

Greetings, Dove

We have not been unduly perturbed by the spectacle of the stockbrokers of Westchester and Stamford standing on their manicured lawns brandishing shotguns while the peaceful world is uncertainly on its head. The gentry, we think, is entitled to be as home-loving as the Dust Bowl farmer, and it is in the American tradition to resist eviction, whether it be for failure to meet a mortgage or to make room for the Parliament of Man.

In fact, we have been reasonably sympathetic with the suburbanites. The cause of world peace, perhaps it is best that the arriving UNO Delegates become familiar with American isolationism before they even unpack their bags. Certainly it is the biggest problem these weary gentlemen face as they undertake the monumental task of insuring the lives of our grandchildren.

But the location of the UNO in the New York-Connecticut area has been the excuse for this New York Daily News editorial comment:

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Brotherhood Week

This is Brotherhood Week, a brief season set aside by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to remind Americans that a man's standing in the community has no relation to the shape of his nose. President Truman has issued an official proclamation marking the week, calling for an extension of the teamwork that produced "a conclusive victory over the forces of tyranny."

A good many Americans may wonder why it is necessary to arrange such an event in this free and liberty-loving nation. The Constitution guarantees each citizen against racial or religious discrimination. Does it not? There has never been a pogrom in American history, has there?

The answer, so far as we are concerned, lies in a letter we received from a subscriber just in time for Brotherhood Week. It came in response to an earlier communication, signed by F. W. Davis, which praised the work of Adolph Hitler in purging Germany of Jews. Wrote K. T. Smithfield of Lincolnton: "If you think Mr. Davis was harsh with the Jews I suggest that you ask the opinion on the matter of Jews of other

It's Ridiculous

An enterprising entrepreneur opened a new whisky store in Columbia the other day. Columbia's City Council, reaching for its slide rule, calculated that the new emporium brought the city's total up to 104. Aghast, Council addressed a plaintive note to the State Tax Commission, which controls such matters in South Carolina, saying, "Hold, enough."

Enough seems a mild word. If we ever saw a City overburdened with purveyors of Demon Rum it's our neighbor to the south. One hundred and four whisky establishments! It compares with 19 in Spartanburg, and 27 in Greater Greenville, a territory that takes in as many people. It figures out to one liquor store for 862 persons, counting in women and children and including the entire metropolitan population.

From The New York Times:

Why Not Smithism?

One wouldn't recognize the Earl Browder of olden days, the uncompromising enemy of capitalism, in the Earl Browder described by the National Committee of the Communist party in an "official" distribe issued this week. Mr. Browder has been cast off. He is no longer a friend of the masses. Good Communists must strive henceforth to "root out all vestiges of rotten liberal attitudes toward Browder and the conciliators of Browderism." Thus the de-Browderized remnant of the party "can and will strengthen itself ideologically, politically and organizationally"—and, one might as well add polysyllabically.

They say history is made at night, and it must be true, if Adolf and Eva still owe the City of Munich 1,000 marks in unpaid electric light bills.

Though the British cousin kindly consents to be a party to an American loan, our Congress may prove a tougher case. A certain steelness comes over the legislators—what is known as Banker's eye.

They say of Trzyve Lie, new secretary-general of the UNO, that he is "impartial, impartial and imperturbable." All this the true ympire needs, together with a blue serge suit and whiskerforn.

Not a living thing inhabits the moon, nor is there atmosphere to breath. We thought the atomic bomb boy would like to know what has been done elsewhere.

Drawn by Pearson  
As The Governor  
Of Washington  
Said To HST...

WASHINGTON. Lumber price ceilings topped the agenda of the President's conference the other day with his old friend the Governor.

Howey W. Wallgren also took occasion to inform Truman. We spend a vacation this summer in the Northwest aboard the Presidential yacht. The people of my state would like to see whether they have you as a guest, and you can also take a trip to the Willamette Valley, Wallgren told him.

Wallgren's main business, however, was a strong increase in the price ceilings on lumber. He maintained that this was necessary to meet the housing program output for the housing program.

Idle War Plants  
Governor Wallgren also urged the sale of Government-owned light metal plants, now idle in his area, to private operators as another means of increasing production.

Wallgren told Truman that the President's letter had been aggravated by a neat little outfit of certain big timber outfits. He also mentioned the interests, which, calculated or otherwise, has been stifling the industry.

Teapot Dome Sleuth  
Harold Ickes, chief protector of the nation's oil, is now out of the picture. The Truman Cabinet contains a member responsible for the biggest oil scandal of the century—Teapot Dome.

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From The Congressional Record:

Max Gardner Looks At Inflation

NOTE: Not long ago Edwin Gill, Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, wrote to former-Governor O. Max Gardner, now Chairman of the Advisory Board on War Mobilization and Recent

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The Gaucho Serenade  
Merquid Childs  
Background For  
British Loan

WASHINGTON. CONGRESS is expected to begin next week on a measure that, in many respects, is the keystone of the Administration's foreign policy as it is also the key to cooperation in the world. That is the proposed to lend Great Britain \$500,000,000.

