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DO THEY MURDER JOE STALIN?

WITH the best brains in the business at work trying to figure out what has happened in Russia and why, we're not so immediate as to pretend to know. But it is not out of the question to tell you readers that the editors of *This News* are intrigued with the current speculation that Premier Stalin came to an untimely death.

There's no point in rehearsing all the details, beginning with the strangely-detailed record of his heart attack and continuing through the surprising withdrawal of murder charges against 15 Russian doctors. The details have been recorded day by day, in the news stories on the various Russian "peace" camps.

One thread runs through the whole complicated fabric. For reasons which are not yet clear, Soviet tactics in the cold war have been sharply reversed. The Red dove of peace has replaced the meek, the angry denunciation, the colossal lie.

Why? There may be many reasons. One appears to fit most of the known facts. Russia has changed cold war tactics because the cold war is no longer working to Russia's advantage.

Consider, for a moment, some of the dividends from the postwar policies of Stalin.

1. The offensive in Korea failed of its original purpose, has since been costing Russia and China heavily in arms and manpower. The Kremlin may even figure that it is costing communism more, proportionately, than it has cost the free world. There is now no chance of a Communist victory.

2. With its Far Eastern power bogged down in the Korean stalemate, expansion into more valuable areas of Southeast Asia has been impossible.

3. The economy of the free world has not collapsed under the strain of the defense program, as Soviet economists predicted, but grows stronger week by week.

4. Far from splitting the free nations apart, Soviet pressure tactics have welded them closer together.

5. Even to the neutrals, it has become clear that the true, naked, brutal objective of communism is world conquest.

6. The arms race between the West has raced ahead, and at the same time the basic production facilities upon which full mobilization depends have been vastly expanded.

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THE A-BOMB'S BIG BROTHER

THE recent experiments at Yucca Flat turned national attention once again to A-bombs and A-weapons. This week, the most noted writer on atomic energy turns the spotlight back to the A-bomb's sinister big brother, the H-bomb.

Writing in the current issue of *Look*, N. Timesman W. L. Laurence gives some staggering information about the hydrogen bomb's vast power.

Using the nation's capital as an example, Laurence says that an H-bomb, exploded high above the city, would totally destroy Washington and injure persons 30 miles away. He says that such a blast would vaporize the city, that "irreversible fire would burst forth" for 35 miles in every direction, that a blast wave would quickly follow the blast, pulverizing the burning buildings. "The human mind cannot measure the extent of the catastrophe," Laurence says in describing the great firestorms and hurricanes that would be set up.

This, he notes, would be a "benign" H-bomb, exploded in desert. Worst it to be "cigar-shaped" and in orbit, the H-bomb would cause a giant cloud containing 5 million pounds of radium. "Such a cloud, caught by prevailing winds, might travel thousands of miles, destroying life in its path. Neither man nor beast, nor fowl nor fish would be spared its devastation," Laurence writes.

There is one note of comfort in the *Look* article. Laurence believes that the H-bomb would be the enemy of the H-bomb may itself be an enemy of the H-bomb.

KAY HANDLED WELL A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

IN HIS QUIET, courteous way, Floyd Kay made many friends for himself and for the cause of Greece. For the past five years he held the position of executive vice-president.

It was a formidable assignment that met Kay when he came to Charlotte from Spartanburg in early 1948. The late Clarence Kusler had become a legendary character—"Mr. Chamber of Commerce" to most everybody in the town and for miles around. To step into his shoes required some temerity, much breaking with a lot of tradition, and a great deal of hard work during his long tenure.

That the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce has grown in size and expanded its philosophy is one of the marks of the Kay era. Today the local Chamber is pursuing

pedition or wallow through a Roman banquet. If things go too far it may seem preferable to stay at home and read a good book about the stonemason.

There is a lot of drudgery between the first enthusiasm and the achievement—Greenlee (Tenn.) Sun.

An edition or two ago, The Piedmont's news editors headlined a story of ex-King Farouk of Egypt with this: "Is He, Or Ain't He Divorced Yet?" And there came a faint glimmer about the rumble of the press: "Who said he was?" Greenlee (S. C.) Piedmont.

Shopper: "I notice you have your window full of musical instruments and pianos. Isn't that a bit of a 'Pavlovsk'?" "No, it's good business. Somebody buys a musical instrument, and a day or two later some of his neighbors come in for pianos."—Carlsbad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

3-D MOVIES—WHAT NEXT?

