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A QUIET REBUKE, RICHLY DESERVED

IT IS A measure of the restlessness of the times and the growing political power of Sen. Joe McCarthy that both Secretary of State Dulles and President Eisenhower felt moved to reply to the senator's radio address of last week.

What McCarthy said about the conduct of foreign affairs will be found in the adjacent column. It is a rich combination of mad hyperbole and bellicose warmongering, seasoned with a dash of scorn for our allies and a measure of ridicule for the processes of diplomacy.

Earlier in his address, McCarthy laid down a direct challenge to Eisenhower's leadership of the Republican Party when he asserted, with sardonic arrogance, that it—McCarthy—would be the issue in the 1954 congressional elections, and that the only important thing at stake was whether he would retain the chairmanship of his investigating committee. This was a slap in the face for the President who had said in a recent press conference that he hoped that communism in government would no longer be an issue by next year.

In the portion of the talk reprinted on this page today, McCarthy went further. He challenged the President's conduct of his high office when he urged the use of all the power of this nation to rescue those airmen and the 900 other military men who have been unaccounted for for months." In short—total war against Communist China and Soviet Russia.

Secretary Dulles answered with great restraint. He said that he and President Eisenhower "do not propose to throw away" the assets of Allied cooperation by blustering and domineering methods; that he rejected "arrogant" methods and demands which the United States would turn down if such demands were made upon it; and that the bases jointly shared with our allies are our only means of an early warning in the event of an attack and retaliation for an attack.

And yesterday President Eisenhower not only backed up Secretary Dulles, but he also explained that if the United States "should turn impatiently to coercion of other free nations, our brand of coercion, so far as our friends are concerned, would be a mark of the imperialist rather than of the leader."

And the President calmly restated the most basic truth of all—a truth that Senator McCarthy purposefully ignored—when he said that unity among free nations "is our only hope for survival."

In looking back over this incredible interlude, the American people should at last see Sen. Joseph McCarthy for what he really is—a gross, selfish man, ambitious for power to the point of hurling America into atomic war, wily and irresponsible in methods and objectives alike, a man who knifes who own party's leader in the back as cheerfully as he attacked former President Truman, a man, in short, who merits neither trust nor faith.

The American people elected Dwight D. Eisenhower to lead them through this perilous time. If the people are made of the stuff we think they are made of, they will place their trust in Eisenhower's leadership and ignore the wild and inflammatory demagoguery of Sen. Joe McCarthy.

FOR THIS, THE COMMUNITY CAN TAKE PRIDE

WHEN the United Appeal went over the top yesterday, it was a great victory for the entire community which embraces not only the city but the whole county. Campaign workers who gathered at the final report luncheon were tired physically, but a warm feeling of satisfaction exhausted them as they cheered the final achievement.

On Nov. 20, the goal of $819,721 seemed far away. In fact, the campaign was on that day $81,744 short of its objective. But through the inspiring leadership of J. Edward Burnside Sr., the general campaign chairman, and his teammate, J. Herbert Bridges, president of the United Community Services, things began to crackle and a fresh enthusiasm was fused into the hundreds of workers.

Members of the executive staff of the United Appeal, headed by Gorman E. Mattison, deserve a warm pat on the back, because individually and collectively they have done a superb job.

We shall not endeavor to single out for commendation the hundreds of other men and women who steered the United Appeal campaign to success. It would be impossible to do so, for everyone who had a hand in the great undertaking was, in a real sense, a key individual. As Chairman Burnside put it out yesterday, "Had any single gift not been made, we would not have reached our goal."

For the second year a truly United Appeal has been a complete success in our city and county. This is a gratifying experience for all our citizens. It means that the 25 member agencies of the United Community Services are assured of strong financial support for the coming year.

CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF LABOR IRRESPONSIBILITY

THE strike of 400 photoengravers in New York City is a classic example of labor irresponsibility which cannot fail to hurt the cause of organized labor.

The engravers struck after a wage dispute. They are currently earning $120 a week for day work, $131 a week for night work. They demanded a package deal of wages, pension and welfare benefits equal to $15 a week. The publishers offered a $3.75 package. When that was rejected, the publishers offered twice to submit the dispute to arbitration. The engravers refused. Then, on yesterday, they voted down a recommendation by their international president that they accept arbitration.

The strike is not only irresponsible; it is also short-sighted. It was called during the pre-Christmas season when advertising volume is at the highest point in the year. Hence it will substantially reduce the profits from which higher future earnings must come.

