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CHINESE RED PROPOSAL IS MERE PROPAGANDA

The Chinese Reds fooled no one with their latest demand to enlarge the Korean peace conference. At the recent special session of the General Assembly, Soviet Russia proposed essentially the same plan—that neighbors of Korea such as Russia and neutral Asian countries like India, Burma and Indonesia sit in on a kind of round-table peace discussion.

representatives to the General Assembly to discuss the question of enlarging the membership of the political conference. The United States was right in promptly opposing this suggestion. The question has already been debated and decided by the General Assembly, and there is no point in arguing about it further.

CHAIRMAN HALL LACKS A FUNNYBONE

PERHAPS Editor Clayton Fritchey of the Democratic Digest hit the right note when he replied to G. O. National Chairman Leonard Hall's protest about the sale of the magazine overseas. "Well, they can always burn it," quipped Fritchey.

We've read three copies of The Digest. It's a temperate, good-humored, and witty comment on political affairs in the United States and the only "underground" it does is to point up the foibles and failures of the party in power, which has always been a favorite activity of the party out of power.

GOOD MUSICAL FARE, WELL SEASONED

THERE was a time in the history of these United States when the enjoyment of good music by people outside the biggest cities was limited to the occasional concert by the visiting orchestra or the grand opera company on tour.

organized and well conducted, and its performances are comparable with those of much bigger and much richer orchestras in the larger U. S. cities. Beyond that, the orchestra is a tremendous asset for this metropolitan community. It affords a real opportunity for young men to play alongside professionals. It draws people from neighboring towns and cities. It adds a new dimension to the life of commerce and industry that has dominated Charlotte through its rapid growth and development.

THE BATTLE AGAINST SECRECY IS NOT OVER

THE FILES of the secrecy controversy in the 1953 General Assembly reveal a tactical error on the part of many state newspapers, including this one, which may have confused the issue for many people. When the subcommittee of the appropriations committee decided to meet in a secret session, critics seized upon an old law forbidding such sessions, and argued that secrecy was illegal. It was a valid point, but it established a shaky premise, for all the Legislature had to do was change the law and thereby legalize secrecy.

In his brief talk at the conference of news and feature writers in Chapel Hill Saturday, President Weimer Jones of the North Carolina Press Association reminded his listeners that the people did not rise in indignation protesting the General Assembly's action. He attributed it, in part, to a loss of public confidence in newspapers generally, and called for more accurate and more responsible reporting of public business.

RED RAIDERS

WE WERE rather astonished to learn the other day that the ancient practice of servant-matching, so dear to the capitalist world back in the good old days when people could afford servants, has cropped up in the Communist countries. There is at hand the case of a lady of German extraction, whose ability with trout and asparagus was of course a new rank, who cooked in a Yugoslav restaurant.

months later. And now, of course, she works for Tito. We suppose this could be classed as a sort of Stalinovian reward for achievement, and we are happy that the culinary-minded young lady in question has obtained what must be a rather cushy billet by Communist standards. But, alas, here again we have evidence that in the people's democracies there is no democracy at all and a cook must cook by order she is ordered to cook. Unless, of course, she wants her goose cooked.

'I Ain't Going Anywhere'

Two Of Dulles' Big Gambles Have Paid Off Nicely So Far

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALBROP



WASHINGTON I KNOW PEOPLE think of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as a dashing and fearless gambler, on the old Mississippi river game where he'll call the turn of a card. It is somehow difficult to imagine the Secretary of State in this role.

valued the clear risk of world war at a time when American objectives were actually being cut back. But the gamble did pay off. He did another gamble when he called for a new election of the Iranian parliament. Last May, Iran's deposed Premier, Mohammad Mossadegh, wrote a letter to President Eisenhower. It was a plea for immediate financial aid. This was political blackmail, for Mossadegh had already been known to the United States to be a Communist. The United States refused to help, but could look only to the Communist Tudeh party for its support of bonds and to the Soviet Union for support abroad.

