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# Methodists, UMT And Statesmanship

A PRIEND of ours thinks the Methodists A are sticking their heads in the sand in declaring sainst universal military training for this country. He is what is commonly known as a realist and he feels safe only when he is surrounded by policemen and has a six-shooter under his pillow. Reading the report that the Western North Caroll in a Conference of the Methodist Church had adopted a resolution against UMT at its Saturday session in Charlotte, he snorted angrily and saked:

he snorted angrily and asked:
"How do they think we are going to keep
the peace if we stay so weak that the Russians will know they can run over us?"
We asked our friend for further details
as the Methodsta ought to be told about
it if they are living in a sense of false seeurity with our atom bomb, our powerful
navy and our aft forces. The realist regarded us pltingly and said: "The Red
troops could overrun our forces in Europe
to no day."

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There you have the basic difference of American opinion on universal military American opinion on universal military season of the control of the

Our Methodists and our other less beiligrenn folk see all that, too, but they don't relish the idea. They know that the nation's final decision for war or peace is deeply involved in the outcome of the Unit question, and they are trying to delay that decision with resolutions like the one adopted in Charlotte.

For our part, we believe that the country must accept universal millitary training for its own protection unless there is quick change for the better in our relations with Russia. However, we are not yet ready

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to accuse the Methodists of ostrichilite conduct. Our attention is held by that part of their resolution which suggests, as a substitute for UMT, that Congress take action "to strengthen to the highest possible degree American statemanship as it operates in the United Nations to avert World War III."

Our present a failure of statemanship and there orborously is room for improvement in our policymaking, as the Methodists 'suggest. However, their resolutions are deficient with respect to concrete proposals, and that raises the question whether the Methodists have fully considered what all is required to effect a settlement. Are they asking that America modify its policy toward Russia? Or what? Their agitation for peace will not be very effective thin to UMT is based on nothing more than plain hope that the tension between the powers will be caused in experience and anagorously unrealistic attitude.

### Voices Come Down From Babel

SUDDENLY, and all too clearly, the shape of the Republicans' One World emerges. It has a familiar, lop-sided look; something like the model the Grand Old Party pulled out for us in 1920. There are dazzling accessories, designed to meet the rightening dangers of a shrunken globe, but to Americans with long memories it comes as no surprise. It looks as if it had come fresh from an uninspired laboratory, put together of left-overs, by men of level heads—perhaps a little too level.

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Chairman Carroll Recee first lifted the curtain: It was a world headed for war, already embroiled in war; and it was the manifest destiny of the Republican Party to lead America through the bloody years ahead. Within a few hours sharp cries from his fellow laborers defined the GOP's manifest destiny, and sharted its path.

Thomas Dewey eyed hungry, chaotic Eu-rope and warned that Americans had betrope and warned that Americans had better watch their pocketbooks and granaries. We would have to make sure all our poople were fed before we tried to revive the rest of the world. It was a touching new concern of the GOP, "to see that no American is poorly fed" one recalls their apoplettle anger at FDR's ringing phrase, "...

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Ill-fed, Ill-clothed, Ill-housed." But it was more than the stirring of a memory. It revealed that Dewey saw the world crisis nerms of playing the cards close to the American vest. There were other noises in terms of playing the cards close to the American vest. There were other noises in the land.

Rep. Hope, the Kansas Republic an ahouted after Dewey: "There is nothing unusual in the behavior of farm and food prices during and since the war." All very normal here, he crooned to the housewife. Dewey fretted that many families were known as the same of the play that the same of the play in the play i

### A New Kind Of Murder Record

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It is time that someone explained why Mecklenburg, not content to lead the state (and all the cities of the nation but one) in homicide, is also running far ahead in the bloody game of killing citizens in traffic accidents. For some reason Charlotte and Mecklenburg top all competitors in deaths on streets and highways. The grim record isn't to be explained on the basis of population alone.

Outlibred, the most populous county of the state, lost 14 people in traffic accidents in the first eight months of the year, Mecklenburg fost 32.

The blame can't be laid upon congestion in Charlotte streets, where the sheppers of a vast area come to shop and do business. Eighteen deaths came in the City, fourteen outside. Other large cities of the state (Durham, Greensbore, Wirston-Salem) also draw from wide areas—but their counties averaged only a dozen deaths aplece.

Charlotte tiself had more than twice as

cities came close.

It is clear that something is wrong at home. We must have more careless driv-

ers, poorer police protection, more inade-quate streets, highways and traffic con-trols, or simply be in the midst of a run of bad luck. It may be a combination of those things. It may be, too, that our phenomenal record for producing public drunks is a major factor. Whatever it is, our community traffic salety record is mis-erable, and we should be about improving it.

