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To The Victor

The imperative governmental reform which the late President Roosevelt desired to inaugurate, was a separation of the job of Postmaster General and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. With the appointment of Robert E. Hannegan by President Truman, the custom continues.

When Roosevelt first came into office he proceeded to go after some of the more flagrant political shenanigans. To begin with he put his foot down on the practice (and a lucrative practice it was) whereby State Democratic Chairmen represented paying clients in seeking concessions from departments and agencies of the government. The reform, however, was omitted by a slim majority of the party officials who gave their job but managed to retain their influence and their practice, too.

It was at Roosevelt's direction that postmasterhips were put under Civil Service. This had the effect of giving a number of active Democrats a life interest in their sinecures as postmasters in cities all over the country, but at least it enabled them to ignore their political obligations and to pay more attention to their stamp-selling and mail-delivering.

The Republicans kicked like steers at the legislation, which, they explained, they did not oppose in principle. They opposed it only because it came at a time when none of them had their postmasterhips. At any rate, the Democrats had their way, and the gain in the postal service is conceded to be great.

But Mr. Roosevelt never did attack as its source the evil liaison between the Federal Government and the party in power. From Farley through a succession of lesser National Chairmen, the Chief position went to the man who had managed the election campaign. It was a shame and an unbecoming bit of electoral politics in a great idealist.

Our Eastern allies don't like the bourgeois business. Recently, we heard, because they are persuaded that the good German is one with the dodo. But in this case they have succumbed. Their man is supposed to have no political affiliations—and if the Russians say so, it's a good sign. And he was held the job before, from 1937 until Hitler overruled him in 1941.

We like the idea of a new German boss in the ruined city. And we like to hope that the Russian sense of humor will permit us to cut down on our capers. We'd like to hear Letke in the Sports-palast, if there's one left.

It's Almost Over

The honeymoon is not quite over for Harry Truman, even if Columnist George Dixon is already asking: "Wonder how long it'll be before we're calling him H. S.?"

Even the Republican opposition is trying to keep the harsh realities of political strife from the President. When Mr. Truman went into his first battle with Congress, and shot back a veto of a bill to save farm workers from the draft, he won. But that is not all.

The gentlemen of the House who voted against him (the count was 185 to 177) were quick with their courteous explanations. Republicans said that their votes were cast strictly on the merits of the bill—and were not to be identified with any bi-partisan animosities, living or dead. Oh, yeah? All but 31 of the opposing votes were Republicans. Even that was not all.

The forces of Mr. Truman's opponents in the Hill, Democrat Flamagan of Virginia, refrained from calling names. He said merely that the President had been "poorly advised." Not his fault, you see. He just got a bad tip.

And so the honeymoon drags on. It needs its end, but it needs its end with aplomb. It's a pleasant little conspiracy in the name of unity.

Here's A Prospect
Well, we have Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt, and so that remains to be seen if what we're going to do about him. If we were warring, we'd say that his name likely is not on the long list of German war criminals, for the reason that we are still prone to look upon military conduct in the past as a necessary bidding of their superiors, and fighting patriotically for their native land. If his name is not on that list, we propose an amendment.

Just how, come to think of it, is this Field Marshal different from old Adolph Hitler, Heinrich Himmler, Hermann Goerring, or that grim hangman Heydrich, long since gone to his reward? Here is a prominent member of the German General Staff, a man who undoubtedly was helping to plot his war before Hitler had taken over the reins of government. Whether or no he aided and abetted in the formation of the infamous S. S. corps and the hellish Gestapo is beside the point. He condoned these bestial methods of preparing for war, and for carrying it on.

The Merry-Go-Round
By Drew Pearson

THERE is an important parallel to be drawn between San Francisco and Moscow. It may have repercussions that will affect the future peace of the world.

At the Versailles Peace Conference, Woodrow Wilson and the other members of the Big Four on that particular day. He had to compromise on Versailles. He had to make concessions on various questions. Most of all he had to sign a treaty of alliance with France and Great Britain in order to get the League of Nations accepted.

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Osmena For Hard Peace
These who talk about a soft peace for Germany and wink at American branch banks who did business with the Germans in Paris might look over the record of President Sergio Osmena of the Philippines.

It was never but a feeble flame, anyway
The Allied armies are actually getting more military textiles for military use, than they are getting from the much smaller Belgian and Dutch textile plants, than from France.

