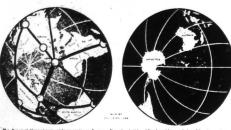
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EUROPEAN BASES KEY TO AIR WAR



the U.S. that emphasizes air power and ays down the vital importance of Europe this country's national defense. Former esident Herbert Hoover, a leading ex-President Herbert Hoover. a leading ex-ponent of this theory, says the "first national purpose of this republic must be the defense of this final Gibraltar of freedom—that is the Western Hemisphere". Along with this, he would leave it up to European nations to protect U. S, airfields within their boun-

he would leave it up to European nations to protect U. S. airfields within their boundaries. Senator Taft, General MacArthur, some other military men, and many of the GOP right wingers generally acree with this view. But it is also held by some who disavow the Old Guard but are attracted to the idea of a powerful home-based 'Air Force. The importance of Western Europe to the U. S. in this air age hits home when one forests the "Eastern" and "Western" hemispheres as well as the distorted Mercator projection maps most of us are used to, and looks at a globe. Some geographers have de-emphasized the traditional concept of hemispheres and divided the globe differently, putting in one hemisphere as much of the world's land divided the globe differently, putting in one hemisphere as much of the world's land in the property of the staff of the st

This principal hemisphere includes almost nine-tenths of all the ice-free land area in the world. It includes 94 per cent of the world's people. 98 per cent of the world's industry.

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The other hemisphere consists of Antarctica, Oceania, the southern part of South America—and a lot of water. See cut:

Ours then, is a lop-sided world. The United States is on the periphery of this important principal bemisphere France, and the other principal bemisphere France, and the other closely around it, are smark in the middle of it,

of it.

Except for the East Indies, the Reds are
confining their attention to this principal
hemisphere. And thus the center of this
principal hemisphere is of immense strategic

importance particularly to the Air Force.

The strategic disadvantage of the United States in an air war can be illustrated by comparing a few air mile distances.

comparing a few air mile distances. It is 4984 miles from Chriego to Moscow; it is only 1,541 miles from Paris to Moscow, it is 5,476 miles from Chriago to Istanbul; it is only 1,401 miles from Paris to Istanbul; it is only 1,401 miles from Chricago to Calcutta; it is only 4,899 miles from Paris to Calcutta; it is only 4,899 miles from Paris to Calcutta.

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That is a difference of over 6.000 miles on a round fruje to each of these destinations, each in areas where bombing may be urgently required in event of World War III. That extra 6.000 miles means, to the Air Force planners, that only the eatra long range bombers can make the trip.

To the bomber crews, it means less pay load, and much less fighter support.

To the American, it means that more of the expensive military equipment he is been paying for will be destroyed, with less damage to the enemy.

Alivusic, a "Europe first" policy makes sense, if our bases in Western Europe are lost our Air Force, no matter how strong, will be at a tremendous strategic disadvantage.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

PARE YOUR CHOICE

To Reeks as to who would get the Democratic nomination. This, they said was a free-for-all, anything could happen.

Now the top political writers have watched the preliminates, and each is crawling out onto a limb—a different limb.

Last night Dewe Pearson, prefixing a Exemplation of the prelimination of

THE STATE LOSES A LEADER

THE STATE LOSES A LEAU DR. CLYDE A. ERWIN came into the state education picture in 1984, when he was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction. North Carolina was still in the grip of the depression, and the mere preservation of its school system in a time of decreasing revenue was a formdable task. But North Carolina has during revenue was a formdable task. But North Carolina had made up its mind that, no matter what happened the whools would be kept open, and that processes would be reported by the control of the top of the 100 countres an equal minimum education stand ard. The task of guiding and directing the bold new plan fell to Dr. Erwin addirecting the bold one plan fell to Dr. Erwin arditation, of consolidation, of modernization that arose in every school distinct were settled amenably in most cases but always firmly. The biennial gattles with the Advisory fiblique Commission and the General.

agatem for their children.

