

The Fleece Is Golden Again

Once upon a time there was a Commissioner of Agriculture in the great state of South Carolina who took to the public prints to urge farmers to hold their cotton until it brought, as it certainly would, 75 cents a pound...

Even. But this is the point where the old dream becomes to take shape, the dream in which the bales beneath the chinaberry trees turn to gold.

The passage of 26 years has all but obliterated the memory of the hapless South Carolina Commissioner, but we thought of him yesterday when we read that Commissioner McDonald of Texas is confidently predicting 50-cent cotton within a few months...

No one doubts the Government's acreage report this week spells a very short crop of perhaps only 2,500,000 bales. But we still have about 7,600,000 bales left over from previous crops...

The Good News From Montana

Now that the primary is over and we cannot be accused of meddling in the affairs of another state to practice no Southern newspaper could ever condone a free tree to express the opinion that the defeat of Burton K. Wheeler in Montana is the best political news of the season.

It was this, more than any other consideration, that prompted Montana's Democrats to ignore President Truman's peculiar gesture of support for the incumbent.

It was natural that Burton Wheeler would become a New Dealer, and he did, an old-fashioned New Dealer, Republican and it is typical of the man that when he split with President Roosevelt over foreign policy, as he did in 1937, his bitterness led him into opposition to a program based on his own principles.

At any rate, Burt Wheeler's career in the Senate is ended, and we can all breathe a little easier. Although his extreme bitterness against Franklin Roosevelt led him perilously close to treason when he fought against participation in the European war...

The PAC's An Empty Threat

The Political Action Committee of the CIO has no particular regard for Party lines. It will be active in the general elections in November, throwing most of its support behind Democratic candidates, but where in the mind of State works to the advantage of the incumbents...

though five were in the PAC's little black book. Of course it's a tough season for any sort of political effort. The blend of confusion and apathy that prevails everywhere in the mind of State works to the advantage of the incumbents...

Many a Southern candidate, including those, like Harry Byrd of Virginia, who know better, have been using the PAC as a convenient whipping boy. It is quite simple for a wily Southerner to turn PAC opposition to his advantage with loud cries of "foreign interference"...

Action, as the PAC's title implies, is the organization's business. But action, at this moment, is to be exactly what the people don't want. We have no better idea of what to do about it than the PAC, although we suspect that those "natural causes" we've been hearing so much about in connection with the OPA debate may provide another fertile season of discontent.

A Government crisis in Paris may bring De Gaulle out of seclusion," recalls the good days when the Frenchman of the hour, on the hour, turned out to be Briand, again.

Davenport and lounge chairs made of a new foam plastic may be shifted around a living room with the greatest of ease by any housewife. What is more, she will.

Outside the PAC, the PAC has fared better. The California Governor's race was re-nominated by both Parties over its opposition, and Will Rogers Jr. turned down a PAC candidate in the senatorial primary. In 15 states 194 incumbent Representatives have been re-nominated, although in 10 cases they were opposed by PAC because of a voting record on the Case Bill.

Efforts, begun by Washington 16 years ago to lift the entire price range, now are succeeding beyond its wildest dreams. All of which is pretty embarrassing.



People's Platform

Philadelphia, Pa. The most vicious and dastardly attack against the most persecuted people in the world, the Jews, has been made by Augustus Cardinal Houdart of Poland.

The Pogrom In Poland

Philadelphia, Pa. The result will be strikes and labor troubles from coast to coast, and finally to communism, and worst of all we have no Moses this time to lead us all out of the wilderness.

Inflation Is Here

Charlotte. OK, inflation is here, it is getting ready to blow its cap. Some of our racketeering Senators and Congressmen have advocated that prices would not go any higher with OPA removed than black market prices were with control.

How About Hindu?

Southern Pines. The "Report From Under The Bed" was his super. I want to commend B. E. Edson for his letter, a voice crying in the wilderness of anti-Soviet obloquy that bids fair to outdo the Saturnalia of Red-baiting that followed World War I.

The Colonel Departs

Charlotte. Upon receipt of my orders for foreign service as my early departure from Charlotte, I wish to take the opportunity to express appreciation for the splendid co-operation you and your staff have given me in facilitating during my tour of duty with the Civilian Retirement Accounts Branch.

Samuel Grafton

Los Angeles. There is no shortage of news about the atomic bomb. First official reports from Ekin show that the test bomb "damaged" things they had never dreamed of being damaged by a single explosion.

Anti-Roosevelt Plot

Washington. NAZI officials have been quite frank in telling about their operations with Americans. Actually, a statement by a NAZI official in 1940, who was ready to spend \$50,000,000 to defeat Roosevelt in 1940 was an understatement.

Wheeler Defends Nazi Agent

Washington. WHEELER, for instance, held various secret conferences to defend George Brederer Vesper when he was indicted for espionage. The only name given was gully. Wheeler also made a speech defending the late Senator Lundersen, after Lundersen was exposed for delivering to the NAZI spy ring.

Nazis' Pre-Party Harbor Trap

Washington. FOR some weeks, certain Senators have been skillfully pulling backstage wires to kill the Kilgore Committee which has been probing NAZI activities and their link with Americans. A brief and confidential peek at what's in the NAZI files now makes it quite clear why Senators are secretly pulling so hard to squelch Senator Kilgore's investigation.

Drew Pearson's E Awards Obtained By Pulling Wires

Washington. IT might be a healthy thing if the Mead Committee investigated more of the E-wards handed out to manufacturing firms by the Army and Navy. Senator Mead's Committee already has shown how wires were pulled by top officials to get an E for the Erie Basin mar professor at the same time lesser Army officials, who knew conditions, first hand, were recommending against it.

A Plan That Failed

WASHINGTON. SIX years ago, this nation was rocked by the big anti-Communist campaign in our political history. The issue was isolation or isolationist accusations of NAZI domination in the West or a challenge to that domination.

As a Washington reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, I had spent many days and nights running down leads and attempting to lead to direct German intervention in our domestic affairs. But one day, in the summer of 1939, a piece of evidence, which was the direct cause of NAZI move to influence our political decision in this country, that missing piece has come to light.

The key figure was the late William Rhodes Davis, the American of main whose plots for counterplots were beyond any fiction. I wrote columns about the line and line of Davis' deals and attempts to supply oil to the Nazis. But always, pieces of the puzzle were missing.

After Willie's defeat, Davis fled to Florida to try to dissuade Hitler from his intention of coming out for Roosevelt's foreign policy. Shortly after that, he fled to Mexico to come out openly for Willie instead of merely condemning both candidates.

The Menace Grows

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Meanwhile, also for everything happens so intricately in the atomic race—the House Military Affairs Committee moves to restore at least a part of that military control over the atomic bomb which was rejected by the Senate.

Lewis' Anti-Roosevelt Speech

While John L. Lewis does not pose as an international expert, it wouldn't have required a mental giant to know that oil man Davis was playing a double game.

Capital Chaff

The chief security officer at the Oak Ridge A-bomb project has given the lie to Eric "Anti-Democracy" Adamson of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.