There's no use disguising the fact that the hearings before the Senate Committee of defeatism and pessimism. While the situation in the world is so grim, what more favorable than in the House, very real doubt as to whether Congress will approve the loan proposal.

Assistant Secretary of State Will Clayton and Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson, the first two Government witnesses, can be said to make a good first start. Through long, wearying weeks, they negotiated with the British—they know the process and its merits and demerits from A to Z.

For, of course, it has demerits. Looked at from either side, a measure that, in many respects, is the keystone of the Administration's foreign policy as it is also the key to cooperation in the world.

But over and above all handicaps, it seems to me, we must consider the choices we have in this world. There are not many. THE STALLIN SPEECH

In trying to understand the massive fact of Stalin's speech of a week ago takes on an importance hard to exaggerate. It was a momentous event and the echoes of it are still resounding in the far places of the earth and will resound for a long time to come.

It was a national speech. It contained not a single reference to world co-operation. On the contrary, the whole tone of it was calculated to make the Russian people believe they must stand alone until the menace of capitalism had been removed.

Even those who have been inclined in the past to credit the most generous interpretation on Russia's actions—such as Walter Lippman—felt that the speech closed a door. It was against the world.

It is a heavy responsibility that Congress faces. So much turns on the outcome. Bertram Benedict

Close Advisers To Presidents  
SECRETARY ICKES's charge on resigning has caused the phrase "kitchen cabinet" to be revived to describe the inner circle of advisers against which Ickes launched his blast.

The term "kitchen cabinet" came into use with the beginning of Jackson's administration for the group of unofficial advisers with whom the seventh President surrounded himself. For a time this group had more influence with the President than did his official Cabinet.

Jackson was a man who looked on Government as a personal matter in which one's friends should be regarded and one's opponents punished. However, he was compelled for political reasons to give several members of the cabinet of John C. Calhoun, so that the Cabinet was unharmonious. The President found social contacts more congenial with such-and-such members outside of the Cabinet who were all too glad to advise him.

There were three newspaper owners. The real leader was Amos Kendall, who had a newspaper past, Kendall was a publisher of the Washington Globe, and Postmaster General routed through Kendall in the postal system. Members of the "kitchen cabinet" included the following: Charles R. Forbes, Presidential cronies, as Veterans' Administration's BOYS

Full persuasion of the Navy Denby (pliable rather than corrupt) to agree to turn over to the Interior Department the Naval Academy and Secretary of the Interior, Harry M. Daugherty, the President's political sponsor and utterly without scruple, and I took all the rest of the boys in the highest regard.

Charles A. Newman

The People's Platform  
Report On Stable Locking

REAFORD A recent report from the North Carolina Mental Hygiene Society tells of the case of feeble minded parents of eight children. In giving the case history of the family the report states that the father finally died of paresis, an advanced stage of syphilis in the State Hospital at Dix Hill, Sterilization, as a preventive measure is advocated, and assuredly it may have its merits.

Medical reports, both civilian and Army, indicate that a large percent of syphilis and other venereal diseases are contracted under varying degrees of alcoholic intoxication. Wouldn't it be sensible to have a law that would shut down the flood gates of beer, liquor and wine within our borders until such time as the venereal diseases are under control at its source? In so doing we might, in many instances, lock the stable before the horse is stolen.

J. A. Baucum (NOTE: Speaking of stable-locking, hasn't the primary source of venereal disease been outlawed for a good many centuries?—Eds., THE NEWS.)

The Colonel Likes All Our Flowers  
FORT BRAGG On Feb. 4 there appeared in your paper an editorial in which was mentioned a book by Professor Robert W. Davis of the University of North Carolina. Can you give me the name and address of the publisher of this book?

I am not interested in the plant "centella asiatica" but in all plants and shrubs I like to see them. R. F. Scarborough, Lt. Col. J. A. JAGD. (NOTE: "Natural Gardens of North Carolina" by Bertram Whitaker, published by the University of North Carolina Press Chapel Hill, N. C.—Eds., THE NEWS.)

Still The Replies To Davis Come In

GASTONIA Will you grant me space to say just a few words in reply to Mr. J. W. Davis of Bessemer City? Mr. Davis, I know you, and I also know the people you had referred to in your editorial. I would like to make this statement:

I worked six years at Bessemer City as a firm compositor, wholly of Jews. I was never treated better by anyone. When the president of the firm, a Jew, died, I was asked to take his place. I can honestly say that in his death I lost one of the best friends I ever had. I took all the rest of the boys in the highest regard.

Charles A. Newman



"At least our striking secretaries are consistent, Dewlap! Their spelling is still atrocious!"