Furthermore, the more than 20,000 other union employees of the five big New York City newspapers who "honored" the engravers' picket lines are giving up their earnings at a time when most Americans are scraping together every penny they can lay hands on for Christmas expenses.

A satisfactory answer to a strike of this kind has not yet been found. Collective bargaining obviously failed. The union has rejected arbitration. The only two other alternatives—compulsory arbitration and government intervention—have drawbacks displeasing to labor and management alike.

Nor can management expect to do very much about other union employees who respect picket lines, whether the strike is justifiable or not. The refusal of workers to cross a picket line is not, under Taft-Hartley, a secondary boycott. It might qualify as a breach of contract, provided the pertinent contract didn't waive the breach. Some do, but unions always claim that they, the signatories to contracts, aren't staying away from work, but that their individual members are doing so voluntarily and that they cannot be compelled to cross picket lines.

In such a situation, there is nothing to be done except let the issue simmer awhile until the private pressures that soon assert themselves on both labor and management will become so strong that an agreement will be reached.

Meanwhile, there is rather grim irony in the fact that those in the picket lines and those who are respecting the picket lines, all of whom are co-workers in the task of building and preserving a free press, have silenced the presses of five major newspapers—something that the United States Congress, by the command of the First Amendment, is specifically prohibited from doing.

From The Raleigh News and Observer

POINT IV BROUGHT HOME

THE experience in India of Perry J. Jameson, former county farm agent in Northampton County, North Carolina, should bring home the value of the Point Four program to all North Carolinians.

Jameson has just completed a two-year tour as a Technical Cooperative Administration adviser on a project embracing 131 Indian villages. The result has been a rapid and tremendous improvement in farming methods which has greatly improved the productive capacity of the 131 Indian communities (and the ability of their inhabitants not only to support themselves but to buy American goods as well) at very little cost.

There was also a by-product of better understanding of no small value. The North Carolinian worked with a Negro county agent from Alabama. The sight of the two men working side by side on a basis of complete equality and in full harmony did more to dispel Communist propaganda in India concerning the status of Negroes in the United States than could have been done by any amount of counter-propaganda from this country.

Point Four is not a hazy and questionable method of giving theoretical help to backward countries. Point Four is a practical program, administered by practical men. It is obtaining practical results and obtaining them very quickly.

Principal needs of farmers of the South are cash and credit, according to the Production Credit Association. And if they get them, what incentive will be left to keep on farming?—New Orleans STATES.

All this week we have been observing Eat-A-Prune Week and found out it was Wash-Your-Left-Sock Week. How forgetful can a person get?—Greenwood (Miss.) COMMONWEALTH.

This Part Of McCarthy Talk Brought Rejoinder From Ike

(On Tuesday night, Nov. 24, Sen. Joe McCarthy attacked the Truman and Eisenhower administrations with equal gusto. Within the last three days, President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have replied to McCarthy. Following is that portion of the McCarthy text to which Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles took exception. Eds, The News.)

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NOW let us examine the failure of my party to liquidate the foulest bankruptcy of the Democrat Administration. On Sept. 12, 1953, the Chinese Communists announced that they would not treat as prisoners of war American fliers who were shot down during the Korean war over Manchuria. On Sept. 10, 1953, the Army announced that some 900 American young men known to have been prisoners of the Communists in Korea were unaccounted for.

Why do I bring this situation up tonight? We, the Republican party, are not responsible for it. But we are responsible for the proper handling of the situation as of tonight. It is a responsibility that cannot shirk even though we did not create the situation.

Now, what are we going to do about it? Are we going to continue to send perfumed notes following the style of the Truman-Acheson regime? Or are we going to take the only position that an honorable nation can take — namely, that every uniformed American packs the honor and pride and power of this entire nation on his shoulders.

The millions of people in my radio and television audience tonight will recall that even in grade school your hearts beat a bit faster and you felt a great surge of pride when you heard in song that this was the land of the free and the home of the brave.

But, my good friends, let me ask you, how free are we when American aviators fighting under the American flag are, at this very moment, on Nov. 24, 1953, being brainwashed, starved or murdered behind an Iron or Bamboo Curtain.

How brave are we—how brave are we when we do not use all the power of this nation to rescue those airmen and the 900 other military men who have been unaccounted for for months?

