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GORDON GRAY'S NEW JOB

THE reluctance with which UNC trustees approved President Gordon Gray's new part-time Washington job is quite understandable...

Psychological warfare is one of the most important—and the most neglected—phases of the international struggle between democracy and Communism...

Yet, despite general agreement that the battle of ideas is more important than the battle of bullets, the U. S. Government has not, until this time, taken any realistic steps to wage psychological warfare with the same earnestness and the same professional skill shown by the Communist experts...

For example, our psychological warfare activities are split among many agencies. The State Dept. administers the Voice of America and allied activities. The Central Intelligence Agency has an information program for foreign consumption...

ECCLES OFFERS NOVEL VIEW OF FDR

THE LATE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT has been accused of many things. But, so far as we know, no one ever accused him of not spending enough money—no, one, that is, before Mortimer S. Eccles made that charge.

Eccles is due to step down from the Federal Reserve Board in a few days. (He was demoted from the chairmanship by President Truman three years ago.) A self-styled "gadfly" to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman...

Eccles' observation on President Roosevelt's spending policies is of unusual interest because it is a most unusual observation. The New Deal failed to overcome unemployment and boost production in the 1930's...

GOV. SCOTT, MEET MR. CHAPMAN

W. KERR SCOTT and Gilbert W. Chapman ought to get to know each other. The former is Governor of North Carolina. For the past two and a half years, he has been proclaiming the virtues of rural North Carolina...

A NOT-SO-SECRET MEETING

THE Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen, like the Charlotte City Council, recently decided that all meetings would be held in public in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Twenty-four hours later, six members of the Board and the Mayor attended a private session.

COMMENCEMENT

THE season of sage advice—and of platitudes and rote monotonous. Our sermon is not long and it goes quite simply like this: There are always new thresholds. Commencements may be, but new commencements follow. There is, as Thoreau said, more day to dawn.

The important thing is to keep public business out in the open when any decision is to be made, so that the people will benefit from the debate on the issue as well as the final decision.

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logical warfare, and there are other agencies such as the ECA which operate in the general field.

Apparently Mr. Truman has decided to handle all these activities under one direction, and drafted Gordon Gray to supervise the job. While Mr. Gray is not an indispensable man, in the strictest sense, he is a highly able man, and one of the few public officials who are able to do the full range of work in official Washington.

The reluctance at seeing him go stems from the belief in the Greater University in a critical period. The admission of Negro students to its graduate schools, the uncertainties of enrollment during a period of emergency preparedness, the rising costs that are besetting every institution of learning, and many other problems need close attention.

Mr. Gray's new job will take him to Washington two or three days a week. He believes he will be able to carry on his University duties as usual. Knowing his superb human capacity for long hours and hard work, we accept his word for it, confident that he will serve both his masters well.

gain any general acceptance. Not so with Eccles' sharper criticism of the Truman Administration's "completely inadequate" efforts against inflation in the postwar era. There has been ample evidence that "political expediency rather than a detached appraisal of economic realities" dictated governmental decisions.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Eccles' affair is his allegation that the powerful financial banking interests in California, aided and abetted by Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, forced his replacement as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board two years ago.

THINGS AS THE INNER QUALITIES OF THE PEOPLE

things as the inner qualities of the people, the existence of strong family ties, a trained and skilled labor force, economic stability of the community, the unflinching pioneer spirit, the strength of rural America, are more to be valued than mere accessibility to markets and raw materials.

And both of them are right—eternally right—diversification of rural America. The diversification of agriculture, in a sound and stable economy, in the local community or in the nation. And we share Mr. Chapman's belief that "in time, more and more factory sites, especially small, compact sites, will find their way to places like Berrien Springs" and that "a new balance will be struck between rural and industrial America."

QUOTE, UNQUOTE

The high school commencement scene is right upon us with what may be the most poignant next Sunday. And then the sweet and dear young graduates will be with us day after day, over the county, and in the heart of our own town.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

SENATE Democrats led called an emergency off-the-record huddle the other day to decide how to meet Senator McCarthy's 60,000-word attack on Secretary of Defense Marshall.

Minnesota's fiery Sen. Hubert Humphrey suggested a mass funeral for the attack on Secretary of Defense Marshall. However, McMahon of Connecticut warned that it was an "impossibility trying to debate with McCarthy, because you never can get him to the facts of the Secretary's attack on Marshall was "a deliberate attempt to gain the offensive again. The only way we can make the McCarthy action stand up is to undermine the character of the Administration witnesses."

G. I. Justice

THE G. I. who is supposed to get the best of everything when it comes to guns, ammunition and food, has never got top military justice. Until recently the courts martial and military justice had the capacity served has been as out of date as horse-drawn artillery.

And, thanks to wise-cracking Gen. Harry Vaughan and Services have been as out of date as horse-drawn artillery. For Vaughan and Attorney General McGrath have just appointed two

'Pardon Me But Your House Is On Fire'



CONVICTS EXPIRING

Attractions At Berrien Springs

Industry Rediscovered Rural America

Adding it all up, Berrien Springs was our choice, and we came here in the hope of bringing to it, as much, if that were possible, as we felt we would get from it.

