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Half-Way

N. C. Finds Herself Stuck For The Moment

The failure of Governor Broughton's drive for the Vice Presidential nomination, we trust, did not shock a great many North Carolinians. Its short-lived career in Chicago must have gone about as expected, for the battle was fought over and above us, and the Southeast was scarcely considered. But at least one sharp-eyed political observer, O. Max Gardner, professes to see some hope for our future progress. He thinks that the Broughton fight helped North Carolina nationally, and increased her stature considerably.

About that, we're not so sure, but on another point Mr. Gardner is undoubtedly correct:

"North Carolina is the leading liberal State of the South. The State has resolved for itself many of the Southern problems that make men from other Southern States a political liability on a national campaign ticket. Notable in this respect is North Carolina's racial policy.

The national political parties are not quite ready to accept a Southerner for top place on the ticket. North Carolina, he said, is too liberal on its Negro policy to have reconciled the Deep South to the Democratic ticket, and not liberal enough to have satisfied Northern voters.

There we are, caught in the middle. Easterners will scoff at North Carolina's claims to liberalism, but only because they cannot measure our progress against that of other Southeastern states. And further South, as Mr. Gardner says, a number of our policies (early equalization of pay for Negro school teachers, for instance) must seem quite radical.

Even so, we think that handling preferable to a career of rigid reaction. North Carolina has many long leagues to run on the basis of progress already made, she surely leads the South. And for all the gap between her and some of her sister, we'd prefer to call it a beginning, and not desertion.

Overplayed

It Was Time For The Axis To Find An Ally

Turkey's decision to enter the war against Germany is obviously a step fraught with grave danger to Turkey. That long overdue decision, straddling the fence, is likely to cost the Turks their satellites in the Balkans, especially Bulgaria. It may bring the horrors of the entire war, there, and Turkish Allied soldiers to the Bulgarian border. It may give Germany a chance to invade Turkey, bring a number of things to pass. There is a word of caution from William Diamond of the State Department, an expert on the Near East situation.

Diamond, recently returned from a study of Turkey, hints that our prospective [illegible] may emerge into more [illegible] than an asset. Her army, although reportedly well-trained and adequately equipped, would need to be [illegible] to withstand German attack may [illegible] Russian assistance. [illegible] Turkish allies may expect [illegible] Nazi lines Northward. [illegible] Turkish allies may expect [illegible] heavy air raids. [illegible] Turkey would be on the [illegible] of victory, there [illegible] disposition among the [illegible] to spurn new allies. In the case of long-[illegible] Turkey, there will not be [illegible] a welcome. She [illegible] sought to remain neutral, which is well enough, but has insisted upon dealing with sides—and was able to [illegible] that practice on [illegible] bank measures were [illegible] by the Allies.

[illegible] seems easy to [illegible] Germany [illegible] very [illegible] and is surrounded [illegible] a [illegible] Turkey holds in the [illegible] of battle [illegible] must be [illegible] so foolish as to believe that in this event it would move. They reserve a right and seat for Turkey at the peace table. They must remember that Allied members

Crescendo

It Rises With Fury In Fierce French Push

General Omar Bradley's fighting men, having at last caught up with their timetable and broken out into open country, are in position to deal the enemy fatal blows. With scant prospect that the Germans can establish a tenable line of defense in their present state of disorganization before the American front, anything can happen now.

What seems most likely is that the great Brittany peninsula will eventually be sealed off by one force of the Americans, that another column will drive on toward Paris in cooperation with the British - Canadian forces emerging from the area about Caen. Though the High Command keeps its own counsel, censorship has permitted passage of widespread comment by correspondents — all indicating that a complete Nazi collapse may be expected along present lines, or that the enemy will be pushed back with relative ease to positions deep in the French open country.

In such a situation the watching world is breathless with expectancy, for if ever decisive battles were fought, they are now being fought in France and on the Eastern front. The twin objectives in each case are, of course, the destruction of the German armies and the drive toward the enemy's borders. In each case, developments are leading rapidly toward at least partial accomplishment of those objectives. No less than in Russia the Nazi retreat and the increasing numbers of dejected prisoners indicate that the end is drawing nigh. Even before Paris, and long before the battles of the German border, the great decision may come.

