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It's Here

Carolinas Conversion To Normal Has Begun

If anything else was needed to bring the Carolinas to the realization that the time of post-war economic readjustment is already upon us, announcement of next week's Army-Navy conference on contract termination did the job... Meeting here with hundreds of North and South Carolina manufacturers...

Chevalier

The Maquis Quickly Brought His End

The vengeful patriots of France, long-suffering members of the hunted class, are no respecters of persons—or, perhaps, instead, they are. They lost no time in bringing death to Maurice Chevalier, he of the tilted straw hat and wry smile... The man who stole the American heart something over ten years ago was cornered by the Maquis, likely in his beloved Paris...

The Gallie spirit still lives, and expresses itself in these bloody times. As a substitute for French ability, we might import some of it across the next border, for a spot of cleaning up around the headquarters of the empire of evil.

Already the campaign moves from the realm of dark intention to overt threat. Whether Dewey wants it or not, he will get Ham Fish's vote.

Present

In Romania It's No Trick To Turn Ally

The problem of separating the two sides of the Balkan coin is a matter of some importance. It appears that the present situation is not as simple as it seems. In every liberated land, the people are not only free to vote and elect their representatives, but they are also free to express their opinions and to organize their own movements... The problem of separating the two sides of the Balkan coin is a matter of some importance...

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON It has been exactly one year this week since Cordell Hull, then secretary of state, Summer Welles, left a long way from Washington, D. C., and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, but events in Rio now make it possible to reveal the first break in the merry-go-round. Hull and Welles...

These events go to the root of our entire Good Neighbor policy and shed penetrating light on our present row with Argentina. Last week in Rio, Welles and Hull, Secretary of State, and Ambassador Aranha, created Latin American friend of the USA, re-appeared in Washington, studied American politics, toured the USA from coast to coast, emphatically believed that Brazil's destiny must be handed over to that of the United States...

He was virtually forced out by the fascist clique in the Brazilian Army which wants to get together with the pro-Nazi clique in the Argentine Army. President Vargas, support friend of the USA, was not strong enough to override the Army. He let them get away with closing up the Society of Friends of the United States just as Foreign Minister Aranha, vice-chairman of the organization, was about to make a speech before it. U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery was honorary chairman...

Closing the pro-American society was a cold-blooded, calculated slap at Aranha's pro-American policy, and the State Department is now minus its best supporter in all South America. Two and a half years before, Summer Welles faced almost the same problem with the Brazilian Army, and it led to his downfall, too, Welles was in Rio de Janeiro as U. S. delegate to the conference of American Foreign Ministers in Rio de Janeiro, his last support in all South America...

NOTE—Since then, Mr. Hull himself has not had much luck with Argentina, and last week the Brazilian Army caused the ousting of U. S. best-friend Aranha because he was supporting Hull's policy of non-Argentine recognition. Relic Of Longtime

Comes A Time In The Life Of All Men

By Dorman Smith



Agreement On Oil

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON WHEN the Spaniards made a deal in 1919 to give up their oil fields, they found on their conference table every imaginable inducement to give up the whole works. Looking back, we can readily understand the British position. England's foreign exchange position after the war will be difficult to the point of desperation, with Britain in debt to most of the world. Therefore, for example, if it were a question of India buying oil from Iran or Iraq for her own use, the decision should be made, not in relation to the world oil picture, but on whether Britain had exchanged in one country or the other... The Americans stoutly resisted this. They said it would, in effect, invalidate any oil understanding that gave the British a free hand to shop around the world. For a day or two, the weather in the conference room was a bit rough, as one of the British representatives put it.

In return, Overton, who represented the Nashville Bridge Co., wanted Huey to build a line of toll bridges throughout Louisiana. But Huey, who was opposed to toll bridges, talked him out of it. Instead, Overton promised that Overton would be elected to high public office. One year later, Overton took Huey at his word, Overton was elected Governor of Louisiana. Long having then been elected to the U. S. Senate. The Long machine, however, wanted Overton as Governor, not Overton as Huey called Overton to Congress, then to the United States Senate.

Lure Of "Society" Overton didn't fall for the idea. He had his heart set on being Governor. Not even his brother, Judge Winston Overton, whom Huey called into bolster the argument, got away from him. Finally, Col. Bob Brothman, who participated in the conference, called Huey aside and whispered in his ear. The Kingfish then came back with this new line of persuasion: "Listen, John, you can't afford to be selfish in this. Remember you've got a wife and three daughters to think about. They're all going to meet the big people and you're just going to be a nobody to them. Death. But up in Washington, you can bring your daughters out in the finest society in the world."

There'll be diplomats and ambassadors and noble lords and ladies from all these foreign countries. Your wife and daughters can meet the finest people in the world. You don't want them to be sitting down here in the bayou country when they can be mixing in with all these people, do you?" "Talk to Ruth about it first, and then let me know," concluded Huey. Overton did, and came to Washington. Since then, his daughters not only have enjoyed Washington society, but one of them, Ruth D. Overton, has been on the Government payroll for the juicy salary of \$4,500 a year as clerk of her father's Manufacturers Committee. Another daughter, Katharine, for a long time was clerk in her father's office at a salary of \$2,400.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spangh, D. D.

ONE of the greatest things that can happen to a man is to be a Christian. I never cease to marvel at the tremendous things that have been accomplished in Christian homes by those who were not... Since then, his daughters not only have enjoyed Washington society, but one of them, Ruth D. Overton, has been on the Government payroll for the juicy salary of \$4,500 a year as clerk of her father's Manufacturers Committee. Another daughter, Katharine, for a long time was clerk in her father's office at a salary of \$2,400.

John Was

By Dorothy Thompson

WASHINGTON WHEN the first European nationalities were fighting for God, John was the first European nationalities. He once had a daughter that a country belonged to the people who spoke its language and filled its soil, and had thus been created by God as a common family. Thus, in defending God's creation they were fighting for God... John's greatest contribution to the deliverance of France was his creation of a popular Faith in which the common people would fight, because they instinctively felt it was true. That it was highly revolutionary, John himself was not aware, but it was revolutionary. The authorities who ruled that would know full well that John's faith in God and Church and State had labored to her doom... Her second contribution was the discovery that the form of warfare was outdated she had more respect for the French military than for the German military. She was a military genius, and this combination of what was then modern war and a fanatical faith to raise the masses made her victorious... I recalled these things about Saint Joan, as sitting on a terrace in the Bois de Boulogne, in Paris. I turned on the radio dial to the short-wave stations of the whole world and heard the voice of the Marquis de Custos, French military minister, from Brazil, realizing that in the rising of the people of Paris the French had reached its highest hour. The excitement that would sweep the world was not only on the radio, but in the hearts of the people of Paris. The French Committee of Liberation has organized and fought a revolutionary war. He had the best of both worlds, and without the aid of underground war could hardly have...

GI Wants Portable Foxhole, He Says

By HAL ROYCE

ORLEANS, FRANCE, Aug. 28 — (Delayed) — (AP) — It is a rare day on the battlefield when a soldier's unit bag enemy planes, but when the Americans were fighting around Orleans our tank destroyers came up so quickly on one mile north of the town they caught a bunch of German planes sitting on the ground. Some of the tank destroyers crashed right through hangar buildings and ran right over the planes, crushing them. Other units of the column just cut loose with their guns and began whanging their shells into the planet. It took only a few seconds to turn down all five bombers. P. G. Thurman, Major from Ft. Ord, Ind., said "Our boys really shot the hell out of them."

Most of the German planes captured were caught completely by surprise.