

Senator Taft And Universal Training

There are valid objections to Universal Military Training, many of them. But they are not only not advanced as part of an argument for a peaceful international effort to build a world governed by law, not force.

The Senator's earlier record as an isolationist. Former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, chairman of the Citizens Emergency Committee for U. M. T., has dug up the following statements made by the Senator in the days when he was conducting a campaign against international intervention in the war against the Axis:

On April 14, 1946, Senator Taft said: "I am opposed to the Selective Service Bill because in my opinion no necessity exists requiring such drastic action."

On February 11, 1941, Senator Taft said: "It is simply fantastic to suppose there is any danger of an attack on the United States by Japan."

On September 22, 1941, Senator Taft said: "An invasion of the United States by the German army is as fantastic as would be a destruction of Germany by an American army, and as unlikely to be undertaken."

On August 1, 1941, Senator Taft said: "My opinion is that the situation in Europe... looks infinitely safe... I cannot understand the statement that the situation is more serious today than it was a year ago."

It is incredible that none of the bloody lessons of World War II has shaken Senator Taft's faith in the isolationist doctrines that led his country to the brink of destruction.

It is appropriate, therefore, to examine

The Problem Of Juvenile Crime

HEARING the evidence against two juveniles who had brutally murdered a Statesville farmer, Judge Felix E. Alley was moved recently to comment at some length on the helplessness of the courts in dealing with crimes of this type.

This naturally provoked considerable editorial comment, much of it unfavorable. This week, sitting in Shelby, Judge Alley decided to set the record straight. He devoted more than an hour of his grand jury report to interpreting the provisions of the law, and to condemning The Shelby Star, which had been mildly critical.

"I did not advocate at Statesville, I do not advocate here, the return to the whipping post," the Judge insisted. "I said that I say here that it is my belief that unless some place is provided for youthful criminals who flout the law, there will be a public demand for a return to the whipping post."

The Judge's comment, considerably different from the quotation originally attributed to the Judge, and it is only fair to note, it is more in keeping with the jurist's mild and humane approach to the cases brought before him.

Nevertheless, it emphasizes as strongly as

did the original misquotation the gravity of the situation to which the Judge referred. As to the Statesville case, Judge Alley was moved recently to comment at some length on the helplessness of the courts in dealing with crimes of this type.

All of this stands, then, as an indictment of Statesville's juvenile training school. Under the circumstances, it is not a charge that can be lightly dismissed. It is well, we think, that Judge Alley chose to dismiss the notion that anything so primitive as the whipping post offers a solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency.

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The stars of the new flag represent the new constellation of South American in the eyes of the Covenanters banner. The blue in the field was taken from the flag of the Covenanter banner.

No matter how many stars it may acquire it will remain, as George M. Cohan said, a grand old flag, and this is its peculiarly appropriate season.

There is slightly more to the dear thing's 1947 bunting suit than there was to last year's; but you still know it's a girl.

Heading Home

Congressional Record

WASHINGTON THE 80th Congress is winding up its first session and getting ready to go home. It has declared itself on such major issues as labor, taxes, and housing controls.

Moreover, for the first time in months has marked the resurgence of the Republican-Southern Democratic coalition. On the tax bill, the House failed by only five votes to pass a bill.

Reclamation and soil conservation programs were cut drastically by the House school lunches were so reduced that either the States will have to contribute more, or curtail the plan.

Committees in charge of these appropriations are Governors and Congressmen from the West, the American Farm Bureau Federation, State agriculture and Eberhart of Pennsylvania, all Democrats.

Some of them went so far as to predict a political reversion in 1948, echoing Senator Allen of Ohio, as well as equality among themselves.

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German Coal Sabotage WHEN Marshall started to comment on the importance of a hearing last for in the mines, Sadowski cut him off again:

"The German miner is getting 4,000 calories a day. Mr. Secretary, the Polish miner is working on an average of 14,000 calories a day to produce 60 per cent more coal. I don't think there is any doubt that the slowdown in German coal production is the result of deliberate sabotage, designed to prevent the industrial recovery of non-

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Marquis Childs

U. N. Limitations

WASHINGTON WHEN President Truman in a prepared statement last week said that the Russian Government and Turkey, he was criticized for failing to use the machinery of the United Nations to help the U. N. in the Greek program.

In the four months since that historic message, a great deal has happened to put this criticism in a different light. The U. N. Commission set up by the Security Council to investigate the situation in the Balkans has reported that the Greek Government is not cooperating with the U. N. in the Greek program.

The split was also familiar lines. Russia and Poland dissented from the careful, thoroughly documented report—whenever the United Nations members of the special commission that had gone over the ground. The dissenters were Russia, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

Now for several weeks a wrangle has gone on in the Security Council. It is over an elementary proposal—whether the United Nations shall station a watchman on the Greek border. A commission in the form of a watchman would report back to Lake Success the facts as they develop.

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Another Voice

The Courageous Aldermen

GENTLEMEN of the Board of Aldermen of Statesville, North Carolina: In these days of doubt and distrust not unmarked with dissension we hail you as the most refreshing governmental outfit to be met with in a long day's journey.

It is evident you don't give a dang whether you are re-elected or not. Any board which would double municipal tax-rate for water and sewer extension, new filter unit, storage tank, new leader, truck repairs, etc., and the like is surely concerned only for the consequences to its community. It is true that the old rate of 70 cents was unconvincing, low, and to realize you have the support of a goodly number of the best citizens; but if a clear-cut majority of the taxpayers are prompt in their commenda-

tion of your action, then the millennium has slipped into Statesville while we were looking on. We are going to phone our favorite children to their schools on white robes and accept peace as fait accompli.

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