The Kiss

Gerald Smith Smears One On Ham Fish

All is not lost, though Ham Fish is renominated in New York. In Missouri, Senator Bennett Clark of America First is in a fair way to lose his seat to Attorney General Roy McKittrick—and even in the incredible New York district, there is still the final test in November.

The Fish cause, we dare say, is not aided by the anguished cries of Gerald L. K. Smith from Chicago. Mr. Smith, champion of any number of native Fascist enterprises, publisher of the ill-famed *The Cross & The Flag*, is an un-American influence in a way Martin Dies would not understand. Upon being repudiated and vigorously attacked by Tom Dewey, Smith yelped that he was happy and proud to share the fate of so distinguished a gentleman as Ham Fish. They stood together on the Dewey purge list.

And then came the *coup de grace*. Dewey is a Communist, Smith reasoned, because he has attacked Ham Fish — and Earl Browder has attacked him, too! And that's not all.

"In fact, the cat is out of the bag," Smith said. "In their fight to destroy such American Firsters as Hamilton Fish, we find Roosevelt, Willkie, Dewey and Browder in the same bed together. They all fight Hamilton Fish and they all fight Gerald L. K. Smith."

Aside from standing as a remarkable bit of reasoning, that's a really poor exhibition of social climbing. But there's an object lesson there, all the same. Before the American people fall except those in that certain New York district, that is) Ham Fish and Gerald Smith do look as alike as peas in the pod. And now that Bob Reynolds is through we can say it. We don't understand those folks in New York.

We can't think of any nicer words than Bretton to be in financially.

WASHINGTON

WAR Department officials are much concerned over the way the Germans have been treating American prisoners. Reports from exchanged American prisoners reveal conditions in German war camps unspeakably bad. One prisoner recently returned from Oflag (camp) No 64 in occupied Poland reports that the diet given American prisoners is as follows:

Breakfast — Nothing (served with water if you want it).

Lunch—A bowl of thin soup and one thin slice of black bread occasionally mouldy and invariably stale.

Supper—Two potatoes.

These reports disclosed that, if it were not for the food packages supplied every week or ten days by the Red Cross, prisoners could not live. As it is most are reported suffering from malnutrition. One American prisoner traced to them the conditions through the Nazi censor mesh on a post card. "Food is plentiful and good. They treat us fine. We have no complaints. Everybody is happy. Don't forget to tell this to Sweetheart."

While American boys are living on potatoes and water, German war prisoners in the USA are accorded the best of treatment, minimum of work, good clothing, food and shelter. They are even permitted their own camp newspapers are generally accorded entertainment and almost luxurious treatment.

NOTE—German relatives of American citizens used to evade censorship by letters similar to that of the U. S. war prisoner. One such letter said: "Everybody is very well over here now. Anna is well, Father is well, and so is Joseph, but Grandmother is happiest of all." Grandmother had been dead for five years.

Artillery Back

Uncensored dispatches from the Russian front reveal that one big reason for the current Red Army success is the Russian ability to mass all types of artillery in unprecedented quantity before every major offensive.

The Red Army is a carefully tailored organization, never unduly excited about new weapons of war. Each Red Army division is well equipped with a balanced number of tanks, planes and heavy guns. Never, throughout the entire course of the war, has production of any type of weapon been cut down in favor of others, as we sometimes have stopped tanks and artillery in favor of airplanes.

In the early days of the war, when "victory through air power" was so popular, the Russians continued building planes, but also continued strong emphasis on artillery.

Meanwhile, the British and American high commands put such stress on air power that they slighted heavy guns and tanks. Artillery production was never great. Tank production has been sporadic. Now, air power is not nearly as effective in Normandy as had been hoped. Air corps officials blame it on the weather. However, artillery men point out that their big guns are never silenced by the elements, are more accurate in close-range warfare than anything else invented.

