles and affa-bility measured out in generous helpings. Although we do not anticipate that all fu-

From The Kingsport (Tenn.) News CHESS PIE OF NATURAL concern to the masses is the good the great_eat. it wasn't cheese pie the five-starred hero ate, but good old Southern CHESS pie!

Time and space factors prevented us from eporting General Douglas MacArthur's nenu at the Stone's River Country Club near

General's dinner.

Faithfully, the Northern press described such delicacies as Tennessee country ham. And for dessert, these newspapers said, the that.

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And for dessert, these newspapers said, the General ate cheese pie—and they let it go

Chess pie, for the benefit of those poor souls who have never tasted it, is made of sifted sugar, beaten butter, eggs, vanilla, cream and walnut meat (of pecans, as you-all