FIRST there were frozen pictures on a screen. Then they moved. Then they talked. Then they burst into color. And now they are going three-dimensional. They're not just at you, but you're in, with you around, knock you down, drag you out, and leave you murmuring woe, "What next?"

Think of the chances for pugilistic films that "kick" the spectator right in the eye. Think of the chances for the "lover" who whips straight into your ear—by way of a smaller speaker concealed in each cinema seat. Think of the possibilities for the sort of thing forecast by Aldous Huxley in *Brave New World* as electronic attachments in each seat convey sensations, smells, and tastes to the patron—in realistic accompaniment to the story shooting out from the screen in oversized verisimilitude.

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'Boy, We Could Develop That Into Some Fine Stumps'



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.

To Be Expected Of Democrats
LINCOLN

Editors, *This News*:

I just read your sorrowful lament, that editorial, "If The People Don't Care, Then What?" about our poor voters and citizens all being asleep. But after all, didn't The News support the Democratic state ticket last Fall? What more did you expect from a dishonest party that has gerrymandered the state districts until they look like a spider's web? Any political party that is dishonest enough to disfranchise almost half of the citizens of the state and stuff its own primary ballot box with absentee ballots is too dirty for me. Democrats will do anything to get elected, and do anything after they get elected. I have voted the Democratic ticket at different times, but never again.

JAMES F. EUREY

Opposes Legislative Secrecy

Charlotte

Editors, *This News*:

NOTICED your editorial in the *Charlotte News* on Thursday, April 2, entitled "If The People Don't Care, Then What?"

I like many other people, am negligent in not protesting audibly on some of the moves made by our state Legislature.

Some of the excuses are nothing but laziness or "let the other fellow do it" attitude.

Below I am giving you an explanation for myself, as well as for many other people who are either misinformed or seemingly have their time occupied with the efforts of not only our national government, but also our state government.

Some years ago our famous President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, gave a "fireside talk" in which he stressed that he believed in open government, openly arrived at, between nations. Then what?

There was the meeting at Yalta, and covenants secretly arrived at. Our allies' territories were partitioned without their knowledge. The "Yalta Agreement" been open to the press and published, there would have been such a howl from the American public, the Republic of China (whose territory was being partitioned without their knowledge), and the Polish government-in-exile in England, that these agreements would have been disapproved by the vast majority of American citizens who believe in integrity of not only our national honor but the national honor of other nations.

Therefore, I am very much against the exclusion of the press from any meetings of our national committees. If they are open, they clarify the air and give a touch of ozone to the writing of the legislative measure. The press is necessary to have to fight the battle for the citizens of this state since they are the prime medium for our expressions.

G. S. MCCARTY

Charlotte Needs A Coliseum

Charlotte

Editors, *This News*:

I WAS recently shocked and became mildly agitated while reading a letter to the editors of The News by W. C. (Bill) Hooper, in the April 2 edition. The writer was against the proposed plan to build a coliseum to take the place of the Armory-Auditorium.

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'Doctors' Case' Strengthens Theory Stalin Was Murdered

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

WASHINGTON

THE POSSIBILITY that Joseph Stalin was murdered by his heirs is no longer ruled out. Russian experts in the State Department and intelligence services were already amazed by the rapid reversal of the dead Stalin's policies. Then came the extraordinary announcement of the famous "murdering clique" of Kremlin doctors, who were arrested and accused just before Stalin fell ill.

The "Pravda" announcement contained an unprecedented hint that evidence against the doctors had been extorted by torture. The whole event was astonishing. It has opened the field for every form of speculation, including the theory that Stalin was done away with by other leading members of the Soviet regime.

At this stage, of course, this theory is speculation. But the fact that it is being soberly discussed by key men in the government is the best measure of the prevalence of wild surmise about Soviet policies and purposes.

SEVERAL SIGNS

Surmise is so prevalent in turn because of the impression that has been made here by the upheaval in Moscow. By now, you only have to itemize changes of policy already made, in order to be convinced that the upheaval has had to be taken very seriously.

In the foreign sphere, Chinese Communist Foreign Minister Chen En-lai has moved to break the interminable deadlock of the Korean truce negotiations. Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov has a strongly seconded Chou En-lai. At the United Nations, Andrei Vishinsky has sought to renew negotiations about disarmament and atomic energy control. Wars and other further incidents on the air borders are now being discussed, by Soviet request, in Berlin.