DEMANDS ACTION NOW

I realize, of course, the low ebb to which our honor has sunk over the past twenty years. But it is time that we, the Republican party, liquidate this blood-stained blunder of the Acheson-Truman regime. We promised the American people something different. Let us deliver now.

But how are we going to do it? Once a nation has allowed itself to be reduced to a state of whining, whimpering appeasement, the cost of regaining national honor may be high. But we must regain our national honor regardless of what it costs. I know it is easy to talk in general terms about what can be done. Let us be specific.

As you know, we have been voting billions of dollars each year to help our Allies build up their military and economic strength, so that they can help in this dark day coming between the free half of the world and the Communist slave half. If the money we give them is being used for that purpose, then it is well spent. If not, then those Allies are defrauding us.

Well, what is the connection between this and American men in Communist prisons? There is a very direct connection. The London Daily Express — that is Lord Beaverbrook's paper — dated in February, 1953, which was even before the phony Korean truce was signed, bragged that their trade with Red China had increased 1,500 per cent in January, 1953, over January, 1952. The debates in the British House of Commons shows that the increase has been many times greater since the signing of the truce.

How does this affect you? As of today, some money was taken out of your paycheck and sent to Britain. As of today, Britain used that money from your paycheck to pay for the shipments of the sinews of war to Red China.

What can we do about it? We can deal a death blow to the war-making power of Communist China. We can, without firing a single shot, force them to open their filthy Communist dungeons and release every American. We can blockade the Coast of China without using a single ship, a single sailor or a single gun.

We can do this by merely saying to our allies and alleged allies—"If you continue to ship to Red China while they are imprisoning and torturing American men, you will get not one cent of American money."

How can you people in my radio and television audience see that this is done? You can say to those whom you have elected to man the watchtowers of this nation, Democrat and Republican, alike:

"You will be taken down from those watchtowers if you continue to take money from my paycheck today and send it to any of those allies who are in turn shipping the sinews of war to the Communist enemy!"

In this connection, let us keep in mind that we have long had a rule that no American shipping firm, no American merchant could deal with the enemy. If that rule is sound—and it is—then why should we take money out of the working man to finance countries to do what we forbid our merchants and shipping companies from doing?

In the days of old, a Roman Senator named Cato rose on the floor of the Roman Senate each day and ended his speech with the phrase: "Delenda est Carthago." —Carthage must be destroyed.

After repeating this over and over and over, the Roman people were aroused to the threat of Carthage until finally Carthage was no more.

Let us, as Americans, emulate that Roman Senator; let us, in our crusade for freedom, make our own "Delenda est Carthage."

Let us say to our leaders tonight that not one more dollar from our paychecks will be used to finance any nation doling out blood money to our mortal enemy—an enemy feeding off the wealth and generosity of Americans while our sons in Communist prison dungeons beg for crumbs from Communist thugs.

(See editorial, "A Quiet Rebuke, Richly Deserved.")

When The World Goes Mad, The Press Must Stay Sane

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I SOMETIMES think the world has gone mad, when some meddlesome trout, like that dame in Indiana, cannot only knock Robin Hood in his breath, but lay the arm on the Quakers as well. This woman, a Mrs. White, wants to eliminate all reference in schoolbooks to the Quakers, because Quakers don't believe in fighting — and, all the men they can get to believe that they don't need to go to war, the better off the Communists are."

I suggest that at this time they better take the Bible off the reading lists, too. One of the quotes from the Bible is: "Blessed are the peacemakers."

We better take care of the meek, as well, unless they are allowed to inherit the earth. I'm thinking, and what in the name of God are we to do these days that any birdbrain with an official position can look retroactively to as dead as issue as Sherwood Forest and get a Communist pressure in the press? Or lay the knife into the Society of Friends and make me mad enough to write about it?

We are beginning to hit a point of ridiculousness in this hiding under the bed any time anybody mentions an adjective that rhymes with bed, which makes me a little ashamed of a nation. I'm glad Will Scarlett's dead, and Scarlett O'Hara, too. Not to mention Little Red Riding Hood.

It seems to me that the free press is going to have to exercise a little stronger control of irresponsibility of expression — not in a sense of censorship, but in the sense that they will not permit heavy profanity and obvious idiocy to run through the pages under the guise of news. I know it's reading matter when some kindly soul has down on Robin Hood as a Commie and lays the Quakers in the aisle with the same stave, but it makes her important and important is what she isn't. Like Bernarr MacFadden isn't important, unless you are a carrot.

