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Transformation

When Clyde Hoey was Governor of North Carolina, any suggestion of greatly increased appropriations for schools would have caused him to haul out the state budget and take a look. Let's see, he would have said, it is true that North Carolina schools by comparison with those of better-to-do states, are deficient, and that deficiency must be overcome. But, gentlemen, we can't afford it this year, or more than a gradual improvement year by year. It would knock our budget into a cocked hat.

There is a subtle transformation which steals over a man who has been closely concerned with state or local affairs and finances when he goes to Washington. In time, he begins to catch the old restraints of balanced budgets and prudent progress, until all of a sudden he feels the impulse to work miracles. Budgets—poof!

It was that in Mr. Hoey's case his natural financial conservatism, plus that typical Tar Heel trait of taking for granted that poverty is the common man's lot here below, and good for him, would have delayed the miraculous transformation, or prevented it entirely. To the contrary, he has succumbed to it quicker, even, than did his predecessor, the Reynolds man, though we dressey he has a clearer notion of finance than was evident in a remark Robert made when addressing a meeting to the question of an enormous relief appropriation.

"When people ask me where I'm going to get the money," said Robert, "I ask 'em, where do you get it last year?" Senator Hoey knows, without having to inquire, where Mr. Morgenthau got the money last year and the year before that and for all the years he has been in office. He got part of it from taxes, which, despite constant and punishing increases in rates, have not been adequate to the style of the New Deal or the demands of the war. The rest, throughout, has been obtained by borrowing, and the sum of those borrowings is by far the greater part of a national debt that is about to hit a quarter of a trillion dollars.

Now, it may be that Senator Hoey convinced himself that in comparison with a quarter trillion (there ain't no such thing) anything a few paltry hundreds millions would be negligible addition, and well spent in the cause of education. At any rate, he has come out in favor of the bill which would bestow on the states Federal aid to education in the total amount of \$300,000,000 annually while the war is on, \$100,000,000 annually beginning a year after the war is over.

And why, pray, should the Federal Government, with its crushing debt, find itself enabled and obligated to come to the aid of a few states? North Carolina, with its \$70,000,000 cash surplus, you'll have to ask Mr. Hoey.

An Even Dozen

The Roosevelt Administration came close to a pair of major defeats this week—on Henry Wallace and work-or-fight legislation. And if both these fights be considered losses or compromises, the President will have suffered an even dozen major defeats at the hands of Congress. One there has been since defeats beyond number, so many that it looks like a sorry record for an Administration holding such Congressional promises, defeats that are the result of much conflict. There are those in Washington, already, who predict that Franklin Roosevelt, and not Henry Clay, will be known to later generations of Americans as "The Great Compromiser."

- 1. The St. Lawrence Waterway project, 1924.
2. Aderance to the World Court, 1925.
3. Over-riding Budget veto, 1926.
4. Supreme Court Proposal, 1927.
5. Neutrality legislation, 1935-39.
6. High farm loan interest rates, 1937.
7. Undistributed profits tax, 1936.
8. The Lend-Lease program, 1938-39.
9. The Federal Anti-Strike Act, 1943.
10. Revenue Act of 1944, enacted over veto.

These were previous defeats. Added to those inflicted by the Supreme Court.

Statesmen At Work

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over NRA, AAA and so on, and he enters in the attempted purge of 38, they loom large—and if these were entered on the record of any other administration they would spell total failure. But, considering the enormous volume of legislation since 33, these are but details, plucked out of a national movement. If the bones of Henry Wallace and the junked work-or-fight bill had been added to the rubbish pile they'd have been of only limited significance.
But the system of checks and balances is still in effect. It works even through the time of the New Deal.

Root Of Evil

We presume that followers of the American sports scene were shocked to learn that five Brooklyn College basketball players had confessed to accepting \$10,000 to lose a game in Boston. They should have been shocked, for in the strange world of sport there is an unwritten law of fair play and a high code of decency, which is recognized by both competitors and spectators.
But there need not have been surprise that this thing came to pass. The venerable basketball coach, Irving Allen of Kansas, has been warning for the past two years that the game, as played in the East, had been invaded by gamblers. He has been vociferous in his denunciation of those college presidents and heads of amateur athletic associations who refused to speak of gambling, and sought to keep the facts under cover. And what he could not accomplish with his salty eloquence might be accomplished by this latest revelation in Brooklyn.

We believe that gamblers seldom succeed in bringing college athletics, but there is proof enough that it does happen occasionally. And such occurrences are inevitable, in the presence of the standard of sport which has taken place in the country over the past generation. Given a big business enterprise involving many millions of dollars, started in by youngsters who do not profit themselves, in the presence of gamblers anxious to turn a dollar wherever they can, the result will always be prostitution of sport.