YALE & TOWNE has had a long and exciting experience. Presently it is in a new period of growth and expansion. It interests that our last two ventures in new plants have taken place in small rural, American communities, here at Berrien Springs, Michigan, and earlier, at Salem, Virginia.

There is some propaganda, and I should say it is false, to the effect that this process of returning to the small town is motivated by a desire to escape the high costs of labor and services in metropolitan areas. The real reason for the return to rural America is the strength that one can find there. Rural America is the backbone of our country.

It was not only the tangible things that attracted us so much to Berrien Springs but the intangible qualities of character and personality. AFTER observation and our experience elsewhere, we found that the people of Berrien Springs are a "middle-of-the-road" community, free of the kind of manufacturing in the process with urban centers, and with too much concern to save pay attention to wild and woolly agitators.

It was obvious, at the very start, that our neighbors are a people of strong allegiance and of a strong sense of loyalty, and we felt that the reason for this is the role of the family in the kind of manufacturing in Berrien Springs, we not only found a skilled working population, in an expanding manufacturing environment, but we also found that our neighbors had the capacity for know-how and ingenuity comparable to those hardy New Englanders who first worked in our Stamford plant.

The stability of life in Berrien Springs was an obvious and important factor. Here we found people that are often small and complex, we had to be sure that our new community would have people in it who could adapt themselves to our kind of manufacturing. In Berrien Springs, we not only found a skilled working population, in an expanding manufacturing environment, but we also found that our neighbors had the capacity for know-how and ingenuity comparable to those hardy New Englanders who first worked in our Stamford plant.

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Military Men Fitting Well Into Civil Control Pattern

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON THE title that General Omar Bradley has given to his narrative of World War II is "A Soldier's Story." That is singularly appropriate to the unadorned tale of blood, sweat and struggle that Bradley tells in 618 closely written pages devoid for the most part of the kind of "color" coming from the use of grandiose adjectives and adverbs.

More perhaps than at any other time in our history we are taking up the military and its aftermath—the news is taken up with the words and deeds of generals. Some observers have seen in this a disturbing phenomenon. They regard it as a sign of the decay and even the abdication of civilian authority in the midst, to use Professor Harold Topham's phrase, of a time of troubles.

This concern is surely understandable. Yet, as a phenomenon, it is felt by many over what appears to be the increasingly important role played by the military in the day-by-day making of public policy in its proper historical perspective.

In the years between the two great wars the American military establishment was treated like an unwanted stepchild. Some of the Indian wars and the Civil War pattern partly and political pressures resulting in changes in our military establishment of peace, underscored by pacifism owing something to an inherent hostility to the American character and something to professional organization, was widespread.

In view of this background of neglect and indifference, it has seemed to me that the re-emergence of the last war came so many military leaders to stage. Again and again they proved themselves capable of carrying out responsibility with both political and diplomatic implications. This was true

U. S.-British Unity Is Major Factor In Preserving Peace

BY JOSEPH ALSOP

LONDON THE WESTERN alliance against Soviet imperialism can quite reasonably be expected to last twelve to eighteen months. And this catastrophe, if it occurs, will be the first since the outbreak of the breakdown of the Anglo-American partnership. Such are the thoughts that come to the mind of one who has seen the division in the Far East together, the way will immediately be opened for the slackening of the Western position, that must eventually lead to catastrophe.

It is not too late to begin to rebuild the defenses of the West can show serious results. The Western nations possess serious defenses, naked fear will always tend to numb their political will; and Soviet policy will simultaneously be exulted by the way to exploit the weakness of the West. While this situation endures, the danger of catastrophe will also endure.

What is worse, this catastrophe can creep in like a thief in the night. Internal problems may cause the countries of the West to abandon their great defenses. The East is now suggested by the Left-wing Laborites here in Britain and by the isolationist opposition in the United States. The foreign aid appropriation in Washington. Or one of the many local ferments now working in such countries as Iran, India, China and Indonesia, may boil up into a general explosion, which will upset the precarious world balance of power. Or the Soviet Union or its satellites may mount another attack on the Korean peninsula.

Yugoslavia for example, and the Western nations may ignore the danger. The danger is great, not because the policy decisions that must be made are so very difficult. The danger is great, rather, because the American fitness to lead the West.

In the resulting verbal of petty misunderstanding, it is not possible for this vital international partnership to break down for good, once the danger has passed.

More likely than the increasing difficulties between the partners will prevent a bold response to some great crisis of the world. The pressure on Yugoslavia comes to mind. And in the existing situation, the Anglo-American misunderstandings will not be dissipated by British initiative, of which the present government is incapable.

That is the best way to sum up the long, unnoticed problem which is rapidly becoming a major test of the American fitness to lead the West.

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