

A Myth From Moscow

The Governor And The Telephone Strike

GOVERNOR CHERRY'S concern over the failure of Southern Bell and its striking union to settle their differences after thirty days is proper enough. The curtailment of a public utility is a serious threat to the well-being of all North Carolinians and the Governor is duty-bound to prevent it if he can.

The method the Governor chose to call an end to the strike, however, was most peculiar. On Saturday he ordered a full resumption of telephone service by Monday, and he directed the telephone company to hire non-union workers to replace the strikers if they did not meet his arbitrary deadline.

The telephone union understandably regards this action as strike-breaking, and it bitterly accuses Governor Chery of encroaching on the rights of the workers. The Governor, in a statement issued last week, said that he would hire non-union workers throughout the region.

Mr. Stassen And Mr. Stalin

I am not a propagandist," said Mr. Stalin to Mr. Stassen, "but I am a business man." And it must be conceded that the transcript of the Stalin-Stassen conversation in the Kremlin bears out that statement.

Mr. Stalin talked at great length of the need for mutual co-operation between Russia and the United States. Much of his conversation had a cheerful ring to it, but there were passages that indicate his own lack of understanding of the American system. Like the good Marxist he is, Mr. Stalin dismissed any discussion of conflicting political systems with the observation that "governments are a temporary factor."

Twice in the course of the conversation the Russian Premier observed that there is no essential difference between the German economic system under Hitler and the present American system.

Washington's Mad Social Whirl

It had always been my impression that Washington, except for an occasional party of feverish activity in wartime, distinguished by a rather charming lethargy unknown to other, more commercial cities in its population bracket. It appears, however, that underneath this placid facade the social whirl is holding its own and life there is one mad round of cocktail parties, banquets and levees.

At least Representative Fred Bradley, Michigan Republican, has had his way. The social whirl, he reported, has his constituents the other day, is "one of the most severe handicaps under which this Congress is attempting to function."

Another Whirl

How generals can be appropriately eulogized without those pompous, pompous chargers, now that generals must keep instead of horses to survey battlefields. "Since the days of Alexander's Bucephalus the cavalry horse has been the standard prop for the status of a general," says our learned Boston contemporary. "But the days of George Washington and his white steed, of Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson and his Old Sorrel, and—most famous of them all—General Sherman and his Traveler, belong to the past."

Imaginative sculptors should be able to conceive heroic poses for our heroes simply by following history. Let them depict MacArthur leading his troops from Iwo Jima, or charging in the Philippines, Patton squinting through binoculars at the Sicilian shore



People's Platform

Woods In The Garden

THE persistence of our form of government depends upon the character of those who enjoy its benefits.

WE might switch our minds off of the interests of our immediate neighbors and give a few minutes thought to what appears to be going on in this speck of matter where we live.

The present world prospect indicates that one of two courses will prevail among the nations. History tells us that Governmental forms are evanescent and pass like shadows in the night, but that an idea, born into the world, lives until superseded by a better one.

On the one hand peering into the future do we see in imagination mankind limited to the physical world of freedom, order and ethics.

If our ideal is right it will prevail against Communism. It may not prevail with materialism, intolerance and fanaticism. Those who contribute to the stability of America are doing something to the better way of life in its higher sense.

Nothing has ever been contributed to the accepted values of civilization by an abstract nation.

Wandering Wallace

NOTES on Wallace's observation abroad: England, Norway, Sweden and Denmark are just as strong against Communism as the USA, but among those who are worried over U. S. support for European reactionaries.

Drew Pearson's: Wallace's Wandering Embarasses Family

WASHINGTON. HENRY WALLACE'S European barnstorming trip caused a great deal of comment among those who know him—his immediate family.

WASHINGTON. WHAT is true is that the American people were welcome to make copies of the record we were compiling but that we do not have funds to prepare such copies for them.

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Stewart's England's Dilemma

LONDON. ANY one of the hundreds of thousands of American tourists who came to know London during the war years would probably agree that the city in 1947 is not the London of 1947.

THE reason is not far to seek. This country's economy simply could not stand the crisis like that of this winter, when the coal ran out and industry came to a standstill.

Anti-Cole

THE resources of subject matter has apparently struck a new low in the field of journalism, when conditions seemingly force dipping of the pen into the shallow reservoirs of adulation to the extent of eulogizing a caricature of buffoonery.

Double Attack

WHICH measures will be attacked in the coming days is the bolstering of the decadent British Empire.

Inside The Ku Klux Klan

MEMBERS of the Ku Klux Klan—Klavern No. 1, Atlanta, Ga., April 14. Because of a lack of a new Klan membership, no person agent can smuggle themselves into Klan meetings.

Each Klavern will be given a card with a number and name, such as N-1, while each Klavern will be given a master ledger allocating a number and letter to each Klavern's name.

A customer who fancies himself a master of ceremonies was asking the butcher to-day about the "cheaper cuts," for a laugh.