Baseball has long fought the gamblers, tediously through the indomitable Justice Landis, who came in, bitterly fought them until his last days. But he was a professional sport, and though it can exclude gamblers from participation, it can't bar the great national syndicates which make books on its games. College football has attracted the same multi-million-dollar pools, and though we have not heard of instances in which players were bribed and games "fixed", the essential ingredients are already there.

Sport, becoming big business, invariably attracts the sharpsters of the gambling trade, those purveyors of easy-risk capital to whom nothing is sacred. If college athletics continue to develop as commerce, and lose more and more of its old-time spirit, it will surely fall into disrepute.

High Heroism
Of all the sagas of gallantry written in this war, none could have excited the admiration of Americans like the thrilling rescue of the 513 survivors of Bataan and Corregidor from a Jap prison camp. This exploit by a band of Rangers, thrusting swiftly into enemy territory by night, doing it in top sentries and carrying their own food and supplies, is fit to rank with the high heroism of history.

It touched Africans particularly because it alleviated somehow the sorrow and shame of those dark days of early 1942, when the nation waited helplessly for news of the fate of a demoralized handful of those thousands who fell into Japanese hands on Luzon. But it brought hope and cheer that so many could have been saved at all swoop.
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WASHINGTON
SEVERAL backstage developments point with almost tragic certainty to a nationwide coal strike on April 1, despite the present desperate coal shortage. They are:
1. Lewis' demand for a 100-cent wage increase.
2. The hard administrator Ickes to continue the present coal agreement for another year.

3. Within a few weeks, Lewis' elegant United Mine Workers Union finally will be taken into the American Federation of Labor, at which time several AFL leaders will back him in trying to break the Little Steel Formula on behalf of the miners.
This latter point is where CIO-AFL rivalry comes in. CIO Chief Phil Murray tried to up the Little Steel Formula on behalf of the steel workers, but failed. Now if the AFL, through John L. Lewis, can do what Phil Murray failed to do, it throws the entire country into an even more serious coal crisis, it will be regarded as a big victory.

What Lewis demands is a wage differential for miners working the second and third shift, plus \$1.25 more daily for travel underground and from the mouth of the mine, plus a straight wage increase.

Last year it was recognized that the mines had suffered in comparison with wages paid in other industries. But this year Economic Stabilizer Vinson believes the wage situation is more nearly balanced and is finally opposed to giving John L. Lewis anything near what he is demanding. To do so would not only break the Little Steel Formula but shoot a gap in the dike against inflation. So it looks as if there will be a sure showdown on April 1.

NOTE—The coal crisis points to one result of postponing a decision on a new Secretary of Labor. Miss Perkins is staying on the job "by request," her heart not in the work, and never able to cope with these big strikes. Meanwhile, some White House advisers suggest that various moves could be made in advance in head of John L. Lewis, such as bringing home several hundred decorated heroes who live in mine areas, and who could impress the miners with what coal means at the front. However, there is no far-sighted Secretary of Labor on the job to head off a national catastrophe.

"Could I Interest You In A Nice Line Of Tombstones?"



Illustration of a man in a military uniform standing next to a tombstone.

"General" Roosevelt
It didn't leak out of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, but last week, his new chairman, Senator Charles McNary of Ohio, managed to dispose probably aimed to facilitate confirmation of Elliott Roosevelt as a brigadier general.

Several military promotions sent to the Senate in the last few days were of the usual kind. They have been sent to a military committee headed by Happy Chandler of Kentucky for scrutiny. This committee has then recommended passing or rejecting the promotions.

However, Chairman Thomas told his colleagues last week that this committee had been rather cumbersome and he believed it should be dispensed with.

At this point, Senator Chandler spoke up, and without any irritation remarked:
"I'm not looking for a job for myself, but I think it would be a mistake not to examine these nominations. I've been chairman of this subcommittee for so long that I don't know that I'd want to continue anyway, but I do feel that no man should hold the high place of general in the United States Army without a group of Senators looking into his record and studying it carefully."

Several other Senators agreed with Chandler but nevertheless it was decided for the time being to take military promotions up in full committee. The full committee, therefore, was sitting when young Roosevelt's name was voted out of the committee for confirmation. Had a subcommittee handled the matter it might have been bottled up considerably longer.

Able Lauchlin Currie, whom the President said could not be spared from the White House staff on loan to the Foreign Economic Administration any longer, now is going to Switzerland to negotiate a new treaty. Looks like he could be spared after all. . . . As a result of Ed Stettinius' new instructions to State Department employees to write personal copy letters he is now called "the Dale Carnegie of diplomacy."