He was no revolutionis. On the contrary, it often appeared had be went out of the way to avoid entanglement in major policy controversies But he had a full measure of the pioneering spirit and it was during his Byear administration that the school term was lengthened from eight to nine months, and the span from 11 to 12 years. And during that time the budget soared from \$19 million to \$100 million in the current fiscal year. In pace were the expansion of the school bus transportation systems, today the school bus transportation system, today the largest in the nation, the provision of rental textbooks and the inauguration of the school lunch program.

Clyde Erwin was a faithful public servant, and his untimely death at 55 on Saturday was a heavy loss to North Carolina.

HISTORY 'NEATH A CAROLINA MOON

With the addition this year of Thunderlead, at Asheville and Horn In The West as soon, to Urin These Phills at Cherokee as soon, to Urin The year and ramas, Manten's The Hope of the upon air dramas, Manten's The Hope productions are expected to reach 500.000, this year. That will mean an income of 51 million, much of which is ploughed back into productions put into scholarships, or used to repay confident and enthussistic local citizens who put up the cash when a production was but a glean in the eyes of someone like Authors Paul Green. Kermit Hunter, Mussian Lamas Stringteid, Director Sam Selden, or Mrs. B. W. Stallings up at Boone. With the addition this year of Thunder-

These productions have a lot to do in making North Carolina's \$350 million tourist business the third largest industry in the state. More than that, they're a wonderful

TAR REELS have known it for some time way of preserving and teaching the state's trich instory, white affording capable local noticing that North Carolina has some top-noteh theater (and a fine tourist attraction) in our four outdoop instorical dramas. Latest to prick up their ears are the editors of Basiness Week, which carries a fine illustrated piece on them in its current issue with the control of the co

The GOP platform calls for "a Constitu-tional amendment providing equal rights for men and women." Good idea. We men have been discriminated against too.long.

We've just read major portions of a series of articles on shy we are lagging behind the Soviet Union in the matter of air-power. It boils down to the simple fact that the most productive country in the world isn't building enough airplanes.—Greenville Piedmont.

From Tanganyika comes the report of a strange creature which the natives have "mmed Agogwe, or "little furry man." The report deseit go into detail as to when the little furry man makes his appearance, but Monday is a good guess.—Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

Cost Of Politics Rising, And Public Pays The Bill

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Southern Democrats Have Heft At Chicago, And Are Using It

BY JAMES MARLOW
AP Feature Writer
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its weight around It's doing that.
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party nominee and his platform.
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But otherwise, there's no practical reason for a convention hust, up on civil rishbs, in xiew of the almost insuperable handicags, in the way of getting civil rights buils through the Senate. It may be that the Southern leaders, knowing the South's importance to the party this year, want to not a damner on civil right and the party platform, in the party platform.

rights talk in the party platform. Renetition or it every four years has the effect of an irrijant, keeps the issue alive.

Or it may be that, coolly knowing how almost impossible it would promises into action. Southerners are pushing to get other concessions from the convention.

One of the most prominent Negro leaders here to fight for a belief last intit it would be strong but maybe not so strong as he'd like.

ers, in a civil rights dispute, that they can fillibuster to death prac-tically any attempt to pass civil rights legislation

rie was asked "Putting the whole business on a completely practical basis knowing the dif-ficulty of getting civil rights legis-lation through the Senate, how to you think Congress next year or maybe in your lifetime will do any-thing about civil rights". His answer trailed away in vagueness.

'Isn't There Some W ay To Filibuster A Convention?"



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

À Real Fight Ahead

PHE Chicago Republican convention is over and the nominee is your choire. As to the nominee, she did not want the thirteenth, but since it had a rived she would not take a million dollars for it. If we can do no more than effect a change in Washington and preserve the two party system in this bountry, all the wranting prior to and at the convention and the fight sheet will not have been in vain. But may I remind you that the bespeak the fight age of the fight and the speak of the same of the editorias page of the charlets News.