I think there are a lot of crackpots loose today, and I don't think they're funny. I think the press ought to control them by suppression of their crackpottery, so's not to infect the nation, and it ought to be every editor's job.

"There's a definite 'anti-intellectual movement' in this country today."

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.

Emotion Not Enough

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

AS a new subscriber to The Charlotte News I would like to congratulate you on your intellectually palatable editorials.

In one of my first issues I found a letter to your Platform in which a dentist from Southern Pines berates one of your editorials with a pen fairly oozing with venom. If possible, I would like to add one small voice in support of the views with which the good Doc so vehemently disagrees.

First of all, I don't believe that Dr. Herr would attempt to extract a tooth without satisfying himself that the reason for such an extraction is soundly based on X-rays and other scientific evidence. And yet his approach to the problem of answering your editorial was obvious emotionalism with the steam pressure gauge pointing to danger.

The good Doctor was a victim of the same error in approach as McCarthy, Jenner, Velde and other witch-hunters. It has been shown by bitter experience that nothing can be accomplished by flying into fits of rage, hurling accusations from hearsay evidence, calling names, and bullying those who can't answer back.

Let us hope that the gentleman from Southern Pines will stop and count ten before he attempts another flag-waving display of Mother, the D.A.R. and the Ku Klux Klan as against the forces of evil . . . i.e. the Democrats.

—STANLY KRAMER

Sales Tax Collections

RALEIGH

Editors, THE NEWS:

THE North Carolina sales tax calls for three per cent on sales of taxable merchandise. In order to help the merchant with small sales, the Commissioner of Revenue was authorized to make some plan so that such a merchant would be able to collect three per cent on his gross sales. This is a part of the law, and I have no objection to this, but it does enable many merchants to materially increase their profits.

Also, the merchants have been collecting according to the bracket system after the sales have reached the amount of $1.00. I repeat that this is a 3 per cent sales tax, and the bracket system is for sales up to $1.00 only. This results in a collection of 4 cents on sales of $1.10 to $1.16; 5 cents on sales from $1.26 to $1.49 inclusive; and 6 cents on sales of $1.71 to $1.83 inclusive. All such collections are in violation of the sales tax. In order for a check on this I am enclosing a sales tax chart put out by the State.

When this sales tax chart was put out, only at the insistence of Edwin Pou of the State Legislature, and myself, we asked that an accompanying letter stating that the tax had been collected illegally on sales of a dollar in many cases and that this practice should be abolished. Mr. Shaw, Commissioner of Revenue, simply asked that the chart be put on the cash register to be of assistance to the store clerks or to other help.

This may seem a small thing to you at first glance, but there are over 66,000 merchants paying sales tax, and I believe a conservative estimate would be 50,000 collecting excess tax as outlined above. One transaction per day per merchant might be $500 per day or $150,000 per year; 100 transactions per day per merchant or $1,500,000 per year which does not go to the State but remains with the merchant, as they pay three per cent on gross sales.

For some reason Commissioner Shaw does not want to do anything about warning the merchants even when he is notified that they have been in violation. I cannot understand, as the sales tax amounts to over $50,000,000 per year, and, surely, the public paying this amount legally should be protected against any excess collection which goes to the merchant. Incidentally, the merchant is an agent for the State, as he retains three per cent collection on the sales tax providing he keeps his records according to their wishes and remits within a certain length of time.

There is a penalty provided by law for illegal collection of the sales tax, but lawyers and one solicitor have advised that it would be necessary to prove criminal intent. This would be difficult to do, because in lots of cases it is simply ignorance, and I believe that even where a man had his attention called to the violation and refused to change, it would be doubtful that you could prove criminal intent with the information on the enclosed tax chart.

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(Note: The chart enclosed by Mr. Fuller shows the following rate of collection for the sales tax:

Through 9 cents	no tax
From 10 through 35 cents	.01
From 36 through 70 cents	.02
From 71 cents through $1.16	.03
From $1.17 through $1.49	.04
From $1.50 through $1.83	.05
From $1.84 through $2.16	.06

The tax continues in that order, increasing one cent at $2.17, $2.50, $2.84, $3.17, etc. Eds., The News.)

—M. L. FULLER

Double Personalities

GREAT FALLS, S. C.

Editors, THE NEWS:

I ALWAYS enjoy reading Erich Brandeis' articles and very often agree with him, but differed with him in the ending of the article on Nov. 24 in which he states that no one has a double personality, or is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde type.

