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New Weapon

Critics of the State Department have long argued that the task of our diplomats is hopeless so long as the United States continues to flounder along with a basic international policy...

It is true that Secretary Byrnes was handicapped because he didn't know exactly what he wanted and the other two partners did. He was further hampered by his representation of an essentially idealistic nation...

According to the New York Herald Tribune the United States will be placed on record as opposing any monopoly over news media since it might prove a threat to the political and commercial interests of the United States...

The Old Fight

Dr. David Young, the first superintendent of North Carolina's mental institutions, has been in office for a month. Board members are pleased by his progress to date, and say that he has already been a great groundswell for many improvements in the system...

These laws are in committee, and since the writing has been considerably changed. There is some sentiment on the Board for dispensing with them altogether, and proceeding along present lines without clearly designating between medical and business authority...

Statesmen At Work

In the Senate they were discussing measures for the Government has taken and they tried to insure full employment. Senator Capahart of Indiana pointed out that jobs were made by WPA and PWA and Senator Morse of Oregon rose to reply...

power, will not bring itself to set down, somewhere, definite and unmistakable lines of policy. It is not fair to Dr. Young and Mr. Rothgeb, and the patients themselves, to proceed on the present, informal basis.

Special View

Comes now Samuel B. Pettlingill, a former Congressman employed by an organization called America's Future Syndicate, to explain the true portent of the oil strike. Mr. Pettlingill is one of those fortunate experts equipped with a special aptitude, and from it he can present a complete picture of the situation. He isn't selfish, either; he wanted to share his findings with us and he sent us a long telegram to explain how elementary the strike really is.

This is the goal of the strike leaders in the oil industry. Under the guise of the economic content of the bill, one for power. The power will be called industry-wide bargaining. If it is secured, that centralized power will be used to take the whole nation by the throat. Whenever it is decided to shake more dollars.

The petroleum industry, according to Mr. Pettlingill, is fighting to keep this country free, to protect the AFL from the CIO, to preserve the system of constitutional checks and balances, and to keep "the economic jugular vein of 150,000,000 people out of the grasp of one man or a small group of men."

With Prejudice

Senator Bilbo is warming up his vocal chords and getting set for a 30-day filibuster. He has two primary purposes -- to block passage of a bill that would end the Government's special rates on land grant railroads and, thereby, to save the people \$24,000,000 to be spent in the creation of a new capital.

Deprived of two of our infallible bellwethers, now that they have cancelled each other, we find we cannot pass on the merits of the bill. We can only hope that we are wrong in our conviction that Senator Bilbo can talk for 30 days. None other than Senator Burton K. Wheeler, a statesman who has been wrong even more consistently than the gentleman from Mississippi.

Another dire possibility in the uncertain days ahead: A lab experiment in atomic power I, with the absent-minded professor in charge.

In deciding to permit an opposition political party, Chiang Kai-Shek following the harvest of the railroad and village in Vermont is complete without its Democrat.

Work for every man is the Truman watchword. However, it is scarcely to be expected the poolroom crowd will take this threat lying down.

NORTH CAROLINA does not at present produce very many chickens, but the considerable number in 1930 the farmers of the State sold alive (net after deduction of those bought by farmers) some 2,000,000 chickens. In 1939, however, the numbers were small for factory-size production, and the proportion of them in the eastern counties was even smaller. However, results are increasing and some parts of the State, particularly the Cape Fear Valley, are working on plans to increase this type of poultry production.

More Dairy Products

This program for increased dairy production should be matched by a well planned program of dairy products processing--evaporated and condensed milk, cheese, butter and its by-products of dried milk for various uses in food manufacture and especially as an important ingredient in feed manufacture. At present, dairying in North Carolina offers little resources for manufacturing beyond the creamery, butter and ice cream industry already in the State. Indeed, there is an enormous deficiency in milk. In 1939 the United States produced 21.3 gallons per capita; North Carolina, 40.2 gallons per capita.