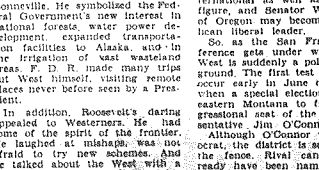
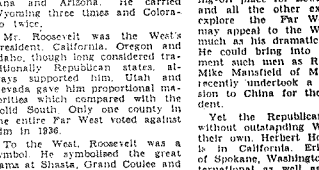
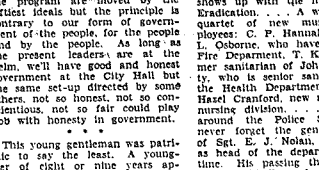
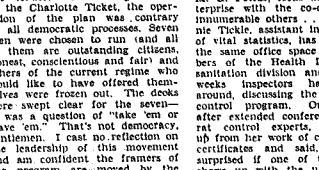
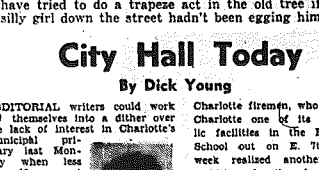
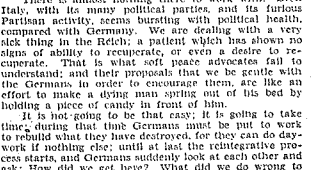
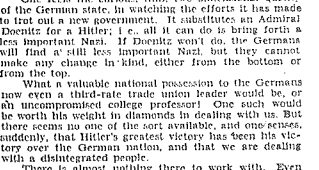
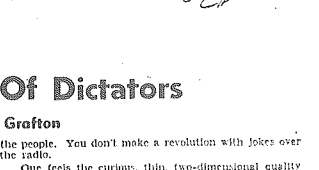
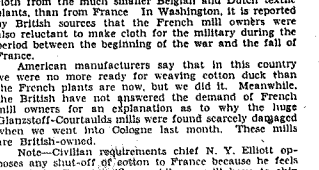
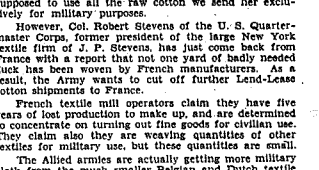
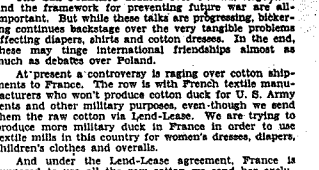
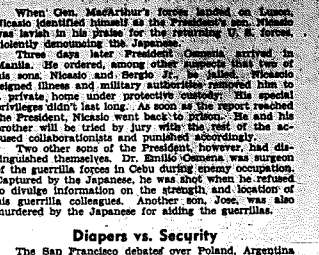
Diapers vs. Security
The San Francisco debates over Poland, Argentina and the framework for preventing future wars are all important. But while these talks are progressing, bickering continues backstage over the very tangible problems affecting diapers, shirts and cotton dresses.

Adolph's Successor
The Russians have cooked up some new trouble for Germans in Berlin. They've named their first-burgomaster in the Frederickburg section of the city, a party by the name of Paul Leike. And he was held the job before, from 1937 until Hitler overruled him in 1941.

Red Isolationists?
In 1919, when the weary statesmen of the world sat down at Versailles, the United States was the Johnny-come-lately among the great powers. She had just given a tremendous and awe-inspiring demonstration of her growing might.

The Deaths Of Dictators
By Samuel Grafton
NEW YORK (The people. You don't make a revolution with jokes over the radio.)

Statesmen At Work
(Serious, tactless and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record.)
MR. SPEAKER. I yield.



City Hall Today

By Dick Young

EDITORIAL writers could never tell themselves into a dither over the lack of interest in Charlotte's municipal primaries last Monday.

Mr. Young
A smaller, much smaller group, did the selecting. Leudeke was the purpose of the plan was contrary to all democratic processes.

The young gentleman was patriotic to say the least. A youngster of the Republican party, graduated at the Health Department clinic with some sort of "break-in-out" which the doctor called a moment's reflection.

While the world looks global, WY eyed these days toward San Francisco. The Republican politicians here are also looking westward, but with eyes concentrated on the political importance of reclaiming Republican territory lost during the Roosevelt Administration.

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