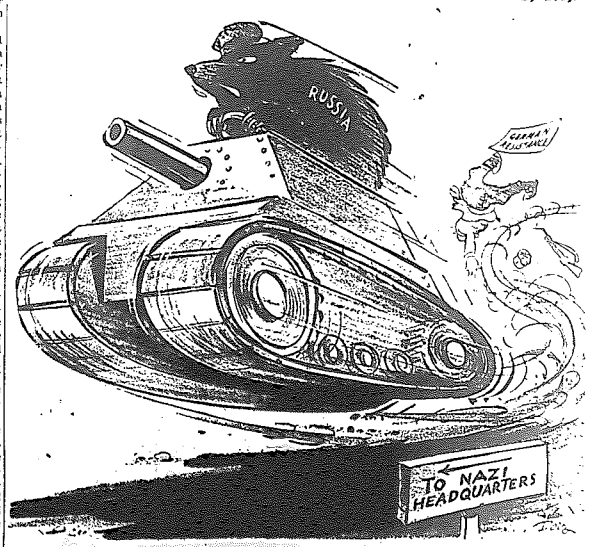
Fact is, air power has very definite uses, but only in relationship to ground forces. One of the major myths now being exploded in France is the theory of "deadly accurate precision bombing." While Air Corps publicists show numerous reconnaissance photos to prove the accuracy of precision bombing, they don't show the many pictures of bombs going wide of their mark by many miles.

For example, one unit sent out to bomb Germany dropped its entire bomb-load on a Swiss village more than 30 miles from its target. This is not an isolated case. Same thing has happened in France, Hungary, Romania and Czechoslovakia.

Result is the War Department now has a hurry call in for vastly increased orders of artillery, forcing war plants to work around the clock to catch up with the demand for big guns.

Bear Bent For Berlin

—By Doug



A New Kind Of Politics

By Marquis Childs

NEW YORK

STARTING out on a swing that will conclude with the Governors' conference in St. Louis, Thomas E. Dewey enters on a new phase of his campaign. While the accomplishments of the month that has elapsed since his nomination are not visible to the public, they are nevertheless very real.

The familiar analogy of the iceberg applies here, it seems to me. What you see above the surface of the water is only about one-tenth of the whole structure. Jaundiced critics would add that the general emotional temperature of the campaign is about that which you'd expect to find in the vicinity of an iceberg, but that is neither here nor there.

Herbert Brownell Jr., Dewey's campaign manager, has completed the base organization and he is now prepared to move on. It's strictly modern. All old-fashioned encumbrances, such as the traditional "speakers' bureau," infested by party hacks seeking the headlines, have been omitted.

The new organization occupies the entire tenth floor of the Roosevelt—the Theodore Roosevelt—Hotel. At the center is Brownell, who looks like a young professor of economics or, perhaps, a statistical genius in one of the big banks. You don't talk to him long, however, before you discover that he knows all the angles in the game of politics, plus some that the old-timers haven't caught onto yet.

Brownell and Dewey are almost of an age. They've been a working team for the past seven or eight years. Together they've charted the course of the campaign in coming weeks.

The campaign budget is to be heavily weighted on the side of radio. Brownell has assembled for his radio division a group of men and women who are the best in the business. Likewise, the publicity division is staffed with smart experts who know what the score is.

Very few of the old familiar Republican faces are to be found on the tenth floor of the Roosevelt Hotel. One of the few exceptions is Miss Marian Martin, who will continue, as a vice-chairman, to direct the women's division. She has demonstrated the necessary ability to play on the Dewey-Brownell team.

From all advance indications this will be a campaign—to borrow a term from military strategy — of the calculated risk. Each shot will be fired with an exact knowledge of objectives and hazards. Dewey will keep as far away as possible from emotional emphasis. He knows this is not his forte and if he didn't Brownell would tell him. In his speeches he will be the brisk young manager or the fearless prosecutor or the able administrator appealing to his reasonable fellow citizens.

The Dewey staff [illegible] great deal of impedimenta [illegible] St. Louis meeting. In a sense [illegible] set the tone for the next [illegible] of the Republican campaign.

The Governors' conference [illegible] Dewey managers see it [illegible] two purposes. On the one [illegible] side Brownell believes [illegible] 26 Governors will work [illegible] for the national ticket with a conviction that [illegible] then more than half [illegible] will be won.

