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Ike Must Chart A Course At Bermuda

WHAT must be done at the Bermuda conference between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan is rather obvious.

The Anglo-American alliance—which is basically a matter of trust rather than signed agreements—must be restored. There must be frank examinations of differences and a new sharing of confidences.

What will be done at Bermuda, other than the issuing of the customary cheerful communique, is another question entirely. Solid accomplishment depends largely on whether the U. S. has finally determined on a Middle East policy to replace the catch-as-catch-can contortions of Mr. Dulles—whether the legitimate

aims of Britain and France will continue to be subordinated to the ambitions of Col. Nasser.

The British will be able to state their purposes in a word—survival. They must have oil and unobstructed passage through the Suez Canal. And to have that, they must have guarantees against capricious and punitive actions by Nasser.

Only the U. S. can provide such guarantees. It assumed the role of guarantor in forcing the British and French out of Egypt. If the alliance is to survive, the guarantees must be given.

The amazingly elastic "assumptions" by which the Israelis were lured out of Gaza will not suffice for the British. They do not trust Mr. Dulles. And in his wavering support of the assumptions he had approved, they find fresh fuel for their doubts of his steadfastness.

Since Mr. Dulles is unlikely to be removed, the President must remove the doubt for the benefit of Col. Nasser as well as of the British and French.

Why Penalize The Innocent Child?

LIKE counterfeit coin, bills to deny public assistance to North Carolina's illegitimate children seem to keep turning up in Raleigh. They have been sighted on the legislative landscape during ten consecutive sessions, providing many a statesman with the opportunity to deplore sin and extol virtue to his heart's content.

Reason has always prevailed, however, and the measures were being mercifully put to sleep.

Rep. Speight of Bertie County is not a man to be sidetracked by reason in this matter. He has again burdened the General Assembly with a bill cutting off welfare aid to illegitimate children when the mother "persists" in having babies out of wedlock. The present system, he says, is "raising a stink all over North Carolina" and amounts to "state-supported house prostitution."

The bad-penny aspects of his punitive measure are all too obvious in dealings with the subject of morality. Rep. Speight has managed to produce a bill which in itself has no moral legitimacy.

Such a statute would, in effect, punish an innocent child for the transgressions of the mother.

Needs is the sole basis of qualification for eligibility to receive public assistance funds. The legitimacy of a child has nothing to do with it. That is precisely the way it should be.

Further, if this principle is junked North Carolina would risk losing all federal funds for aid to dependent children.

In the past, Uncle Sam's share in this program has amounted to about 80 per cent.

If Rep. Speight would rummage around in his own memory he might recall a subcommittee report adopted by the House Welfare Committee in May 1955 noting that "there is no relationship" between the aid to dependent children program and the number of illegitimate births in North Carolina. The group also said it "found that few children are born out of wedlock after a mother once begins to receive aid to dependent children."

Dr. Ellen Winston, head of the State Department of Public Welfare, assured the House Judiciary Committee this week that North Carolina's illegitimacy record is nowhere near as dark as many other areas of the U. S. and that we have the situation under control.

A Lady Politico & Six Abraded Egos

THE gentlemen on City Council are engaged in a treat of useless maneuvering. Both in and out of session, they are attempting to brew strong political magic. The object would appear to be the salvation of their political seats. It isn't.

The object of their quixotic skull sessions is the salvation of the male ego. There are six such egos on Council, and it seems fair to assume that all have been rather thoroughly "abraded" by now. Councilwoman Martha Evans has been in their midst for two years and, the electorate willing in May, she'll be there longer. Mrs. Evans neither smokes a pipe as did Rachel Jackson, nor makes any other visible concessions to masculine superiority.



Councilwoman Martha Evans

to be a low woman on the ticket, or no woman at all.

We are rather tired of all this transparent mugging. Not because it's political—it is the proper season—but because it is so patetically male.

Even if Mrs. Evans loses or runs last, the men can't win.

No one really expects a woman to do well in politics anyway.

Let's face it, gentlemen. The caveman occasionally clubbed his woman on the head, to be sure. But who toted whom home?

And so, there have been maneuverings. Councilman Brown appealed to the "women-belong-in-the-home" contingent on March 8 when he ordered himself of this dictum to Mrs. Evans: "You make the policy, and we'll do the voting." There was no going to be a woman on the Park Board when the matter was brought up, but there is going to be a woman on the Park Board after all. The gentlemen also have caucused. They have abandoned the idea of running on a slate. They are going to run as independents. That is the way Mrs. Evans ran last time.

No, winning is not enough this year. None of the gentlemen wants to be low man on the ticket. All of them want there

From The Washington Post & Times Herald

CRIMEA AND PUNISHMENT

WE OWE to the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN the discovery that the much-heralded New Soviet Man is quite capable of donning a gray flannel suit as well as drabber proletarian garb. An advertisement in the GUARDIAN contains this unlikely headline: "A new paradise for holidaymakers! The Russian Riviera—Crimea and the Caucasus." A prose poem, which might have been produced by the sweating lumpen-proletariat of Madison Avenue follows:

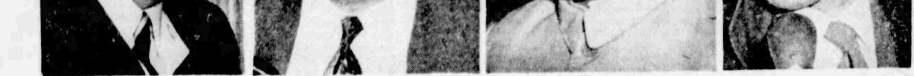
Here's the holiday that's really new—and exciting! A new, wonderful Riviera for you to explore and delight in... Exciting scenery, magnificent bathing, thrilling trips into the mountains, wonderful cruises on the Black Sea... all yours! This summer!