Both the Dulles gambles were unknown or unnoticed at the time, although both played a role in events of enormous world importance. Dulles accepted one self-imposed risk in the form of his visit to India Prime Minister Pandit Nehru in New Delhi last year.

When the stakes are as high as the whole Middle East — which means, primarily, the end of the oil flow from Iran into the Soviet camp — it is not easy to defy the blackmail. Dulles nevertheless refused to succumb to the pressure to pay the blackmail.

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.

Another FEPC Viewpoint

FAYETTEVILLE MAY Eugene Thannon Simpson be advised that there are more than two sides to FEPC. There is a third side manned by persons who are not inhibited by prejudices, but who hold that this country is a democratic republic and that FEPC would defeat that very institution and would be an acknowledgment to the world that our system is defective and cannot be made to work without punitive measures.

cial and political. Oddly enough, he swings widest when those policies have a tendency to discourage and impede communism, or when they afford ammunition for its propaganda gun which "just happens" to shoot the same caliber slug as official, uncamouflaged Red propaganda guns. At I understand, the facts are that you (The News) have consistently opposed FEPC by Federal fiat, and rightly so—but have encouraged the employment of qualified colored Negroes. Certainly there is a vast difference between "compulsion" and "voluntarism." Your correspondent ends his article on a sarcastic note—remaining you that the age of masters and slaves belongs to you, etc. Permit me to end this one on a right sarcastic note also: Neither Williams, Malabar, nor anyone else is going to run FEPC down the throats of the American people — so Williams might as well hitch his little red train to the right.

It would behoove Mr. Simpson to reflect upon the fact that there have been many other minorities, both racial and religious, in this country. They have advanced themselves to equal acceptance through industrious effort and deportment. The Negro should emulate these qualities of proven practices rather than seeking the aid of such "crutch" laws as FEPC.

Sterilization Law Praised

MILTON, Mass. DURING 1952, North Carolina protected 15 of its insane, 165 of its feebleminded persons and 12 of its epileptics from transmitting their undesirable hereditary to children.

Where Do Our Interests End?

PITTSBORO I HAVE just read the speech made by Secretary Dulles before the Legion convention in St. Louis recently, which is carried in this issue of U. S. News and World Report. If I have in mind the world that this country would go to war to prevent a Korean-manned invasion of Indonesia, which would mean the prevention of our intervention in the current fighting in that unhappy country.

No Inconsistency

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: The News: NOTICED you were taken to task in this column by one Robert P. Williams regarding your back door editorial condemning FEPC via the rat. The correspondent implies that the editorial contradicts a previous editorial advocating employment consideration for qualified, educated Southern negroes who are migrating North.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THE PRESIDENT turned on all the famous Eisenhower charm for a full 30 minutes trying to persuade Martin Durkin to remain in the cabinet. But the man who became famous as a result of the wise crack: "eight millionaires and a plumber," stood pat.

Ike Escapes Unscathed From Democratic Fire At Chicago

By JAMES MARLOW

THE DEMOCRATIC WASHINGTON THE Democrats' agility in launching the Republican administration while side-stepping criticism of President Eisenhower's self was the only unusual thing about their first day's meeting in Chicago.

It was a situation which made many wonder not so much about the restraint itself but how long it would last. It began to melt in earnest as Congress finished its first session under the Republicans in August. The Democrats claimed to be rescuers of Eisenhower from discomfiture at the hands of his Republican opponents on some of his most important programs. It was not until Labor Day that the Democrats as

Durkin's Impasse

HOWEVER, Durkin, a permanent union man, was not included in the way he was carefully excluded from most of Eisenhower's top policy decisions, and he made few efforts therefore to sell the Eisenhower administration to the banks of labor.

FDR Jr. For Governor

WHILE Democrats in Chicago are working to pull the party together, Democrats in New York are on the verge of pulling the party wide apart—in a situation which later might influence the politics of the United States. They are battling over the nomination of a Democratic candidate for mayor of New York.