JOHN W HESTER

Teach The Bible

Editors, The News

I AM Sorry Mrs. Richey feels that Bible should
not be laught in schools. We have children
who go to school who never go to church. They
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Cab Licenses

Editors. Tim News.

IN THE "Letters to the Editor" column in your paper last Monday you published a letter received from M. B. Ellington charging in substance that the City Configuration of the Baker Cab Company in the issuance of ash licenses. He asserts the grounds for this purported discrimination as having been based upon prejudice and the race issue.

the race issue
Mr. Ellington is misinformed. I feel that the
implications and statements made by him are not
fair to the City Council or to the Baker Cab
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company. The ordinances of the City of Charlotte provide that no person may operate a taxwab in the public convenience and necessity. These certains of Charlotte and necessity. These certains of Charlotte and necessity. These certains of Charlotte and to assure efficient management and service and financial responsibility. These certains of Charlotte and to assure efficient management and service and financial responsibility. These certains of Charlotte and the case of Charlotte and the case of Charlotte and the case of Charlotte and the Charlott

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CLIFF PASSONS Manager, Baker Cab Co

Blind Loyalty Dangerous NEW YORK

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Reditors, The News:

A RROGANT demagogues are preaching sermons

A of reactionary suicide in the name of conservative salvation. Progressive thinkers are being branded as Communistic. Has America reached the point where reaction is the only instrument that can maintain aler individualism. Is America, because of a feer of communistic connotations, destined to become a nation without recourse to solve the point of the progression of the progr

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

would have snorted with disbelief. Some of them are still snorting.

This stitude, however, is solely confined to Washington and a few jointees where the political bosses had their the still still be some something which is all-important in the nations capital but not readily understood elsewhere—seniority Young Estes Ketduver has been in Congress only twelve years. On the other hand, his been in Congress only twelve years, on the other hand, his been in Congress for 35 years. And every time McKellar spaces young Ketawer in Senial corridor, he curses.

Other Senators do not curse. But some of them are said as well as the space of the

Kefauver's Record

DERILARS also they don't entirely appreciate the tact
that Ketauver has a magnifecent voting record, has
shown more courage in Lening recail problems than any
other Southern Senator, and had the vision to realize
the danger of permitting an underworld to graw at the
foundation of America.
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On top of this, he has gone through an intense po-litical campaign, during which he hasn't made a single mistake. Eisenhower, on the other hand, has made several. Kefauver, meanwhile, did Eisenhower the biggest po-litical favor of his life. He is the chief reason Eisenhower

was nominated. For the main factor motivating Republican delegates at their recent consention was that they badly needed a winner. And they knew, first from the Gallup nell second from their was political observations, that Kefaiser could outpull. Talt in most of the aution. To be the control of the second outpull. Talt in most of the aution. To For they had seen Kefaiser defeat President Triman himself, plus an old and established Democratic machine in New Hampshire. They also saw him swamp the Democratic organization in Ohio, even with a bunch of unknown of the control of the contro

In many respects, the novices who rolled up the votes for Kefauver out in the sticks, were like the novices who rallied behind Eisenhower in the same areas.

And Republican delegates, led by a shrewd non-ama-teur. Tom Dewey, sensed the need for a change plus the danger of being defeated by a Kefauver.

Kefauver's Crime

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A campaign, he remarked to one of his advasers:
"The tired of talking about crime, I think I should make some speeches on foreign policy."

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a compulsory FEPC He voted against the Tatt-Hartley Act, at a time when it took courage to do so—unlike Senator Russell who voted to override the Presidential veto but one says Tatt-Hartley should be abolished. He has also campaigned against the monopoly of war contracts to a few big companies and led an investigation to aid small business. He had the courage to circulate a petition in the House to get the Tatt-Wanger hossing bill out of the Rules Committee, and finally helped to get it passed. Committee, and finally helped to get it passed, for the passed of the passed

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