No Internationalists Please

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

FROM now on, I do not wish to hear anyone say that he is an internationalist. It's too dull. If a man wants to say he is for the Bretton Woods plan, I will listen to him. If he wants to say he is against it, I will listen to him. But if he is going to make one of those standard, empty, vague speeches about how he is an internationalist, ignoring Bretton Woods as if it were poison, I am not going to listen to him; I am going to yawn in his face, and rattle a newspaper where it will disturb him most.

If all a man has to say to us is that he wants to travel toward the brave new world of international co-operation, our answer ought to be: Don't tell us. It's a bore. We want to know how he intends to travel. Is he going to get on that Bretton Woods bus, or is he going to miss it? Too many of our internationalists, especially the more recent converts, have been standing around in the station for months now, planning back our cars with stories about the wonderful trip they are going to take to the brave new world. Some of us are beginning to think it is time they got on some kind of vehicle, and went.

The Bretton Woods plan is a precise and detailed plan for an $8,800,000,000 currency stabilization fund, and a $9,100,000,000 world bank. It is, roughly, a plan for insured loans, whereby each country in the world can obtain credit toward meeting its post-war needs, but with mutual indemnification features, so that no one country will take the loss in case any one country defaults. The existence of this plan alters our entire debate on world collaboration.

Since it has been agreed upon by the representatives of 45 nations, and since these nations are not likely to agree on any other plan, this means that you ride on this bus, or you don't ride. If you don't take this particular bus to the somewhat better world, that means you don't want to go; this is the only line that's running. It will do no good to pretend you're waiting for a helicopter.

What! it will be asked, don't we, as free American citizens, have the right to discuss the details of the Bretton Woods plan, and to study them; and to quarrel over them? Don't jump like that, friend; of course we have. [illegible] the essence of [illegible] laboration is the [illegible] cise of rights [illegible] rights against possibilities [illegible] forgetting that [illegible] agreed on this plan [illegible] fore represents [illegible] thing, an accord.

It is perfectly permissible for any American to stand upon his right to advocate a different kind of world monetary plan. The point I am making is that such an American cannot, in the precise context of today, continue to call himself an internationalist. You cannot make up your own kind of internationalism out of your own head. It has to be [illegible] well it has to be international. At least two or three countries have to be in on it, or it isn't internationalism.

The sight of one man [illegible] up for his own personal and limited point of view in [illegible] ternational spectacle. What it mean is, no man who takes upon himself to tell 45 countries [illegible] they are out of their minds [illegible] also campaign for election this [illegible] Summer on the ground that he is [illegible] an internationalist.

"Your mother certainly is a peach—I'm enjoying this snack so much, maybe we can wait till some other night to go out and dance."

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spaugh, D. D.

MOST difficulties in which we [illegible] find ourselves are due to [illegible] lack of faith in God. It is time [illegible] whether we are Christians [illegible] This nation was founded upon [illegible] Christian principles. Its [illegible] ment and framework rested upon [illegible] them. There is no [illegible] that those who [illegible] do so by their own [illegible] bring the nation [illegible]

The same is true with [illegible] gard to the Christian. The Bible is a textbook on faith. Long before Christ established the church the old [illegible] ment was writing about [illegible] The entire eleventh [illegible] the Book of Hebrews [illegible] these old Testament [illegible] who recounts the [illegible] of faith.

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French Fed With Stuff Taken From Nazi Army

By HAL BOYLE

WITH AN AMERICAN ARMORED COLUMN IN NORMANDY (Delayed) — (AP) — French refugees are being fed with German army food captured during the American advance.

Since much of their transport has been destroyed by Allied planes, the Germans have been compelled to abandon dumps of food and munitions and are living off the countryside as they fall back in disorder that verges on a complete rout.

BOYLE

In one forest of tall trees, chosen as a supply area because the trees gave protection from strafing planes, the Germans had set up a portable bakery, including an automatic dough-mixer and a mobile oven.

When they skipped toward a healthier clime, they left all the equipment behind plus several thousand loaves of fresh bread. The bread is so hard that a dropped loaf can bounce your foot, but [illegible] who [illegible] by the French [illegible]