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The average Mecklenburger reasts quickly enough when caught in the swirl of
downtown traffic. He sits on his horn in
traffic jams, and curses at the scarcity of
parking places. He becomes a part-time
crusader for better traffic control, in behalf of his own comfort and convenience.
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months of carnage on the streets without
turning a hair. He contributes to the toil
himself: his penchant for racing across an
intersection tha, 'second a 'traffic light
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From The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

# Of Carolina Cuisine

MR. JONATHAN DANIELS, the Raleigh Meditor, irked an audience in Richmond not long ago by calling Virginia the cradie and grave of democracy. In the magazine Bolday, Mr. Daniels, making no claim for North Carolina as a cradie of good cooking, is positive that his home state is its grace. It is not that the vise visitor who considers his shall the vise visitor who considers his shall be vised to the considerable of the property of the considerable of the property of the prope

Mr. Daniels', admission is candid. One cealls that 'Virginia's hotel and resort sanagements recently plunged into a simi-ter mood of self-criticism regarding the tuisne they were offering to visitors. Un-ers sponsorship of the State Chamber of commerce, they held a "chefs' competition"

at Virginia Beach to encourage interest in good cooking. Gourmets other than Mr. Daniels find Virginia fare superior to the North Carolina table. The Old Dominion offers at least a few good restaurants between mountains and sea and Tar Heells, we are assured, none.

"Within ten years, as many people have died prematurely in the state from bad cockery as were slain in the Civil) War." Those are the words of North Carolina's Cockery as a man of Jensey and the Carolina's Caroli

'Shall We Say Grace?'



America's Main Business

# The Way To Answer Russia

Gentlemen, we were discussing Article 2 under Section 3. Shall we go on with the business?

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The Soviet delegate called reporters in for no The Soviet delegate called reporters in for no indiction of the control of the control

survive misfortune, calumny and use summer primary.

It is truer today than it was when the American Declaration was signed that if the believers in liberty and independence don't hang together they will also hang properties of the properties of

a power playing an international role, is that she cannot co-operate; with her system she can only ocore and dominate. Oc-operation is not easy for the United States, hitherto strong enough to walk alone, the control of the state of the control of the state of the

pressure usurs want to help themselves or are emmeshed in "socialistic experiments" that hamstring
production and paralyze initiative.

On the other side, the United States is under a
barrage of criticism. Short rations make short tempers, and impoversibled Europe resents the afficent
mouth by the paid agents and unpaid friends of Moscow. The attacks on America Mr. Vishinsky launches
in the United Nations are neard day after day in
to an extent Americans do not realize.

If these implanted suspicions and hard feelings
after our policy they will accomplish their purpose.

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and a good part of its resources to the work of recovery.

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# Battle Of Steel

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# Drew Pearson's: Truman Strong For Meatless Tuesday

Newspapers gave considerable space to the first press conference staged by Food Committee Chairman Chuck conference staged by Food Committee Chairman Chuck chairman Chuck chairman Chuck chairman Chairm

#### Show Behind The Scenes

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Defore the President went on the radio Sunday.

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less day when many of them already are observing one or

more meatiles days a week, due to high prices. Mrs. Stone

declared. The first thing weve got to do if we want to

amount of grain being fed to cattle."

In fact, Mrs. Stone was for much stronger measures

and upped that the President call a special seesion of Con-

Call For Special Session
O'HERS who came out against a meatless day and for a
special session of Congress were James Patton, head of the
National Farmers' Union, and Don Montgomery, right-hand
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"A meatless day is impractical and I doubt very much that it will work," declared-konigomery at the closed-door session. "The first thing we ought to do is to stop over-feeding of wheat to cattle. We derive only one-seventh of the original calocy content of wheat in a piece of meat from grain-fed cattle. The other six-sevenths are lost in the feeding." Another who voiced storage objections was George LeSauvage of the National Restaurant association.

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Lexauvage of the National Restaurant Association.
"The restaurants tried a meatires day in the Spring of 18th and, as I recall, during the Pirt World War," said Lawavage of the Spring of the Spring

gress to deal with the entire problem of European relief and inflation. On Nov. 1, she pointed out, installment credit-buying restrictions expire and this will give a truther boost to inflation.

On the other hand, some committee members to inflation. The state of the strong being the story behind the need for conserving food if you expect them to have the political maturity to cooperate who let he at ed 1y. You've got to tell them exactly why it is so wital to our own welfare that whe help friendly European nations. That hasn't been done.

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