Golly. What would Karl Marx have said about that? We suspect, however, that opening the Crimea to the charge of the light-hearted brigade, armed with their cameras, sun-tan lotion and bikini, may pose some headaches for the Soviet Travel Agency. For one thing, those

bikini swim suits may wreak counter-revolutionary havoc on the work norms of fisherman. Further, there may be an irresistible demand by tourists for some of the same attractions that prevail on the decadent French Riviera—and Russian roulette simply will not do.

There is also the problem of glamour. In the end, it may be necessary to send a strapping Intourist commissar to Hollywood to bring back a starlet to shine on the Crimea. And the next thing you know the happy German workers will be demanding exemption from Russian draft and tax laws. Then the Soviet Travel Agency may truly boast of the Russian Riviera as a worker's paradise!

Wife, reading husband's fortune card from a penny scale: "You are a leader of men, with a magnetic personality and strong character. You are intelligent, witty and attractive to the opposite sex. It has your weight wrong, too." — CARLSBAD (N.M.) CURRENT-ARCUS.



Messrs. Dulles, Nasser, Chou and Menon: They Are Liquidating An Epoch

U.S. Gives Nasser A Club And Asks Him To Be Nice

By WALTER LIPPMANN

HAVING taken off a bit of time before starting on a short trip abroad, I have spent quite a bit of wondering about the Middle East and the turn in our affairs. We have had forced upon us vast but undefined responsibilities in another great region of the globe. There are some who think that by the role we have played in the United Nations since the Egyptian crisis last autumn we have won the esteem and the confidence of the Afro-Asian nations, and that they will now accept us as being uncontaminated with "colonialism."

I do not share this view. It seems to me naive and wishful thinking. Our connections with the West are inseparable. The Communist competition is very strong. And a new accommodation between the East and the West will not come easily. It is perhaps the greatest and most difficult task which lies before us.

Irreparable Error?

I think rather that the events of the past few months have made this difficult task much more difficult. For we have fallen into what may prove to have been an irreparable error in the way we took our stand on the Anglo-French-Israeli intervention. Instead of insisting from the outset that their attack was provoked by Nasser, and that the intervention and the provocations must be cured together, we have insisted that the intervention must be liquidated first before the causes which provoked it are dealt with.

All The Pressure

We put all our pressure on Britain, France and Israel. Mr. Dulles put no pressure on Nasser, and we have cleared Egypt without obtaining any serious assurances from anybody—from Nasser, from Krishna Menon, or from the Soviet Union. The result is that the great issues of the regime of the Suez Canal and of the pacification of Palestine, our policy

has meant that before negotiations are to begin, we have restored and in fact aggravated Nasser's bargaining power. We have provided him with the big trump by the diplomatic game is played.

Unless we make it our business, which we could do if we were resolute and resourceful, to restore the greatly diminished bargaining power of the United States and of the Western nations, we shall be negotiating from weakness.

A New Epoch

Since the second World War we have entered a new epoch in the relations between East and West. We are at the end of the centuries which began with the great European voyages and were followed by the imperial conquest of so much of Asia and of Africa. Though there are pockets of die-hard imperialism, it is no longer debatable whether imperialism and colonialism are to be liquidated. They are to be liquidated.

What is not yet in sight is anything that could be called an understanding of the new international order which is to replace the imperial and colonial epoch. For national independence, and the establishment of the old imperial regimes, will not alone produce a new order in which East and West can live peacefully together. Neither will nations nor the old nations can live in isolation from one another, and thus therefore work out an order of relationship which they can accept.

Bargaining Equality

We are interdependent, as we can see clearly in the case of the Suez Canal and of the oil of the Middle East. The countries which have access to the oil, and the Arab countries would be sorely stricken if they could not dispose of their oil to the West. They can not dispose of it to the Soviet Union. But if this East-West interdependence is to be stable and durable, there must be a reasonable equality of bargaining power in

working out the principles and the details of the new relationship.

Since Nasser's seizure of the canal, since the miscalculation of the two London conferences, since the fiasco of the intervention, and since our own mistaken policy in the United Nations, the balance of bargaining power has turned drastically against the West. This is reflected in the fact that the United Nations and the United States are not negotiating with Nasser. They have been appeasing him, finding themselves so short of negotiating power.

Radical Opponent

In Nasser, both as a political figure and as a symbol, we are bound to recognize, it seems to me, a radical opponent of an accommodation between East and West. Nasser's rebellion against the West has a momentum and a direction which, if it is not contained, there is every reason to believe that Nasser will not voluntarily agree to any kind of international regime for the canal which guarantees to the West the rights that they can count upon. It is plain that he means to use the strategic importance of the canal as an instrument of his anti-Western, and pan-Arab movement. And it is quite evident that he intends against Israel to keep on waging war as hot a war as appears to him a safely calculated military risk.