Allied and Russian bombers will be heading out over the Baltic now that the Russians have new bases, to look for the German fleet. Hitler's remaining battleships have kept out of the Western Baltic because of England-based bombers and look refuge around Danzig. These are the three Democratic Committees winning a significant victory this week as the State Department signs a new tin agreement with Bolivia. Two years ago when he was in charge of economic warfare, Wallace tried to sign a treaty with Bolivia stipulating that the increased prices we paid for tin would be passed along to workers in increased wages. But the State Department said no. This week, however, this time Wallace's proposal is signing a new agreement, and the tin is written into the text.

Johnston County Democrats are amazed at splendid support you are giving greedy special interests as evidenced by your fight against Wallace and our great President. At least Senator you are consistent in one thing and that is your consistency to write personal copy letters for the common people and your betrayal of your constituents.
J. W. Woodward, Democratic County Chairman; James R. Pool, Democratic Committeeman; Lawrence H. Wallace, State Senator; W. H. Woodard, Democratic Committeeman; C. E. Bingham, Secretary Chamber of Commerce; W. J. Huntley, Mayor of Smithfield; H. B. Marrow, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Lee Poe, Democratic Committeeman; C. L. Duncan, R. E. Batton.

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A Petulant Young King

By Marquis Childs

LONDON
THE KING of Yugoslavia has become the problem meeting are going to have to consider what to do about him.
Peter has recently asserted his royal prerogatives in a way to drive his British hosts to distraction. The comedy of intrigue has been played out, with Peter in the role of the wayward monarch firing his ministers and refusing advice from one and all.
On one point Peter fired even his court chamberlain, so that when the British Foreign Office tried to get in touch with him, they could find only a footman to talk to. This occurred at a time when the 21-year-old King had high-handedly dismissed Lord Sushitch, his Prime Minister.

This was done in a letter phrased in harsh terms. What made it so embarrassing was that it came just as an agreement was being worked out between the Yugoslav Government-in-Exile in London and the royalists in Belgrade through a British intermediary. Some such agreement is essential if the London Yugoslavs are to participate in a restored government.

His and his Partisans, with the backing of Soviet Russia, has of course liberated a large part of his native land. He is the only monarch in Europe who has done this.

While the Peter-Sushitch crisis was going on, with

not blabbing everything we know. Charles E. Kettering, General Motors research chief.

We always try to land where there's a hot air balloon. Turner Pacific Field amphibious force chief.

After Mussolini's fall, the Nazis demanded that the Italian soldiers that they caught even an oath of allegiance to Hitler Germany. All who refused were arrested. 200 Italians in all were shot by the Germans.

Senator James M. Mead, Democ-



Sometimes I wonder if it's worth all the trouble I take to keep the maid now that we've got one—in the time I spend looking for cigarettes for her, I could do her work myself!

People's Platform

Tom State Senate; David P. Hillman, John O. Ellington, Democratic Committeeman.

JAMES R. POOL, Honorable Josiah W. Bailey, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C.

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Whole armies leap from airplanes first day of war, all the talk. The "buddies" of our Uncle Sam. Are told that they can walk. While an operator of a ballpup. Reclined in airy ease. And the owner and his lovely bride. Put on a real "strip tease."

No wonder Falia's angry. He has a right to be. For F.R.'s son "got 'im wrong." As all can plainly see. No interloper has the right to ride about our Falia. He better watch out the bone. It's the better part of valor.

Moments Of Battle

By Hal Blyden

Engulfed Service Cross—the Army's second highest military award.

Joseph M. Schellmeier, Chicago, is what is known as the "big spender" to take German pillboxes by conversion than by battle.

When darkness began to fall with only one of three pillboxes assigned to his platoon captured, Schellmeier decided to try a little oral persuasion.

Taking the commander of the first captured pillbox with him he dodged through shells to the second pillbox.

The Jerry commander there was quite formal, poured five of a diplomatic glass of whiskey, but said he would have to see the highest ranking officer in the third pillbox on the question of surrender.

So Joe marched over to the third pillbox.

"It was movie Nazi and wouldn't give up," said Joe.

Disappointed, he started back to his own platoon. Halfway there he saw a German soldier in a trench. Turning, he saw 20 Germans following him with their hands clasped in prayer. They had overheard his surrender terms and "snoo" accepted.

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Quote, Unquote

interpreter with Italians at Inow. It really gets you dizzy. Half the Germans who catch are wearing American Army shoes or gloves or some other part of the uniform. —Capt. David A. Lewis of Miami Beach, Fla., in Belgium. So many mps are assigned to some jobs (at Norfolk Navy Yard) that they cannot even all see one another in the place. Most of them stand around outside while a few are in the place. —Senator James M. Mead, Democ-