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A Message Of Hope For One World

meetings.

"The more they talked the more they disagreed," Mr. Shaw remarks. "That always happens when people who are fundamentally opposed to one another try to straighten things out in a so-called conference. What is a diplomatic conference of the size of the straightent of the straightent thing a diplomatic conference does it to confer and so it was with this one that has just ended."

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CHERIEST message for Christmas and the road to rapproachment between nations remains open "on solid commercial measurements."

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It remains to be seen just how much room there is or will be for extension of commercial relations, while the political and ideological warfare between the East and ideological warfare between the East and ideological warfare between the Cast of the

the Shavian perspective in these matters. For another thing, now that we have reached, the point where we are going to try to cut the world into two parts, the macritude and the sheer lunacy of that, undertaking must be increasingly impressed on the people of both sides and their leaders. Finally, this last step toward a final break forces on the East and the West the appalling realization of what another war means. Man has come face to face with the fact that he cannot successfully create two worlds or man age an atomic war, and he can no longer fall to see that the attempt to do so carries doom for all concerned.

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During the Christmas luli in the conflict
of nations in 1947, there comes a sign that
a Great Purpose is at work which will restore the world to sanity.

One Tax Relief Plan Is 'Must'

THERE IS ONE point in the tax picture about which there should be no dispute and that is the matter of extending the ecommunity-property system to all states of the union by amendment of the

Federal law.

Several bills to accomplish this revision now are pending in Congress. Among them is one introduced by Rep. Boykin of Alabama, who declares that "whatever happens to a general tax reduction bill. I'm going to fight for extension of the community - property privileges to Alabama taxpayers."

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taxpayers."

Whatever differences may develop at this regular session of Congress opening in January, it is clear that leaders of both parties in Congress and the Administration ought to agree on the community-property reform, which would eliminate the unjust discrimination that now prevails against every married taxpayer in thirty-five states, including North Carolina.

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Thirteen states now have the community-property system. Federal law permits husbands and wives in those states to divide income and pay separately on their shares, thus avoiding the higher surtax brackets. This privilege is denied in the thirty-five common law states, and the result is that the head of a family in North Carolina or Alabama pays 388 more on a

family income of \$5,000, and \$340 more on a \$10,000 income than a family living in fationa or one of the twelve other community-property states.

The only quick and orderly way to correct this unfair arrangement is by amendment of the Federal law establishing a uniform system for the entire country. If the remaining noncommunity -property states were compelled to adopt this system individually, it would involve considerable disturbance in the established order of property concepts and many states might not undertake the reform.

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It may be objected that the revision pro-vides relief for the well-to-do but that is no valid argument for continuation of a condition that penalizes bundreds of thou-sands of taxpayers because of their place of residence.

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The cost in Federal revenue of this simple change would be approximately \$1\$ billion a year. Estimates of the Federal surplus this year run to \$7\$ billion and beyond the commental property of the Republicans. Whatever else is done, let's have an understanding now that will keep the community-property plan from being lost in the partiasan conflict over taxes at the next session.

Sign Of The Times In Raleigh

O'RD LOUIS T. Lawler, of Raleigh, charges in a letter to The Neus & Observer that the public officials of Raleigh are openly ading the current national campaign to abolish the existing social structure of the control moved at once—en masse—"to preserve the heritage of the South in North Carolina."

The Freedom Train was "allowed to emdocuments as a medium for propagandiz-ing racial equality and non-segregation under the guise of an appeal to national patriotism," the irate Raleigh citizen de-

under the guise or an appeal to national patriotism," the frate Raleigh citizen declares.

If Mr. Lawler's sentiments are indicative of the trend of opinion in the State Capital, it seems that the Wallace and Robeson gatherings would have created considerably more furor than we have deconsiderably more furor than we have de-

tected. If the citizens of Raleigh did not raise a russ about Freedom Train, Wallace or Robeson, it was no "national campaign to abolish the existing social structure of the South" which silenced them. The absence of public agitation on this issue suggests in stea of that Raleigh's ordinance against mixed public gatherings, which wasn't enforced in these instances, has less appeal for the people now than when it was enacted.

It was enacted.

Inamuch as such a law contravenes the Constitutional guarantee of free assembly, can we not infer from the Raleigh demonstration that people in that area of the South are developine a different concept of democracy from that which they have formerly accepted? Mr. Lawier and others of his opinion must look in their own communities for the factors which are producing this change. Otherwise they will continue to blame varue and mysterious Northern consultators for implanting ideas their other descriptions of their own accord.

From The Atlanta Journal

One Way To Help Europe

WITH the nation's attention centered upon the need for helping Europe and with world recovery dependent to a large extent upon the dollars of this nalarge extent upon the dollars of this na-tion, the American Express Co. has pro-posed a plan to help other nations earn American dollars. The proposal is interest-ing and appears to have a good deal to commend it to study.