Domestically, Stalin was not in his grave before. The Soviet government was made over. The new government made in his lifetime, at the recent Congress of the Russian Communist Party, were promptly made. A new triumvirate emerged, composed of Premier Malenkov, Secretary Beria, and Foreign Minister Bulganin, with Molotov seemingly shorn of state power. The new government has made over the old government. The new government has made over the old government.

Time For The U. S. To Be Bold

Charlotte

Editors, *This News*:

THE current "peace" offensive by the Russians in Moscow, threatening the free world, and the greatest opportunity for effective action by the United States, since the end of World War II.

Russia, by making concrete proposals such as those of the past few days, has adopted a simple and clever plan for undermining the world position of the United States. We cannot reject these offers, no matter how skeptical we may be of the motives and objectives behind them. Repeatedly, we have said that Russia must offer deeds, not words. She now does so. If we spurn them, the Kremlin will then proclaim to the world that they, and not we, seek peace, and our position in the world will be seriously, perhaps fatally weakened.

There is a way to defeat this maneuver, indeed, to turn it upon our Russians. It is for us to present such a choice; to propose to the world a great moral idea which Malenkov cannot reject without repudiating to the world his own cynicism and immorality.

That idea is the establishment of effective world law under the United Nations. Let us say to the world, in words so plain no man of any nation can fail to understand them, that we are ready to join with all nations in the world in revising the Charter of the United Nations to provide for universal disarmament under law, and to give to the United Nations adequate power to enforce the law. If this is done, we will, for the next ten years, contribute to the development of the poverty-stricken areas of the world a fixed percentage of what we save through reduction of our own armaments.

G. S. MCCARTY

Let Russia reject such a proposal if she dares. If she does, she will stand condemned before the world. We will have captured a position of moral leadership, and the entire Communist propaganda will be able to destroy.

The people of the world want the opportunity to work out their separate destinies in peace. We, as a Christian nation, have a duty to offer leadership to that end, to give them an opportunity for such development. We must make it now. We must make it now. We must make it now.

Russia has presented us with an opportunity for bold action. We must make it now. We must make it now. We must make it now.

On Feb. 27, the S. S. Haidioti on which the United States still has a mortgage of \$200,000, sailed first into the port of Kaohsiung in Formosa, then proceeded, via

Returning G.I.'s Don't Want Big, Lengthy Demonstrations

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK

IF the peace business doesn't sag in the middle, it seems likely to have a recurrent series of G. I. coming back, with the 2,000-odd who have come back from New York last week, and now as the service is in a tailspin, a civilian thinking about what a returning veteran wants. And does not want.

What he wants, basically, is a lot of ceremony, and red carpet treatment. It means he has to spend an extra ten minutes on a ship he's grown to hate. He has to spend that time waiting for transport here the other day. So we could give them a typical New York experience, with everything on the act. Some call it promotion.

A Korea G. I., or any other long-time G. I., doesn't want a USO-type tour of the country to make him happy, when the Statue of Liberty is in his eyeballs. He has had that planned in his mind, by the few for the many, for a long time, and there is nothing more frustrating to him than to see the Statue of Liberty.

You cannot really share a few hip-wingers and songsters and high-kickers, because they ain't your dolls. They're somebody else's dolls. You don't need a brass band, and free cigarettes, and free candy. They're cigarettes and PX candy is what you've had.

DEBARK, AND QUICK

What you need is to get off that such-and-such bucket, get your feet on the ground, and get your feet on the ground, and get your feet on the ground.

Just the opposite of this happened.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

THERE was some backstage play mixed up in the drawing of Merry-Go-Round Greek shipping.

One unpublicized development was the Senator's irritation when he discovered this business had exposed Greek shipping scandal two years ago. McCarthy always likes to be first, and when he found he was not, he was up and at it.

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Uncle Sam Asleep

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Shipment To Russian Port

THIS same man who so badly wanted to stay in this country, last month sent a ship, sold him by the United States, to help unloading this country.

McCarthy Should Probe Greek Shippers

Greek shippers in the world, was on the Attorney General's list for deportation back to Greece.

Then suddenly on March 12 his name appeared on a special bill which was passed by the House of Representatives. The bill was for the deportation of the Greek shippers. The bill was for the deportation of the Greek shippers.