Nasser Needs Tension

The crux of the Nasser problem is his position in Egypt and his influence in the Arab world. It would soon collapse if he agreed to negotiate and to abide by set-

lements with the Western nations. He must remain in rebellion against them, their for long, allowing the conflict to subside. He needs the tension of international, indeed of inter-racial, struggle. He needs to maintain among the Arab masses the image of himself as their champion. He needs the tension also for his political survival at home, to divert his rivals who conspire against him and as a distraction for the people.

Nehru Declining

The effect of Nasser's movement extends far beyond Egypt, the canal and Palestine. In his example, through his agents and his propagandists, he is making it very dangerous, perhaps impossible, for moderate leaders of the Afro-Asian peoples to arrive at settlements with the West. He is identifying moderation with treason and settlement with betrayal.

This makes it for all practical purposes impossible for any other leader in North Africa and South Asia to come to terms with the West. This applies even to India where, unhelpfully, Nehru is declining the role in which he had cast himself, the role of mediator. For many months past it has been apparent that India does not feel strong enough to differ with Nasser.

In fact it is an open question whether India is now able to put through an independent policy, with Nasser on one side of it, with Red China on the other, and with the Soviet Union behind both Nasser and Chou En-lai. It is certain that we have no right to expect India to redress the balance which has turned against the West as long as our policy, or at least our practice, is to acquiesce in

Comes The Test

All this will now be put to the test. It will be put to the test over the regime of the canal, over whether Gaza becomes again the base of a guerrilla war, and over the right of innocent passage in the Gulf of Aqaba. The United States could be gravely impaired the whole Afro-Asian world. If Nasser is not effectively checked, it will be idle to suppose that American influence can then be maintained by the Eisenhower doctrine, by pacts, by arms deliveries, by some economic aid, and by resounding declarations against the menace of communism.

'John Kerr, Th' Bodies Lie A' Mouldering In The Graves'



People's Platform

Student Council Backs Pay Hike

LETTERS in behalf of the Myers Park High School Student Council. Our council would like to make it known that we endorse the increase in salary of 20 per cent for our public school teachers.

As young citizens of our state, we find that we are deeply concerned about the future of our educational system, and in order to strengthen and preserve our schools, we feel that the security and welfare of our teachers must be improved. If young people of today are to become teachers of tomorrow, they must be encouraged by our present leaders. They must be assured of their future livelihood; they must be certain of the security which the teaching profession has to offer.

We feel that this action taken by high school students indicates our sincere desire to participate in the affairs of our state and

that, as future leaders of our state, we must begin now to acquaint ourselves with its activities.

—CARROLL ROGERS Secretary Myers Park High School Student Council

The Best Business Is Helping Others

IF we aren't in God's business, we won't be out attending to other people's business. The best business to be in is out helping a sick neighbor and doing good for others. For the way to prove you are a good Christian is to be a good neighbor and try to help make a better world.

I often think of how good it would have a place to live where we have some nice and kind bus drivers, and good doctors, and nurses who are kind to you when you are sick.

So I hope that we all do more for God's kingdom and be good neighbors and be kind to others.

— MRS. MAYME BARGER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THERE was a certain amount of diplomatic joshing about the manner in which President Eisenhower went to the airport to meet King Saud of Saudi Arabia, while refusing to meet other dignitaries. This question of host-guests, however, is no joke in other world capitals.

Private Talk

It has been the topic of so much private conversation that the British Foreign Office has sounded out the State Department informally as to whether Eisenhower would go to the airport to meet Queen Elizabeth if she visited the United States. The implication was understandably clear that the Queen would probably not come to Washington

if she rated below the kind of backward oil-rich country where slave trading is still legal.

The question of who-meets-whom was also discussed inside British diplomatic circles in regard to the visit of President Eisenhower to Bermuda. It was suggested, again informally, that Prime Minister Macmillan might arrive in Bermuda after the President, and that therefore he be met by Foreign Sec-

Eisenhower while the King of Saudi Arabia was.

The British, incidentally, are not alone. The new Negro state of Ghana began talking its new-found independence seriously when Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah did not show up at the airport to meet Vice President Nixon. The excuse was the same one as that given by Eisenhower in the past—namely, that Nixon was not head of a state.

Sudden Switch

The snub given by the Negro Prime Minister, incidentally, is sure to touch off shuffles in Capitol classrooms, especially among old-line Republicans and Southern Democrats who resented Nixon's sudden switch in favor of killing fil-

busters—a switch which they said was inspired by a desire to win Negro votes.

Charm School Sen. Lyndon Johnson has been wooing newsmen at private breakfasts in what are now called "Lyndon's charm schools." The Democratic leader is both vocal and vigorous. If he said in public what he tells newsmen, he would make more headlines on Capitol Hill. Here are recent samples: "Either Dulles led to congressional leaders or Nasser led to Dulles regarding Egypt's move back into the Gaza Strip." "The Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East is a bunch of hogwash." "The Democrats are the three leaders of the United States government should all be out of the country at the same time."