In 1939, 12 counties, all in the upper Piedmont and mountains, exceeded the national per capita milk production. These were the counties of Henderson, large cities located in counties which had very low per capita milk production. There may be enough milk produced in the counties on the western border and the extreme western corner of the State to supply small creameries or cheese making establishments. Seven of these counties (Allegheny, Ashe, Watauga, Yancey, Madison, Clay and Macon) produced above the national average of 87.3 gallons per capita, and the other five produced well above the North Carolina average of 40.2 gallons. Most of these, however, are not very populous counties so that a high per capita production does not mean a great supply of milk for processing on a factory scale.

Just To Keep The Record Straight



The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON (The fast-growing labor crisis presents Harry S. Truman with the first big problem he has faced on a hitherto well-charted Roosevelt sea. Up until now, most policies, and he has been pretty well established by Truman's predecessor. In fact, the big business was equally well established in a strait jacket since Pearl Harbor, is bound to feel its wild oats now. Advice to Truman: Don't stick your neck out; let both sides battle it out for a while. Opposing sides: Another wing of the White House. While admitting that all the above is true, other advisers urged that both labor and industry need guidance. For four years both labor and industry had the Little-Steel formula as their guide. They were supposed not to go about this. Now labor and industry are being advised which Truman finally has decided to follow.

Formers vs. Labor Unions

Last week Florida citrus growers came to Washington, worried sick over the future market for grapefruit and oranges. They feared a return of the old days when their fruit was dumped into the Florida rivers. The Army has cancelled orders for several million cases of grapefruit. Some fruit of many other farm commodities, including dairy products, will never have as good a market as they have had in the past. Selmon before also have farmers been so prosperous. Selmon before also have farmers been so prosperous. Selmon before also have farmers been so prosperous.

implies that their climate and soil are suitable to feed many more chickens than the considerable number of dairy animals and, what is absent in so much of North Carolina, the habit and experience in care of livestock. Thus this would seem to be the best area for a program of increased production of the raw material, and a complementary program of industrial development of its products.

Above National Average

North Carolina produces almost as many chickens per capita as the average for the United States--4.88 compared with 5.02 for the whole country in 1939. In 1939, the deficit in chickens was 2.26 per capita for the United States. Here, as with hog raising, certain counties produce considerably above the national average. In all, 42 counties scattered about the State from Currituck to Clay, produced 6 or more per capita, and seven of these (Currituck, Gates, Orange, Chatham, Union, Stokes, and Wilkes) produced double the national average, led by Chatham which produced nearly 30 per capita.

Because of this scattering of the surplus counties and their proximity to deficit counties containing cities, there is no definite area with resources for large processing plants. However, poultry dressing and processing plants are small. The average number of large flocks per plant for the United States in 1939 was only 23 at the height of the season and if we deduct a few heavy producing states like Delaware, Iowa, and Minnesota, the average for the others would be far lower. The average plant processed a flock over half a million pounds of chicken, or not more than a quarter of a million chickens.

Plant Possibilities

Many chickens still reach the consumer alive but housewives in North Carolina, as in other parts of the country, are increasingly demanding that poultry be plucked and even drawn. Grocery stores are obliged to provide this service in the case of chickens bought alive locally or else must buy chickens processed. It is highly probable that chickens leave North Carolina alive and come back to its grocery stores dressed. While this industry does not normally pay high wages for many county towns a small plant raising some of their surplus labor would be a godsend as well as furnishing a handy market for increased production which can become an important sideline for many farmers without great outlay of capital.