I believe that most of our troubles at the present time, and that is all over the United States, are due to people having a double personality. There is more hypocrisy in the life of people at present than there ever was, and it exists amongst rich and poor alike, whether one is doctor, lawyer, merchant, manufacturer, banker, clerk, politician, worker, housewife or any others I may have forgotten to mention. Most of those mentioned above practice the double personality as if they were born with it.

It is not difficult to detect one's character by observing his behavior in the course of his daily activities, whether at work or not, and comparing it with the personality he shows when either invited out to visit friend or when in church.

If people could learn that the most important thing in their life is the possession of good character, they could change overnight and lose the hypocritical side of their personality. However this can only be achieved by the effort of ministers, priests and rabbis, who ought to take it upon themselves to devote most of their time in preaching to showing their members the value of having good character and what it means to any person.

—HENRY KAYE.

Debate Challenge Hurled

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

FOR your information, I buy the Charlotte News every day except Sunday. I wish to thank the best brains and most brilliant mind in Lincolnton for his information regarding dog insurance in the "People's Platform" section of the News recently. After all is said and done, Betty Grable has her legs insured for one million dollars according to a news report.

I am simply too busy here in Charlotte to wage political war with a "dog hater" at this time. However, kindly inform one J. P. Long of Lincolnton that I will debate him over the radio or television at any time after the Christmas holidays.

—J. R. DEAN.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Bermuda Meet Assumes New Importance

WASHINGTON

AS President Eisenhower meets with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Laniel in Bermuda, diplomats privately agree that the Russians have neatly and skillfully shifted the emphasis of what the Big Three will talk about.

Instead of a meeting which the was attending only to please Winston Churchill, Bermuda now has some real problems to discuss. For the Kremlin has dealt a severe blow to the united European army. Furthermore, diplomats agree that the Kremlin, which can be extremely stupid at times, this time scored a real victory.

For several weeks, the Russians have been saying "No, no, no," to all proposals to sit down at a foreign ministers conference to discuss Germany and Austria. They said "No" so convincingly and so repeatedly that western diplomats believed it. That's one reason we pushed the invitation so hard. We never thought it would be accepted. And the French, also believing them and figuring the Russians were really getting tough, started considering the united European army in earnest.

Then suddenly, during the debate of the French debate, the Russians reversed themselves and said "Yes." They agreed to attend the four-power foreign ministers' conference.

This means that the French will delay attempted ratification of the United European army until after the four-power conference. It also means that the agenda for the conference won't be decided upon for a couple of months, and in the interim the plan to bring German troops into NATO is almost certain to get more and more bogged down in the quagmire of French politics.

For what many Frenchmen and quite a few Americans don't realize is that the No. 1 goal of Soviet Russia today is to keep German fighting men out of the Western European army.

If the Kremlin can prevent French and German troops from marching shoulder-to-shoulder together, if they can make them continue their 90-year hostility, then they can still keep the fires of Franco-German power politics which have caused the last three wars of Europe.

Despite problems in Korea and despite politics and spy-hunting here at home, this remains the most cancerous long-range source of war in the world.

The Big Three, meeting in Bermuda, will have to spend part of their time considering this—whether Churchill likes it or not.

Heretofore, Church has given the United European army only platonic lip service. But if he devoted his own great persuasive talents to this instead of conspiring to meet Malenkov in Moscow, he would make a great and perhaps enduring contribution to the peace of mankind.

Washington Pipeline

INSIDE reason why John Foster Dulles finally took a stand against Jenner is the Igor Gouzenko diplomatic dickering was because the Canadians told him there was no use arguing further, he was wasting his time. Mike Pearson, Canadian external minister and one of the best friends the United States has, is so sore at being pressured by Dulles that much of that friendship has been alienated.

The man who deserves chief credit for getting a fair deal for Lieut. Milo Radulovitch is Ed Murrow, CBS vice president and ace commentator. Murrow so dramatically told the story of Radulovitch's being fired because his father read a pro-Communist newspaper that high-up Air Force officials had to review the case.

Walter Trohan of the Chicago Tribune and Danton Walker of the affiliated New York News wrote indignant letters to Look Magazine denying Richard Wilson's statement that they were close to Joe McCarthy. Beauteous Washington hostess Gwen Cafritz, also labeled by Look as among Joe's admirers, didn't write.