In a brochure in which it sets out its plan, the company points out: "Only by earning dollars can these countries repay the proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the light of the proposed of the proposed of the light of the proposed of the proposed of the light of the proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the their commence on a good the star of the proposed of the

their debts to the United States and estab-lish their economies on a sound basis. To earn dollars, foreign nations can . . pro-duce and sell goods to the United States ... (or can) attract dollar-spending visi-tors from the United States." Commerce Department compilations indicate that be-tween 1920 and 1939 more than \$8,000,000. tween 1920 and 1939 more than \$2,000,000,000 accrued to foreign countries as the result of Americans traveling abroad, and
the company comments that "these expenditures far exceded the dollars spent
for any other commodity produced outside
the United States."

Arguing, then, that travel abroad by Americans offers nations abroad "the most

effective way to acquire dollars within the shortest time," and that travel abroad also constitutes an extra revenue source for domestic business (in money spent for domestic business (in money spent for domestic hotel bills, clothing and the like), the express company suggests that the following should be established as a basic element of this nation's policy under the Marshall Plan or any other American aid program: "Some part of the dollar credits advanced to foreign Governments shall be used to attract dollar-spending American tourists." It also requests that in carrying out such a program the Government cooperate in removing obstacles to foreign travel.

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The program envisions the need for six things if it is to attain maximum results.

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'Ain't There Some Way To Separate Them?'



People's Platform

The Man We Have Forgotten

Editors, The News:

[HERE was great rejoicing on the Earth. The world was to be given one more chance. A leader was to be born—a leader who would show how to abolish war and finare peace.

This announcement caused much discussion among all peoples. The selection of the leader's birthmong all the people who wished to save the world. To make these decisions, a parliament of men, representing all the peoples of the Earth, was held. The meeting place was an Arie-of-the-air flying in the stratosphere, far removed from all local influences.

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CHARLOTTE marveled to hear the Christians say, "We had for-gotten about Him." _I.FWIS AVER SMITH.

Long-Range Howl

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While Congress has been high pressured into upporting the Marshall Plan and is about ready to the off the first sike of our tax money to the extent \$ 5000 million dollars, Russia has already completed or part of the act by relievily France of \$500 million to the present and discussion of the Prench recovery without spending a single dollar of the prench recovery without spending a single dollar of the prench recovery without spending a single dollar of the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending and the prench recovery without spending and the prench recovery without spending a single dollar or the prench recovery without spending and the prench recovery with the prench recovery with the prench re

If we spend the whole of our foreign relief in France this Winter Russia will be ten hope shead of the Marshall Plan before we get started. If they can't do better than they have in the last two years in bringing Molotov around on the right trail we better get a whole pack of new hounds in the White House.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewriten it babel and obscently will be deleted-otherwise anything goes Each letter must be signed although, in exceptional case and upon regulative will utthhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux Nrws,

Samuel Grafton

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Joseph Alsop

The Zone Of War--1

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western worlds. The first move is likely to be recognition, at least by the Krems lin's Balkan satellites, of the so-called "Republican government of Greece" headed by the Communiss General Vafiades. The Yugodava, Bulgars and Albanians will then be able to give much stronger support to the attact on the Greek government at Athems. All the same time, pressure on Triets will probably pressure on Triets will probably

Drew Pearson's: Russians Admit Severe Setback In Europe Merry-Go-Round:

THE Russians can be very frank at times, and oh, so secret at other times. I caught one in a frank mood the other day, however, and he surprised me by confessing that Russia had just about lost the "cold war.

The diplomat, who was of high rank purphish the his many properties. The diplomation of high rank purphish the highlight and the properties of high rank purphish the highly the his diplomation of high rank purphish was telling the truth. At any rate, he listed three basic errors made by Moscow. They were:

1. The belief that the USA would face wide unemployment and economic collapse soon after the war. The Point United States and tell European nations: "You see what a sham American capitalism is."

2. Moscow mistaken belief that the Prenchmen and Italians who flocked to Communist banners after V-E Day 2.

The anti-merican campaign staged by Molotov and Vaishinaky.

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3. The antit-American campaign stages by source withiniary, Vishiniary, Department reported that Stallin and his associates till believe the United States is on the verge of collapse. The Soriet Embassy in Washington hasn't been able to convince them otherwise-though I suspect that the Embassy man of the Convention o

less finan two unamorphing country. The recognization of the what my friends in the Kremilin forget," said the Russan diplomat. Its that almost everybody in Europe has relatives in the United States. Almost everybody in Europe has everybody in Europe knows that even the poor people in the United States are better off now that the war is over than in the United States are better off now that the war is over than in the United States are better off now that the war is over than in the world in the war is over than in the war is over than in the war in the w

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