Relief For Europe

WASHINGTON. A sizeable majority in both houses of Congress is in favor of immediate relief for liberated nations. Many Senators and Representatives, particularly those who have toured Europe, are acutely aware of the dangers of a European relapse unless there is quick action. The House bill was 457-108 and is based on the replies to letters which sent to every member of Congress, asking whether they favored aid for the rehabilitation of the liberated countries even though this might mean the continuation of some wartime restrictions in this country. From the Senate I have received thus far 36 replies, which is 50 per cent of the Senate's political life. It is only 37 per cent of the entire Senate. Some Senators are still abroad and others are absent because of illness. It is sufficient to show that those who do not favor a fair idea of Senate opinion. Of the number responding, 48.5 per cent answered unfavorably. This included ten Democrats and eight Republicans. Eight Democrats and eight Republicans answered with a qualified "yes" to the question. The total of the total, some of the qualifications were such as to require that the things be done in the United States. Wherry of Nebraska and Bilbo of Alabama responded with a more or less frank no. In this and several later columns. I want to talk about the cooperation of Senate and House. It seems to me the test of world peace operation at this moment is not so much the number of the total membership--is so small that its significance is open to question. The number of those who said unqualifiedly "yes" 53.3 per cent--is larger than in any other year. The number of the House qualifying their ap-



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proval of relief. What happened is that the more serious-minded and responsible members expressed their convictions, which resulted in the result in favor of aid. "Every single report I have seen," writes Senator Wayne Morse, Republican of Oregon, "and every official to whom I have talked who has first-hand knowledge of the existing food crisis, tell me the same story--that the world is in a state of peril. The measure by which we fulfill our share of the obligation to prevent starvation throughout the world this next winter will determine the evaluation of the peoples of the world as to our good faith in supporting the principles of the Atlantic Charter." And this same conviction is shared by many members of both Senate and House. The question which to Congress, incidentally just prior to the report by the Office of War Information which showed that Europe was desperately in need of 12,000,000 tons of foodstuffs in order to prevent widespread starvation, is whether the United States should provide that assistance. "Economic isolation is impossible for America," said Senator Scott of Massachusetts, "and the world for long term assistance in rehabilitation as well as immediate relief. I believe that the people of Europe should be helped in order that they may be put on a more stabilized basis." Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican of Massachusetts, said, "What we have now the shooting end of this war, we cannot win the peace with a Europe that is a collection of shivering people in freezing weather." Two Senators quoted St. Paul's words about the things that are his own house. One of these was Senator Bilbo, who said: "Charity begins at home and ends in charity. It is wise not for his own household." Wherry of Nebraska said: "The Senate is the only body of men in the world who seem to me the test of world peace operation at this moment is not so much the number of the total membership--is so small that its significance is open to question. The number of those who said unqualifiedly 'yes' 53.3 per cent--is larger than in any other year. The number of the House qualifying their ap-

People's Platform Of MacArthuritis

By LEWIS AVER SMITH. Who would have dreamed that a General of the Army would throw a monkey wrench into the plans of the militarists to continue their domination over American youth? General MacArthur was "in" by the State Department. The fault did not lie with MacArthur's high-handedness in the Philippines. He offered a declaration of independence, a declaration of independence, a declaration of independence of whom hope to succeed President Truman. What does it matter how much MacArthur struts, poses and pontificates. It takes a man like MacArthur to lead the militarists to illiterate people. He would make a good President of Japan. I wonder if myself, am getting a touch of MacArthuritis!

Jimison's Story Still Lives On

By MANDAS MYERS. Detroit, Mich. Twenty-five cents and you get a copy of the pamphlet reprint of the articles in your paper on the Morganton State Hospital, by Tom P. Jimison. I received a copy of this pamphlet from the current News-Letter of the Starry Cross Society, Box 188, Great Barrington, Mass. (Note: After four years Tom Jimison's great story is still being read--Editors, are News).

Quote, Unquote

LOADING money is a poor road to international friendship. Sigvard Hoover, former President. Thoughtful persons agree that just one more war is all that is needed to destroy the foundations of civilization and annihilate the peoples of the earth. William H. State Journal and Register. Every effort will be made to hire returning veterans and to co-ordinate rehabilitation programs for wounded veterans. Wesley A. Beers, president, Institute of Carpet Manufacturers. Load a new level to prosperity, no matter what opportunity is used to make it appear other.